

From our Principal

Mrs Janelle Heffernan

Dear Parents,

I recently read this reflection on the Christmas story put into today's context and it got me thinking about the way that we are so quick to judge others. During this Christmas season I hope that we all take the time to look at others 'through the eyes of a child' so that we can see things more openly and empathetically.

The first Christmas that little Linda learned to read, she was allowed to distribute the family gifts on Christmas day. According to family custom, the one who distributed the gifts could open the first package. After all the gifts were distributed with loving care, Linda kept looking around the tree and among the branches. Finally her dad asked, 'What are you looking for?' To which Linda replied, 'I thought Christmas was Jesus' birthday and I was just wondering where his present is. I guess everyone forgot him.'

That is the challenge which faces us all this Christmas - to put the Christ back into our family Christmas. This is an ideal time for families to focus on the important things that affect their family life - the time they spend together, the quality of relationships within their immediate and extended family group, the willingness to put others first and to forgive one another. Please remember to include Jesus on your family gift list - make the religious significance of Christmas visible in your home and join with your Church family for this special feast.

And so to another Christmas! The little baby born in Bethlehem, serves to remind us of the truth that our God is a God who loves us, even to the point of becoming one of us. In becoming human, God has given each of us dignity and importance, and the opportunity to transcend the worries of this world and focus on our eternal destiny.

It is a privilege for me to belong to such a place as St Carthage's. I want to pay tribute to all staff, teachers and support staff who give of themselves in so many ways to ensure we provide the unique and dynamic opportunities for our students both within and outside the classroom.

Thank you to all families for their continued support and participation in school life throughout 2019. It has been a privilege to be involved in the education of your children this year. I pray that the peace of Jesus be with you and your families this Christmas and New Year. I encourage all families to celebrate with their Church family. Christmas without Christ just doesn't make sense.

As our students walk out of our gates this afternoon to finish the school year, I trust and pray that everyone enjoys the coming weeks with the routines being a little different and then families enjoy a rejuvenating break and a time of rest over the Christmas period. 2019 has been another wonderful year and our end of year celebrations have been a very fitting way to recognise all that has been achieved.

On behalf of the staff of St Carthage's, I pray all families will enjoy a holy and blessed Christmas together. I trust the holidays will give you time to relax and rejuvenate yourselves for the coming year. May God bless all families with peace and good health.

THANK YOU - As this is our last newsletter for the year there are so many people to thank:

- To Fr Bing, who has supported our students, staff and families in his role as School Chaplain, and Cathedral Administrator and who has provided faith leadership and guidance to our school community in so many different ways.
- To our Leadership Team, Additional Needs teachers, Wellbeing Officer and our various teams and committees, thank you for your continued support in all areas of school life.
- To the Teachers and Teachers Assistants, I would like to express my sincere thanks for everything you do to ensure that quality teaching and learning continues to occur.
- To Mrs Maginnity and Mr Tickle who have done an amazing job in their respective roles as Leader of Curriculum and Leader of Sport over the past year. Thank you for the contribution which you have made in ensuring that our students have the best opportunities to 'let their light shine'.
- To Warren, Lyniese, Amanda, Maree and Laraine, who work tirelessly to assist the students, teachers, parents and visitors to our school. So much of what they do goes unnoticed!
- To our Parent Forum, under the leadership of Ray Dunn, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the generous way in which you give of your time to assist our school in so many different ways.
- To our parent volunteers – canteen helpers, classroom helpers, School Banking mums, sports helpers and anyone else who assists in any way.
- To you, the parents and families of our students, who continue to support and assist us each and every day.
- And finally to our students, who make us proud to be their teachers by what they do and say, not only when they are 'on show' but each and every day they are at school. I believe that we are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderfully supportive school community.

Farewell to Families

We would like to wish all families who are leaving St Carthage's all the very best for the future, wherever life may take you. Thank you for the contribution which each family has made to our school. Our best wishes and prayers go with you.

Farewell and Welcome to Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to farewell some of our staff members who will not be returning in 2020. Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Wade and Mrs Bartlett who are retiring, Mrs Lynch who is moving to the Catholic Schools Office, Mrs Ross who is taking leave for 12 months to work at St Mary's Casino and Mrs Steele who has accepted a position at St Joseph's, Alstonville.

Mrs McCluskie and Mrs Brown have finished their contracts but will still be working with us on a casual basis.

We would like to thank each of them for the great contributions that they have made to St Carthage's school community. We trust that their new endeavours will be rewarding and successful and we wish them all the very best for the future.

We welcome Mrs Abbie Matthews who has been appointed to the position of Leader of Pedagogy. I know that you will join with me in welcoming Abbie to St Carthage's in 2020.

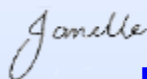
Christmas Concert and Nativity Story

What a wonderful evening we had for our Concert and Nativity Story on Monday evening. It was great to see so many of our families and friends come along to share this celebration. All Years performed beautifully with their Year items and certainly set the tone for the night. Our Year Six students acted out the Nativity and told the story so well in song, drama and dance. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, teachers and students for your continual support as the feeling on the night was truly one of community.

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Raffle : Reuben Donnelly, Marissa Ho and Ehlana Turner. Thank you to Furniture Wiz and Mary G's for their generous donations.

Fund Raising Levy

The School Fund Raising Levy this year allowed us to purchase 30 iPads and contributed to the purchase of a new Literacy Program. Thank you to all parents for your support of this Levy.



From our Assistant Principal - Mission

Mr Danny Hatchman

THANK YOU to families, students and our MINNIE-VINNIES TEAM who have filled our Christmas hampers to OVERFLOWING! 28 Hampers were collected by St Vincent de Paul workers last Friday - the MOST EVER!! These will be made available to local families to make their Christmas much brighter!

At St Carthage's we believe student mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing is supported by the religious nature of our school and Parish. Therefore A VERY BIG thank you to everyone who has contributed to the many opportunities provided to students to develop their religious and spiritual lives.

From our Assistant Principal

Miss Amanda Egan

I would just like to thank all the staff at St Carthage's for the wonderful way that they have helped and supported me this year in my new role as Assistant Principal. To the families and students, it has been a pleasure getting to know you all in this different capacity and I look forward to working closely with you all in 2020.

To all of you, enjoy your Christmas and holiday break. I hope that it is a blessed time with your nearest and dearest and that you all stay safe and well. Thank you for the support you have given across the year in many areas to keep our school being a great place to learn and let our light shine together. I look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

From our Leader of Pedagogy

Mrs Samantha Lynch

Whilst saying farewell, I would also like to say thank you for welcoming me as part of the St Carthage's community this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending my days working alongside your amazing children and the fabulous staff that we have here at St Carthage's. I would like to thank and congratulate all students and staff on their positive mindset, collaboration and focus on learning this year as we have all strived to reach our goals and celebrate the journey! A huge thank you also goes out to all our families who work in partnership with St Carthage's to support our students in 'achieving the fullness of life'! I wish you all a safe and joyous holiday with your family and friends!



From our Leader of Sport

Mr Brendan Tickle

St Carthage's Swimming Time Trials

The St Carthage's Swimming Time Trials were held on Friday 6th December. Over 90 students attended the trials, vying for the opportunity to represent their school at the Richmond Zone Swimming Carnival in 2020. The heat and impending smoke meant the carnival needed to be completed as early as possible. Despite the difficult conditions the students tried their hardest; beating personal bests and displaying great sportsmanship. Listed below are the results from the carnival.

	Place	Girls	Boys		Place	Girls	Boys
Jnr 100m FS	1 st	Ruby Allen	Lachlan Allen	8yrs 50m BK	1 st		Reggie Field
	2 nd	Ruby Lake	Hugh O'Reilly		2 nd		Oliver Carney
	3 rd		Jonah Hudson-Sheaffe		3 rd		Jake Holmes
Snr 100m FS	1 st	Mia O'Reilly	William Bullpitt	9yrs 50m BK	1 st	Autumn Taylor	Hugh Jeffery
	2 nd	Thea Blok	Oliver Allen		2 nd	Amahli Adams	Adrian Brickhill
	3 rd	Macy Field	Ayden Holmes		3 rd	Mya Weekes	Massimo Fuiano
8yrs 50m FS	1 st	Grace Hogan	Reggie Field	10yrs 50m BK	1 st	Ruby Allen	Lachlan Allen
	2 nd		Oliver Carney		2 nd	Sammie Jones	Jimmy Field
	3 rd		Jake Holmes		3 rd	Alexa Johnson	Harrison Jenkins
9yrs 50m FS	1 st	Autumn Taylor	Lincoln Cormack	11yrs 50m BK	1 st	Macy Field	William Bullpitt
	2 nd	Mya Weeks	Henry Davis		2 nd	Hyraani Underhill	Mia O'Reilly
	3 rd	Amahli Adams	Adrian Brickhill		3 rd	Ellie McKay	Lilly Comber
10yrs 50m FS	1 st	Ruby Allen	Lachlan Allen	12yrs 50m BK	1 st	Thea Blok	Oliver Allen
	2 nd	Ruby Lake	Jonah Hudson-Sheaffe		2 nd	Mia O'Reilly	Ziggy Lake
	3 rd	Sammie Jones	Harrison Jenkins		3 rd	Lilly Comber	Masen Murray
11yrs 50m FS	1 st	Macy Field	William Bullpitt	8yrs 50m FL	1 st		Reggie Field
	2 nd	Hyraani Underhill	Case McQuilty		1 st	Amahli Adams	Hayden Ellem
	3 rd	Annabelle William-son	Ayden Holmes		2 nd		Adrian Brickhill
12yrs 50m FS	1 st	Lilly Comber	Oliver Allen		3 rd		Henry Davis
	2 nd	Mia O'Reilly	Ziggy Lake	10yrs 50m FL	1 st	Ruby Allen	Archie Da Fre
	3 rd	Thea Blok	Oliver Rose		2 nd		Lachlan Allen
8yrs 50m BR	1 st	Bonnie Hogan	Oliver Carney		3 rd		Jimmy Field
	2 nd	Grace Hogan	Reggie Field	11yrs 50m FL	1 st	Macy Field	William Bullpitt
9yrs 50m BR	1 st	Autumn Taylor	Adrian Brickhill		2 nd	Hyraani Underhill	Case MQuilty
	2 nd	Amahli Adams	Hayden Ellem		3 rd	Ellie McKay	Max Alcorn
	3 rd	Kirra Fowler	Jimmi Matthews	12yrs 50m FL	1 st	Thea Blok	Oliver Allen
10yrs 50m BR	1 st	Ruby Lake	Lachlan Allen		2 nd	Mia O'Reilly	Masen Murray
	2 nd	Alexa Johnson	Hugh O'Reilly		3 rd	Rue Heffernan	Ziggy Lake
	3 rd	Ruby Allen	Archie Da Fre	200m IM JNR	1 st	Ruby Allen	Lachlan Allen
11yrs 50m BR	1 st	Hyraani Underhill	William Bullpitt		2 nd		Adrian Brickhill
	2 nd	Macy Field	Case McQuilty		3 rd		Henry Davis
	3 rd	Jazmin Adams	Max Alcorn	200m IM SNR	1 st	Mia O'Reilly	William Bullpitt
12yrs 50m BR	1 st	Thea Blok	Elisha Lovell		2 nd	Rue Heffernan	Oliver Allen
	2 nd	Rue Heffernan	Oliver Allen		3 rd	Macy Field	Max Alcorn
	3 rd	Mia O'Reilly	Ziggy Lake				

Times will be taken from each event to form our St Carthage's Swimming Squad. Students will qualify for events based on the following:

100m Freestyle – Open age

50m Freestyle – Individual age (8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13yrs)

50m Breaststroke, Butterfly and Backstroke – Junior (8-10yrs), 11yrs and Senior (12-13yrs)

200m Individual Medley and 4 x 50m Freestyle – Junior (8-10yrs) and Senior (11-13yrs)

Congratulations to our St Carthage's Swimming Age Champions!

Age Champions

Age	Female	Male
8yrs	Grace Hogan	Reggie Field
9yrs	Autumn Taylor	Adrian Brickhill
10yrs	Ruby Allen	Lachlan Allen
11yrs	Macy Field	William Bullpitt
12/13yrs	Mia O'Reilly	Oliver Allen

On behalf of the staff and students of St Carthage's Primary School I would like to thank the parents and family members who came to support our students at the time trials. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to assist at the carnival. Without your support it is not possible to hold these events, thank you!



2020 School Dates

Staff return Tuesday 28th January 2020

Years 1-6 MAI Wednesday 29th and
Thursday 30th January

Years 1 – 6 commence

Friday 31st January

2020 Kinder

Best Start Wednesday 29th January
until

Tuesday 4th February

Kinder students commence

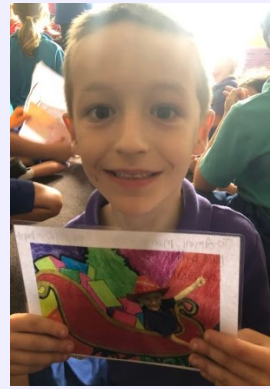
Wednesday 5th February 2020

Mr Entertainer—Luca Dunstan



Year 1 and Year 5 Buddies

The Spirit of Christmas arrived early in 5MS. Buddies shared gifts with one another to celebrate their friendships, learning and fun that they have had together this year! There were a lot of joyous individuals.



Year 3 - Religion

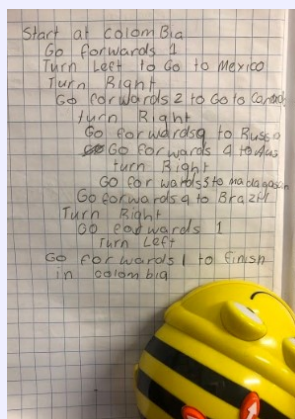
The Christmas tree is triangular in shape to represent the Trinity. A tree points to Jesus, in heaven, and being evergreen is a symbol of new life.

3MW made stained glass Christmas trees using scratch board sheets and cellophane.



Year 4 - Mathematics

Year 4 have been learning about position in Mathematics, with a strong focus on language. They were using Beebots that can be coded to move in particular directions for a particular distance based on the grid that you can see on the map. Students designed their travel plans across the world and then were asked to program their Beebot to visit each of the countries on their Itinerary. Through mathematical planning, trial and error and continued feedback from their peers students completed their journey. This is a perfect example of how St Carthage's are permeating Digital Technologies into the curriculum to enhance the eLearning of our students.



Year 4 Science and Technology

'May the Force be with you.' The students had to design and make a light vehicle to travel 3 metres using either contact or non-contact forces. Fantastic designs and scientific testing Year 4!



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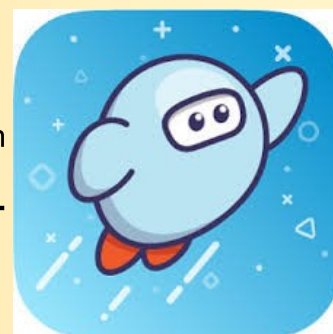
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Principal:	Mrs Janelle Heffernan
Assistant Principal:	Miss Amanda Egan
Assistant Principal – Mission:	Mr Danny Hatchman
School Chaplain:	Father Bing Monteagudo
Co-ordinators:	
Leader of Pedagogy	Mrs Abbie Matthews
Leader of Curriculum	Mrs Jodie Maginnity
Leader of Sport	Mr Brendan Tickle

Release to Face-to-Face Teachers:

Mrs Jenny Craig	Music
Mr John Gordon	PE
Mrs Anna Moloney	RFF-IT
Mrs Jenny Allen	Drama/Creative Dance
Mrs Kristine Mumford	Star Reading/EMU
Mrs Tracey Llewellyn	Reading Recovery
Mrs Kathleen Driver	Additional Needs Teacher
Mrs Jeni Thomson	Literacy/Numeracy Support

Year 3

KCB Mrs Christine Biesteker/ Mrs Loretta Farmer	1CB Mrs Cath Bailey 1JC Mrs Janelle Connelly/ Mrs Kathy Taylor	2KI Mrs Kathryn Ireland 2KR Mrs Kim Robb 2HR Mrs Haley Rogusz	3KK Mrs Kerri-Anne Kane 3MW Mrs Melissa Winkler- Dunn 3MT Mr Mark Taylor/ Mrs Loretta Farmer
KMY Mrs Megan Yates KBE Mr Ben Evans	1SD Mrs Tina Shea/ Mrs Wendy Dardengo		

Year 6

4DA Mrs Donna Atlee	5TB Miss Tanya Buchanan	6MC Mrs Janette McFadden
4LM Mrs Louise Mayes	5TM Mrs Toni McRae	6BM Mr Brendan Matthews
4JD Mr Jason Dimmick	5MS Mrs Michelle Sudiro	6JM Mrs Jodie Maginnity/ Mrs Loretta Farmer
	5JS Mr Jack Sheridan/ Mrs Jenny Allen	6BT Mr Brendan Tickle/ Mrs Farmer

Ancillary Staff:		The Parents	
Mrs Lyniese De Maria	Principals Secretary	Mrs Dorelle Gall	Teacher Assistant
Mrs Amanda Parsons	School Secretary	Mrs Leah Windsor	Teacher Assistant
Mr Warren Whitney	School Fees Clerk	Mrs Nicole Drew	Teacher Assistant
Mrs Laraine Barratt	Canteen Supervisor	Mrs June Blunn	Teacher Assistant
Mrs Claire Alley	Student Welfare	Mrs Adele Nelson	Teacher Assistant
Ms Sheryl Watts	IT Officer	Mrs Nicole Jones	Teacher Assistant
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	PROGRAM FEE		\$65
	YOUR FEE COULD BE		Could be as little as \$12.55! Depending on your CCS percentage

We have all our regular fun games, and craft activities happening every day, plus our main morning and afternoon activities.

	MORNING ACTIVITIES	MID MORNING ACTIVITIES	AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES
Monday 20 th January	WHEELS DAY Bring a wheeled item from home *Helmets Compulsory	SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH EXCURSION GO FOR A SWIM AT: TRINITY POOL Enjoy a fun swim session with the team at 'Trinity'!	Wicked Wheels Based Obstacle Course
Tuesday 21 st January (Make Tuesday-can you bring NO plastic today!)	AIR DRYING CLAY CRAFT	GO FOR A SWIM AT: TRINITY POOL Enjoy a fun swim session with the team at 'Trinity'!	MUSICAL BINGO + MUSICAL FREEZE
Wednesday 22 nd January	Play 'Protect the Castle' And 'Bench Ball'	Design your own Kaleidoscope! Spend the day having a great time on the AK waterlide. In between turns we will play FLY In the shade.	PLAY: SPOT WHAT
Thursday 23 rd January	AK WATERSLIDE! Bring your swimmers and towel today because we'll be setting up the AK waterlide		GUESSING COMPETITION ANYONE COULD BE A WINNER!
Friday 24 th January	BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS visit us and performs 'THE HUMAN RACE' This fun show focuses on Anti-bullying and Cyber Safety	AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS! Aussie Art + Play Cricket + Can you come dressed in GREEN and GOLD today?	Eat a Lamington and watch an AUSTRALIAN Kids movie!
	MORNING ACTIVITIES	MID MORNING ACTIVITIES	AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES
MONDAY 27 th January		Closed for Public Holiday	
TUESDAY 28 th January (Make Tuesday-can you bring NO plastic today!)	JUNGLE SAFARI JUMPING CASTLE	Comes dressed in SAFARI theme today!!	CREATE STUNNING SUNSET SAFARI ART
WEDNESDAY 29 th January	Have a game of... 'STRIKER BALL'	Paper Plate JELLYFISH Craft	WII DANCE COMPETITION
THURSDAY 30 th January	CAPTURE THE FLAG	Craft (insanely cute) miniature woven Turtles	Order a McDonald Sundae + Play Drip Drip Drop
FRIDAY	Back to School! After and Before School Care Re-commence		

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Monday 6 th January	PLAY: CORNER BALL This awesome new game is like fruit salad soccer with extra twist!	3D Wooden Flowerpot Craft	COMICAL RELAY RACES
Tuesday 7 th January (Make Tuesday-can you bring NO plastic today!)	MEXICAN DAY COME DRESSED IN THEME! + Play Soccer	Make Taco's for Lunch! And play PINATA!	Craft 'Oje De Dios' Stunning woven wool art
Wednesday 8 th January	WHEELS DAY Bring a wheeled item from home *Helmets Compulsory	Paper Plane Flying Comp	Wheels Based Talent Show
Thursday 9 th January	WATER DAY Today, Bring in a WATER PISTOL! Bring a towel and clothes to get wet in	TRIVIA COMP	Play a Game of 'Cross the River' It's like bullrush... but with water!
Friday 10 th January	SLACKLINE SESSION	MAKE A TROPICAL FROZEN DRINK	Watch a Movie
	MORNING ACTIVITIES	MID MORNING ACTIVITIES	AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES
MONDAY 13 th January	EXCURSION TO THE CINEMA TO SEE "SPIES IN DISGUISE"	We will walk to and from Lismore Event Cinema. Covered walking shoes must be worn	Hall Games! Vote for your games
TUESDAY 14 th January (Make Tuesday-can you bring NO plastic today!)	BAKE BANANA BREAD FOR MORNING TEA	Minute to Win It A hilarious range of challenges to race against the clock!	Play: Epic Cops and Robbers
WEDNESDAY 15 th January	PLAY: RIPPED OFF This all-time AK favourite game is a cross between bullrush and AusTag	DIY LIP BALM Create your very own beauty product for yourself or someone else!	BUILDING CHALLENGES IN GROUPS WORK THROUGH A VARIETY OF ENGINEERING CHALLENGES
THURSDAY 16 th January	MAKE IGY POLES + Play ICEBERGS	MAKE NATURALLY SCENTED PLAYDOUGH	FACE PAINTING + Eat our Icy Poles!
FRIDAY 17 th January	WATER BASED PHYSICAL CHALLENGES	Optical Illusion Art OR Handball Comp	Watch a Movie

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