

# NEWSLETTER



Listen, Decide, Act

Catholic Primary School

March 18th

Issue #04

**UPCOMING**

**EVENTS**

Thur 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Prep Vision Screening**

Thur 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Fish and Chip Day**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Family Mass Year 3**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Harmony Day- wear orange**

Mon 23- Fri 27 March

**Year 6 Camp- Canberra**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Cross Country**

Thur 2nd April

**Easter Liturgy/ Raffles**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Good Friday**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2 Commences**



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# PRINCIPAL

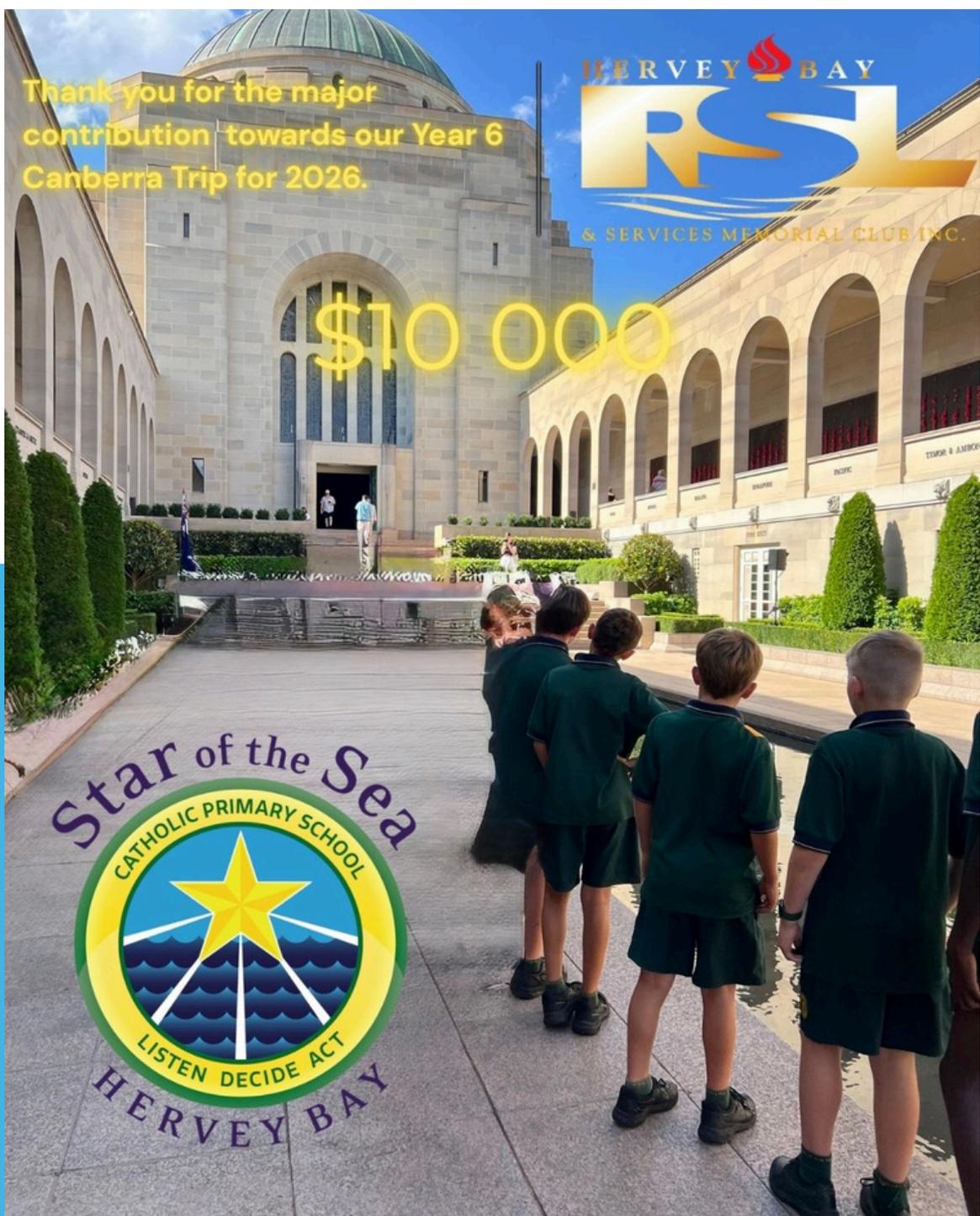
MR NATHAN WILSON



## Parliament & Civics Education Rebate Program

Next week I look forward to joining our Year 6 students on their education tour of our nation's capital, CANBERRA. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of \$99.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion, and will be reimbursed to families of participating students.



## Hervey Bay RSL Community Grant

We once again thank the Hervey Bay RSL for their Major Sponsorship of this year's Year 6 Canberra tour. Through the Hervey Bay RSL our students will receive a significant discount on this year's tour, with a total of \$10,000 being donated to our school. We thank the Hervey Bay RSL for their continued support of our Year 6 Canberra Tour.

Both of the above contributions will provide a significant discount to our families and I take this opportunity to thank both the Australian Government and the Hervey Bay RSL.

# PROJECT COMPASSION

**6**  
March

**Crazy Hair  
Day**

**Gold Coin**

**13**  
March

**Zooper  
Dooper Day**

**\$1 on Qkr**

**19**  
March

**Fish and Chip  
Day**

**\$7 on Qkr**

**27**  
March

**Free Dress  
Day**

**Gold Coin**

**2**  
April

**Raffles  
Colouring In  
Guess the Eggs**



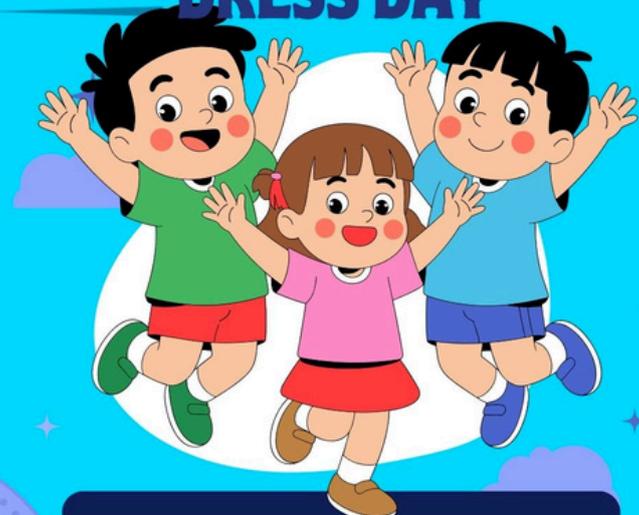
**RAFFLE  
MULTIDRAW**

**3 FOR \$2**

PURCHASE ON QKR

**DRAWN LAST  
DAY OF  
TERM!**

**FREE  
DRESS DAY**



**MARCH 27 2026**

Gold coin donation!!

**FISH &  
CHIP DAY!** **19th  
March**

Fish bites, &  
crispy chips.

**Just \$7**



Optional add ons  
Popper \$2  
Zooper dooper \$1  
Tartare Sauce 50c

*Order Your Crispy Feast Before  
11th March on QKR!*

**Colouring  
Competition**

**50c**  
FROM THE OFFICE



# OUR PARISH

Hervey Bay  
Catholic Parish



As a Catholic school, we are proud to be part of the wider Hervey Bay Catholic Parish. Our connection with the parish strengthens our shared mission of faith, learning and community, and provides valuable opportunities for our families to come together beyond the school gates.

We encourage families to stay connected with parish life and upcoming events by reading the Hervey Bay Catholic Parish newsletter,



This is a wonderful way to keep informed about Mass times, parish activities and opportunities to become involved in our faith community.

Families are especially invited to attend the Family Mass each Sunday at 9:00am, where children are warmly welcomed. Children's Liturgy is offered during this Mass, providing an engaging and age-appropriate way for children to grow in their understanding of the Gospel and their relationship with God.

Being part of the parish community supports the faith journey of our students and families and helps nurture a strong sense of belonging. We look forward to continuing to work together with the Hervey Bay Catholic Parish in faith and fellowship.

# FEES

[ptorfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ptorfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au)



## Term 1 – 2026 School Fees are now overdue

Term 1 Family School Fee are overdue.

Collection Notices were emailed on 17 March 2026. School Fee policy states that all fees are required to be paid within 14 days of statement unless a Direct Debit or Credit Card Authority is in place.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Luiza Fernandes or Sarah Williams on 4125 1220 or via email at [ptorfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ptorfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au) between 8:00am and 3:30pm on weekdays.

# OFFICE

Mrs Tania Herrmann- Enrolments

Mrs Renee Gallott-Secretary

Ms Ali Greenslade- Secretary Media



**Late Arrivals:** Students arriving late to school must be signed in at the office by a parent or carer.

**Early collection:** Please advise through the BCE Connect App with at least 30 minutes notice to ensure we have time to get your child and their belongs to the office.

**Student Absences:** Please record all absences through the BCE Connect app.

**Lost Property:** Clothing is held at the office—please ensure all items are clearly labelled. Lunch boxes and drink bottles can be found near the eating areas.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our students safe and organised.

# Curriculum PLL



Mrs Karissa Goodfellow



## NAPLAN

NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a nationwide assessment that provides information about how students are progressing in key areas of learning. Students are assessed in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. NAPLAN is one of many tools schools use to understand student achievement and to help inform teaching and learning programs.

Students in Years 3 and 5 began sitting their NAPLAN tests last week and are continuing with the remaining assessments this week. The tests have been conducted in a calm and supportive environment, with familiar routines in place to help students feel comfortable and confident. We are very proud of the way our students have approached the assessments with a positive attitude and resilience, and we thank families for their continued support during this time.

# GUIDANCE

MRS MICHELLE ADAMSON



## Harmony Week

This Harmony Week, our Star of the Sea community is celebrating the many cultures, stories, and backgrounds that make our school such a vibrant place to learn and grow. Together, we are creating a giant world map filled with colourful hearts – each one representing the heritage of a student or staff member. As the map fills, it becomes a powerful reminder of this year's message: Everyone Belongs. Through sharing family stories and learning about one another, our students are discovering the beauty of diversity and the strength that comes from inclusion. Our world map stands as a symbol of unity, connection, and the welcoming spirit that defines Star of the Sea.



# SPORT

Mr Nick Frawley



**Our annual Star of the Sea Cross Country will be held on Monday 30th March, and we are looking forward to a fantastic day of participation, encouragement, and school spirit. We make every effort to run to schedule, and your support in helping students arrive prepared makes a big difference.**

**Students are asked to wear their house shirt, school shorts, and school hat. Joggers may be worn for running. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and a good lunch to keep their energy up throughout the day.**

**As a fun reward, all students who run will receive a Zooper Dooper to help them cool down after their race.**

**A reminder for Year 3 students born in 2017: they may choose to run either with the Year 3 group or in the slightly longer race with the 9-year-olds. This allows students to participate at a level that feels right for them.**

**We look forward to a wonderful day of teamwork, determination, and school pride as our students give their best on the course.**



# STAR OF THE SEA

## CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM 2026

Time	Event Number	Event	Gender	Distance
9.00am	1	12 yrs born 2014	Girls	2.5km
9.15am	2	12 yrs born 2014	Boys	2.5km
9.30am	3	11 yrs born 2015	Girls	2.5km
9.45am	4	11 yrs born 2015	Boys	2.5km
10.00am	5	10 yrs born 2016	Girls	1.7km
10.15am	6	10 yrs born 2016	Boys	1.7km
10.25am	7	Kindy	Boys and girls	200m
10.30	8	Prep	Girls	200m
10.35	9	Prep	Boys	200m
10.40 – 11.20am <b>FIRST BREAK</b>				
11.20 – 11.30am: Apply sunscreen and return to oval.				
11.30 – 11:40am: War cries				
11.45am	10	9yrs born 2017	Girls	1.7km
12.00pm	11	9yrs born 2017	Boys	1.7km
12.15pm	12	Grade 1	Girls	430m
12.25pm	13	Grade 1	Boys	430m
12.35pm	14	Grade 2	Girls	700m
12.45pm	15	Grade 2	Boys	700m
12.55pm	16	Grade 3	Girls	900m
1.05pm	17	Grade 3	Boys	900m
1.15pm: Pack up and head back to class				
1.20- 1.50pm <b>SECOND BREAK</b>				
2:20 pm	Assemble in hall for presentations of Trophies, Age Champions			

# MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



# **Huge Congratulations to Our Semester 1 House Captains!**

**We are incredibly proud to announce our Star of the Sea Semester 1 House Captains. Each of these students has already shown outstanding leadership, responsibility, and a genuine commitment to their school community. Their willingness to step up and serve is something truly worth celebrating.**

**Eli – Avara and Finnegan**

**Ungowa – Lulu and Madison**

**Woralie – Peyton and Elyssa**

**Awinya – Mia and Ryan**

**These leaders have proven they are ready to guide, inspire, and represent their houses with pride. We can't wait to see the positive impact they'll make throughout the semester.**

**A massive congratulations to all—your school community is cheering you on!**

# TUCKSHOP

THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS  
ORDER VIA QKR APP



## FISH AND CHIP DAY

**PLEASE NOTE NO NORMAL TUCKSHOP ON THURSDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**WEDNESDAY SPECIAL ORDER PIZZA DAY-1 APRIL  
ORDER ON QKR BY MARCH 25TH**

Please be aware:

If a child arrives at school without lunch due to a missed or incorrect order, parents will be contacted and asked to deliver food to school. We kindly ask families to be patient and understanding as our tuckshop team works hard to prepare orders for all students.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping our tuckshop run smoothly.

# UNIFORMS

Mon and Fri 8.30am-10.30am  
Wed 2pm-4pm



## Opening Hours

Monday 8.30-10.30am

Wednesday 2-4pm

Friday 8.30-10.30am

PLEASE NOTE THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED WED 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

## QKR App

If you purchase uniforms through Qkr they will be delivered to your child's classroom- daily cut off is 8.30am.

## Second hand sales

Please collect second hand money from Marie when the shop is open.

Toni Niven, , Shakirra C, Beri Wilkinson

## Out of Stocks

Size 2 Shorts

# PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION

## Drumming- Luke MacQueen



We're excited to offer students the opportunity to learn, grow, and find their rhythm on DRUMS with instructor Luke MacQueen during school hours at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School.

### Important – Provider & Agreement

Please note that FLAMM Academy is an external provider offering lessons on school grounds during school hours, and the agreement is between families and the instrumental teacher (FLAMM Academy), not the school.

### Lesson Terms

- Lessons take place during school hours
- Each lesson runs for 30 minutes weekly during term time.
- 24 hours' notice is required for cancellations. Missed lessons without adequate notice are forfeited with no refund or catch-up.
- Missed lessons with adequate notice qualify for a catch-up lesson or refund.

### Acknowledgement

Parents are asked to sign the agreement to confirm all details are accurate and that they accept the lesson terms.

### Instructor Contact:

Luke MacQueen – [flamacademy@gmail.com](mailto:flamacademy@gmail.com)

If you would like to proceed, please contact Luke.

# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE OSHC



## Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

Star of the Sea Outside School Hours Care provides high-quality Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care for our school community. Conveniently located on the grounds of Star of the Sea Catholic School, our OSHC service proudly supports the children and families of the school, parish and local community.

### Session Times

**Before School Care:**

**6:30am – 8:45am**

**After School Care:**

**3:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Vacation Care:**

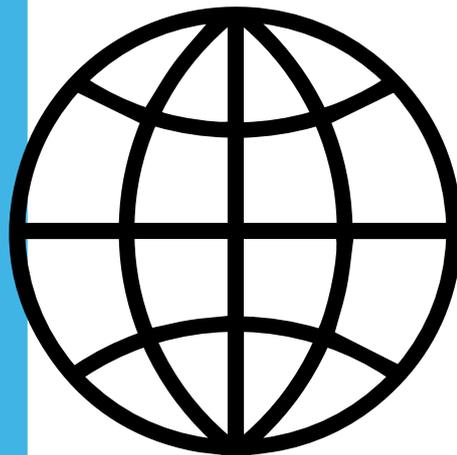
**7:00am – 6:00pm**

Our program is flexible, inclusive and child-initiated, with learning experiences shaped by children's ideas, interests and cultural backgrounds. We recognise each child as capable, curious and confident, with the potential to actively construct their own learning. Through guidance and support from our caring educators, children are encouraged to explore, discover and create something new each day.

At Star of the Sea OSHC, we strive to create a nurturing and supportive environment that celebrates diversity, interdependence and respect. We encourage children to value individual uniqueness, spirituality and the contributions of others, fostering a strong sense of belonging and wellbeing.

**ENROLL NOW**

# STAR OF THE SEA LONG DAY CARE AND KINDERGARTEN



## LONG DAY CARE

6:30am - 6:00pm



## KINDERGARTEN

8:30am - 2:45pm

At Star of the Sea children have the opportunity to grow and learn as part of a supportive and extended community. Our experienced educators have developed close relationships with local families over many years. Each child is unique and learns differently, so our educators will spend time getting to know your child and family so we can create programs that reflect the way they will socialise, learn and grow.

Conveniently located at Star of the Sea Primary School, your child will benefit from our excellent relationship with the school. In kindergarten children make weekly visits to the school library and to their garde five buddies. Throughout the year the children also love attending school events including sports carnivals and liturgies. During each visit your child will become more familiar with the school grounds and and learn new skills such as how to use the water bubblers. Our educators will watch your child's confidence grow as they become part of our broader school and parish community and prepare for prep.

We care for children from six weeks and offer a Queensland Government approved kindergarten program for children in the year before prep. We supply all meals, wipes, sunscreen and cot linen. All you need to bring is nappies, a hat and a spare change of clothes. We offer nutritious, age-specific meals for morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and our late afternoon snack. All meals are prepared on site daily by our cook and approved by nutrition Australia. We are supportive of special dietary requirements and encourage families to discuss their child's needs with us.

# OUR COMMUNITY



## HERVEY BAY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



### 2026 JUNIOR SEASON INFORMATION

COME & TRY - BRING A FRIEND FRIDAY DAYS

13<sup>TH</sup> 20<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 – 5.30 – 6.30 PM

JUNIOR TRAINING U/13 & U16 TUESDAY 4.30 - 5.30PM COMMENCING TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

2026 SEASON STARTS 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

FRIDAY'S = MINKEY'S (4-8 YRS) MODIFIED HOCKEY – 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 5.30 – 6.30

U/13 FRASER COAST - SATURDAY 14 MARCH

U/16 MIXED MARYBOROUGH COMP – THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



HOOKIN2HOCKEY SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> MAR – 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY (6WEEKS)

REGISTRATIONS 2026 - FACEBOOK VIA THE LINK

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/herveybayhockey/registration>

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# OUR COMMUNITY



**FOOTBALL  
DEVELOPMENT  
AUSTRALIA**

## ARSENAL HOLIDAY CAMPS APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**HERVEY BAY, QLD** April 8th-9th

**BEERWAH-GLASSHOUSE, QLD** April 13th-15th

**GYMPIE, QLD** April 16th-17th

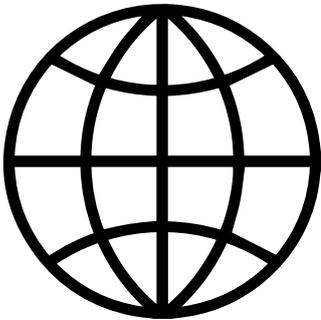
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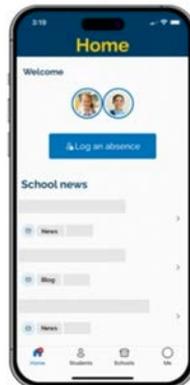


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