

School Events

- Homework Club, Tuesdays/Thursdays, 3.00 - 4.00pm
- Parish Fete Working Bee, Saturday 17th October, 8.00 - 9.00am, all welcome
- **School Closure 19 - 20 October 2015**
- Graduation Committee Meeting, time and date to be advised
- **Rescheduled P&F Meeting, Tuesday 20th October, 6.30pm**
- Parish Fete Working Bee, Saturday 24th October, 8.00 - 9.00am, all welcome
- All Saints Whole School Mass, Thursday 29th October, 9.00am
- Catholic Parish Fete, Friday 30th October, 6.00pm
- Year 1/2 Assembly Prayer, Monday 2nd November, 8.30am
- Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11th November, ANZAC Park, time to be advised
- Thanksgiving Mass, Wednesday 18th November, 6.00pm
- Last Homework Club day for Term 4, Thursday 20th November
- Kindy/Prep Assembly Prayer, Monday 23rd November, 8.30am
- Annual School Christmas Concert, date to be confirmed
- Graduation Mass and Ceremony, Thursday 26th November, time to be confirmed
- Last day of Term 4, Friday 27th November, 12.00 noon
- First day of school 2016, Monday 25th January



School Closure 19 - 20 October 2015

School closure due to compulsory Teacher Moderation occurring for the whole Cairns Diocese.



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Term 4 Week Two

16th October 2015

Dear Families,

I would like to welcome Yvonne Grant to our school community over the next three weeks. We have been provided with funding for a Teacher-Librarian and Yvonne is sharing her expertise of digital learning and research skills with students and staff as part of her role. The development of educational apps, programmes and online resources continues to grow at a very fast rate. The challenge is to identify which resources will support creativity and an inquiring mind while our children are using them in their learning context. Over the last 12 months particularly, the students and staff have been using the Google suite of products as a collaborative tool. It is very interesting to see how skills learnt can be used for education, management and personal use on a daily basis. Before Yvonne leaves Thursday Island, we will be offering a workshop for parents. Please look out for the information and date claimer throughout the next week.

I would also like to welcome back Phill Kilfoy from leave and publicly thank Jayne Ahmat for the additional role that she has taken on this term in providing consistency of planning and support in the Year 3/ 4 area while Phill was on leave. Many thanks to Donna Zeitlhofer who has also re-joined the staff from Cairns for three weeks and has been working in Year 3 /4 this week.

Just a reminder that next Monday and Tuesday are pupil free days while staff participate in professional learning in Cairns. Today I will be working with staff from Catholic Education Services to provide an analysis of our NAPLAN Data for 2015. This will assist us in adding another support layer to our students in addition to the assessments and observations that teachers work with on a daily basis. On Monday, teachers from across all schools in the Southern and Western Areas of the Cairns Diocese will be meeting for moderation of student work samples. This is an annual professional learning experience for teachers to enable support in the area of assessment. All students, no matter what school or what area the school is in or who else is in their class, should be provided with the same assessment on the standard of their work from any teacher assessing it. It is very important to us that we provide equality and consistency across all of our schools. This is also an effective day for teachers to share their learning environment with other teachers and to gain wisdom and knowledge from other teachers across the Diocese. On Tuesday, staff will be undertaking some local PD on their return to the Island.

This weekend, the inside of the toilet block for students on Thursday Island Campus will be repaired and painted. The colour will be grey to go with the existing lemon/yellow tones of the doors. In the near future, the outside of the toilet block will also be painted the darker grey colour of the library to streamline the buildings. Hammond Island have commenced some much needed work on their campus this week with a new sandpit area. We hope all the children will be happy having more opportunity for play space at lunchtimes.

Thank you to parents in Year 5 and 6 who have completed the satisfaction survey, representing the school. If you have not done so yet, can you please make this a priority.

I hope you all have a great week,
Au Esoau and take care,

Sharon County
Principal

P&F News

Please note the P&F Meeting has been brought forward to Tuesday 20th October at 6.30pm.

We would love to see as many parents, carers and families attend these meetings as possible. Your input into these meetings and the school is valued.

The agenda for the next meeting is attached.

Office News

The school now has EFTPOS facilities available for parents to utilise when paying fees and other school costs.



Please see Miss Patty if you have any queries.

Community News

TI Running Festival

Sacred Heart was well represented at the inaugural TI Running Festival.

Congratulations to all who participated!



Annual Catholic Parish Fete

Don't forget to join in the fun at our Parish Fete on Friday, 30th October from 6.00pm!

If you have a spare hour to help out at either of the working bees leading up to the fete we would really appreciate it; Saturday 17th and 24th of October from 8.00am to 9.00am. If you are able to donate items for the second hand, cake and plant stalls please contact the Parish.

Miss Margaret is also looking for empty jar donations.

Week One Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of our Week One awards from both Hammond and Thursday Island Campuses.



Thursday Island Campus:

Kade Maguire, Shauna Sagigi, Ella Wienert, Maggie Harrington, Amelya See Kee, Alex Lynch, Benedit Mills, Lachlan Cross, Kanish. (Absent: Kais Skerritt, Daniel Ware).



Hammond Island Campus:

Dakota Maynard, Shamira Dorante-Garnier, Erika Freebairn, Zahdein Pearson-Bowie (absent).



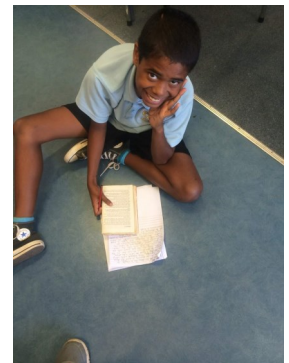
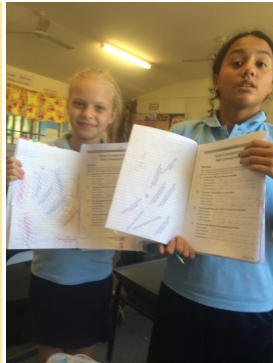
Term 3 Library Award:

Congratulations to the year 1/2 Class for winning the Library award last term!



Year 5/6S & SEL News

Year 5/6 students at work and showcasing their work on resilience - good and bad consequences.



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The Thursday Island Child Centre
has the following vacancies

For Children Aged:
15 months—3 years
Monday and/or Tuesday

For Children Aged:
3 years—4 years
Monday—Friday (1 place)
Mon &/or Tues &/or Wed &/or Fri

For Children Aged:
5 years—12 years
Thursday and/or Friday

VACANCIES

For more information about Child Care Vacancies please contact Kali McKeown or Samantha Devine on 07 4069 2317 or thursdayisland@ladygowrie.com.au

