

# Newsletter

WEEK 9 • TERM 1



## Diary Dates:

**Tuesday 24 March and 26 March - Parent/Teacher Interviews.**  
**Monday 30 March - Palm Sunday Liturgy.**  
**Wednesday 1 April - 95 to Thrive Awards**  
**Thursday 2 April - Easter Celebrations**  
**Thursday 2 April - Last Day of Term 1**  
**Friday 3 April - Good Friday.**

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Dear Parents and Carers

If you are thinking what I am thinking it would be, 'Where has the start of the year gone?' It is unimaginable that we are in the last couple of weeks of Term 1 and preparing for Easter. The staff and students have worked tremendously hard this term and are well deserving of a two week holiday.

We recently held our first Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Committee meeting, and I would like to thank everyone who joined us. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and support from our school community. The purpose of the FACE Committee is to build relationships between families, staff, and students by planning events that promote connection and a strong sense of belonging. In addition, the committee will organise a range of fundraising events and raffles throughout the year to support school programs, resources, and student opportunities. We have many exciting initiatives planned, and we would love more families to be involved. If you're interested in contributing ideas, helping at events, or simply staying connected, please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, 30 April.

I am very excited to announce that Michelle Richards will take over as tuckshop convenor starting in Term 2. We warmly welcome her to this position and her passion for providing nutritious and delicious meals for our students. We are introducing some new options on the menu, which reflects our commitment to promoting healthier options while supporting the wellbeing of all students. Please note that tuckshop will now operate on Mondays and orders can be placed on Friday for your convenience. There will be a slight increase in the prices of some items. We are excited about these changes. If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in and supported our school's Easter Raffle. Your generosity and involvement have made a significant difference. All funds raised will be donated to 'Project Compassion', helping to support vital initiatives that bring hope and opportunity to vulnerable communities around the world. Together, we are making a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need. All tickets, sold or unsold, and money collected needs to be brought into school by Wednesday, 1 April. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday following the 3-6 Holy Week Liturgy.

As we prepare for the final week of Term 1 and the Easter Season, we are delighted to announce two special liturgies to reflect on and celebrate this sacred time.

- Palm Sunday, led by Prep - 2 students, on Monday afternoon at 2:30 pm.
- Holy Week, led by 3 - 6 students, on Thursday morning at 8:40 am. We warmly invite all families and members of our school community to join us for these celebrations.

Wishing you all a blessed and holy Easter. Have a restful and well-deserved break, and I look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and ready for Term 2, on Monday, 20 April.

God bless  
Christine Timms

# Religious Life of the School

## APRE News

Holy Week is the most important week in the Church's year because it helps us remember the great love Jesus showed for us. It begins on Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem and people welcomed Him with palm branches, shouting "Hosanna!" This shows us how much they loved and honoured Him as their King.

During Holy Week, we follow Jesus' journey through His suffering and death. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper, when Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist and showed us how to love by washing His disciples' feet. Good Friday is a solemn day when we recall Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, where He died to save us from sin. Holy Saturday is a quiet day of waiting and hope.

Then comes Easter Sunday, the most joyful day of all! Jesus rose from the dead, showing that love and life are stronger than death. Easter reminds us that because of Jesus, we can have new life and hope forever with God. At school and at church, we celebrate with prayers, songs, and special activities to thank God for this wonderful gift.

Holy Week and Easter help us understand God's great love and invites us to live with hope, kindness, and faith every day.



**SAINT PETER'S HALIFAX**

**Easter Raffle Fun!**

Join us for a chance to win amazing prizes. Tickets on sale at school.

Tickets are just \$1 each!

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Illustration of a basket of colorful Easter eggs and bunnies.

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**Catholic Education**



Will be hosting a free breakfast to remember our fallen soldiers following the Halifax Anzac Day Parade - Members, families and friends all welcome

**ANZAC DAY**  
**25th April**  
**8.30am**

CWA Halifax Hall Cnr  
 Macrossan and Rupp Streets

*We will remember them*

# OUTER LIMITS ADVENTURE FITNESS

8.15am to 1.00pm  
 Tuesday 14 April 2026  
 INGHAM SHOWGROUNDS

## QUEENSLAND YOUTH WEEK

11-19 APR 2026

YOUTH AGED 8 TO 15  
 THREE SESSIONS WILL RUN FOR 75 MINUTES EACH, ON ROTATION.  
 20 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION  
 ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:  
 - MOUNTAIN BIKING  
 - ARCHERY TAG  
 - TEAM GAMES

\$15 EACH  
 BOOK VIA [HINCHINBROOKTICKETS.COM.AU](https://www.hinchinbrooktickets.com.au)

**DIGITAL AND YOU**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
 Call Hinchinbrook Shire Library on (07) 4776 4614  
 Oztix: <https://bit.ly/4sl9iY1>

**FREE school holiday fun!**

# DRONES & PROGRAMMING

Suitable for ages 9 to 15

HINCHINBROOK SHIRE LIBRARY  
 Friday 10 April 2026  
 10am-12pm

Learn to pilot drones and program their next move!

- ✓ Essential drone safety & control
- ✓ Program & code drone movements
- ✓ Explore real-world drone uses



**99 YEARS**

# Feast of St Anthony

Bemerside  
 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Celebration of Mass  
 11.00 am  
 Mass will be celebrated with our Parish Priest

**Entertainment**  
 Anthony Fracchia

- Religious Articles
- Monster Raffle
- 500 Club
- Bottle Stall
- Jumping Castle

Lunch from 12.00-6.00 pm

**Stalls**

- BBQ
- Fish & Chips
- Granita
- Tea & Coffee
- Cakes & Sandwiches
- Canoli
- Softdrinks
- Bar

**Procession & Rosary**  
 2.30 pm  
 followed by the Blessing of Children and Distribution of St Anthony Bread

**ALL WELCOME**

For more information please contact Anthony on 0408 151 833



# P-2 Classroom News



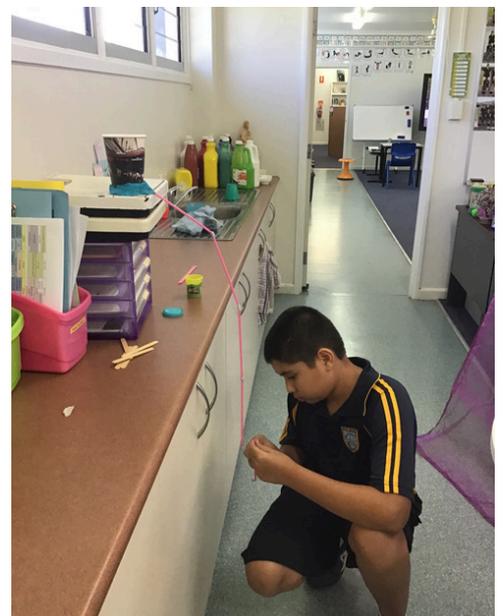
Prep - Year 2 have been busy little bees this term, learning all that our brains can absorb. We have been recently designing and creating Marble Runs for Science, addition and subtraction, patterning and sequencing for Maths, learning sounds and reading, and also learning how to write descriptive sentences for English. We even got to make ice cream recently. Here are a few snapshots.....



# 3-6 Classroom News

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

What happens when you need to move water from one place to another on a farm? You build a "water transporter," of course! This week, our 3-6 engineers got hands-on in Design Technologies, creating some seriously impressive irrigation systems. These young designers proved they've got what it takes to solve real-world problems. Check out what they built!





# HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY

**We raised \$32 for  
Project Compassion.  
Thank you!**



# CHANGES TO TUCKSHOP

## Fresh Faces and Fresh Flavors: Tuckshop Updates for Term 2!

Big changes are coming to our tuckshop next term! We are thrilled to announce that Michelle Richards is stepping in to volunteer as Tuckshop Convenor. To work with Michelle's schedule, Tuckshop Day is moving to Mondays starting in Week 2, Term 2.

We're also shaking up the menu with some long-awaited new items! While we've had to implement some small price increases—our first since 2023—to keep up with rising costs, we've worked hard to keep these as minimal as possible. Below is a table of the new items and prices.

A new flyer will be sent home with your child early in Term 2.

Our tuckshop truly "takes a village," because it is something the students look forward to every week.

A massive shout-out to Catherine, Marissa, and Kylie for their incredible work throughout Term 1.

We couldn't do it without you!

TUCKSHOP TERM 2. MONDAYS	
Cob of Corn	\$1
Spaghetti Cups	\$5
Mini Mince Buns ( dinner roll size)	\$4
Hot Dogs	\$5
½ Hot Dog	\$2.50
Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza	\$6
Homemade Ham, Cheese, and Pineapple Pizza	\$6
Sides: Carrot, Apple, Lettuce, Cherry Tomato, Cucumber	\$1 each
Chicken Nuggets	80 cents each or 6 for \$4.50
Toasties or Sandwiches Filling: Ham, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Chicken, Mince	\$5
Wraps Fillings: Filling, Ham, Cheese, Tomato, Chicken, Mince, Lettuce, and Tomato	\$6
Cup of Cordial	50 cents

**How to order!**

**Joe Blogs Yr2  
1st break**  
1 home cooking 70cents  
2 party sausage rolls \$1.60

**Joe Blogs Yr2  
2nd break**  
1 pizza \$2.00  
1 chocolate milk \$1.50  
1 chocolate Billabong \$1.20

# Reminders

Together We Grow



## Sick or Absent?

Please advise the school before 9am, whenever your child is sick or absent.

## Medication Notice

The administration of medication to students will only be done when a staff member has been notified and a medication form is signed by the parent/guardian. Medication authority forms are available from the office.

## School Uniforms

St Peters uniform shirts can be purchased from Barnes Sewing Centre, 22 Lannercost Street, Ingham.

## School Hats

Each new enrolment receives their first hat free from St Peters. Further hats can be purchased for \$20 from the office.

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**Ingham Region Catholic Parish**

**Mass Times**

- St Patrick's Ingham  
Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8:30am & 7pm
- St Peter's Halifax  
Sunday 7am
- Canossa Chapel Trebonne  
Sunday 10am
- St Teresa's Abergowrie  
Sunday 10am

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP NEEDS YOU!  
PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.  
EVEN ONE DAY A TERM WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

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