

### From our Principal

Mrs Janelle Heffernan

Dear Families,

I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3 and I trust that the holidays, (they seem so long ago!), were a happy and restful time to recharge the batteries. We were certainly blessed with beautiful weather and also some very frosty winter mornings!

I would like to offer belated thanks to our parents for your support of Parent/Teacher interviews at the end of last term. This is a great way to build your relationship with your child's teacher and also to have two way sharing of information about your child. This certainly helps the teachers to know their learners in a very special way. We really appreciate your support in this learning partnership. When you value the school and your child's teachers, statistics prove that students do better at school and gain higher learning outcomes. Teachers value the support and insights of parents too and are always enriched by these conversations with you.

### Holiday Work

In the holidays we replaced some of our exterior wooden entry doors with aluminum and glass doors. These have brightened up our entry areas and allowed a lot more light to enter these spaces.



### SAVE THE DATES!

#### Grandparents' Day - Friday 23rd August

We would like to invite all our grandparents to our Grandparents Day on Friday 23rd August. The day will commence with a prayer service in the School Hall at 12:30pm followed by a BYO shared lunch in our school grounds. You may like to bring a chair or blanket for your picnic lunch.

### Book Fair

The annual Book Fair will open in our School Library on Friday, 23rd August and close on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Please note that the Book Fair this year will run over four days only. Parents and grandparents are welcome to buy books at any time over the four days. Please feel free to collect your child/grandchild from their classroom **prior to, or after the prayer service on Grandparents' Day and the Book Parade on Monday**, if you wish. The 2019 Book Week theme is "Reading is my Super Power".

### Book Parade

It's that time of year again when we need to start thinking about our costumes for the Book Parade. The students are invited to choose a book character and come along dressed as that character. There will be a parade on **Monday, 26th August** in the School Hall at the start of school (approx. 9:00am). Everyone is welcome to come along.

### Change of details

Please be mindful of informing the school of any diagnosis or change in medical condition for your child so that school health plans and records are current and accurate. This is especially important for those students with Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and other medical issues.

### Enrolments for 2020

We would like to remind families of prospective students, that it is now time for any new enrolments for next year to be lodged. If you have family or friends who are intending to enrol students at St Carthage's, please let them know that enrolment packages are available from the Office. All enrolment applications should be completed as soon as possible.

**DUE TO A FUNERAL AT THE CATHEDRAL FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST THERE WILL BE NO CATHEDRAL PICKUP.  
PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CATHEDRAL GROUNDS. THANK YOU.**

## NAIDOC Week

We are celebrating NAIDOC at school in Week 4. This celebration occurs nationally in the July school holidays. During NAIDOC Week celebrations, our country is called to remember with respect and understanding, the long history of our Aboriginal people. Mr Craig Condie, our Indigenous Education Worker, is busily organising activities to celebrate this event. Further details to follow. The 2019 theme **Voice. Treaty. Truth.** were three key elements to the reforms set out in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. These reforms represent the unified position of First Nations Australians.

The following blessing is offered for us, to think about the message the Aboriginals have for us in respecting and valuing this home we share.

God, you love the poor, and bring freedom and hope to the suffering and dispossessed.  
Walk with us as we continue in humility our journey of healing of our relationships with the  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.  
We ask this in the name of Christ, the Healer, and the Spirit, the Reconciler. Amen.  
May the Ancient Dreaming inform and inspire us.  
May the resilience and generosity of the First Peoples encourage us.  
May the clarity and respect of the Prophets motivate us.  
May the endurance and colour of the land sustain us.  
May the yearning of all peoples for unity reconcile us.

## The Sacrament of the Eucharist

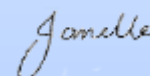
Preparation has begun for the reception of First Holy Communion with our students. The children receive this sacrament over two weekends in August- 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Eucharist is the third of the three Sacraments of Initiation. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the reception of Christ's Body and Blood. This sacrament is the source of great graces which sanctify us and help us to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ. Catholics believe the Eucharist, or Communion, is both a sacrifice and a meal. We believe in the real presence of Jesus, who died for our sins. As we receive Christ's Body and Blood, we are also nourished spiritually and brought closer to God.

The doctrine of the Holy Eucharist consists of the Eucharist sacrifice, the sacrificial meal and the sacrificial food, or to express it otherwise, it consists of the doctrine of the Mass, of Communion and of the Real Presence. There is no presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament which is not meant first and foremost as food for the faithful people and there is no sacramental union with Christ in Holy Communion which is not to be thought of as a sacrificial meal: 'For as often as you shall eat this bread, and drink the chalice, you shall show the death of the Lord, until he comes' (1 Cor. 11:26). The Eucharistic meal can only be prepared in the sacrifice of the Mass.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist brings to completion the Christian process of initiation. In this sacrament we remember what Jesus did for us in his life, death and resurrection. We remember particularly the Last Supper, the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples. At that meal Jesus gave us the Eucharist so that we could remember him in a special way. When we receive Communion, we believe that we receive the person of Jesus into our very beings. We become one with him and we become one with each other. As a community we become 'the body of Christ'.

The weekend Eucharist (Mass) is the highpoint of our worship as a parish.



## From our Assistant Principal - Mission

**Mr Danny Hatchman**

**Family School Partnerships Matter** - Of all the factors that influence a child's academic outcomes, wellbeing and life chances are the most important.

Our school believes that **children thrive** when parents and schools work in partnership and understand that they are both responsible for the education of young people. All parents/carers are invited to join to build positive relationships between home and school through attending either or both the **Parent Cafe** on Monday 5th August at 6pm to 7:30pm in the Hall (will include tea, coffee and nibbles) **and/or a Learning Walk** on Tuesday 6th August at 8:50am to approximately 10:45am.

As part of the 'Better Together' program our Principal and George Otero will lead both of these events in partnership with Janita Thomson from the Catholic Schools Office. Thank you to the many teachers who offered their classrooms for the Learning Walk! To register for either or both of these events follow this link: <https://bit.ly/2YssqK> (see flyer on the next page)

**Term 3 Retreat opportunities** - Research says that children need to be involved in important and fun events linking them to their faith by the ages of 7 or 8 if their faith is to be ongoing in any form. Our Diocese and school continues to develop a graduated program of such events. Please support your children in these.

**Eucharist Retreat** - Students preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time** will attend their **Eucharist Retreat** on Thursday August 1 from 9:15-11:00 - **families welcome as usual!** Information for this Retreat has been sent home - if you have any questions, please ask at the Office! Thank you to the Year 3 teachers who are busily preparing for this day of faith and fun!



## Parent Connections

Join us for two opportunities for parent connections



Learning Walk & Parent Café  
with George Otero,  
Family School Partnership expert  
from the U.S.



Did you know that the greatest predictor of a child's wellbeing, academic outcomes and life chances is how engaged parents are in their child's learning journey?

Join us for a Parent Café  
Monday 5th August at  
5.45pm for a 6pm start

- Meet other parents
- Discuss topics of interest to our school community
- Contribute your voice, ideas and experience to improve our school

Join us for a Learning Walk  
Tuesday 6th August at  
8.50am

- See your child's learning in action
- Understand current teaching practices
- Learn how you can support your child from a leading expert



Click [here](#) to register or text your name and the event/s you would like to attend to the school mobile 0434 001 833.

Parent Café 6pm-7.30pm Hall (tea/coffee/nibbles)  
Learning Walk 8.50am to 10.45am

**Sacrament of Holy Communion - Important:** A note will go home soon to families of children making their first **Holy Communion**, to confirm the Mass they wish to attend and indicate family numbers for reserved seating. **Note: You do not have to attend these Masses (especially if you are from another Parish or unable to attend due to sickness etc).** These are just the Masses when teachers will be available to assist if needed.

**Accendere Retreat** - Last week 16 students in Year 4 attended the Diocesan sponsored **Accendere Retreat** when students from surrounding schools came together for fun, music and games with a focus upon Scripture and its meaning in their lives. *Accendere means to switch on and to produce and spark the flame of faith and the Yr 4 students certainly had an enjoyable day capably led by the Youth Ministry Officers and teachers from their schools. The next step is to invite their parents to an evening where they can share their learning!*



**Reflections upon our Yr 6 Servant leadership Retreat (Term 2)** - Thank you to the children who provided a reflection upon their experience!

The Year 6 retreat day was a day to connect and serve different people. We had to serve lots of people to help us figure out the message of Jesus. *Makayla Yates*

On 19th June we had a Year 6 Service Retreat Day and I went to a nursing home. We were following Jesus by giving the old people company and giving our time to them. *April Webb*

On the Service Retreat Day my group and I went to the Carmelite Monastery to visit and help the nuns do some things (we helped them garden). I felt connected to God by not just helping the nuns but meeting them. After we finished that we went to their Chapel/Church and we wrote down things they could pray for. I wrote down "to help people who suffer". *Eva Hall*

When I went to the community gardens I learnt a very good lesson, to care for creation. It was great fun working for the community and helping Tessa (the lady running it all) and it was awesome seeing locals plant, pulling out weeds etc. Overall I and my teammates had a great day there. *Anthony Salaun*

I went to the Public Library and helped the little kids make lanterns for the lantern parade. We helped the mission of Jesus grow by showing a kind act of caring. *Lachie Noffke*

**Australia's first Saint - St Mary MacKillop's feast day** is on the 8th of August. The children will celebrate her life through prayer in the Hall. Thank you to Jack Sheridan and Years 2KI and KBE for leading us in prayer and song. *"Let us try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act." Mary MacKillop (1890).*



## From our Assistant Principal

## Miss Amanda Egan



Welcome back to Term Three to all our families. This term has started off busily with great learning, some excursions and many smiles. A big thank you to all those families who collected the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers for the school. We ended up with a points value of 36,360, which was amazing. We should see the equipment we purchased with these points start to arrive during Term Four. I will keep you updated with what we receive when it comes.

### Digital Citizenship - Can I safely share photos of my kids online?

This advice draws on an article written for the Office of the eSafety Commissioner by Associate Professor Amanda Third, University of Western Sydney.

#### 1. Involve your child.

- You do not legally have to ask your children for their consent, but involving them in decisions about what to post or share will give you the opportunity to demonstrate good practice.

#### 2. Think before you share.

- Avoid sharing photos and videos that contain personal details, such as full names, personal contact information, or uniforms that identify particular schools or locations.
- Avoid adding comments to photos that identify locations, for example street addresses, the name of your child's school, or even identifying features in front of your home.
- Ensure schedules of children's activities are not shared online.
- Only share with people you really know and trust. Rather than posting to all of your friends on social media, you can be selective and use the privacy settings on your social media platform. Also, be aware that if one of your friends likes your picture, it may also become visible to their friends.
- Always check with other parents before posting, sharing or tagging images that include their children.
- Remember that the information and photos you share contribute to your child's digital reputation.

#### 3. Be mindful of metadata and geo-location.

- Most digital photos contain information about the time, date and GPS coordinates of where the photo was taken. Some social media platforms automatically hide or remove this data, so double-check and find out how much information you are sharing. Check the location settings on your device to know which apps are using geo-location and turn them off or limit the function.

#### 4. Understand that photos and videos posted on social media sites may become the property of the site owners.

- Some social media sites give themselves the rights to copy and use your photos and videos. Their Terms and Conditions or a Statement of Rights and Responsibilities should outline how they manage sharing your photos, videos and information. Review these terms carefully before making any decisions on whether you consent to photos of your child being posted.

#### 5. Check before you take photos or videos of your child at school or club events, or in places where there are other people involved.

- At school or club events, the organisation should be able to provide details of their social media policy or photography/recording policy. You need to consider the privacy of all the people you are photographing or videoing.
- When an event takes place at a private place people can enforce rules about photography, so you should consider gaining consent before taking photos and videos.

#### 6. Consider ways to share photos and videos other than social media.

- Other ways that may give you more control when sharing photos and videos include sharing photos by email and multimedia messaging service (a standard way to send messages that include photos and videos over a cellular network).

**Involving your child in taking and sharing photos of them can be a great learning experience as well as demonstrating what respectful behaviour looks like.**

Source: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/privacy-child#parents-sharing-photos-of-their-children>



## From our Leader of Sport

Mr Brendan Tickle

### League Stars

During Weeks 1 and 2 all students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will participate in 2 Rugby League introductory sessions. These sessions introduce the students to League Stars, an afterschool program that will run from Weeks 3-9 on the St Carthage's Ovals.

League Stars is a non-contact skill-based participation program. It provides the perfect introduction to Rugby League for Primary School children. The program is designed to cater for Primary School students of all ages and ability levels. The action packed program ensures all participants are highly engaged and finish each session sweating and smiling. All students will receive a flyer on Friday.

Additional information can be accessed at <https://www.playrugbyleague.com/league-stars/>

The Active Kids vouchers can be used on this program. <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids>



### NSWCPS 10 a side Rugby Knockout

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August the St Carthage's Rugby 10's team will compete at the New South Wales Catholic Primary Schools 10 a-side Rugby Knockout at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill. Good luck to Harvey McPhee, Zane Taylor, Billy Beston, Kody McQuilty, Riley Flood, Lockie Noffke, Nate Doolan, Keenan Faber, Billy Drooger, Blake Paisley, Max Clarke, Jake Fowler, Sean Thorneycroft, Noah Gilliland, Wesley Wilford. We are sure you will continue to compete with determination, rigour and good sportsmanship.

### NSWPSSA- All Schools Cross Country - Championship

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, Darcy Heffernan competed at the NSWPSSA All Schools Cross Country Championship in Sydney. There were 75 competitors in the U12/13 girls from Catholic, independent and public schools across New South Wales. Darcy completed the 3km in a blistering 13minutes and 24 seconds, finishing 25<sup>th</sup> overall. This is an outstanding achievement, particularly in such a large division with girls who are 13 years old. Congratulations Darcy!



### Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival

There wasn't a cloud in the sky for the Richmond Zone Athletics Carnival. The only thing better than the weather was the effort, behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by the Students of St Carthage's. It was an extremely successful day for our students. St Carthage's was awarded the point score champions and 28 students from St Carthage's were selected in the Richmond Zone Athletics Team; Nikki Andonov, Lani Blunn, Michael Bullpitt, Ethan Byerlee, Lilly Comber, Lahni Coombes, Mali Cooper, Billy Drooger, Darcy Heffernan, Elissa Hills, Django Hudson-Sheaffe, Grace Kavanagh, Indy Lacson, Layla MacFarlane, Akony Maciek-Rong, Patrick Maginnity, Jimmi Matthews, Lenny McDonald, Charlotte McEwan-Brokensha, Candice McRae, Natasha Moretti, Leonora Robertson, Oliver Rose, Nicholas Toohey, Tayah Walcot, Mya Weekes and Kate Wolton. Thank you to the



family members who came to support our students, to the students for being fantastic representatives of our school and to Mrs Maginnity and Mrs Blunn for attending the carnival, completing official duties and supervising the students.



**11yrs Girls Runner up – Lilly Comber**

**11yrs Girls Age Champion – Natasha Moretti**

**Senior Boys Age Champion – Patrick Maginnity**

**Junior Boys Age Champion – Akony Maciek-Rong**

### Sporting Schools

St Carthage's has received funding through the governments sporting schools initiative. As a result of this funding, the following programs will commence in Week 3.

Kindergarten – 4 week Rugby League program

Year 1 – 5 week Basketball program

Year 2 – 5 week Cricket program

These programs will be delivered by local development officers.

### Stage 3 Colour House Competition

The Stage 3 Colour House Competition will commence this Friday. Students from Year 5 and 6 will be split according to their gender and colour house. They will participate in a weekly game of sport against an opposing colour house. The sports include AFL, Cricket, Football, Netball, Oztag and T-ball. The purpose of this competition is to promote participation, enjoyment and house spirit. The competition will run for 6 weeks.

## 2019 Important Dates



### Term 3

<b>Thurs 1st August</b>	Eucharist Retreat Year 3 Bookclub orders and money due
<b>Mon 5th August</b>	Parent Connections 'Parent Café' School Hall 5:45pm
<b>Tue 6th August</b>	Riverview Park Lismore 1500m Parent Connections 'Learning Walk' 8:50am Transfiguration of Our Lord Feast Day
<b>Thurs 8th August</b>	Mary Mackillop Prayer Service—9am Hall
<b>Tues 13th August</b>	Netball NSW School Cup—Casino
<b>Thur 15 August</b>	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity Day
<b>Fri 16 August</b>	<b>Whole School Assembly Year 6—2pm</b> (Please note change of Year)
<b>Sat/Sun 17th &amp; 18th August</b>	First Eucharist Year 3
<b>Fri 23rd August</b>	Grandparents' Day—BYO Shared lunch Opening of BOOK FAIR—Library
<b>Sat 24th August</b>	First Eucharist Year 3
<b>Sun 25th August</b>	First Eucharist & Parish Family Mass & Sausage Sizzle—5:30pm
<b>Mon 26th August</b>	Book Parade—Hall
<b>Wed 28th August</b>	BOOK FAIR Closes
<b>Fri 27th September</b>	St Vincent's de Paul Feast Day PUPIL FREE DAY



## Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following students and staff who have had and will celebrate their birthdays:

Elissa Hills, Alanna Bromhead, Callum Yates, Veiko Lovell, Ellie McKay, Sidney Donnelly, Sean Thorneycroft, Taj Vantaggiato, Ehlana Turner, Heath Kavanagh, Oliver Kelly, Eden Kelly, Callie Leu, Ciara McNall, Hayden Pigott, Jack McCarthy, Billy McCarthy, Leon Barca, Mia-Maree Bill, Mikayla Evely, Namarli Matthias, Mia O'Reilly, Chiara Doherty, Hannah Newbold, Sam Ryan, Miley Brown, Emily Copas, Archie Matthews, Brydie Beston, Hayden Ellem, Jyoti Smith, Joel Tulk, Nate Collins, Eden Flood, Clancy Healy, Rose Mills, Kaitlin O'Brien, Tyler Kyle, Maude Webster, Ruby Allen, Lachlan Allen, Layla Macfarlane, Lucia Nilon, John Gordon, Kathleen Driver, Dorelle Gall, Christine Biersteker, Margherita Wade & Amanda Egan.

### St Carthage's School CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3

#### Week 3

<b>Thursday 1 August</b>	K. McDonald H. Sanderstrom
<b>Friday 2 August</b>	M. Fowler B. Clester

#### Week 4

<b>Thursday 8 August</b>	K. Jackson T. Kershaw
<b>Friday 9 August</b>	H. Green R. Prevato



## 2019 NAIDOC "VOICE. TREATY. TRUTH"

On the last school day of Term 2 we took a group of students to the Lismore NAIDOC Celebrations at the Showgrounds.

Although there was rain leading up to the day, it held off enough for us to attend. It was a good opportunity to see our local Bundjalung Culture and to network with the community we all live in. It was particularly positive to see our students with other students (younger and older) from around Lismore.

Like at all our major events we started NAIDOC with a Welcome to Country by Elders and Uncle Gilbert Laurie performed a smoking ceremony.

One of the highlights was meeting NRL player Brian Kelly from the Gold Coast Titans and how to have a healthy lifestyle.

I think the non-indigenous students who came with us enjoyed the day as much as we did.

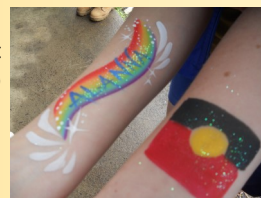
Many thanks as well too for Mr Hatchman for accompanying us again this year.

In Week 4 we will be celebrating NAIDOC here at school. We do this because the official NAIDOC takes place in the school holidays and organisations/schools etc celebrate at different times.

We have planned a NAIDOC Assembly at the start of the week. We will also have special visits by Elders Mick/Aunty Thelma, Cultural Officer Ashley Moran, Well Known Artist Digby Moran & one of our parents Richard Clarke. We will end our week with Solid Mob Health Team working with Year 5 and our indigenous students.

Happy NAIDOC to everyone and let's CELEBRATE together!!!!

Mr Condie—Indigenous Assistant





All schools must complete the NCCD. Legislation requires that every year, each school must collect the following information for each student receiving an adjustment due to disability:

- ☒ year of schooling    ☒ level of adjustment    ☒ broad type of disability

No information that will identify the student, such as their name, will be collected in the data. All information is handled as per the school's *Privacy Policy and Collection Notice*. Please refer to our school's policies on the school's website for further information.

To learn more, visit the NCCD Portal: [www.nccd.edu.au](http://www.nccd.edu.au)



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## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data of School Students with Disability (NCCD)

### What about NCCD Data & Privacy?

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- COLLECTED**
- ☒ year of schooling
  - ☒ level of adjustment
  - ☒ broad type of disability

- NOT COLLECTED**
- ☒ personal details
  - ☒ student's name
  - ☒ any other identifying information

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is an essential focus of the NCCD. All information is handled as per the school's *Privacy Policy and Collection Notice*. Please refer to our school's policies for further information.

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#### News from the Canteen

Now available-Beef and Cheese Tortilla \$4.50.

PIZZAs are no longer available from the Canteen. Also Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets are unavailable due to the drought.



#### Confirmation Photos 2019

Confirmation Photos are available from the School Office. Price \$15.00 per pack.

Photos will be **available until 2nd August** and are payable by cash only. Thank you.



#### Sympathy

Please keep Lachlan Pidcock and his family in your thoughts and prayers, following the recent loss of his grandfather.

We extend our deepest sympathy.



**BOOKCLUB  
is due  
TOMORROW  
THURSDAY  
1st August.**

If paying by cheque, please make payment to **Scholastic Australia**. No late orders can be accepted.

**TERM 3 2019 - DATES TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY**

## **BOOK FAIR in the School Library**

The BOOK FAIR will open on Friday 23rd August and close on Wednesday 28th August. This year the Book Fair will run over the four days. You are welcome to visit the BOOK FAIR during Grandparents' Day and the Book Parade or anytime over the four days.

**BOOK WEEK THEME FOR 2019—"Reading is my Super Power"**

### **FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST—GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

All grandparents are invited to our special day on Friday 23rd August. The day will commence with a prayer service in the School Hall at 12:30pm followed by a **BYO** shared lunch in our school grounds.

Please bring a chair or blanket for your picnic lunch.

### **BOOK PARADE**

Students are invited to choose a book character and come along dressed as that character. There will be a parade on **Monday 26th August in the School Hall at approx. 9am.** Everyone is welcome to come along.

**ST CARTHAGE'S SCHOOL LISMORE**