



CPH – Board Games with Ms Rackham

Mr Jim Ford | Principal

Generation Alpha

During the September break I attended the National conference of educational leaders. Many thought-provoking presenters addressed future challenges. One in particular, Mark McCrindle author of 'Generation Alpha' addressed disruptive factors for the future of education. To quote the author "Generation Alpha are the most globally connected generation of children ever. Covering those born between 2010 and 2024, these kids are living through an era of rapid change and a barrage of information – good, bad and fake".

In schools we see distinct differences in the way children want to learn as a consequence of a saturation of screen time and early access to social media. This is coupled with a new set of challenges as identified by the speaker.

1. Demographic growth and change, (2.2% annually). Rise of regions WA and Qld
2. Culture. 48% of Australians have a least one parent born overseas
3. A.I and digital technologies
4. Student mental health
5. The need for holistic learning for future proofing

Education will meet these challenges, but they are coupled with significant workforce issues. It should be obvious that the culture of a good school looks after the teaching workforce along with the students. We need to retain our experienced teaching staff and concentrate on generating an environment that is affirming for both teachers and students. With informed approaches and committed teachers Gen Alpha will achieve extraordinary things.

School Fees

If CMC was a kid getting weekly pocket money, our \$20- income would struggle with our \$30- expenses (Café, bus fare, phone etc). So, just like a teenager, we'd be very appreciative of payment of outstanding fees. It's not going to make us rich, but it will certainly help us balance the books! For all fee related queries please contact our Business Manager Mrs Paula Bell by phone 4994 9200 or email cmcm_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au

ALL School Fee accounts are to be finalised by Friday 17 November 2023. Thank you.



Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

Learning Is A Process

Students have now received their third report for the 2023 school year. In our Pastoral Care classes, students review their results, but this process can be supported at home. At the College, our key message to students is always that if their EFFORT and BEHAVIOUR are as good as they can be, then so will be their achievement. That is success and should be celebrated. Learning is a process



and students must be actively involved. We ask students to always ask and answer questions, participate enthusiastically in all activities and discussions in classes and be sure to complete all set tasks, including those to be completed at home. Students who have demonstrated these qualities consistently throughout term 3, will receive a Virtues of Excellence or Encouragement award for their efforts.

Quote May He bless and protect you, and make you the instrument of His glory.

Catherine McAuley



Mrs Kathy Parrish | Board Chair

October Board Report

Board Member Inservice

Mrs Helen Moohin gave a very insightful presentation into Careers and Vocational education and where these pathways can take students in their senior schooling and beyond. A very detailed look into all the options on offer for students and how vocational education works within schools. Watch this space in the upcoming years.

Capital Asset Management Feedback to CEDR

The board discussed the proposed Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) Capital Asset Management Policy and provided CEDR with feedback before the finalisation of the policy.

Other Business

- Parent Engagement Group update provided by Mrs Jeanette Refalo & Mr Jim Ford. Still a few tickets left for the Trivia Night on Friday 20th October – get in quick. Don't forget to buy a ticket in the Mega Draw. Win \$1,000 if not attending trivia or \$1,500 if you're at the Trivia Night. It's sure to be a great night!
- Principal's report from Mr Jim Ford. A wrap up of the very successful McAuley week in Term 3 and details on upcoming events in Term 4 – keep up to date with the school newsletter.

Ms Stacey Austin | HoY 8 - Teacher

Careers Corner

On Tuesday 10 October our Year 8 students had the opportunity to delve into the captivating world of space careers with Adam Williams from Gilmour Space as part of the Year 8 Careers Education Modules this term. Gilmour Space, with its cutting-edge launch facilities at Bowen, is at the forefront of the space industry, pioneering the future of commercial space travel and satellite deployment. From aerospace engineers to apprentice fitters and turners, lawyers to software developers, financial officers to electrical technicians, the Space Industry has endless opportunities for jobs and careers as well as a chance for our students to be a part of history in the making. So, parents, as you discuss your child's future aspirations, consider the vast universe of careers awaiting them in the ever-expanding space industry. It's a journey that promises excitement, innovation, and limitless potential.



Virtues of Excellence Awards

Congratulations to our Virtues of Excellence recipients who were presented with their certificates during Assembly on Wednesday.



Catherine's Café | Mrs Frances Deguara

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers URGENTLY required for Term 4

VOLUNTEERS Needed

Catherine's Cafe
 We are seeking helpers
 TUESDAYS to FRIDAYS
 8:30-11:30am
 (lunch provided)

Contact Cafe Convenor
 Mrs Frances Deguara
 if you are able to assist

CMCM_cafe@rok.catholic.edu.au
 or 4994 9200

CMC Trivia Night

Click [here](#) to grab your tickets to our annual Trivia Night. We can't wait to see you there. Practice question below.

Q. The line "To be or not to be" comes from which Shakespeare play?

OPEN 5:30PM
TRIVIA STARTS 6:30- 10:30PM
 \$25PP OR \$200 FOR TABLE OF 8
 + CHEESE PLATTER PER TABLE
 + DRINK TOKENS FOR PURCHASE
 + PIZZA CAN BE PRE ORDERED ONLINE

FRIDAY 20 OCT
 CHOOSE YOUR DECADE

DRESS UP IS OPTIONAL
 BUT THERE IS A PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED GROUP

1ST PRIZE \$500
MEGA PRIZE DRAW + \$1000 CASH

CATHERINE MCGALEY COLLEGE

A. Hamlet

Non-State Schools Travel Rebates

Non State Schools TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Student Travel Rebates

Semester 2

Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$25/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st October.

Roster

Week 3 & 4 Roster

Week 3	Week 4
Tuesday 17 October	Tuesday 23 October
Deanne Volunteer Needed	Debbie Volunteer Needed
Wednesday 18 October	Wednesday 24 October
Tash Volunteer Needed	Alice Volunteer Needed
Thursday 19 October	Thursday 25 October
Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Friday 20 October	Friday 26 October
Leanne Kym	Monique Jaimie Chris

Date Claimers

- Friday 20 October – Trivia Night
- Thursday 23 November – Year 7 2024 Orientation Day for enrolled Year 6 students
- Wednesday 8 November– Parent Engagement Group meeting 5:30pm
- Wednesday 8 November – Board meeting 7:00pm
- Wednesday 29 November – End of Year Mass (Whole School Event)
- Friday 1 December 10am - Awards Morning
- Friday 1 December – Last Day Term 4, students to be collected by 11.30am from the Field Street carpark

Community News

131 Army Cadet Unit Sarina

Expressions of interest are open now! Join 131 Army Cadet Unit Sarina for the 2024 intake!

Email: Amy.Bradford@armycajets.gov.au

- Recruit open day Friday 2nd February 2024 1530 - 1800hrs
- Recruitment sausage sizzle Saturday 3rd February 2024 @ Goode's Butchery 0800 – 1200hrs.
- First recruit parade Friday 9th February 1530 – 0900hrs Saturday 10th February.
- Follow us on Facebook @ 131 Army Cadet Unit – Sarina.
- Joining requirements; minimum turning 13 years old in the calendar year of their enrolment. The maximum joining age 16 years old.

Our Values; Service, Courage, Respect, Excellence and Integrity.