



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

24 November 2023

LOOKING BACK...LOOKING FORWARD!

This week I read the words of our Assistant to the Director of the Southern Region, Mr. Stephen Dale, as he suggested that we can see farther and achieve greater when standing on the shoulders of giants. Two female giants that come to mind when we think of the foundations built for Catholic Education are Mary MacKillop and Catherine McAuley. This week we farewelled our very own modern-day giant, **Mary Catherine Nash**, with this name I feel as though she was always destined to achieve great things in this space. Cath is synonymous with St. Patrick's. She has taught many staff and parents from this community, along with hundreds of students. Many of these will recall Miss Cath as their favourite teacher and for some, a person who made them want to pursue their own career in teaching. Cath was first transferred from St. Joseph's to St. Patrick's in 1986 and will retire with forty years of teaching under her belt. She has worked in all three Bundaberg Catholic Primary Schools. However, Cath acknowledged in her parting speech how St. Patrick's is where her children and (hopefully) grandchildren will be educated and will always have a special place in her heart. Either way, we are sure to see Miss Cath back in our community in some capacity and she leaves with us her legacy. A legacy that reminds us of how to see the best in each young person we meet. A reminder of how everyone is on their own learning journey. They might not necessarily be reaching academic benchmarks now, but to see the potential waiting, sometimes patiently, to unfold. Cath's superpower was to meet each individual where they were today, to have them arrive as the best version of themselves tomorrow. This is the key for all educators, and we thank Miss Cath for piggy backing us into the next wonderful St. Patrick's Chapter.

Last week we farewelled another St. Patrick's 'giant' who also shared this same 'superpower' in the role of Teacher Assistant and past parent. The lovely **Deb Handley** left us earlier in the year, due to health, deciding this needed to be her priority. This was not a decision Deb made lightly. We enjoyed a wonderful celebration of Deb's 25 years as being part of this community. Deb still has her grandson, Carter Handley at St. Patrick's and Deb promises not to be a stranger.

We wish both ladies well, as they take a well-deserved break from education. In climbing up on to their shoulders, we can peer forward into the future to see 2024 a little clearer. Next year, we don't have massive change in the way of staffing, but please read on for the latest 2024 updates.

TEACHERS

We have one new name on our staffing list with Mrs. Deanne Moller transferring to us from St. John's Gladstone. She comes highly recommended, and we look forward to welcoming her into our community. We also welcome back Zana Hook who returns to us from Maternity Leave from Term 1.



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ABSENTEES

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Year Level	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Prep	Lucy Storey	Sandi Lascelles	Andrea Wust
Year 1	Zana Hook / Jed Morley	Kat Harrington	Amelia Morine
Year 2	Kellie Lerch	Sara Salmond / Kelsie Newby	Hannah Nasio S1 / Jessie Clarey S2
Year 3	Jess Cullinan	Rebecca Lovejoy	Andrea Tindall
Year 4	Cathy Keegan	Sally French	Deanne Moller
Year 5	Larisa Green	Matt Plumb	Amanda Modolo / Emma Donovan
Year 6	Sean Killeen	Rachel Medley	Jessie Salmon

Specialist Teachers	
Term 1	Claire Baillie - Health/Zones of Regulation/Online Safety
Term 2 - 4	Gabby Lindeman - Design and Digital Technologies
Term 1 - 4	Taryn Physical Education
Term 1 - 4	Jed Morley Music
Learning Support	Leah Walton & Clare Clarke (LSL Term 1)
Term 1	Barb Byrne Learning Support

Leadership Team	
Kim O'Shea-Hard	Principal
Annette Hammermeister	APA
Tracey Cook	APRE
Jo Driver	APC

Teacher Assistants -We will have little change with our Teacher Assistant's (better known as our ANGELS) for 2024. We thank **Taila Saint, Krystal Ralph, Emma Whittaker, and Jillian Harris** who have worked solidly across the school in a casual capacity this year. We look forward to welcoming them back in to do so again in the New Year. Congratulations to **Samantha Aslett** and **Brooklyn Stone**, who are graduating as fully-fledged teachers. Brooklyn will continue her Catholic Education career, as a teacher, in Monto next year. We know she'll be amazing and look forward to possibly having her return to us one day. We are eagerly awaiting to see where Samantha's career takes her, as she has so much to offer the profession of education. We have been blessed to have these two ladies on staff as Teacher Assistants, whilst they sharpened their educational swords for the world of teaching.

CAREER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Next year we welcome our first ever **CAP Teacher Assistants**. This is a new program where aspiring teachers, entering their third or fourth year of study are employed to be mentored by one of our talented teachers. These are highly sort after positions and carefully chosen by Catholic Education as they will go on to be our next generation of teachers. I am so excited to be successful in receiving two exceptional young ladies to welcome into our community next year. **Jessie Richards** is a past student of Shalom College, who has remained working there as a TA, whilst studying education for the past three years. **Bianca Maultby**, also going in to her third year of teaching comes to us highly recommended with a myriad of skills, inclusive of music and working with young people.

CLASS LISTS

Thanks to those parents who submitted class requests for students where special circumstances were seen to warrant our consideration, whilst determining classes for 2024. This year we have been chosen to engage in a trial to use an App called **Class Solver**.

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This is a program that involves the input of information from parents, Leadership and of course classroom teachers. We have then spent hours in helping to generate classes which will be published next Friday, 1st December, along with your child's report card. We are confident that these are as close to 'perfectly balanced' as possible, when considering academic, behaviour and friendship connections. I thank you in advance for your co-operation, understanding and support around these matters, as it is no easy task but a beneficial venture to ensure the best possible start to a new year.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

On our last day of term, **Friday 1st December from 9am** we will hold our End of Year Liturgy. Students will then return to their class for a small snack and activities. The day will then end with a **Year 6 Assembly from 11:10am-12pm**, which will involve the whole school in the multi. At the conclusion of the assembly, all students will **return to their classes for roll marking** prior to being **dismissed at 12pm**. There will be **no formal classes from 12pm-3pm**. Parents are free and encouraged to collect their children at this time. From 12pm, teachers will be on gate duties at both Powers and Mulgrave Streets and our Pick-Up Zone will begin operation. Any student walking or riding home must have a note from their parents. We understand there may be circumstances where early pick-up may not be possible, and we thank families who have already **used this [Google link](#) to register their children for care from 12pm-3pm**. This will occur from the **OSHC space under the supervision of Claire O'Connell and a teacher**. We will have to close the link and finalise numbers, **Monday 27th November**, to ensure we have enough care in place. **At 3pm the only pick-up zone in operation will be the Mulgrave St. carpark**. The Powers Street gate will be locked and George Street only open for those requiring bus transport. There will be no Tuckshop on the last day or Sausage Sizzle and normal sports uniform must be worn by all students. If your child is absent for the last day, please e-mail spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au. Thanks so much for your communication and co-operation for what we hope to be a special and smooth end to what has been a wonderful school year. Thanks for being part of it!

P & F AGM and BOARD

This Tuesday we held our Annual General Parents and Friends Meeting. This was a lovely opportunity to look at the 'year that was' and to spill and fill positions for the new school year. This Friday evening, we will say farewell to three integral members of our Board. P & F President (**Damien Botha**), Chair of the Board (**Daniel Reeves**) and Board Secretary/Staff Representative (**Cath Nash**). Cath, Damien, and Daniel have all held a long-esteemed relationship with the St. Patrick's community and have carried out their roles for some time. I am immensely grateful for their commitment to see me through my first year, before exiting their distinguished roles and have enjoyed their support, friendship and wisdom over this past year. Parents are getting busier, but it is important for us to stay connected to ensure we have new members filtering through. I am pleased to say that we were able to welcome in the following newcomers for next year, as a result of this meeting. Congratulations to **Bree Watson** who will be the **P & F President** and will walk closely and supportively with the new **Chair of the Board, Mrs. Tanya Wakeley**. We then welcome in **Kelly Dwyer, Yesmin Dever and Brendan/Gillian Croft** as new members to the Board for 2024. Congratulations also to **Lucy Storey** who was nominated as the Staff Board Representative to replace Cath Nash. I very much look forward to working with this wonderful group in 2024.

There is a lot to digest from this week's newsletter and so much going on to end the year well. Calvin Coolidge states how ***Christmas is not a time, nor a season, but a state of mind***. Whilst we may be a tad early for the official Christmas season, my mind is starting to hum those familiar lyrics **'it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas'** as my heart is full and my soul forever grateful for the gift of you. THANK YOU, St. Patrick's Students, Parents and Staff! You have made my first year in this community, one I have appreciated and cherished. Whether you believe Christmas is a 'state of mind' or 'pinch in time' I hope you get to spend it surrounded by family, friends and anything that makes you feel grateful. Merry Christmas when it arrives, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday the 22nd of January, 2024.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2024

Registrations are being taken now for the children's preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist next year. Expected numbers are needed now to aid planning.

Primary aged children who are baptised Catholic and are 8 years old or older are eligible to prepare. A Parent Information evening will be held early in Term One where program dates and details will be explained.

To register use the QR code, phone the parish office 4151 6666 for a form, or complete an online form through the link provided. <https://form.jotform.com/222899018048060>.

For more information contact Anne at the parish office.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

The Christmas Children's Mass, held each year at Holy Rosary and run by the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg, is such a special event. All students are welcome to attend and even invited to take part in the reenactment of the Nativity. If your child would like a part in this year's Nativity with the Parish, please attend the meeting from 3.30pm in the Novakoski Centre on November 30.

Sacramental Preparation 2024

Children 8+ years

Registrations are being taken now.

Register online
<https://form.jotform.com/222899018048060>

or

Phone the parish office
4151 6666



PARTS SELECTION FOR

Children's Christmas Mass

Thursday, 30th November
3.30-4.00pm
Novakoski Centre

litecord.bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au



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MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Every year the St Patrick's school community, led by our Mini Vinnies Team, donates items to assist those less fortunate at Christmas. St Vincent de Paul collects these donations from us and distributes them to families in need. We are asking each year level to donate specific items for our Christmas Appeal. By each year level donating something different we will be able to make Christmas hampers for local families in need. Please place donations in the white basket outside each year level.



MINI VINNIES 2023 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Emmanuel
Our God is with us

Our Mini Vinnies Team need your help to make Christmas special for those in need.

We would love your help with these donations.

- Prep: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 1: Toys (unused)
- Year 2: Books (unused)
- Year 3: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 4: Board games, card games and sport equipment (new)
- Year 5: Christmas decorations (new)
- Year 6: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24 December

Christmas Eve

Childrens' Mass – Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm

22 Barolin Street, Bundaberg

St Patrick's Church 6.00pm

14 Powers Street, Bundaberg

Holy Rosary Church 8.00pm

22 Barolin Street, Bundaberg

Monday 25 December

Christmas Day

St James' Church 7.00am

38 See Street, Bargara

Holy Rosary Church 8.00am

22 Barolin Street, Bundaberg

St Patrick's Church 9.00am

14 Powers Street, Bundaberg

END OF YEAR EVENTS

DAY	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	TUCKSHOP
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Play	9:00am	Multi	N/A
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation Liturgy	9:00am	Multi	N/A
	Year 6 End Year Excursion	10:30am–1:00pm	Norville Pool	No tuckshop
Wednesday	Year 5 End Year Excursion	9:00am-12:00pm	Bundy Bowl	Afternoon tea only
	Year 4 End Year Excursion	10:00am-12:00pm	Reading Cinemas	Afternoon tea only
	Year 3 End Year Excursion	10:00am-12:00pm	Reading Cinemas	Afternoon tea only
	Year 2 End Year Excursion	9:15am–11:00am	Inflatable World	Afternoon tea only
	Year 1 End Year Excursion	9:00am-11:00am	Shalom Movies	Afternoon tea only
	Prep End Year Excursion	9:00am-11:00am	Shalom Movies	Afternoon tea only
	Celebration Night	5:30pm Gates open at 5:00pm for a 6:00pm start	Oval (George St)	N/A
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	Multi	No Tuckshop
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:15am	Multi	N/A
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	Whole School	

2024 TERM DATES

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TERM 1	Monday 22 January - Thursday 28 March Pupil Free Day—Friday 16 February
TERM 2	Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
TERM 3	Monday 8 July - Friday 13 September Pupil Free Day—Friday 30 August
TERM 4	Monday 30 September - Friday 6 December

CELEBRATION NIGHT

Celebration NIGHT

Wednesday 29th November

Our annual Celebration Night will be held on Wednesday 30th November, which is a wonderfully relaxed evening spent on our oval watching our children perform Christmas Carols. We also take the opportunity to farewell any staff that may be leaving us. Please note the following information:-

- Gates will open at 5pm
- All families are welcome to bring a BYO dinner and drinks. All students to wear Christmas colours.
- Performances begin at 6pm with our Prep classes
- We may even get a visit from the man in red at the end of the evening.
- Toilets—all adults and toddlers are to use the toilets at the back of the Parish Hall as student toilets are strictly for student use only.

PLEASE NOTE :

Parents should be aware that school staff are not supervising students during this evening. All students attending should be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for their supervision, and this includes high school age children.

E-SAFETY GIFT GUIDE

How do you choose tech gifts that are both fun and safe for your kids? The [eSafety Gift Guide](#) is here to help. We've gone through the latest tech trends to bring you straightforward advice to help make smart and safe tech gift choices for children and young people.

This year, the digital playground has evolved, especially in the world of [online gaming](#). Read our guide for the latest updates and find practical tips on a range of tech gifts - from [gaming memberships and virtual currencies](#), [drones](#), [smartphones](#), [wearable tech](#) and more.

Remember, the gadgets we choose do more than entertain; they can influence personal safety and the wellbeing of our families. That's why healthy online habits are important right from the start. Choose tech gifts wisely this holiday season, ensuring they're fun, safe, and age-appropriate for your child. Gift smart, gift safe, and be online safety conscious when giving gifts this holiday season.



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

CANDY CANES

At this time of year students like to exchange Christmas cards and treats such as candy canes to other students. We ask that children do not give gifts of candy canes to the other children. It is wonderful that children wish to give things to others, however we ask people to give non food gifts. Unfortunately candy canes can cause issues with a number of children on particular diets, children with allergies to some of the additives, not to mention the high sugar content. Cards, stickers and other small items can give the message that they are thinking of others.



SCHOOL SHOES—REMAINDER OF TERM

If your child's shoes are coming to the end of their 2024 school life and pose a safety issue for your child, then the school fully understands and does not expect you to purchase a new pair with only two weeks to go. What we would appreciate and expect is a courtesy email or phone call alerting us to the reason why your child is presenting to school with different shoes to the school uniform policy. If possible, we ask that the shoes be predominately black in colour. Thank you for your support in this matter.

SCHOOL FORMAL HAT

Innstyle Mensland have advised they are currently awaiting stock of the formal hat (Size Small) to arrive. Please note that stock is expected to arrive in mid-January.



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School		Booklist, Years 1 - 6 2024												
Students Name:		Get ✓												
Mobile:		Boy ✓												
		Girl ✓												
* If ordering please write number of items required in the chosen year column OR Tick ORDER ALL BOX (1 student per list please) * For more details go to Order books for year 1-6 or for replenishing items used during the year. Prices Subject to Change From 23rd Dec. 2023														
Product Name	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Total	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Total
1 Document, White, Flap, Plastic Vector & Gussert	2.20							1A						1A
2 Display Book, 20 Pck Refillable	1.95							1B						1B
3 Clipboard, A4 Wooden	4.95	1						2A						2A
4 Clipfolder, A4 PVC	5.80		1					2A						2A
5 Case, Clear PVC, Mesh A4 360x270 zip	4.95	2	1					3A						3A
6 Case, Clear PVC, Mesh A3 485x365 zip	7.10	1		1				3A						3A
7 Crayons, Windups Pck 12	6.95	4	2	#				3A						3A
8 Markers, Coloured, Fine Tip Pck 12	2.95							3A						3A
9 Markers, Coloured, Med Tip Connector Pk 12	5.70		1					3A						3A
10 Pastels, Oil Pk 12- Lge Ass Micator	7.35		1					3A						3A
11 Pencil Case, Name Insert, 19x35cm 2 zip	4.95	2	1					3A						3A
12 Pencils, Coloured Full length Pck 12	2.95	2		1	#			3A						3A
13 Paint Brush, #6 Round Taper	4.40			1	#			3A						3A
14 Paint Brush, Hog Hair #6 flat	1.10	1	1					3A						3A
15 Scissors, 178mm Student (suit right & left hand)	3.50	1	1	1	1	1		3A						3A
16 Earphones, Bud, Inline mic	8.50			1	1	1		4A						4A
17 Earphones Case, zipped	3.80			1	1	1		4A						4A
18 Headphones, No Mic., 1x Jack	14.95	1	1					4A						4A
19 Eraser, Large Soft Vinyl	0.85	4	#	2	#	2	#	4B						4B
20 Pencil, Graphite Grade HB Triangular Bx12	7.50	1	#					4B						4B
21 Pencil, Graphite, Grade HB Bx12	2.95	1	#					4B						4B
22 Pencil, Graphite, Grade HB, Bx 20	7.70		1	1	#	1	1	4B						4B
23 Ruler, Wood 30cm	6.95	1	1	1	#	1	2	1						4B
24 Sharpener, 1 hole metal (Single)	1.00			1				4B						4B
25 Sharpener, 2 hole plastic with container	2.20			1	1	1		4B						4B
26 Ballpoint Pen, Med Blue	0.70							4E						4E
27 Ballpoint Pen, Med Red	0.70							4E					2	4E
28 Ballpoint Pen Erasable Pilot Friction 7 Blue	3.95							4E					1	4E
29 Ballpoint Pen Erasable Pilot Friction 7 Red	3.95							4E					1	4E
30 Glue Stick, Large WHITE 35g	2.80	4	#	2	4	#	4	2	1					5A
31 Highlighters, Pck 4 Yellow, Green, Orange, Pink (Standard)	5.40							1	2	1				5C
32 Marker, Permanent, 2-3mm Bullet tip, Black 'Sharpie'	2.50		1					1	1					5C
33 Marker, Whiteboard 2-3mm Bullet tip, Black	2.00	3						2	1					5C
34 Marker, Whiteboard 4-5mm Bullet tip Pck 4 Ass'd	6.50		2	#	1	#	1	1	1					5C
35 Scrapbook, 72page White Pages Softcl	2.90	4	1		4	2	1	1						5B
36 Scrapbook, Mini (Half Size) 165x240mm 64pg	1.70							1						5B
37 Sketch Book A3 Spiral #533	4.95							1						5B

BOOKLISTS

Booklists have been sent home with your child last week and have also been added to the St Patrick's Primary School website under [Booklist Specifications](#).

If you wish for AASTAT to compile your order free of charge please note the booklist needs to be lodged to them by **31st December**.

On any lists submitted by this date, AASTAT will donate a percentage of sales back to the school which is always greatly appreciated.

PARENTAL CONSENTS

As part of Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton, St Patrick's has as its highest priority the safety and well-being of our students. One of our key processes for upholding student protection is seeking up-to-date parental consents to inform how we share student images and information in accordance with parent directives. In order to achieve this we have introduced an online consent system via Parent Lounge to enable parents to update consents at any time.

Some parents may have received an email this week asking to login to [Parent Lounge](#) and update consents for your child/ren. Note if you have more than one child, this update will need to be completed for each child.

Please note the following descriptions for the five consent areas:-

Promo, Website, Ext Display – refers to external displays, website and promotional material for the school, CEDR and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

Social Media – refers to Facebook for the school, CEDR and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

In local, regional, state, and national media – refers to outlets representing the school.

Sharing my/our personal information (limited to name, address, telephone numbers, occupation) – refers to sharing information to its associated supporting groups such as the P&F, sporting and cultural support groups.

Disclosing data with ACARA – refers to the school disclosing information to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) such as gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation, and parental education. The information provided is anonymous and will be used in formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance and assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters. CEDR encourages parents to provide this information as the exclusion of data could result in reduced funding for St Patrick's.

Thank you in advance for assisting us in enhancing our student protection processes. If consents are not updated by the end of the term, please note consents for your child/ren will be defaulted to No. Please contact the office if you require any assistance.

HOW TO GUIDE

From the Parent Lounge home page, simply click on the **Student Details** heading, then **General Details** and scroll down to the **Consents** section. Click on the blue **Update** button and enter **Y** or **N** for each consent listed.

Update Consents

* Promo, Website, Ext Display	<input type="text"/>
* Social Media	<input type="text"/>
* In local, regional, state media	<input type="text"/>
* Sharing my/our personal inform	<input type="text"/>
* Disclosing data with ACARA	<input type="text"/>

Enter Y or N for each consent listed and then click **Submit Changes**.

Cancel Submit Changes



Christmas 2023

Pageant of Lights

30 Nov | 5.30 pm
Bundaberg CBD

FREE
EVENT

festive floats



Santa

stalls + activities



entertainment



festive fun



Christmas 2023

Christmas in the Precinct

9 December | 2 pm
Bundaberg Recreational Precinct

FREE
EVENT

Mumma's Nest Markets



reindeer photos

rides + activities



amazing entertainment



Santa + the Grinch

Date Claimer



Will be held On

Saturday 16th March 2024

Theme: TBA

Tickets will be on Sale Online at the start of the 2024 School Year

Looking forward to your continued support of this annual fun day out for the Catholic Schools Community. Further enquiries please contact Peter O'Beirne on 0419 787 279

Dive in to SwimStart



Do you have a child aged 0-4?



Would you like your child to take part in learn to swim lessons?



Are you a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holder?

Your child may be eligible for a **\$150 SwimStart voucher** for learn to swim lessons at a registered SwimStart activity provider.



Visit www.qld.gov.au/swimstart or call 13QGOV to find out more



allowaynetballclub@outlook.com

President – Lyn Newport 4152 8298

Vice President – Les Gilby

INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL, 2024?

*"Join Alloway..... the friendly club!"
New members very welcome.*

COME AND TRY DAY
NETSETGO

Turning 7, 8, 9 & 10 in 2024.

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY

9.30 – 10.30am

BNA COURTS

Or

Email : allowaynetballclub@outlook.com

to access further information

Or

contact President Lyn Newport

0407 408 966

"2024 season begins Saturday 11 May, 2024 on Saturdays at 11.30am, for 10 weeks"

President Lyn Newport
Secretary Kate Roelofs

Vice President Les Gilby
Treasurer Alecia Portman

SCHOOL SAVVY IS BACK FOR 2024

Bundaberg region residents can look forward to the School Savvy pop-up shops returning in 2024, with shops in Bundaberg, Childers and Gin Gin once again set to open.

From January 8, students from families facing financial struggles will be able to access quality second-hand uniforms and essential booklist stationery supplies at extremely affordable prices.

Uniform donations are now being accepted through donation locations across the area. For a current list of donation points, please visit www.catholiccarecq.com/donations

Support your local community and make a difference in a school student's life. The School Savvy CQ team is looking forward to seeing you.