

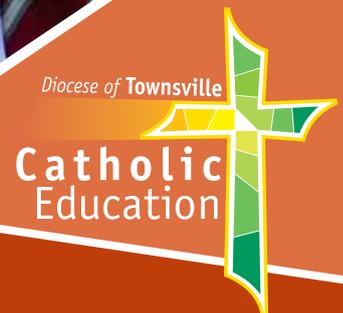
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acknowledges the Traditional
Custodians of Country throughout
Australia. We pay our respects to Elders
past, present and future.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Term 3 is always a busy time for our Catholic schools as we start off the term by celebrating two very special events. In week 2, our Mulkadee Youth Arts Festival was held with more than 1,000 students participating, followed by Catholic Education week at the end of July.

This year at Mulkadee, we were thrilled to present our adaptation of Peter Pan, involving a cast of students and a crew of more than 100 artists, teachers, technicians and support staff. Students participated in workshops in the areas of choir, dance, drama, band, guitar and strings, and travelled from all over the Townsville diocese to be part of the only event of its kind in Australia.

Mulkadee delivers more than what we can ever achieve in our classrooms, inspiring our students to extend themselves, to commit to and embrace the experience with energy and passion.

Catholic Education week was celebrated with the theme 'Many Voices. One Spirit.' The theme brings feelings of energy, enthusiasm, love, joy, values, relationships, togetherness, learning, unity and belonging - all ideals relevant to Catholic schools in Queensland.

Catholic Education week was an opportunity to recognise staff and volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to Catholic education. Spirit of Catholic Education Awards were presented to 29 recipients from throughout our diocese.

In this term's magazine, we focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education within our schools. We are blessed to have a dedicated and hard-working Indigenous Education team who work closely with our schools. Townsville Catholic Education remains committed to providing Indigenous education of the highest standard to our families. In 2019, we have approximately 1,220 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in our schools and we look forward to further enrolments.

I hope you enjoy reading about our Indigenous Education initiatives and the contributions our staff make daily to inspire students. We acknowledge the critical role education plays in building a just, equitable and open-minded community that appreciates its cultural diversity, and in particular, values Indigenous cultures as a key part of the nation's past, present and future.



Jacqui Francis
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEUS CARITAS EST AWARD WINNERS

The Townsville Catholic Education Deus Caritas Est Award is our most prestigious student award. Each of our secondary schools have nominated one representative who demonstrates a commitment to Christian living in how they interact and treat others.



Back row: Anna Shaju, St Patrick's College, Townsville, Connor Whiteside, Ignatius Park College, Cranbrook, Ayva Rontaunay, Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers, Bishop Timothy Harris, Jacqui Francis, Townsville Catholic Education, Jimmy Mestan, St Teresa's College, Abergowrie, Zachary Jago, St Anthony's Catholic College, Deeragun
Front row: Danielle Fulton, Southern Cross Catholic College, Annandale, Thomas McNeale, Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan, Georgie Desailly, St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park, Helen Powers, Good Shepherd Catholic College, Mount Isa, Lanie Krog, St Catherine's Catholic College, The Whitsundays, Aimee Oar, Burdekin Catholic High School, Ayr, Mary Galletty, Gilroy Santa Maria College, Ingham

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS

TOWNSVILLE CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. IN THIS EDITION OF 'LOVE OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' MAGAZINE, WE SHOWCASE HOW INDIGNEOUS EDUCATION IS AT ITS BEST IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES.

The Townsville Catholic Education Office Indigenous Education team is part of the newly formed Catholic Identity and Indigenous Education Services Directorate. Through developing successful and strong partnerships with our schools and their communities, the Indigenous Education team works with a network of over 50 Indigenous Education Workers and provides expert advice and support so each of the schools in the Townsville diocese can continue to:

- **DEVELOP** and embed a 'pedagogy of difference' that supports students in achieving their learning and future planning goals by effectively using Indigenous pedagogical strategies and practices that work
- **INVOLVE** Indigenous families in the education of their children
- **DEVELOP** a positive sense of identity through understanding, respecting and embedding Indigenous perspectives in the curriculum
- **GROW** innovative and dynamic staff that promote high quality teaching and learning
- **EMBRACE**, enhance and promote student and staff leadership through engaging with the Emerging Leaders program
- **ENGAGE** with the school and wider community in developing, implementing and enacting a school-based Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)
- **SUPPORT** cultural awareness in staff through Mission in Action and Walking on Country spiritual retreats
- **NURTURE** parental and community engagement and partnerships
- **OPERATE** on the principles of equity, social justice and inclusivity

Louise Vella-Cox
DIRECTOR -
CATHOLIC IDENTITY
AND INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION SERVICES





FOSTERING FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

Good Shepherd Catholic College, Mount Isa is a community who journey together in faith with 'Christ our Light'.

Fostering faith and spirituality is the primary goal of the college, with staff believing in the uniqueness and dignity of each individual.

Established in 1985, Good Shepherd Catholic College is an energetic, modern co-educational secondary college and has a student population of 500. The college is situated in Mount Isa, a vibrant and progressive city of approximately 20,000 people which is located 900 kilometres west of Townsville. Staff focus on a holistic education within a welcoming and caring environment. The college endeavours for each member of the community to be inner-directed, responsible, compassionate and just.

Good Shepherd Catholic College is committed to achieving better results for Indigenous students and has initiatives in place to contribute to positive outcomes for all students.



Embedding Indigenous education into the curriculum has been a priority at Good Shepherd Catholic College, with all Year 8 Humanities students participating in a workshop to develop their knowledge of Indigenous history. The media department has also been working with Mob FM to gain more insight into radio programs, and Information, Communication and Technology students are working with Kalkadoon elders to learn about Indigenous art.

The college has a large Indigenous Education Advisory Group who have a collaborative and innovative approach to Indigenous education in the school. Monthly meetings are held where all areas are covered including planning and preparation of upcoming events, curriculum, the current Reconciliation Action Plan, opportunities for students and resources. The committee has 13 members, including the principal, deputy principal, teachers, Indigenous education workers, pastoral leaders, parents and student representatives.

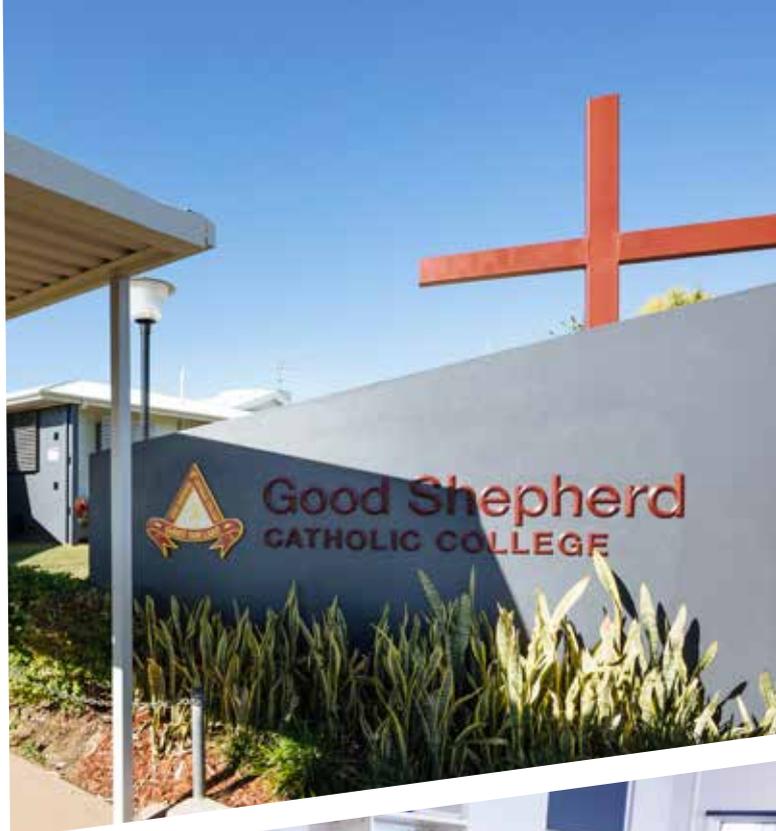


This year marks the first year the college has appointed an Indigenous student leader. Year 12 student, Maddison Hegarty was successful in gaining this position and has been a cultural advocate and effective leader and motivator for all students.

The Emerging Leaders Incentive Scheme (more information about this on page 6 and 7) has been working wonders at the college. There are 76 students participating who are tracked for attendance, academic improvement and engagement in school and community. Thirty-one mentors volunteer their time and actively check-in with their mentees across the year. There has been a positive growth in attendance and academic outcomes, and an increase in students volunteering to participate and support various events and engagements.



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC COLLEGE WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND DELIVER A MEANINGFUL AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM THAT WILL CHALLENGE AND INSPIRE STUDENTS TO LEARN SO THAT THEY GO ON TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION AND MAKE THEIR MARK IN THIS WORLD.



DID YOU KNOW THE COLLEGE HAS

3

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION WORKERS

2

INDIGENOUS TEACHERS IN PASTORAL LEADER POSITIONS

76

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

INSPIRING OUR FUTURE LEADERS



Earlier this year, Townsville Catholic Education welcomed an Australian Government funding boost of \$4.91 million to extend the successful Emerging Leaders Incentive Scheme for an additional two years.

The program encourages the three pillars of student attendance, academic improvement and engagement, with students moving through incentives stages each year based on their completion of criteria under these pillars.

It is available to all Indigenous students across our 11 secondary colleges. The scheme provides a more holistic and equitable approach to scholarships and student development, and partners with schools to improve student outcomes. The program has reached its current capacity, with nearly 600 students participating.

“The Emerging Leaders Incentive Scheme sets high expectations of our Indigenous students and families whilst rewarding and promoting a culture of high attendance and academic improvement, seeing students fully engaged in their schooling,” said Tammi Webber, Townsville Catholic Education Indigenous Education Adviser.

“IT HAS RECEIVED EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF, AND HAS ALREADY SHOWN MEASURABLE SUCCESS.”

As part of the Emerging Leaders' journey, students will participate in leadership, cultural and wellbeing experiences. These activities aim to equip our students with the tools they need to meet the challenges of schooling and adolescence.

WHEN REGISTERING FOR THE SCHEME THIS YEAR, WE ASKED OUR PARENTS HOW EMERGING LEADERS CAN BEST SUPPORT STUDENTS. THE RESPONSES WE RECEIVED WERE OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE AND SHOW A STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STUDENTS, HOME, COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL.

HERE'S WHAT OUR PARENTS HAVE TO SAY:

“Emerging Leaders is so encouraging to students who don't think they can succeed or are not good enough. Being the second year and achieving goals last year, it is a very real incentive and challenge. It allows students the opportunity to do things that could not be afforded without this scheme.”

Parent feedback - Gilroy Santa Maria College, Ingham.



“Emerging Leaders will help support activities she would never think to be part of. Our daughter is taking ownership of her attendance and academic achievements. The program is helping her to set goals and gives her determination and self-belief to try and achieve them.”

Parent feedback - Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan.



“Emerging Leaders provides a supportive learning environment where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are encouraged and provided opportunities to fulfill their potential and where their culture is recognised and respected.”

Parent feedback - Southern Cross Catholic College, Annandale.

SCHOOLS IN THE EMERGING LEADERS INCENTIVE PROGRAM:



WHAT OUR EMERGING

LEADERS HAVE BEEN UP TO



Students, parents and Mentor Teachers work together to create a Personal Leadership Agreement at Good Shepherd Catholic College, Mount Isa.



"The community at Columba is the best because they are so supportive. Emerging Leaders helps us to achieve our goals at school and in sports."

- Shakhiah Douglas in the Galbirri room at Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers.



Our proud Emerging Leaders at St Joseph's Catholic School, Cloncurry volunteered to participate in a Walking on Country experience for teaching staff. Here they shared cultural histories and knowledge, celebrating Mitakoodi country.



Emerging Leaders at St Teresa's College, Abergowrie having lots of fun at their Term 1 Reward Day.



Brianna Cassady (pictured centre) is a very talented artist and student at Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan, who won the Emerging Leaders Artwork Competition. Her piece will feature on the upcoming Queensland Catholic Indigenous Education Conference promotional material. Brianna is pictured with Tammi Webber (left), Indigenous Education Adviser and Krista O'Connor (right), Emerging Leaders Incentive Scheme Project Manager.

MEET SOME OF OUR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION STAFF IN THE TOWNSVILLE DIOCESE

FLORENCE MORTON

Senior
Administration Officer
St Michael's Catholic
School, Palm Island



Florence Morton is an Indigenous woman, born on Palm Island and schooled at St Michael's Catholic School. She is now the Senior Administration Officer and has worked at the school for 26 years. She absolutely loves it.

Flo's journey began in 1974. The Catholic diocese had funds to educate a student from Palm Island to attend a primary school on the mainland (Townsville) and Flo was the lucky recipient of this. After the June holidays, her journey began at Orana Hostel, with 13 girls from Palm Island and out west, boarding with the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary sisters.

When Flo arrived, she was sent to St Joseph's Catholic School, Mundingburra. She was there for a year and a half and was transferred to St Joseph's Catholic School, The Strand. Flo says she had a wonderful Principal, Mr Paul Lucas. He and the other students made her feel welcomed and loved and she recounts that as the best year ever (Year 7).

For secondary college, Flo attended St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park where she met a few of her fellow school friends who now work at Townsville Catholic Education.

Flo constantly reminisces about the good times she had with fantastic people, such as the Fanning, Webber, McPherson, Lowth, Hill and Williams families.

"To be back at the school where it all started, I'd rather be nowhere else. I have met a lot of fantastic students going through our school and have made many friends, including all past staff and future staff," said Flo.

"MY STRENGTH COMES FROM THIS WONDERFUL SCHOOL AND THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO COME THROUGH OUR GREAT SCHOOL, FULL OF FAITH AND LOVE."

KYLIE SMITH

Indigenous Support
Officer - Emerging
Leaders Incentive
Scheme Coordinator
St Catherine's Catholic
College, The Whitsundays



Kylie has lived in Proserpine since 2005. Her family ties are from the Gamilaraay peoples in central-western New South Wales.

Kylie's roles at St Catherine's Catholic College have changed a lot over the past 10 years. She originally started at the college in the Inclusive Education department, and is now enjoying a dual role on the secondary campus working within the Responsible Thinking Classroom and Indigenous Education. Kylie says that having a dual role is wonderful as she gets to help students with various aspects of college life. Witnessing and facilitating opportunities for the Emerging Leaders students to reach their goals and celebrate their successes is one of the things Kylie treasures the most. Over the past decade, she has grown a lot as a person and as an educator. This year, she has undertaken a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education with plans to complete her Diploma afterwards. Kylie is also looking forward to the Year 12 graduation as it will be an especially poignant ceremony with her son as a graduate. Being a member of the staff has given Kylie the enviable experience of being able to watch her son's progress as he develops as a student into a young man with his own journey ahead of him.

Kylie loves her role at St Catherine's Catholic College and feels blessed to be a member of staff.





PATRICIA PHILLIPS

Emerging Leaders Coordinator
Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers

Born in Werribee Victoria, Patricia's family moved back to Charters Towers when she was four years old and has been there ever since.

When Patricia's son was in Year 1, he was diagnosed as being dyslexic. As there was very little known about it back then and little help for students with dyslexia, she left her nursing career and embarked on a Certificate III in Education Support as well as a Certificate in Reaching and Teaching Children with Dyslexia. During the prac for these courses, Patricia was fortunate enough to be placed with Indigenous students as an aide in their classes. It was there that she gained a great passion for Indigenous education.

Her role as an Emerging Leaders Coordinator is to help improve and track learning outcomes for Indigenous students at Columba Catholic College, through the programs pillars of attendance, academic improvement and engagement. With Columba Catholic College being a boarding school, most of the Indigenous boarders are a long way from home. Because of this, Patricia has become the default 'grandmother' to a lot of the students while they are at school. It is this part of the job that she loves most; getting to know the students, their stories, their cultures and their dreams.

Patricia was a recipient of a 2019 Spirit of Catholic Education Award, which was presented to her at a special ceremony at the Townsville Catholic Education Office during Catholic Education week. She was nominated for creating positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff and for improved understanding of Indigenous cultural heritage at Columba Catholic College.

Patricia's children are the fourth generation to attend Columba Catholic College, so she has strong ties and a strong pride in the college. Patricia is looking forward to continuing working with Indigenous students in the years to come, for they are our future.

LYN NUGGIN

Indigenous Education Worker
St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park



Lyn was born and raised in Ayr. Her mother's people extend behind the border of Bindal to Juru and Birrah and her father's country is Buderim the Kadu, Kadu people.

Lyn works as the Indigenous Education Worker at St Margaret Mary's College, a position she's been in for five years. Lyn truly enjoys, and has a passion for the next generation to be educated and to take their place in this world.

Lyn has achieved many things throughout her life but the most important achievement for Lyn would be serving God. She believes that there is nothing that is too difficult for her because of her deep Christian beliefs.

Lyn was nominated for a Spirit of Catholic Education Award this year which was presented to her during Catholic Education week. Lyn received this wonderful recognition due to creating positive change for Indigenous students. She has developed her role to encompass many initiatives and programs which deliver positive outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Under her watchful eye, the number of Indigenous students has doubled at the college and the school community is all the more enriched by their presence and the contributions made by Lyn.

RITA MELARA

Emerging Leaders Incentive Scheme Administrator
St Teresa's College, Abergowrie



At the start of this school year, Rita commenced a new role as Administrator of the Emerging Leaders Incentive Scheme at St Teresa's College, Abergowrie west of Ingham.

Working at the college feels like 'coming home' for Rita because she lived at the college (behind the kitchen) in her mid teens while her mother managed the kitchen and laundry. Prior to her current role, Rita was the school secretary at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School in Ingham for 10 years.

Rita's favourite thing about her new job is by far the students. She loves interacting with them every day and encouraging them to always strive to be their best. Taking on the role as Mother Hen, Rita is always looking out for them and wanting to take care of everyone.

The Emerging Leaders Centre at the college is always a hive of activity at morning tea and lunch times, and the students are always welcome to come in for a yarn. The other great thing Rita loves about her role is working with a Warrgamay traditional owner of the land, Elaine Morganson, who worked with her mum all those years ago, and holds a wealth of knowledge about the students, the college and the Aboriginal culture, having worked at the college for more than 35 years.

2019: THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2019 the International Year of Indigenous Languages to raise awareness of the crucial role languages play in people's daily lives.

In Australia, of the estimated original 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, only around 120 are still spoken. Of these, approximately 90% are considered endangered.

The International Year of Indigenous Languages is an opportunity to continue to raise awareness and take further action to improve preservation and promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

It is important to know that many languages were not passed on to children and younger generations due to the devastating impact of colonisation. What remains is the legacy of our shared Australian history.

FACTS: INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN LANGUAGES TODAY



More than 250 Indigenous Australian languages including 800 dialectal varieties were spoken on the continent at the time of European settlement in 1788.



2016 census data shows only 150 Indigenous languages are spoken at home.

+ 100

Approximately another 100 are spoken to various degrees by older generations, with many of these languages at risk as Elders pass away.



There are different languages and dialects of the Torres Strait. Merim Mer and Kalaw Lugaw Ya are the two main languages with various dialects. A Creole is also used across the region called Yuplatok.



Only 13 traditional Indigenous languages are still acquired by children.



Many First Nations languages are completely oral only. This means all knowledge is spoken and not written. This shows how important memory strategies are for remembering words, meanings and context of language use.



Many Indigenous people had to speak a number of languages to help with trade and inter-relationships.

FACTS

The Townsville Catholic Education Office in Kirwan is on Wulgurukaba country and the name of this country is Gurambilburra.

Wulgurukaba means 'Canoe People'.

The greeting for Wulgurukaba is "Ahgon Nubil Nabil".

The greeting for Bindal is "Wadda Mooli".

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE TEACHING OF LANGUAGES

You can support the teaching of languages in your community by encouraging others to recognise and engage Indigenous local languages, and by learning Indigenous languages with Indigenous people of your community.

Townsville Catholic Education is working on an Indigenous Language Framework to provide a structure to support schools interested in embedding Indigenous languages in their school curriculum.

With so many Indigenous languages in our diocese and school communities, it is important to do our best to ensure we do this respectfully and with community support. Please share your thoughts by contacting the Townsville Catholic Education Office Indigenous Education Unit to talk to your school's Indigenous Education Adviser.

FINDING HARMONY IN INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITY AND CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY



Aboriginal Spirituality gives meaning to all aspects of life including relationships with one another and the environment. All objects are living and share the same soul and spirit as Aboriginals, and so there is a kinship with the environment.

The Indigenous People of Australia have a depth of spirituality that can enrich non-Indigenous spirits in so many ways. One of these spiritual gifts is Dadirri, which according to Dr Miriam Rose means inner, deep listening and quiet, still awareness. It is the greatest gift Indigenous people can give to their fellow Australians.

Dreaming stories are the oral textbooks of Aboriginal peoples accumulated knowledge, spirituality, and wisdom, from when time began.

Aboriginal and Christian spirituality can peacefully co-exist in the same person's belief system, and the church is open to this perspective.

Christians have begun looking to Aboriginal people for insight into their centuries-old spiritual connection to both land and country.



WINTON OUTBACK SPIRITUALITY - WALK ON COUNTRY RETREAT

Earlier this year, a Walk on Country retreat for staff from our Catholic schools was held so that they could take time out of their daily life. A retreat is a planned time of spiritual refreshment, with the opportunity to rest, unwind and pray.

It offers the chance to reflect in an unhurried way on your life, your relationships, and your experience of God; to explore the European Christian story and spirituality of the channel country. It was also an opportunity to experience the vastness and openness of the channel country around Winton and have an opportunity to walk on country with local Elder Aunty Pearl to places that are sacred and also places of historical and cultural significance to Indigenous people.

Staff engaged in star watching where they listened and learned about Indigenous science, weather and astronomy. It was a time to be still and practice deep listening or dadirri in Indigenous language. It was also a time to pray and experience the awe and wonder of God's creation, through Hebrew Christian stories, our Indigenous stories and through science and astronomy.

At the end of each day, staff were asked three powerful questions to reflect on;

WHERE DID YOU SEE GOD TODAY?

WHAT CHALLENGED YOU TODAY?

WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR TODAY?

The spiritual nourishment and faith growth was significant for many staff as they took time-out from their everyday lives to connect with the land.

**"REMEMBER WE ARE ALL
BUT TRAVELLERS HERE".**

Mary MacKillop

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

VOICE. TREATY. TRUTH.

NAIDOC week is an occasion for all Australians to come together to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially the communities that make up our school families.

Our schools organised a range of activities to celebrate NAIDOC week 2019 using the theme: Voice, Treaty, Truth. Some of the activities included Kup Murri lunch, traditional dancers, reading Indigenous stories, weaving and Indigenous entertainment.



ST TERESA'S COLLEGE, ABERGOWRIE

St Teresa's College held its 7th Annual NAIDOC celebrations on Friday 2nd August. The purpose of the day was to celebrate cultures and traditions of Indigenous Australians and especially the communities that make up the college family. In true Gowrie Spirit, the college again presented a memorable day full of activities, entertainment and traditional food for over 25 schools and 1,500 people.

The day's entertainment included comedian, Leon Filewood as emcee and XFactor winner, Isaiah Firebrace whose soulful voice entertained both young and old.

Throughout the day Indigenous Australian Chef Mark Olive, also known as 'The Black Olive' showcased his charismatic style and creative approach to food. The lucky few who were able to taste test his creations were very impressed.

Activities throughout the day included mini classes with the Indigenous Hip Hop Group who alongside Abergowrie students showcased their amazing acrobatic talents and skills. Other activities included traditional hunting and Indigenous games, painting and weaving, as well as market stalls.

Another highlight from the day was the menu on offer. Guests were invited to try traditional food which included dugong & turtle as well as Kup Murri, Semur and Sop Sop which were cooked using traditional methods.

St Teresa's would like to sincerely thank all of the sponsors and everyone who helped make the 2019 NAIDOC Celebrations a huge success and look forward to bigger and better NAIDOC celebrations in 2020.



AROUND THE TOWNSVILLE DIOCESE

LET'S WORK TOGETHER.



HOW DID NAIDOC WEEK START?

Organised by the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, NAIDOC has its roots in activism that took place in the 1920's and 30's.

On Australia Day 1938, protesters marched through Sydney in what was called the Day of Mourning. Its success led to the day being marked each year on the Sunday before Australia Day, in what became known as National Aborigines Day. That was eventually shifted to July so the day of protest could also be one of celebrating Aboriginal culture.

In 1975, the annual commemoration became a week-long event marked from the first to the second Sunday in July.

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

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One Spirit.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2019 - MANY VOICES. ONE SPIRIT

During Catholic Education week we recognise those who strive to make a difference in our schools and the wider community.

The week commenced with a Catholic Education week Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Townsville, attended by school students from around the diocese. A ceremony was held which recognised the local nominees for the Spirit of Catholic Education Awards.

The awards recognise outstanding contributions by individuals within the Catholic education community and are presented annually as part of Catholic Education week (CEW) celebrations. The worthy nominees for 2019 were:

Betsy Atkinson | St Catherine's Catholic College, The Whitsundays

Trevor Barton | St Joseph's Catholic School, Mundingburra

Dennis Burland | Good Shepherd Catholic College, Mount Isa

Diana Buzzo | St Clare's Catholic School, Burdell

James Coghlan | Good Shepherd Catholic College, Mount Isa

Arlene Curley | St Joseph's Catholic School, The Strand

Prianjali (Pria) D'Souza | Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan

Gayle Davenport | Townsville Catholic Education Office

Joan Devietti | Gilroy Santa Maria College, Ingham

Diane Engert | St Joseph's Catholic School, Mundingburra

Mary Ferguson | St Francis School, Ayr

Lyn Gardner | St Joseph's Catholic School, Mount Isa

Bernadette Herron | St Benedict's Catholic School, Shaw

Aileen Jones | Burdekin Catholic High School, Ayr

Sue Keith | St Anthony's Catholic College, Deeragun

Kristine Kingston | Southern Cross Catholic College, Annandale

Christine Maltby | St Mary's Catholic School, Bowen

Kerryn Morley | Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Ingham

Lyn Nuggin | St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park

Patricia Phillips | Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers

Bronwyn Reguson | St Joseph's Catholic School, The Strand

Stacey Reiffel | Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers

Donna Steinhardt | St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park

Kerry Stevens | Marian Catholic School, Currajong

David Van Der Westhuizen | Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan

Catherine Whittaker | Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan

Maintenance Team (David McIntosh, Anthony Mye, Terrence Dick) | St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park

Deadly Indigenous Education Workers (Emma Shaxson, Melisia Ellis, Marita Murray) | Good Shepherd Catholic School, Rasmussen



Pictured are: the Deadly Indigenous Education Workers from Good Shepherd Catholic College, Rasmussen who were the recipients of the Aunty Joan Hendricks Reconciliation Award, Emma Shaxson, Marita Murray and Melisia Ellis, with Bronwyn Reguson, P&F President of St Joseph's Catholic School, The Strand Parents and Friends Association who won the state-wide Spirit of Catholic Education Award and Townsville Catholic Education Executive Director, Jacqui Francis. Emma, Marita, Melisia and Bronwyn, along with Jacqui attended the official Catholic Education Week launch in Rockhampton where they were presented with their awards.

WISDOM + COURAGE

DRIVING CHANGE

Townsville will host the state's largest Indigenous Catholic Education Conference in October, bringing together renowned speakers to discuss key themes of education, spirituality, health and communities.

Indigenous Education Adviser and Conference coordinator, Janelle Knack, from Townsville Catholic Education, said the conference will be a unique opportunity to explore current strategies that strengthen culture, community and identity through education.

“THE CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CATHOLIC EDUCATION TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE,” JANELLE SAID.

Renowned activist, writer and artist, Dr Miram-Rose Ungunmerr (AM) will open the conference and will join a number of noted speakers and workshop presenters over the two day event.

Wisdom and Courage: Driving Change will be held from 14th to 16th October at The Ville Resort-Casino, Sir Leslie Thies Drive, Townsville, and is proudly supported by QCEC and hosted by Townsville Catholic Education.

Registration is open now, visit www.tsv.catholic.edu.au.



**DR MIRIAM ROSE
UNGUNMERR (AM)**

Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr (AM) is an Aboriginal Elder from Nauiyu, where she served for many years as the principal of the local Catholic primary school. She is a renowned artist, activist, writer and public speaker.



DAVID HARTLEY

David Hartley is a Barunggam man with ancestral ties to Chinchilla in South-West Queensland. An award-winning author, David currently holds the position of Assistant Director-General, State Schools - Indigenous Education at Education Queensland.



SHARON DAVIS

Sharon Davis is a Bardi Gija woman from Western Australia. Sharon graduated from the University of Notre Dame, with a Bachelor of Education specialising in Aboriginal Studies in 2013. Sharon is a Team Leader of the Aboriginal Education Team at Catholic Education Western Australia.



PROF MARTIN NAKATA

Professor Martin Nakata is Pro-Vice Chancellor (Indigenous Education & Strategy) at James Cook University. He has worked in the area of Indigenous education for several decades, and is a leading Indigenous academic in Australia. He has undertaken extensive work as a researcher and has been published widely on Indigenous educational matters in Australia and internationally.

SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE

Twice a year, the **Networking of Indigenous Education Workers (NIEW) Day** is held which provides invaluable professional development, networking, and creates a professional learning community for staff from across our 29 schools who are working in Indigenous Education.

It is an opportunity for our TCE Indigenous Education team to update and inform key staff about current Townsville Catholic Education initiatives and programs, and for school staff to provide feedback and ideas to assist with the delivery and outcomes that will benefit our students.

The day consists of several guest speakers presenting on their area of expertise to assist our Indigenous Education Workers in their current roles. This year we have had a range of experts discussing Indigenous spiritualities, community Elders, cultural knowledge and advice, along with Reconciliation Action Plans.



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“As an Indigenous Education Worker, NIEW days are extremely important to me. The opportunity to network with fellow workers from across the diocese allows us to create partnerships and connections between our schools. As staff it is important that we are sharing our skills and resources to help each other reach our goals on our journeys. Hosting the most recent NIEW day, which was held in August, in our school setting was an invaluable experience. Being in a real school and showcasing our students was a great honour. Exchanging information on challenges, goals and experiences are key benefits to attending a NIEW day and I thank Townsville Catholic Education’s team of Deadly Indigenous Education Advisers for continuing to deliver these opportunities.”



- Emma Shaxson, Indigenous Education Worker, Good Shepherd Catholic School, Rasmussen.

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The most popular aspect of the day is when schools showcase initiatives and projects they have developed and currently deliver in their school environment. This networking allows the collective group to gain an understanding of other school strategies within Indigenous Education, and to discuss their own strengths and future focus.



CONGRATULATIONS AUNTY DOLLY HANKIN

NATSICC is the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council and is the peak Indigenous Advisory Body to the Catholic Church in Australia.

There are over 130,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia and it is the youngest and fastest growing demographic. For the first time the NATSICC Council decided to award seven Elders with the inaugural Deacon Boniface Award. Aunty Dolly Hankin, from the Mount Isa Good Shepherd Parish was selected as one of the winners.

Edith ‘Dolly’ Hankin is a Mabuiag Island woman who has lived and worked in Mount Isa on Kalkadoon Country for over 20 years. Her humility, strong faith and spirituality is a source of wisdom and hope to many in the Mount Isa community. Aunty Dolly works tirelessly for the Good Shepherd Parish overseeing and directly involved in many outreach programs designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the community. Aunty Dolly is an outstanding nominee and recipient for this nationally recognised award. Her service to her parish, her community and her people is an exemplar to all those who witness it.



TOWNSVILLE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FESTIVAL OF SPORT 2019

In August, more than 450 Year 6 students from schools across the diocese gathered for the Townsville Catholic Education Festival of Sport, which provides a fun sporting opportunity and allows students to mix with other Catholic schools before they go to secondary school.

Teams play a round robin competition in futsal, netball, oztag and newcombe ball, with a grand final at the end of the day. There is a winning boys' and girls' team shield for each sport, with a shield for the mixed competitions. Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan and Southern Cross Catholic College, Annandale secondary students volunteered as umpires/referees for the day.

Newcombe ball was hosted by Southern Cross Catholic College and saw some extremely close games. In a tight tussle between Southern Cross Catholic College and St Clare's Catholic School, Burdell, the grand final went down to the wire with St Clare's being the victors. Futsal was held at

Townsville Basketball stadium. Ryan Catholic College came away with the win for the girls and St Clare's Catholic School won the boys' competition. Townsville Oztag did a mighty job in supporting the festival this year and in the overall standings, Marian Catholic School, Currajong triumphed over St Clare's Catholic School in the girls competition, whilst Ryan Catholic College defeated St Joseph's Catholic School, The Strand in a nail-biter. A great day was spent at Townsville City Netball courts with fierce competition from all participating schools. Southern Cross Catholic College have taken over as the powerhouse of netball, with both teams undefeated.

Sportsmanship medals are given out to one person per team, which recognises students who play fair, respect their opponents, stay positive and respect the rulings of the sport.

The Festival of Sport is organised by a committee of teachers from schools across the diocese who work hard to make the event a success.



WHAT IS FUTSAL & NEWCOMBE BALL?

FUTSAL is played between two teams of five players each, one of whom is the goalkeeper, played on a hard court, mainly indoors. It has similar rules to soccer.

NEWCOMBE BALL is a ball game played as a variation of volleyball, but with much simplified game play. The objective of the sport is to throw the ball as hard as possible on to the opponent's court such that the opponents are unable to catch the ball.



KEY DATES TERM 4, 2019

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4	TUE 8 OCTOBER	MELBOURNE CUP	TUE 5 NOVEMBER
PUPIL FREE DAY	MON 21 OCTOBER	REMEMBRANCE DAY	MON 11 NOVEMBER
NATIONAL WATER WEEK	21-27 OCTOBER	NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK	11-17 NOVEMBER
WORLD TEACHERS' DAY	FRI 25 OCTOBER	FINAL DAY FOR YEAR 12	FRI 15 NOVEMBER
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER GRADUATION RECOGNITION LITURGY	TUE 29 OCTOBER	FINAL DAY FOR YEAR 7-11	FRI 29 NOVEMBER
ALL SAINTS' DAY	FRI 1 NOVEMBER	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	SUN 1 DECEMBER
ALL SOULS' DAY	SAT 2 NOVEMBER	LAST DAY OF TERM 4	FRI 6 DECEMBER
		FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	SUN 8 DECEMBER

LOVE OUR SOUTHERN SCHOOLS

ST COLMAN'S SCHOOL

- Home Hill -

St Colman's School had the pleasure of welcoming Aboriginal Artist, Arthur Conlon to their school. The students followed step by step instructions to produce a magnificent drawing using oil pastels, while Arthur gave an insight into his background and career. When finished, each of the students created a fabulous piece of artwork and many discovered hidden artistic talents! Arthur then amazed everyone by demonstrating how he creates larger pieces of work with paint.



ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Collinsville -

Each Friday from 8:30am-10:30am at St John Bosco Catholic School, children from 0-5 years old visit the school and take part in a special playgroup known as Bosco Buddies. Bosco Buddies offers children the opportunity to get together and participate in learning activities as well as free play with other children of a similar age group. It is a chance for families within the community to come together in a fun way and it also allows them to get to know more about the school, which helps the children to transition into the school setting when they are older.

Some of the activities include water play, collage, playdough, adventure playground, puzzles, blocks as well as joint play with the Prep students. It is run by a School Officer and it is a great opportunity for St John Bosco's to connect with the wider community.



LOVE OUR SOUTHERN SCHOOLS

ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

- The Whitsundays -

St Catherine's Catholic College students travelled to Borneo in September as part of a community service tour with adventure travel company, Antipodeans where they experienced the local culture for 10 days.

Students participated in a grass-roots community service project and enjoyed some incredible sightseeing including visiting the Semengah Orangutan Sanctuary and Bako National Park.

Antipodeans community service experiences prepare students for life as they are developed specifically around the ethos of mindfulness, resilience and leadership. The overseas trip challenged students to uncover their unique identity and explore the world beyond their own borders.

St Catherine's secondary teacher, Grace Watson said, "Before we even departed, I received such positive feedback from parents in regards to the changes in the child - increased independence, ownership over their actions and finances as parents were encouraged not to pay for this trip - it is entirely student funded through getting jobs and fundraising, and improved responsibility and attitude. This experience also opened their eyes to the importance of social justice, compassion and community."



BURDEKIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

- Ayr -

Burdekin Catholic High School (BCHS) presented Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical at the Burdekin Theatre over the weekend of 2-4 August. BCHS was the first school in North Queensland to stage the Tony, Olivier and Helpman Award winning musical. With music written by Tim Minchin, Matilda The Musical was always going to be an entertaining show to stage. As always, Burdekin Catholic High was innovative in its set and lighting design and the audience entranced by the professional standard of the production. The production was colourful, entertaining and a showcase for forty-five talented students.



ST FRANCIS SCHOOL

- Ayr -

St Francis School was invaded by superheroes of all shapes and sizes as part of their Under 8s Morning, which was held on Thursday 22 August. The superheroes idea came from the Book Week theme which was, "Reading is my Secret Power". Child Care Centres, Kindergartens and Day Care Centres all came to be part of the annual activities that were organised by the school and community services.



Jumping castles, fire engines, ambulances and police provided opportunities for everyone to have a look and be reminded of the important service they provide to the community. There was a prawn farm which was completely interactive, reading corners, as well as a chance to see what was happening in classes during the morning.

The morning was fun filled and finished off with a super hero lunch provided by the tuckshop.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Bowen -

On Friday 2nd August, as a very special way to conclude Catholic Education week, St Mary's Catholic School hosted NAIDOC Day. Uncle Jim Gaston welcomed everyone to country and also performed the smoking ceremony. The students thoroughly enjoyed watching the Indigenous Dancing Troupe who performed traditional dances and the school thanks them all for attending their NAIDOC Day celebrations.

Mr Barry Smith helped the Year 2 & 3 students position new plants in the school's Indigenous garden. The Prep and Year 1 students learnt all about "language" with the session being led by Aunty Ri from Girudala. Weaving was the focus



for the Year 4 to 6 students and everyone was amazed at the beautiful creations the children made. The students also ate the most delicious damper covered in yummy jams, whilst the parents and staff enjoyed some traditional Indigenous food. Thanks to

Josephine Saylor (William's mum) for all of the love she invested into cooking such delicious tucker for everyone to enjoy.

St Mary's Catholic School Principal, Ms Colette Williams sincerely thanks all families who were able to attend this very special event and to Girudala for making the day such a massive success.

LOVE OUR NORTHERN SCHOOLS

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Halifax -

The St Peter's senior mixed netball team, the 'St Peter's Shooting Stars', and their coach, Miss Campbell, had cause to celebrate this term as they won all three of their games at the interschool netball carnival in August.

St Peter's had not entered a team in this competition for many years and when Miss Campbell expressed an interest in training a team to compete in the competition, there were no shortage of volunteers to play. Training commenced on a cement half court with a basketball hoop and chalked on netball lines. Students needed no encouragement to attend training, which mostly took place before school and during lunch breaks.

When competition day arrived, staff, students and families were excited, enthusiastic and eager. Students were told to enjoy themselves and try their best. There was no prouder supporters than the St Peter's crew when the 'Shooting Stars' won every game they competed in.



GILROY SANTA MARIA COLLEGE

- Ingham -

In week 3 of Term 3, nine students from the WWI Link Project, along with staff travelled to Canberra for an Educational Tour of our nation's capital. The tour was the culmination of two years' work on the Ingham WWI Honour Roll, with highlights including a visit to the Australian War Memorial, where the students found many of the names of the soldiers they researched, a walk of Anzac Parade, visits to Parliament House, Old Parliament House, The High Court, The Australian Mint, the National Capital Exhibition, Questacon, and of course a day in the snow at Perisher.

The students spent much of this year in fundraising efforts for the trip, as well as being assisted by a kind donation from the Herbert River RSL.



ST TERESA'S COLLEGE

- Abergowrie -

The Emerging Leaders Incentive Scheme has facilitated the setting up of a mobile herb garden for Hospitality students and Independent Living Skills afternoon activities with Mrs Napier. Students helped plant all sorts of delicious herbs like rosemary, parsley, sage, oregano, coriander, chives, thyme and basil. Now to wait for them to grow and put them to good use in the kitchen!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Ingham -

Every year, many students and classes eagerly participate in many areas across the annual, 'Ingham Arts Festival Competition'. Students showcased their talents in various sections of the art and craft competitions. They created amazing drawings, paintings, clay pieces and photographs, all of which were on display for community viewing.

The school was well represented in Speech Choirs, where a number of classes recited their poems with such enjoyment, passion and talent. They were all prepared fastidiously by their class teachers. The classes were well placed with many first and second places with the Year 2/3 PC class crowned the overall Champion Choir. The Junior and Senior Choirs also performed admirably. The Junior Choir sang as a true team and gained three second place trophies with their songs, Waltzing Matilda, My Little Boat, and Cat and Mouse Games.

The Senior Choir performed well with over eighty voices and in tight competition, they gained two third places and a highly commended. Finally the two Instrumental Ensemble groups performed exceptionally well and earned two first places for their wonderful efforts.

The school's participation in the 'Ingham Arts Festival' is a wonderful opportunity for students to use their talents and skills for public viewing.



LOVE OUR TOWNSVILLE SCHOOLS

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Shaw -

During Catholic Education week, the Prep children engaged in a morning of dressing up in the time of Jesus. There were soldiers, shepherds, angels, Mary, Jesus and even a donkey for Mary to ride on! This fun and rich learning experience served to highlight the differences in dress, housing, schooling and food enjoyed in historical times. A sense of community was fostered through sharing a meal and trying foods such as flat bread, olives, hummus, feta and fruits like figs and dates. Afterwards the students reflected on the similarities and differences between olden times and modern day, deciding they like dressing up, though prefer our modern era.



SOUTHERN CROSS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

- Annandale -

On Friday 2 August, the Ross River walkways were bustling with activity as the Southern Cross Catholic College community of 1,200 students, staff, 170 parents, friends and Spark the therapy dog came together to walk or run the dedicated routes along and around the river in the annual Riverway Walk. Runners from Year 5 to 12 competed in the 11 km King & Queen of the River competition with students in Prep and Year 1 walking 4kms, Years 2 to 4 walking 6kms and the remaining year levels walking 11kms.

The Riverway Walk is the college P&F Association's major annual fundraiser and it is also a special community engagement day with representatives from community partners: the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Fire and Emergency Service and the 2nd Cavalry Regiment joining the college for activities after the walk. With many in the college community affected by the February floods, everyone enjoyed a positive and fun day.



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Rasmussen -

As part of Catholic Education week celebrations, students at Good Shepherd Catholic School participated in acts of kindness. Each class chose a different act to participate in. These acts of kindness included providing snacks to the workers and users of Orange Sky Laundry, collecting goods for the North Queensland Domestic Violence Resource Centre, collecting items for the St Josephine's Blue Bag cause, writing letters to deployed defence personnel, handing out Have A Nice Day cards to visitors along the Strand during a Strand Ephemera excursion and writing thank you cards to the wonderful volunteers around the school. Year 1 students also made morning tea for the workmen who have been working on the front of school upgrade.



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- The Strand -

St Joseph's Catholic School, The Strand recently completed a whole school project building a 'Spirit Tree'. The idea for the project combined elements of art and technology in a creative and unique way. The Spirit Tree purposefully connected the NAIDOC week theme of 'Voice Treaty, Truth' and the Catholic Education week theme of 'Many Voices. One Spirit'. All year levels added a piece of art which formed different sections of the installation. The Spirit Tree allowed students, staff and the community the opportunity to engage in the journey of true reconciliation with the First Peoples of Australia. Video loops on each side took visitors on a moving journey through three significant speeches and left them with questions to consider. Coming together as a school community to bring the Spirit Tree to life was a wonderful example of many voices in unison with one spirit.



ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Burdell -

On 11 August, St Clare's Catholic School celebrated their Patron Saint - St Clare. The day began with Fr Vitalis celebrating Mass with the whole school. After Mass the school was divided in mixed year level groups and rotated through activities based on gold, as this is one of the many things that St Clare is the patron of. They looked at the Golden Rule from the Gospels and created a rosary with their gift of a gold cross. The day finished on a high with the teachers defeating the Year 6 students at touch football.



MARIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Currajong -

A peaceful silence drifted over the Prep classrooms recently as students enjoyed the prayerful practice of creating a sand mandala. At Marian Catholic School, students are offered a range of spiritual experiences that include experiential prayer. Children are innately spiritual beings and young children can engage so easily in prayer with their hands as well as their hearts. Parents didn't miss out on the joy as many came along to the morning event and assisted their child in making a mandala. Many described it as very relaxing and calming. Maybe it will become a way for them to all pray together at home.



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Palm Island -

This term St Michael's Catholic School celebrated Science week with a visit from CoralWatch. They were impressed with the students' knowledge of recycling and looking after the reef. The students learnt about identifying different types of coral and whether the reef is healthy.



LOVE OUR TOWNSVILLE SCHOOLS

ST MARGARET MARY'S COLLEGE

- Hyde Park -

Year 10 students from St Margaret Mary's College attended the Townsville Careers Expo in early August.

Bailey Wilson's experience at the Careers Expo was great! She is hoping to study a Bachelor of Naval Architecture or Engineering at the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania. They attended the Townsville Careers Expo and Bailey was able to get a great opportunity to speak with the Course Coordinator from the Maritime College, Mr Tom Mitchell-Ferguson. He provided her with a variety of information regarding two particular courses that she could possibly attend and added some information regarding particular scholarships. One scholarship in particular was the Women in Engineering Scholarship. Mr Mitchell-Ferguson asked Bailey if she was interested in applying for the scholarship and she accepted the offer.



Overall, Bailey found the experience very helpful. It has made her very excited about her future and moving on to be a woman in Naval Engineering and Architecture.

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

- Deeragun -

The attendance at Grandparents Day was overwhelming this year. It was estimated that St Anthony's Catholic College had over 320 grandparents in attendance (judging from the gifts of golden wrapped chocolate Mrs Allen wrapped). Truly a fantastic event; the Mass was a beautiful way to celebrate these cherished family members and the mini-fair afterwards highlighted the community spirit evident at St Anthony's. There were so many smiles on the faces of different generations.



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Mundingburra -

This term, St Joseph's celebrated the feast day of St Mary MacKillop. The activities started with a whole school meditation, and was followed by the students having a wonderful time participating in a variety of fun activities which focussed on the qualities of St Mary MacKillop. It was lovely to see the older students with their buddies and being of service to one another. These activities were followed by a lovely mass in the afternoon led by Fr John and some of the students.

At the end of Mass, students were presented with our St Mary of the Cross MacKillop awards. This award is presented to one student from each class for living the ways of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, by respecting the human dignity of all, being deeply compassionate, reaching out to others and fostering resilience. Congratulations to the recipients.



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Cranbrook -

On Saturday 3 August, past and present students, their family members and staff gathered for the much awaited opening of the time capsule. The time capsule was a millennium project and the plate indicated that the capsule be opened this year, on the fiftieth anniversary of the school.

The excitement grew as past student, Rachel Briton and Year 6 teacher Kath Fox removed the plate to open the lid of the capsule. Everyone crept closer to view the mystery contents! With a little assistance from Geoffrey Chaillon and Wayne Thompson, students of the class of 1969, the contents were revealed. Amidst uniforms and photos was a letter from Sr Stephen which was enjoyed by the Sisters of Mercy who attended the afternoon. The contents for the next time capsule has provided plenty of discussion amongst students, parents and staff. The afternoon was a great time for past and present members of the Holy Spirit Catholic School community to reminisce and reconnect.



RYAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

- Kirwan -

Ryan Catholic College's ACTIV8 program has won a national award! Teachers Andrew Grubba and Brendan Wendt were recognised at the National Sports Convention in Melbourne for their effort in creating a fully inclusive physical education program which promotes and encourages more people to participate in sport.

Andrew and Brendan came up with the 'ACTIV8 Ryan' program, which includes the AFL Academy, Ryan Runners and ACTIV8 before school and lunchtime sessions, to ensure as many students as possible can get involved in physical activity at the College. 'ACTIV8 Ryan' was a joint winner in the Program, Activities and Events category at the '2019 Australian Sport, Recreation and Play Innovation Awards', which were presented at the National Sports Convention. Andrew and Brendan have been invited to present at the Brisbane Catholic Education Physical Education Conference in September.

Andrew also recently won both the 'AFL Teacher of the Year' and the Secondary Schools AFL Ambassador of the Year' for Queensland.



LOVE OUR WESTERN SCHOOLS

ST KIERAN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Mount Isa -

In August, the annual Mount Isa Rodeo kicked off its week of festivities with the Street Parade through the centre of town. This is such an important event as it draws together all of the local schools and community groups for an evening of fun. St Kieran's was once again successful, taking out the overall theme section of the competition. Due to the many community connections St Kieran's has, one of the giant T-Rex's paid the school a visit the very next day. The puppeteer happened to be a former St Kieran's student!



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Hughenden -

The NSW Variety Bash travelled 4,355km from Bondi Beach in Sydney, to Batt Reef, Port Douglas. St Francis Catholic School, Hughenden was fortunate to be a pit stop on Friday 2 August. It was a truly special occasion for the school community. Staff, parents and friends served breakfast to the 300 Variety Bash participants. Students sang renditions of 'Rockin Robin' and 'Shotgun' to a standing ovation. Students enjoyed seeing the colourful costumes and themed cars, and magic show. The NSW Variety Bash donated \$6,400 towards the Year 6 Legacy Gift - outdoor musical instruments for the playground. Thank you to the NSW Variety Bash for visiting, such an amazing and generous group of people!



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Mount Isa -

On Monday 29 July, St Joseph's Catholic School gathered together as a Western community to celebrate Catholic Education week. The school was blessed to have Michael Mangan visit and run music workshops with all the Prep to Year 7 students from the western schools - St Joseph's Catholic School, Mount Isa, St Joseph's Catholic School, Cloncurry, St Kieran's Catholic School, Mount Isa and Good Shepherd Catholic College. Students from the four schools sang together in the morning, spent their lunch time and played together and then concluded the day with Mass, celebrated by Fr Mick Lowcock. Liturgical music was led by Michael Mangan and the St Joseph's Mount Isa Liturgy Choir. It was a great way to launch Catholic Education week, acknowledge Catholic Education week award nominees and gather together as a wider western Catholic community.



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC COLLEGE

- Mount Isa -

To celebrate Catholic Education week, Good Shepherd Catholic College was involved in a number of wonderful celebrations including, the Catholic Education week Hospitality Dinner, a Michael Mangan concert and combined schools' mass attended by the Year 7 students, the Principal's Awards Assembly and a number of homeroom activities where students participated in and reflected on what is special about Catholic Education.



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Winton -

St Patrick's celebrated a wonderful morning for Grandparents Day on Tuesday 30th July during Catholic Education week. Principal Frances Graham said It was lovely to meet the grandparents and other visitors from the local community including the 60s and Better Group who all came along to share their time and stories with the students.

Year 5 and 6 students, Caitlyn, Pattison, Comfort, Ada and Gypsy, performed some Mulcadee songs, which were much appreciated by the guests. The Prep/1/2 students created a list of interesting questions to ask their grandparents to gain some of their wisdom and learn about their lives. All the students played board games and cards with the visitors which was a lot of fun.

Morning tea was served by the senior students and staff. The school would like to thank parents who contributed both sweet and savoury food to the morning tea. Well done to Karen Stockham and Dale Clarke as the eldest and youngest participants on the day for cutting the celebration cake.



COLUMBA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

- Charters Towers -

Each Tuesday night in August, three teams of Columba students debated against teams from other schools in the district. The college's senior team won their second and third debates and will debate against Blackheath & Thornburgh College in the finals to determine first place. Columba's intermediate team were narrowly defeated each time and will vie for third place in the finals. The junior team, all first-time debaters this year, won all three debates, making them a formidable force in Charters Towers.



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

- Cloncurry -

Science week at St Joseph's was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Mrs Schneekloth!

The Prep to Year 2 students dressed up as astronauts and worked within a group to construct and fly an aerodynamic paper plane. The Year 3 and 4 students learnt how the structure of an arch is very strong which was proven by walking on eggs. They also learnt the difference between solubility and insolubility and observed the 'M' on MnM's float due to its insolubility.

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki (TV presenter, radio reporter, Nobel Prize winner) entertained staff and students via a live classroom hookup and answered students' burning questions about science topics.

A session was open to all students and saw an influx of Year 4 students who came to debate the topic of life on Mars.



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