

Week 9 Term 3 2022

Dear families and friends,

As it is National Child Protection Week our Diocesan Director, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat, wrote to all staff acknowledging the work they do to ensure the safety of every student in our Catholic education facilities. Miss Jeffcoat points out we are challenged to reflect on: what we can do to keep children safe and supported, what children are telling us, what families are telling us, what is the evidence telling us and how do we respond to this knowledge. It is challenge, that we as Catholic educators take very seriously because every child has the right the grow up felling safe and supported.

This term the students have been engaging in the Daniel Morecombe Child Safety curriculum and yesterday many of the year levels participated in Australia's Biggest Child Safety lesson. On Thursday there will be a focus on 'Are you OK' day which are just some of the ways that we are emphasising the importance of child safety. It is not something the be treated as an event, but a matter that needs our constant focus and attention.

I am currently on the Year 6 camp at Chaverim Outdoor Centre, near Bundaberg. The Year 6 students have settled in well after a day and a half of activities, including teamwork games, low ropes, orienteering and the flying possum. Ahead of them they will experience high ropes, the flying fox, canoeing, climbing walls and archery. It is a great time for the students and will provide them with some lasting memories of their time at St Paul's. A big thank you to Mr Banks, Mr Broughton and Mrs Bauman for taking on the responsibility of being on duty for 80 hours straight to give the students this unique experience.



Next week I will be on long service leave and in my absence, I thank Mr Roberts and Mrs Anderson for taking on extra responsibilities. Wishing you all a safe and happy September holidays!

Have a great week and God bless,

Anthony Greene



Prayer - The Virtue of Wisdom: Lord, God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

St Paul: Pray for us.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the St Paul's led Parish mass on Sunday the 28th. It was wonderful to have the church packed with our community. Thank you to all readers, helpers and especially our choir who sang so well. Mass is on every Sunday at 8am and all are welcome each week.

Last Friday's Father's Day prayer assembly was created by our Prep's. The kind and loving words shared about your fathers, and all fathers, was simply beautiful. Well done to all involved. This week Year 1 lead Prayer on the theme: Mary the mother of God. This Thursday is celebrated as Mary's birthday in the Catholic church. All are most welcome to Join us under the Big Shed at 8.30am.

If you are considering continuing your child's Sacramental journey in the Catholic Church: Baptism, Confirmation Eucharist, next year's preparations will be starting soon. Information can be gained through contacting the Parish office or Mr Roberts at St Paul's.

As a Catholic school we are encouraging our students to model their treatment of each other on the message of Christ, "**Love Your Neighbour**," and St Paul, "**We are one Body of people, and each individual is an important part of that body.**" This is the message we are reinforcing constantly across the entire school. We do not treat people the way they treat us if it is not the right way to treat people. All students know how to handle problems here: Ask the person to stop, if they do not, move away, if it continues, see a member of staff and report. If something is physical, really offensive, or bad, see a staff member immediately. Let adults handle the situation. We want to handle concerns as quickly as possible, while still a flame, before it becomes a fire. If you could reinforce this at home, it would be a great support to the harmony of our school community.

Thank you to the Real Talk team who spoke to our Year 5 and 6 students last week about Growing Up and Love. We would encourage parents to talk to your children about what was covered on the day. Feedback from students indicate the day was very beneficial to their understanding of the topics covered.

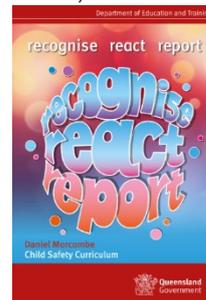


Our Key Virtue this week is Wisdom: According to Catholic doctrine, wisdom is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are listed in Isaiah. Wisdom is the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make good decisions and judgments. Through wisdom, Catholics can more easily bear the burdens of this life and respond to their fellow humans with charity and patience. May we all be blessed with wisdom in abundance.

God Bless,

Mark Roberts
A.P.R.E.

Throughout this term, our school will be implementing the **Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum** with students in **Prep to Year 6**. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: **Recognise, React and Report**. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.



Information about the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* can be found at

www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum

Report

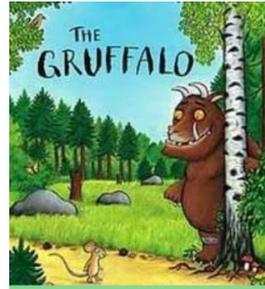
This week we are starting to implement the final key message of the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum*: **report**. This means that when children or young people have been in a situation that is unsafe that they are taught to **report** what has happened to an adult. Even if a child has been able to make themselves safe, it is vital that they still report what has happened. Adults need to know about unsafe situations so that some action can be taken to help the child be safe again or ensure it doesn't happen again.

Students involved in the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* will be encouraged to make a list of adult safety helpers. These are adults the children and young people nominate whom they can talk to when they are feeling unsafe or have experienced an unsafe situation or feel they are at risk of something that may cause them harm. This list will include a selection of adults who live in and outside the home.

Report also includes telling an adult about unsafe or inappropriate incidents which may occur when children or young people are online. This might occur when surfing the net or using social media sites like Facebook and twitter, and can include cyberbullying, viewing or receiving inappropriate images or messages or communicating with unknown contacts.

It is important that the key safety messages of the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum*: **Recognise, React and Report** are reinforced, both at school and home. I encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your child about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

Important Dates	
6-9 th Sept	Year 6 Camp
8 Sept	Yr 2 Excursion to Heritage Village
13 th Sept	Yr 2 Excursion to Gruffalo
16 th Sept	Last Day of Term
15 th Sept	Year 1 excursion
4 th Oct	FIRST DAY TERM 4
7 th Oct	Prep Vision Screening



Year 2 are going on an excursion to the Pilbeam Theatre to see *The Gruffalo*.

Tuesday 13th September

Students will travel by bus and depart St Paul's at 9:00 am for a 10:00 am performance. Students will return to school at approximately 11:30 am.

Students will have a fruit snack before boarding the bus and will eat lunch when they return to school.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT DAY

ROCKHAMPTON | SAT 8 OCTOBER | 10.00AM-4.00PM
(come along to some or all of the sessions)

Kevin Castles Conference Centre
152 West St, Allenstown

SPEAKERS

Andrew Fuller, Psychologist - discussing 3 topics
Behaviour, Mental health and Motivation

Chris Borrell, The Fathering Project

Bernadette Kay CSPQ & Natalie Salisbury CSPQ State Council
talking about the Rockhampton Diocesan Council

All Catholic school Parents, Principals & School Staff welcome.
A free event to support our children's learning and wellbeing.

Topics for all ages Prep to Yr 12

Parents from regions outside Rockhampton, Yeppoon & Gracemere
can apply to have travel costs reimbursed.

Click on the link for more details and to REGISTER

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/rockhampton-parent-engagement>

Virtue Awards



Year 1 are going on an excursion

This excursion to the Fitzroy River Tunuba precinct is part of our HaSS investigation into how spaces and places have changed over time. We will also be studying the animals found in the vicinity of Tunuba, learning their Dharumbal names. Project cards will be created and will form part of the information boards currently located on Huish Drive, Rockhampton.

This is a culminating activity for our HaSS and English unit.

When - Thursday 15th September 2022 (last week of Term 3)

Children are to bring water bottle, hat and packed lunch with an ice brick.
(Children may bring sunglasses)

Please see the next page for the excursion timetable



End of Term Meal Deal
Order now via Quickcliq
Orders close 10am tomorrow



RACQ Streets Ahead Program



visiting St Paul's next week.

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
HELICOPTER LANDING AND TAKE OFF
STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR A YELLOW SHIRT (school sport shorts please)

