



Week 8 Term 2, 7 June 2024 History Week

### Mr Jim Ford | Principal

#### Why the series of advice bulletins on Catholic school funding?

Put simply, the Federal Government in its implementation of the Gonski Review of school funding insisted on considering the individual family's capacity to contribute. Private, Catholic, and other religious-based schools will need to increase fees if the income profile of the families they enrol is higher than average. Mackay district is one such area of higher incomes. Funding to most of our Catholic schools will decrease over the next five years. To reach the agreed level of school funding per student (SRS – Student Resources Standard) the percentage our fees recoup will need to increase from approximately 20% to 32%.

Our challenge is to maintain quality and economy for families, but we are committed to doing so.

### Ms Kate Rackham | Acting Assistant Principal Mission

#### The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 June, mark two reflective celebrations in the Catholic liturgical calendar: The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These back-to-back feast days invite us to explore the depths of divine love and maternal compassion, offering timeless lessons that are particularly relevant today.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolises His love, suffering, and sacrifice for humanity. Amid our daily routines, the message of the Sacred Heart calls us to embrace love that is patient, forgiving, and self-giving. This can mean acts of kindness, forgiving those who have wronged us, or simply taking time to support someone in need.

The Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary invites us to reflect on Mary's pure and loving heart, her unwavering commitment to God, and her deep sorrows and joys as the mother of Christ. Amid our hectic schedules, Mary's Immaculate Heart calls us to foster virtues of humility and compassion. This might involve living with integrity, offering help to those in need, or nurturing our own spiritual lives through reflection.



As members of the Catherine McAuley College community, we can celebrate these feasts by embracing the Vinnies Winter Appeal. By extending our hand with tangible donations, we can significantly impact the lives of those who need it most, providing them with warmth and sustenance during the winter season. In doing so, we mirror Jesus' love for humanity and Mary's humility and compassion, embodying their virtues in our actions. We sincerely hope to count on your generous support to make a positive difference in the lives of those who need it most.

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*"If we love God, we will undoubtedly love our neighbour also; they are as cause and effect."*

Catherine McAuley



### Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

#### The Importance Of Study

Encouraging your teenager to prioritise study and revision is crucial for their academic success and future opportunities. Consistent study habits reinforces learning, enhances understanding, and builds confidence in their abilities. To support your teenager with their study habits, create a dedicated study space free from distractions, such as phones, TV's and gaming devices. This environment promotes focus and signals the importance of their work. Additionally, help them develop a study schedule that breaks tasks into manageable chunks, promoting a balanced approach to learning without overwhelming them. By setting regular, achievable goals and celebrating their progress, you can motivate your teenager and create a positive attitude towards studying. Your involvement and encouragement are key to helping them navigate their educational journey successfully.

### Mr David Paul | Assistant Principal Wellbeing

#### Empathy

80% of our happiness is derived from:

- Friendship
- Health
- Work fulfillment
- Loving relationships
- Spirituality



When you do something kind for someone else your brain releases the love hormone oxytocin. This makes you feel good too. Check out Martin Heppell from The Resilience Project talking about [being kind and the benefits of kindness](#).

"Kindness is the greatest wealth of all. Small acts of kindness last longer than a lifetime" - Eddie Jaku (Author of 'The Happiest Man on Earth').

### Mass of Thanksgiving for Leesa Jeffcoat AM Diocesan Director Catholic Education

Bishop Michael McCarthy invites all school communities to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for Leesa Jeffcoat AM who, after 23 years of faith-filled service, will shortly conclude her time as Diocesan Director of Catholic Education. The Mass will be held in St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton, Wednesday 12 June commencing at 10:30am.



All are welcome at the Mass to thank God for the gift that Leesa has been to the Ministry of Catholic Education in this Diocese and to pray that God will bless her in abundance into the future.

For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will also be live streamed via the following [link](#)

#### Date Claimers Term 2

- Wednesday 12 June – PEG Meeting – 5:30pm
- Wednesday 12 June – Board Meeting – 7:00pm
- Saturday 15 June – Gospel Group singing at St Francis Church 6:00pm
- Thursday 20 June – Show Day Holiday
- Friday 21 June – Student Free Day

**Mr Andre Richards | Technologies Teacher**  
Metalwork Milestone



The very proud, Cooper and Nathan were the first CMC students to complete their metalwork project in our new ITD department.

**Mrs Alexandra Lamb | Civics Teacher**  
Courthouse Visit



Our Year 9 Civics and Citizenship class embarked on a transformative excursion to the local Mackay Magistrates and District Court. Immersed in the heart of our legal system, students gained invaluable insights into the administration of justice and the workings of the courts. Witnessing real-life proceedings, from arraignments to verdicts, provided a profound understanding of legal processes and the importance of upholding the rule of law. Engaging discussions with court staff and legal professionals deepened our appreciation for the complexities of the legal system. This immersive experience empowered students to become informed and active citizens in our democratic society.

**Mrs Christine Newland | Head of Department Humanities**  
History Week

Last week, our school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated History Week. Year 7 students took us back in time to ancient Egypt, creating some amazing artefacts that showed us what life was like thousands of years ago. From pyramids to sarcophagi, their creations were incredible!

Year 8 students took us on a journey to the Middle Ages with their incredible brochures. They covered everything from knights to crime and punishment, but what really caught our attention was their fascinating exploration of the Black Plague.

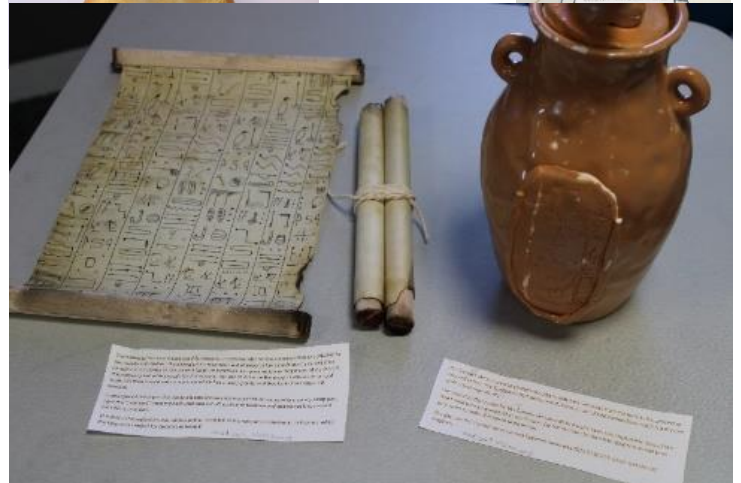
Year 9 students created touching memorials for the soldiers and nurses who sacrificed their life to serve their country during World War One. It was a meaningful way to honour these people and show our respect and gratitude.

Students tested their history knowledge with a whole school Kahoot and Song Challenge, it was a blast seeing everyone compete and learn at the


same time. Congratulations to Year 9 Buyu who took out the 'History Mystery' title.

To wrap up the week, we held a 'Blast from the Past' dress-up day where students and teachers dressed as people from different times in history. We had Egyptian queens, a monk, and even a dinosaur roaming the corridors!

Overall, History Week was a fantastic opportunity for us to learn, have fun, and appreciate the stories of the past. We can't wait to see what next year's celebration will bring!



**Mrs Frances Deguara | Catherine's Café Convenor**

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Week 9	Date	Volunteers	
Tuesday	June 11	Deb	Cynthia
Wednesday	June 12	Deanne	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Thursday	June 13	Natalie	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Friday	June 14	Tenille	Wendy Monica
Week 10	Date	Volunteers	
Tuesday	June 18	Cynthia	Deb
Wednesday	June 19	Liz	Helene
	<b>Show Day Menu</b>	Natalie	Kevene
Thursday	June 20	<b>Show Holiday</b>	
Friday	June 21	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>	



Blast From The Past

