In Year 5/6A we have had a very busy start to the term. We are very fortunate to have some very athletic students amongst us so we have had lots of students attending various district trials and competitions. These students have been extremely diligent in making sure that their class work is up to date.

Early on in the term some staff and students from Mercy College came to speak with the Year 6 students. This was to begin the enrollment process for next year. The Year 6 students became very aware how important their time management skills will be next year, and that it is important that they get used to having deadlines for homework and assignments.

This week the Year 5 students will begin the first of their NAPLAN testing for the year, this is spread across a two week period as it is online. The Year 6 students have been of great support and assistance in getting the Year 5 students ready for this.
I'm there in her arms and that makes all the difference.
We are all there, suffering humanity,
Being held in her love - Would that we were aware.
When we choose to love another our love embraces all others.

(Davis, Novel. 1993 “Heart Gone Walkabout”)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

There are immeasurable ways to be a mum. No one can be the mum you are - the wonderful, caring mum who is loved for who you are and how you are! Our perfect model of motherhood is our Eternal Mother Mary. She gave birth to Jesus in total humility in a barn, she supported and encouraged him throughout challenging ministry, loved him and stood beside him as he died on the cross for all of humanity and prayed for his resurrection with a gentle and quiet spirit.

Thank-you to all the mums, grand mums, aunty mums and adopted mums who share their love in so many ways to all of the children, teachers, support staff and other parents at St Anne’s.

We hope you all had a wonderful day yesterday, filled with laughter, hugs, kisses and cuddles.

STA CRUSADERS | Captain Marcus Sammut has reported a win with their second game for the season, against Beaconsfield State. With the final score of 16 - 8, Captain Marcus reported that highlights for him were Dylan scoring 2 tries in his second ever game, that attacking was good however defense needs improvement and that the conversions were made from the sideline which made things more difficult. Marcus indicated that he was proud of the team and their achievements.

CAPTAIN REPORT | On Anzac Day I was proud to see lots of students, parents and teachers at the Bob Wood Cultural Hall to represent St Anne’s, even though the march was cancelled. Everyone there was patient and well-behaved during the whole ceremony. It was great to see everyone paying their respects to those who defended our country. Ryan and Katelyn our school captains placed the wreath for our school and they did it very respectfully and represented our school with pride.

Also there is a new exciting playground at school and everyone used it responsibly but also had a lot of fun. I know I speak for all the students when I say thank you to all those involved that made it possible for us to have this new playground. I hope the students continue to enjoy, play safely and responsible on this awesome playground.
NAPLAN Breakfast!

This year, we are a NAPLAN Online school, with our testing occurring over a two week period. Year 3 tests are in the morning session, and Year 5 tests have been scheduled for the middle session. With this change comes a necessary change to our breakfast tradition. Our NAPLAN breakfast will occur on the first NAPLAN day only, which is Tuesday, 14th May.

This year, we will be providing bacon and egg burgers and juice to our Year 3 and Year 5 students behind the hall on Tuesday morning, starting from around 8am. If you would like to come along and help cook our breakfast, we would love to see you! We will fire up the bbq's at 7.45am.

There will also be a small celebratory ice block at the end of the NAPLAN testing process!

We wish the students all the very best in our testing period over the next two weeks!

A Visiting Author!

Michael Salmon, a very well known and much loved children's author, is visiting Mackay and will be at St Anne's on Thursday, 30th May, from 1.40pm-2.40pm. Michael's books are always out on loan in our library as they are engaging and funny! His most popular books will be on sale on the day, and as you can see below, his prices on this tour are more than reasonable. He will also sign them! Books will be on sale before his whole school workshop. Parents and younger children are more than welcome to attend, free of charge. Thank you to Mr Oches for providing another visiting author experience for our students, as these enrich our writing program immensely, and certainly motivate our students to get creative!
Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep’s milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion.

Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights.

In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God’s name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds.

Sunday’s gospel passage follows the famous ‘good shepherd’ passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as ‘claiming’ his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus’ rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.
PRAYER
Loving Father, let me attune my heart to the voice of your Son.
As I listen to his voice, may I align my life with his teaching on love and so radiate to the world the life of you Spirit.
I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me.
Amen.

GIVING TABLE & MEALS
At St Anne’s Catholic Primary School, we as a school and faith community believe in the Catholic Social Teaching of preferential option for the poor. This is why we use our giving table as a means of helping the poor.

If you can, please remember to keep bringing items in for our giving table. When you go shopping, all we ask is for one small thing extra that we could put into this table. We donate all food brought in to families in need in the community.

Spaghetti bolognese is the meal we are making this month for families in need. Kindness and generosity are wonderful things. It is so nice to pass on generosity and kindness of our families onto others who are very appreciative. If you would like to make some spaghetti bolognese for the school, please bring it in so that we can delivery to those in need.

Please place servings into takeaway containers and freeze them or we can freeze them if they are delivered fresh. Every little bit helps. Please share this information with others so that those beyond our school community may get involved and to walk with us as we value assisting others in their need.

“The Church’s love for the poor ... is a part of her constant tradition.”
This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2444.
PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR

We live in a world that is very special and precious. But sometimes, our world is unfair.

Lots of people in our world go without. They don't have enough food, they don't have clean water, they don't have medicine, and they don't get to go to school.

God made our world, and God wants everyone to share the things we need.

How do we share? Let's imagine you want to share a cake between 5 people.

To be fair, everyone should get a piece that's the same size.

But what if one person got an extra big piece, and the others got tiny pieces?
This is what our world is really like. The richest people get heaps more than the poorest people. It's not fair, and God doesn't want it that way.

Did you know that if you sleep in a bed, have food in the fridge and keep your clothes in a wardrobe, you are in the richest group. The richest!

In some countries, many people are very poor.

Brazil is a rich country in South America, but there are a lot of poor people there. Only a few people in Brazil have most of the money.

Many of the poor people live in slums. They don't have clean water and they don't have electricity.

So Caritas follows this good tip - we work with the poorest people to make things fair.

They do not own their homes. It's not fair.

We are working together to build a fairer world.
**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

A reminder to parents and students that the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation commences this Sunday 19th of May. Students who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2018 are continuing their sacramental journey in 2019.

The Rite of Enrolment Mass this weekend marks the beginning of the “journey of faith” for children and their parents who are starting the sacramental formation process. It is also a sign to the larger community that all of us have a role in the formation of anyone in the parish. Likewise, it shows children and their families that they are part of the larger faith community.

The parish community provide prayer and support which is needed for the children, their families, and their catechists throughout the formation period. The preparation schedule (outlined in previous newsletters) for the sacraments is:

**Sunday 19th May** - Rite of enrolment 9am Mass (St Michael's Church)
- Parent/Guardian information session / parent information session / Sacramental Session 1 (10:15am, 5PH Classroom)

**Sunday 26th May** - Sacramental Session 2 (10:15am, 5PH Classroom)

**Sunday 2nd June** - Sacramental Session 3 (10:15am, 5PH Classroom)

Please contact Mr Presley if you have any questions about the St Michael's Parish Sacramental Program.

**MOTHER'S DAY**

Thank you to the teachers, students and parents who attended our Mother's Day prayer celebration on Friday. It was lovely to see so many Mums and special women in attendance. On behalf of the St Anne's staff and students, we hope you had a lovely day on Sunday with your children and families.

Yours in Christ,

Mr Stuart Presley
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
stuart_presley@rok.catholic.edu.au
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Sarina District Athletics carnival was held on Tuesday the 7th of May. The following students have made it to Mackay District Athletics. Congratulations and all the best for the day. Thank you to all students who represented St Anne’s on the day you did our school proud with your athletic skills and behaviour.

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1500m Events
Monday 20th May, 2019
ARC Track, South Mackay
3.00pm to 5.30pm

Track and Field Carnival Day
Wednesday 22nd May, 2019
ARC Track, South Mackay
8.45 a.m. sharp.
**STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES**

**Semester 1, 2019**

**Bus Fare Assistance**
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $300/week on fares to and from school?
- Do you have a concession card?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

**Students With Disability**
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your child’s travel capability been assessed as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at SchoolTransport.com.au by 31 May 2019.

Late applications will not be accepted.

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**School Disco**

**13th May 2019 Media Release – For Immediate Release**

It’s time to celebrate this term because the 2019 Star101.9 School Disco Promotion is coming back!

The Star 101.9 School Disco promotion requires school communities to nominate and vote for their School through the Star 101.9 website.

The most-voted School of the promotion will win a Star School disco for themselves, along with Harvey Norman prizes to be raffled on the night, $1000 to go back to the P&C and this year bringing in second and third placed prizes.

The winning School will be able to choose an evening for which they would like to host the disco. The Star101.9 team will bring our Announcer along for the party, a popcorn machine, Bounce Now equipment, fun games, some prizes & special surprises and of course that $1000 cheque for the P&C!

School nominations open at 7am during the Breakfast Show on Star 101.9 Monday 20th May. This year we will roll straight into the voting for your chosen School with every School qualified within the Mackay and the Whitsundays region, there will be daily School leader board updates available at the Star 101.9 website and Facebook page. The voting period closes on Friday 14th June at 12pm and representatives from the top 3 Schools will be notified immediately for a special invitation to come along for the reveal of the 2019 Star101.9 School Disco winner.

The draw will be broadcasted live at Harvey Norman from 9am the morning of Saturday 15th June to congratulate the Finalist and reveal the overall winner for Star101.9 School Disco.

For more information please contact:
Jess Dawes – Promotions Manager Star 101.9
4951 9820 jess.dawes@grantbroadcasters.com.au

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**Star101.9**

**Harvey Norman**
School Photo Day 11 June 2019

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

You will have the option to order online or with cash in your student’s envelope. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write “Mum’s order” or “Dad’s order” on top of your envelope.

To order a sibling photo, please collect Sibling Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings who all attend the school.

If your child has been photographed in a special group (i.e. sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

Keep smiling!!!
Community News

Sarina and District Community Kindergarten

OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 25TH MAY
9AM TO 12 PM
32 - 34 LEE STREET

Meet Piggy from Bendigo Bank!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT THE KINDY ON 49561580

Come along and join in the fun.
Check out our Book Fair too!
(CASH only event)

Appearances from Emergency Services