



Mr Jim Ford | Principal

We Care About Students Academic Progress

We finish the semester with a less formal meeting of all the teaching staff. Gathering in the staff lunchroom, and after a welcome and thank you for a good term, we take a collective look at the results data for student achievement in the semester. The information includes the percentage of A's to E's, pass/fail statistics, trends by gender, trajectory across terms and most important, effort and behaviour indicators. In discussions we identify the positives and reflect on the negative. Overall, the trends and indicators of positive effort by the student and subsequent achievement are very affirming to the staff.

"You cultivate what you celebrate." Plato

Ms Kate Rackham | Acting Assistant Principal Mission

Ordinary Time

As we approach the upcoming school holidays, I thought it would be appropriate to reflect on the significance of this period in the Catholic Liturgical calendar known as Ordinary Time.

In the Catholic tradition, Ordinary Time isn't ordinary in the sense of being mundane; rather, it's a time of growth and reflection. It's a period between the major liturgical seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, where we focus on the teachings of Jesus Christ and how to live out our faith in our daily lives.

Just like an academic journey where we strive for continuous improvement, Ordinary Time encourages us to deepen our relationship with God and live out His teachings in our interactions with others. It's a time for us to embrace the ordinary moments of life and find the extraordinary within them.

This holiday break, may we carry the spirit of Ordinary Time with us. Wishing you all a blessed holiday break filled with joy, peace, and the presence of God.



Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

Subject Information Evening

We are pleased to invite parents and students to our Subject Information Evening on Thursday 1 August. This event is crucial for Year 9 into 10 and Year 8 into 9 students as they prepare for 2025. The evening begins at 4:00pm with an information session for Year 9 into 10 students, followed by time with subject specialists. For Year 8 into 9 students, subject specialists will be available from 4:00pm, with their information session starting at 4:45pm. The event concludes by 5:30pm.

Attending this evening will provide valuable insights into the curriculum, help answer your questions, and offer guidance from our subject experts. We highly recommend your attendance to ensure your child is well-prepared for their next academic steps. We look forward to seeing you there and helping you and your child plan for a successful school year.

Mr David Paul | Assistant Principal Wellbeing

Empathy

As we approach school holidays when our children have more free time to spend on devices, I would like to share with you the [Carly Ryan Foundation](#). It is a tragic story which has evolved into an organisation which can make a real difference to our young people.

I ask that you take particular notice of the fact sheets developed to educate us on the dangers of social media.

[App Fact Sheets](#) | [The Carly Ryan Foundation](#).



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Mass of Thanksgiving for Leesa Jeffcoat AM

Wednesday 12 June

St Joseph's Cathedral Rockhampton.

Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat AM was farewelled by the Diocese at a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton followed by a Reception at Rockhampton Leagues Club as she concludes her time as Director after more than two decades in the role.

Catholic Education sector leaders and representatives from across Queensland and Australia were in attendance, together with many Priests and Religious, government representatives, Catholic School Principals, Catholic Education Directors and Leaders. Hundreds of students and staff filled St Joseph's Cathedral for the Mass, and many more from Catholic schools across the Diocese in centres from Mackay to Bundaberg and west to Longreach tuned in via livestream.

Miss Jeffcoat said she had been humbled to have served as Diocesan Director of Catholic Education for the past 23 years, but she knew this was the right time for a new Director to lead the ministry of Catholic Education into an exciting future.

"I am sad to be ending a time in my professional life that has given me great personal and professional satisfaction, but I leave feeling truly blessed for the opportunities afforded to me through my lifelong association with Catholic Education as a student, teacher and leader," Miss Jeffcoat said.



Miss Jeffcoat thanked current Diocese of Rockhampton Bishop, Michael McCarthy and before that Bishop Emeritus Brian Heenan for their wise and pastoral leadership of the Diocese.

"I offer both Bishop Michael McCarthy and Bishop Emeritus Brian Heenan my heartfelt appreciation for their prayerful support, their encouragement, their guidance and above all their loving care". Miss Jeffcoat said.

Bishop Michael expressed deep appreciation for Miss Jeffcoat's unwavering support of the Diocese, for the Church and all Catholic Education staff.

"Within the 10 kindergartens, 39 schools and colleges under her direction, Leesa has done an extraordinary job of ensuring that our young people receive the very best in Catholic education and are supported by excellent teachers and staff on their faith journey," Bishop Michael said. "Leesa is an extraordinary leader who has shaped and directed our Catholic Education Office, including our kindergartens, primary schools and colleges to be – I believe – one of the finest in the country," Bishop Michael said.

"Leesa has generously given of herself as Director and has assisted me in so many ways, especially settling me into the diocese and then being a very wise colleague," he said.

Miss Jeffcoat said she wished to sincerely thank her professional colleagues, both past and present, for the trust they had placed in her to serve as Director over the past 23 years.

"I thank our wonderful teachers for their loyalty and support, and I am also very grateful to the Priests, Religious, Principals and leaders, parents, students, teachers, support staff and all in our Catholic Education family for their prayers, their encouragement, and their care of me" Miss Jeffcoat said.

Miss Jeffcoat said she believed Catholic kindergartens, schools and colleges will continue to build upon their already outstanding reputation as providers of a quality, faith-based education in safe environments where the protection and well-being of the students entrusted to the care of Catholic Education continues to be the number one priority.

"I do not see the conclusion of my time as Director as an end point in my professional journey but rather I pray it signals the start of a new direction for my life full of exciting possibilities to enable me to continue to serve the mission of the Catholic Church" Miss Jeffcoat said.

Miss Jeffcoat officially concludes her time at the end of 2024 following a period of leave during Semester 2 with newly appointed Director, Michael McCusker commencing in role in July.

Ecumenical Inter Faith Presentation

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church's position with regard to relations with other Christians and people of other faiths and want to know what is happening in Queensland in this area?

You are invited to a free presentation with Margaret Naylor from Brisbane Archdiocese on **Saturday 13 July from 9:30am to 12 noon** in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane. This presentation will be **live-streamed** for people across Queensland who are unable to attend in person. For further information, please contact Margaret Naylor at naylonm@bne.catholic.net.au or 0408 123 364.



For registration: follow the link to the booking site or use the QR code:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/EcumenicalInterfaithPresentation>

Quote

"Thousands of thanks and praises to His Holy Name."

Catherine McAuley



Mrs Kathy Parrish | Board Chair

May & June Board Report

Board Member Presentation

In May, the Board welcomed special guest, Mrs Maree Martin, Secondary Curriculum Consultant from the Rockhampton Catholic Education Office to discuss, "How schools can prepare young people for our changing world". A very in depth and insightful presentation to what is a very relevant topic in today's society. Thank you Maree!

In June, Mrs Kathy Parrish spoke about the new school fees model for 2025 and the impact this will have on both schools and families.

Policy Feedback

The Board discussed the Draft CCTV policy and provided feedback on this policy to CEO.

Principals report

- ANZAC day parades with strong attendance for both students and teachers.
- The school attended various sporting days: Interschool Futsal, Vicki Wilson Cup, Bill Turner Cup and the Athletics Carnival at the ARC.
- CMC has been hosting the 2024 Interschool debating competition
- National Reconciliation Week BBQ – thank you to the Connections Committee for a wonderful lunch
- A very successful Sip and Paint event. Well done to the PEG committee for their hard work in making this event such an enjoyable evening.
- Bishop Michael McCarthy's 10th Anniversary Mass and Miss Leesa Jeffcoat AM Diocesan Director Catholic Education Mass & Farewell

Mrs Christine Newland | Head of Department Humanities

Sarina Sugar Shed Visit

To conclude our Geography unit for the semester, the Year 9 Humanities students enjoyed a morning at the Sarina Sugar Shed in Week 10. They visited the Mini Cane Plantation on-site, exploring the process of planting, growing and harvesting the cane.

At the end of the tour students got to taste some of the products made on site from sugar produced. This included the non-alcoholic Ginger Beer and of course, everyone's favourite...the Fairy Floss!



Athletics Carnival Champions and Winning House.

The winning House for the Athletics carnival and the Age Champions were announced at the final assembly for the semester.

Congratulations to Imbuna House and the individual Age Champions.



Year 7 Religion Visual Text on Catherine McAuley



Term 3 Date Claimers

- July 8 -12 NAIDOC Week
- Wednesday 10 July – Uniform Committee meeting 5:00pm
- Wednesday 10 July - PEG meeting 5:30pm
- Friday July 12 - Year 7 Whitsunday Voices
- Wednesday July 17 – Board meeting – Note: earlier time 6:00pm
- July 22 – 26 Catholic Education Week
- Thursday July 28 - Student Led Conferences
- Thursday August 1 - Subject Information Evening
- August 12 – 16 Science Week
- Wednesday August 14 - Year 8 Science/Geography Excursion
- August 19 -23 Book Week
- Thursday August 22 - Book Week Dress Up Day
- September 9 -13 McAuley Week
- Wednesday 11 September – McAuley Week Mass
- Friday 13 September – Beach Day

Position Vacant

Administration Assistant – Catholic Parishes of North Mackay & Farleigh

The Catholic Parishes of North Mackay & Farleigh are seeking a casual Administration Assistant to provide support to the Parish Secretary, and to fill in for leave absences.

The role supports the parish ministries and administration. The position will involve approximately four hours per week, plus additional hours for leave coverage when required.

Applications close: COB Monday 8 July 2024. Please submit a brief cover letter outlining your availability and suitability for the role, and a current resume with two references to ken.kelly@rok.catholic.net.au

For more information or a copy of the Position Description, contact Ken Kelly on the above email or phone 4957 4855.

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