



Book Week Dress-up Day

Mr Jim Ford | Principal

Making Progress

Blocks Kappa and Theta are starting to emerge from the industrial pile on.

Kappa “k” is the vital classroom facility to accommodate our third year level in 2024. A modern equipped classroom block that can open up into a multiroom gathering/examination space. Downstairs is our Library and student areas.

Theta “θ” is a facility that very much takes us into the future accommodating Information Technology and Design in its many facets. Completion date in late November into early December. Furniture, equipment and computer orders are now placed. Here’s hoping for a benevolent wet season when we move in.



Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

Assessment & communication around absences

It is that time of term again and assessment is in full swing. Assessment dates can be accessed on both Parent Lounge and Student Café.

The College communicated via a letter last week, that the nature of assessment is continually changing, but one thing remains constant. That is, students are expected to be in attendance on dates where assessments are occurring. If students are unable to do so, it is their responsibility to contact the teacher/s concerned.

The College assessment policy also states that parents are required to notify the College Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning, via email or phone at the earliest possible opportunity, allowing for possible alternative assessment arrangements to be made. Not only is this communication a courtesy, but non-attendance on an assessment date can result in a non-completion rating for that subject. This is the last thing we want to see for any student.



Mrs Jeanette Refalo | Assistant Principal Mission

Who do you say I am?

In last Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples two questions, “Who do others say I am?” and ‘Who do you say I am?’ It was to Peter that God gave the insight into who Jesus was – the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus, in turn, told Peter who he was to be: ‘the Rock’. Peter had many good qualities, but a stable firm character he was not. Yet he became that, even though he struggled with his rockiness all his life. It was only in his relationship with Jesus that he became firm enough to lead the early Church.



The same goes for us, if we approach Jesus and let him ask us, ‘Who do you think I am?’ an answer will rise up in our hearts. Jesus will take it seriously and if we sit with it, we will realise who we are in his sight. And we may find we could become the person we never thought we could be.

RCIA Inquiry Night

An inquiry session will be held on Wednesday 20 September at 7:00pm, at St Mary’s Parish Office, Morley St, South Mackay. The session is for those interested in learning, without any pressure or commitment, about Jesus Christ, the teachings of His Church and the meaning that only He can give. Inquiry is for adults who:

- want to know the basics about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church
- have never been baptized
- have been baptized but have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Church.

Please contact the Cluster Office on 49574807 or email cluster@smky.catholics.org.au to register your interest.

Quote “Lord Jesus, implant your love in my heart. It is all I desire in this world or in the next!”

Catherine McAuley



Date Claimers

- Wednesday 6 September – Uniform Committee meeting 5:00pm
- Wednesday 6 September – Parent Engagement Group meeting 5:30pm
- Wednesday 6 September – Board meeting 7:00pm
- Tuesday 12 September – Mercy Mass at CMC 9:00am
- Wednesday 13 September – The Arts Showcase 5:30pm
- Friday 15 September – Seaview Park Bucasia visit



Mr Dan Scotton | Sports Coordinator

Surf League Squad

A great day was had by our CMC Surf League squad as they competed in the Mackay Surf League Carnival held at Sarina Beach on Friday 25 September. Events ranged from flag sprints to ski races, ocean swims and team relays. The squad did themselves proud by not only competing well in every event but finishing the day as carnival winners and picking up our first piece of sporting silverware for the Trophy Cabinet.

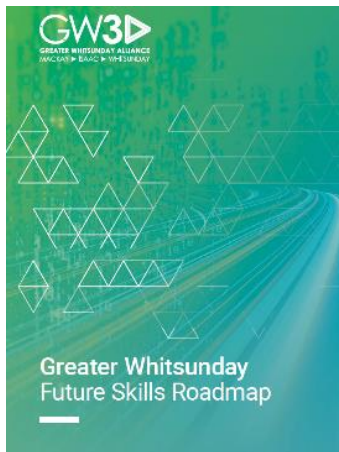
Well done to Mrs Lisa Vernon who coordinated and helped officiate for the carnival and to our entire Surf League squad for an outstanding performance.



Careers Corner – Ms Stacey Austin

Empowering Tomorrow's Workforce: Introducing Our Innovative Career Education Program

Next term we will be introducing our school's new and innovative approach to career education, designed to equip our students with the skills and mindset needed for the rapidly evolving world of work. Over the course of four terms, starting from Year 8 and extending through Year 10, we will be introducing modules based on the Greater Whitsunday Alliance (GW3)'s Mackay Isaac Whitsunday Future Employment Study and Greater Whitsunday Future Skills Roadmap. These modules have been developed in collaboration with Future Anything, a Brisbane-based company dedicated to creating enterprising students, empowered educators, and future-ready schools.



The focus of our career education program is to foster our students' awareness of training and job opportunities within our local region, while also exploring non-linear pathways to careers outside the traditional university or apprenticeship routes. The modules will concentrate on growth industries specific to our area, which include agriculture and aquaculture, biomanufacturing, aviation and aerospace, tourism, and mining and METS.



Catherine's Café | Mrs Frances Deguara

Volunteers Needed

Week 9 & 10 Roster

Week 9	Week 10
Tuesday 5 September Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Tuesday 12 September Debbie Volunteer Needed
Wednesday 6 September Renae Volunteer Needed	Wednesday 13 September Jenny Volunteer Needed
Thursday 7 September Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Thursday 14 September Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Friday 8 September Kelly Tenille	Friday 15 September Letitia Volunteer Needed

Community News

Australia's Most Requested Speaker

Luke Kennedy

Parent & Staff Session
6:30pm to 7:30pm | St Mary's School Hall
Monday 4th September

- Mental Health - Self-Care
- Resilience
- Connecting with our kids
- Reduce Stress & Anxiety

- Actions & language that may impact your child's mental health
- Bullying (Self-Bullying & Negative Self Talk)

Please scan here to register your free seat by 12pm Mon 4 September

'Luke uses his "breathtaking" story to inspire deep, lasting change and self-awareness for a wide range of audiences from primary school students to high school students, staff, and parents'.

The Road Accident Action Group Inc. and partners presents

CAUTION WORK OUT VISIBLY

What is Work Out Visibly?

Work Out Visibly is an initiative by The Road Accident Action Group Inc. (RAAG) to reduce injury and fatalities when exercising on the roads in the early morning and early evenings.

Keep visibility in mind when exercising with these tips below

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear brightly coloured clothes whilst exercising Question yourself: Are my clothes visible enough in poor lighting? Wear shoes with reflective tape Cyclists: Lights & reflectors for front, back and side visibility! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a reflective dog leash or collar Plan a visible training route avoiding poorly lit areas. Have a training buddy and work out visibly together! Use a reflective vest whilst exercising! |
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Stay visible when exercising near roads!
 Follow RAAG on social

BEST COSTUME

The Big Bad Wolf



RUNNER-UP BEST COSTUME

The Mad Hatter



BEST GROUP COSTUMES

The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Butterfly



RUNNERS-UP GROUP COSTUMES

Gargamel & the Smurfs



HONOURABLE MENTION BEST COSTUME

Luffy D. Monkey (One Piece)



HONOURABLE MENTION GROUP COSTUME

The Lorax -

