We are learning about the authors Eric Carle, Mem Fox and Julia Donaldson. We have been enjoying many stories so far such as, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Busy Spider, Brown Bear, Boo to a Goose, Koala Lou and Hattie and the Fox. We described what Hattie looked like and retold the story using some great expression and funny voices.
We visited the Sarina Museum. We loved seeing all the old things at the Sarina museum and all the olden day items. It was so interesting to see how things have changed for even school and everyday life from back years ago and how technology has changed. The children were fascinated with the old telephones, kerosene fridges, black boards for school and even the discussion of how horses and carriages were used as transport. This week Grandma Mary is visiting Prep to talk to us about what it was like when she went to school over 70 years ago.

In Science we are learning about how things move especially how our bodies move to perform certain tasks like on the playground including the monkey bars, down the slide and on the flying fox. We realised that it is often not just one part of the body that has to move to do an activity.

We are very grateful for our parents and caregivers for sending in lots of chocolates to make our “Chuck your smelly socks” stall a success. We made $97 to give to the Missions. We had so much fun at the many different stalls. One of our favourite ones was throwing wet socks at Mr Oches.
CLASSES 2019 | This term will see teachers commencing the process to begin arranging classes for the 2019 school year. This process is very deliberate and very time consuming but also very important to creating balanced classes throughout the school. I’d like to provide parents with some of the underlying principles that drive our decision making:

❖ We always aim to create classes that are balanced in need. We consider the academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs of the children when placing them in a class. This is never straightforward and needs considerable thought and time.

❖ We consider the gender balance within the group, the body of knowledge that we have gathered on each child and any parent input that may assist us. While I always stipulate that parents are not able to request certain teachers and groups of friends, there is often information that, as a school, we are unaware of and would benefit from knowing. Please be aware this information is to only assist us, not for you to take for granted that this course of action will most definitely follow. As you can imagine it is not possible and not desirable either, for parents to get involved in the placement of their children into classes. Such an approach would pose numerous problems, so please trust that we do the best we can. Having said that, if you have significant information relevant to your child’s placement, please make this known, in writing, to only me by 5 November 2018.

Please place this information in a letter addressed to me along with the words “Mr John Ballinger-Oches Private and Confidential” on the envelope.

Please do not email me this letter nor bring classroom teachers into the conversation.

❖ We always endeavour to be just, fair and compassionate to the needs of each child.

❖ During 2019 we will be embracing more composite classes.

I would also like to stress that our staff know their students very well and will do their very best throughout this process. I urge parents to trust us in making informed decisions that we consider will be the best for each child.

Finance News

Term 4 Fees | Term 4 fees are due by 2nd of November. If you did not receive the fee invoice or if you foresee difficulties in making payment please contact Helen Barnard.
HALLOWEEN

The celebration of Halloween has in recent years become more prominent in our society. Nowadays children would be more aware of Halloween and the activities associated with it than even their parents would have been at a similar age.

According to Elizabeth Harrington in *Liturgy Lines*, “Rather than trying to ignore or resist the growing popularity of Halloween in this country, perhaps we can take advantage of the opportunities it offers to talk about a Christian understanding of the big issues of life and death, good and evil.” [1] She explains:

Halloween is simply All Hallows Eve - that is the day before All Saints Day (November 1) which is followed by All Souls Day (November 2). Both days are reminders that all of us, living and dead are united in a living communion with Christ and one another.

It originated in the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany.

Halloween symbols of skeletons and skulls remind us of our own mortality and the need to pray for the dead. It also invites us to talk openly about death in a culture that largely avoids the subject.

The carving of pumpkins into Jack-o'-lanterns has more meaning when linked with the story behind it. Jack was a gifted fellow who was completely self-centred and never in his life used his talents to help another human being. Jack had the cleverness to outwit the devil but it wasn't enough to get him into heaven. Hence he is condemned to roam forever between heaven and earth, holding his pumpkin light high.

Another writer adds this insight:

Halloween is a time to remember our Baptismal promises to reject “Satan and all his works” because with Jesus Christ we have absolutely nothing to fear. Christ has conquered sin and Satan once and for all.[2]

Our November activities should focus on our saints and praying for all our family and friends who have departed this life.

Over the course of Term 2 and Term 3, several of our students sat the ICAS tests. International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is a set of six competitions designed specifically for primary and secondary students. ICAS is conducted by UNSW Global, Educational Assessment Australia, and these tests can be quite difficult! Last week, on assembly, we presented certificates to the following students:

**Jack Renehan**
- Participation in Spelling
- Participation in Mathematics

**Ryan John**
- Participation in English
- Participation in Mathematics

**Zane Say**
- Participation in Science
- Participation in Mathematics

**Rhys Wakefield**
- Participation in Science
- Participation in Mathematics

**Jacob Adams**
- Participation in Science
- Participation in Mathematics

**Digby Sands:**
- Participation in English
- Participation in Science
- Participation in Technology
- Participation in Spelling
- Participation in Mathematics

**Reagan Tame**
- Participation in Technologies
- Participation in Spelling
- Credit in Mathematics

**Owen Franettovich**
- Participation in English
- Credit in Mathematics

**Harrison**
- Participation in Mathematics

These students really do need to be congratulated. Well done!

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**Swimming Carnival Nominations Reminder- Due by 5th November**

This year the Swimming Carnival will be run using electronic records and electronic nominations. We anticipate that this should make the process more streamlined and efficient.

To nominate your child you will need to click on the following link:

https://goo.gl/forms/rg8YCADsadGnVvHl2

If you are having difficulty nominating or unable to access a computer, please see the office staff who will assist you. The form via the above link is able to be completed on a smartphone as well as on a desktop, laptop or iPad.

**Please note the following important points:**

You must fill out 1 entry per child.

You must enter your child’s correct birth year.

If your child is not swimming, you still need to fill out this form so we are not chasing you.
If you would like any further information regarding this workshop, or would like to RSVP, please email me on donnetta_trannore@rok.catholic.edu.au

Feel free to email me if you are unable to attend but would still like information regarding how to help improve your child's resilience or any other concerns you may have.

Thanks,

Dee
VOTE FOR ST ANNE’S TO WIN A SCHOOL DISCO FROM STAR 101.9 | As you know STAR 101.9 is holding a live broadcast at St Anne’s on Friday 19 Oct from 7am - 9am. As part of their live school broadcast campaign, Star FM is giving away a free school disco. This will go to the school with the most online votes over the next 3 weeks. Please go to the STAR 101.9 and vote for St Anne’s. You can vote as many times as you like. It would be much appreciated if you can encourage family and friends to also vote for St Anne’s. Being a small school, competing against some much larger Mackay schools, we need as many votes as possible to have a chance of winning our students a disco. Click on link to vote.

STUDENTS IN PREP TO YEAR FIVE NOT RETURNING TO ST ANNE’S FOR 2019 | Any parent of a child from Prep to Year 5 who is aware that their child is not returning to St. Anne’s in 2019, please let the office know as soon as possible.

We need to know student numbers to be able to work out budgeting and resources for 2019, so your earliest notification is needed and appreciated.

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ALL AGES COME AND TRY
Water Polo
Water Polo Club
10TH NOVEMBER 2018 10:30 – 11:30am
Memorial Sport Centre
www.waterpolo.rockhampton.org 0413 517 301

Sarina Scout Group
90th Anniversary
Open Day

Help celebrate 90 years of Sarina Scouts supporting and guiding happy and resourceful children and young adults, by enjoying a variety of fun and adventurous activities. Experience such things as den making, an obstacle course, a rope bridge, a Rock Wall and many more!!! Come and see if Scouting is in your future.

Date: 3rd November, 2018
Time: 2pm to 4pm
Venue: Sarina Mud Tricks Ground

Cubs (Pay on the day or contact Sarina Scouts to pre-purchase)
Children (All ages) $5.00 inclusive of activities & BBQ lunch
Adults are free (Dance Little is available for purchase)

Please note the cost of the face paint is an extra $2 per child, and a $5.00 per adult.

Because of the nature of some of the activities, this event is not a drop and go. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

For further information, please don’t hesitate to contact us:
Justin Thompson (ADT) (Mobile) 0423 221 499
Molda Wilson (ADT) (Mobile) 0441 417 965
Leanne Anderson (ADT) (Crosstie) 0423 149 605

Come along with family & friends to St Mary’s Christmas Fair

Whom: St Mary’s Catholic Primary School 42 Juliet Street, South Mackay
Time: 3pm – 5pm
We will have
Burgers, sausage on bread, hot chips & cold drinks.
Glow products, lucky dips & games.
Snow cones, popcorn & fairy floss.
Jumping Castles & Miniature Train
Ham Wheel
Grocery Bag Stall, Sweet Stall & Bottle Stall
Face Painting
Santa will be visiting.

PERFORMANCES
FAME Talent School, Mercy Hand Bells Chorus & Mackay Youth Choir

RAFFLES ON THE NIGHT
1st Prize
Huston Heavy Industries 1.7kw Reverse Cycle Air Conditioner & $300 Cash
2nd Prize
$300 Ultimate Hair Package & $100 Movie Voucher
3rd Prize
$150 True Blue Camping & Mackay Wholesale Meat Vouchers
4th Prize
$100 Cash & $100 Movie Voucher

Other prizes on the night include:
$100 Movie Voucher, Gift Basket, 10 Pass Voucher – World Gym, 500g Cash & Tennis Racquet, Wooden Framed Name, Free Tens Voucher – Ready Steady Go.

“Lucky Dodger tickets can be found at Santa’s Corner”

Local Events

This is a formal invitation to the 90th Anniversary Celebrations of the Sarina Scout Group – Public Open Day. This anniversary is a significant milestone for our community and needs to be celebrated as Sarina Scout Group is one of the oldest groups in the region and has contributed to generations of our community’s children. There will be a variety of activities such as den making, an obstacle course, map making and climbing wall.

Date: 3rd November 2018
Venue: (2) Mud Tricks Activity Grounds, Sarina Showgrounds
Public Open Day banner:
Children (5s+): access to activities & BBQ lunch. Mobile phone use (subject to adult supervision) is included for purchase.

Please note the cost of the face paint is an extra $2 per child, and a $5.00 per adult.

Agenda
3rd November 2018 (Saturday) 9am – Official opening and cutting of cake.
10am to 1pm – Public Open Day
4th November 2018 (Saturday) 9am – former Sarina Scouts/Ladies’ Victorian Reunion (same site) (Katie’s, lunch)

If you are a former Sarina Scout, Leader, Volunteer or family member, you are invited to a complimentary BBQ lunch breakfast on 4th November 2018. If you can attend, please get in touch with us so we can organise catering.

If you are a community group that would like to attend, please contact us on the numbers below to enquire, as we can only accommodate up to 40 people at one time.

Contact: 0423 221 499 / 0441 417 965 / 0423 149 605

Thanking you,
Justin Thompson (Karmel)
Assistant Group Leader (Karmel)