

Week 2 Term 1 2024

Dear families and friends

As we start the new school year, the teachers are taking the first 3 weeks getting to know the students, setting up routines and high classroom expectations. They are also using this time to explicitly teach effective spelling and reading skills and strategies that students should be using in their everyday reading and writing activities. At the culmination of the 3 weeks, students will sit an **ACER PAT Spelling Test** (Years 2-6) and **DRA** (Years 1-6) assessments. These assessments will provide valuable information to the Teachers to guide their teaching and learning for their classes. This data will inform us as a whole school, what we collectively do well and where we need to focus on our areas of development.



In **Week 8**, students in **Years 3 and 5** will sit the **NAPLAN** (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) test. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. Students will sit assessments in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Stay tuned for more information to come in the coming weeks.

Parents and carers of **Prep and Year 1** students are invited to attend their classes' **Parent Information Sessions**. These sessions will take place in your child's classroom and the Teachers will use this opportunity to share with you classroom expectations, routines, homework and other aspects of your child's daily routine. We hope to see you there!

Year 1 - Wednesday 7th February at 3:20 pm.
Prep - Monday 12th February at 3:20 pm.

Have a good week!
Nicole Anderson
Assistant Principal Curriculum



Year 4

This term in Science, Year 4 will be exploring the different types of packages we use in our everyday lives. We will look at the materials that packages are made from as well as investigate their properties. In HaSS, we will learn about how we can help look after our world by living sustainably. We will be looking at how our actions and decisions can help us protect our environment by choosing to refuse, reduce, reuse, and recycle. In weeks 1 and 2, Year 4 have been engaging in a range of different mathematical skills. Students have been working on identifying and sorting odd and even numbers. We have been working on changing fixed mindsets into growth mindsets to further support our learning.

Prayer for the Virtue of Mindfulness: Lord, give me grace to be mindful today of your constant, loving presence. Give me wisdom to listen for your voice. Open my heart to your glory in everything and everyone, even those who do not see it. Remind me everyone I meet is struggling and help me to see with clear eyes, without judging or reacting. Help me to be patient with weakness and forgiving of myself and others. Lord, keep me mindful this day of your grace, goodness and mercy. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

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Important Dates	
7 th Feb	P & F Meeting
9 th Feb	Yr 6 Leadership retreat
13 th Feb	Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday
14 th Feb	Ash Wednesday
15 th Feb	Year 6 Leadership Assembly
16 th Feb	Bishop Inservice Day – Student Free Day
22 nd Feb	10am Ordination Peter Doherty

TUCKSHOP IS BACK!

This Friday



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Prep

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3:20 pm - Prep classrooms

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Sacraments: The Sacrament program for this year begins in two weeks. If you are keen for your child to participate in 2024, for the Sacrament of Communion, children need to be baptised and over 8 years old. There is one more parent/carer information session on Thursday 1st Feb at the Holy Family Church at 5.30pm. It is essential that parents attend an information session. Please see the Poster below for all relevant information and contacts.

2024 Sacramental Program
Catholic Community of
Rockhampton

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Parent Information Nights will be held
at 5.30pm on

Tuesday 30 January @ St Peter's School Library
Thursday 1 February @ Holy Family Church

Attendance at one of these sessions is vital to finding out what is involved in the preparation process for your child to receive Sacraments in 2024.

For further information, please contact:
Sacramental co-ordinators for baptised children:
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Sacramental co-ordinator for non-baptised children:
Gail Davis - gaildavis58@gmail.com



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Confirmation



Communion