



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Today your child has brought home a Holistic Teaching and Planning Framework. This sheet will become a valuable way for your child's teacher to get to know him or her, and your family. The Framework considers the holistic view of the world and allows the teachers to tap into each student's view and knowledge of the world.

The framework is based on the work of Uncle Ernie Grant, a Jirrbal elder from North Queensland. The framework was introduced to staff through work we have begun to do with the Stronger Smarter Institute, based in Queensland. Stronger Smarter is a program introduced by Dr Chris Sarra during his time as Principal of Cherbourg State School. The program began to empower Indigenous students in knowing that they were as strong and as smart as any other student in schools around the nation and that they should not accept anything less because of stereotypes and lower expectations. As a school, we are implementing the ideals of the Stronger Smarter program throughout the school for all our students and the Holistic Framework is the first step. The Framework considers the Holistic view of the world and allows the teachers to tap into each student's view and knowledge of the world.

Your child has brought home the framework because we would like it to be a family activity, i.e. we would like you to sit with your child, discuss the elements of the framework and complete it together. You will find an explanation of each section and a brief example below. Please take the time to complete the framework and have your child return the framework to their class teacher by Tuesday 06 March.

LAND – What land is important to you? e.g. Where were born? Where do you live?

LANGUAGE – What languages do you speak?

CULTURE – What events are important to you? What things do you celebrate as a family? What traditions do you have?

TIME – What are some important/significant events in your life?

PLACE – What places are special/important to you and your family? Is there a place where you spend a lot of time?

RELATIONSHIPS – Who are the important people in your life?

Please see over the page for an example of a completed framework.

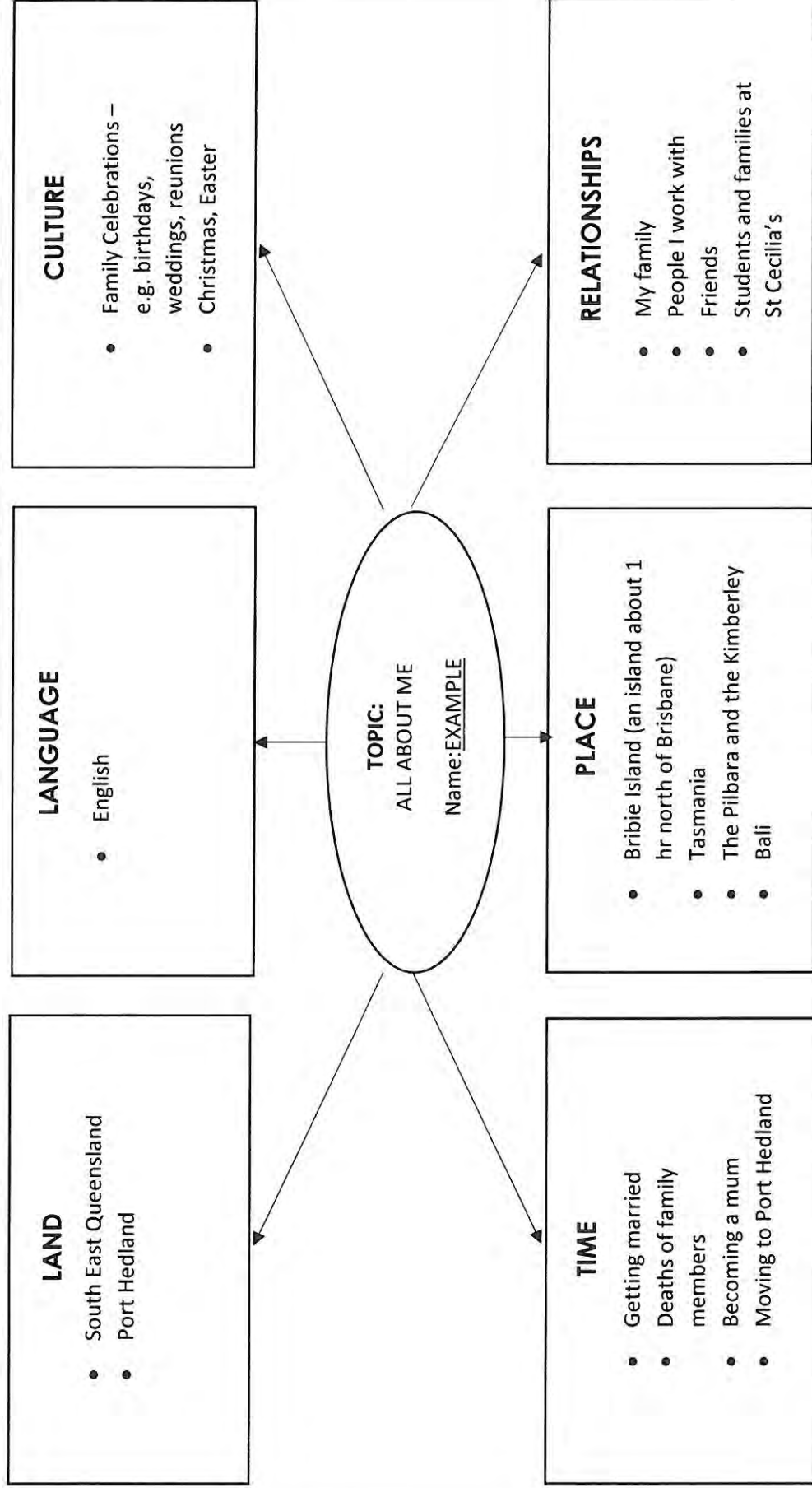
If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact either your child's teacher, Miss Greatorex, Mrs Sheen or Mr Allen.

Yours sincerely

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