



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

29th April 2022

Over the Easter school holidays, I took part in a course out near Gatton. It was a combination of theoretical study and outdoor activities that were challenging to say the least. What I thought was a great idea when I booked it, turned out to be very early starts well before dawn, study during the day and more challenges late in the afternoon. Some of the challenges scared me more than a little. On occasion the feedback from my instructor was very direct and my intelligence (or lack thereof) was described in no uncertain terms and involved adjectives and phrases that would have seen him quickly sent home from a Catholic school. Some mornings I felt like just calling in 'sick' or giving up on the course altogether as it all seemed just too hard. I considered looking for an easy way out.

There were a few things that stopped me. The commitment I had made, the money I had invested, personal pride to name a few. Mostly however, it was because the people I admire most do not give in or give up when things get a bit tough. There are the kids at school who face very difficult learning, home and social challenges – but they front up every single day. There are my friends, parents and staff members who have had to face up to very serious health concerns – but they just push through the pain. The Easter story of Jesus facing up to his own death and of course the soldiers whose character and bravery we acknowledged on Monday through the ANZAC ceremonies. These are the people I look up to, who I most want to emulate, and from whom I take inspiration when I am faced with challenges.

I was so very pleased to see such big turnouts at dawn services and town ceremonies on ANZAC Day. The weather was less than perfect, and it was a long weekend, and yet people made the effort and the time to pay respect at the various ceremonies. Our own school turnout, staff and students was amazing. We all need heroes, and we need to tell their stories – not just to honour them but so that we too can learn to find strength when we are called to stand up for ourselves and for others.

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PREP 2023

A final reminder to ensure younger siblings are enrolled for Prep 2023.

Applications can be made online via the school website. Closing date for applications is Friday 6th May.

Mother's Day



Our Mother's Day Liturgy will be held next Friday 6th May at 9am in the MPS. As part of the liturgy we will have a powerpoint presentation of the special Mums in our lives.

To assist can each family please send in one photo per family of Mum and the kids to spoffice@rok.catholic.edu.au by today to be included in the presentation.

COVID-19 UPDATE

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School wishes to advise that during the past week, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community.

St Patrick's regularly consults with the Catholic Education Office and relevant authorities, and continues to follow the advice of Queensland Health regarding cleaning requirements.

Queensland Health has advised that no quarantine of students or staff is required.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/children at home
- Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results. Please be aware, a negative COVID test does not change the requirement to be symptom free to attend school.
- Follow the advice of Queensland Health

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:

- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of elbow and dispose of tissues immediately.
- practice social distancing from others where possible
- wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

FLU AND INFLUENZA ADVICE

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. Qld Health has advised that it has recorded an increase in the number of influenza notifications. Therefore, is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about the flu.

Flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.



The school requests that anyone displaying flu-like symptoms stay at home until such symptoms have passed. Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above. Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.

BOOKCLUB

Book club catalogues have been sent home with your child this week. All orders need to be made **ONLINE via LOOP payment** on the Scholastic website, as no cash orders can be accepted.

Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

All orders are due by **Thursday 5th May**. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 3	Year 2	1 Volunteer Required
Week 4	Year 1	3 Volunteers Required
Week 5	Prep	2 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 6	3 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 5	3 Volunteers Required
Week 8	Year 4	3 Volunteers Required
Week 9	Year 3	3 Volunteers Required

Friday Sausage Sizzle will be held each and every Friday this term. Each week we require three volunteers to assist with the serving and clean up of the sizzle.

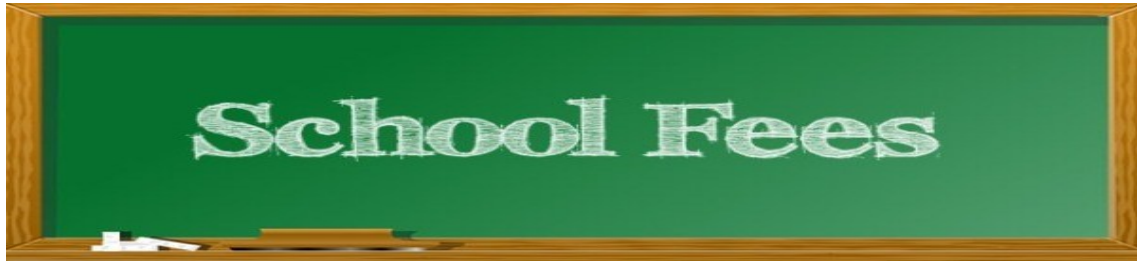
If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.

DENTAL HEALTH VAN

The school dental service is now at St Patrick's and is based at the Powers Street Church carpark. All children that have a Medicare card are eligible to be seen for a full dental examination and recommended treatment. If not already done so, please collect a form from the office or alternatively call 4303 8059.

A gentle reminder that a parent or legal guardian needs to attend the first appointment and must wear a mask whilst in the dental van.





A reminder to all families that fees have now been issued and are payable within 14 days unless you have a payment plan in place, in which case they merely serve as a statement for your records. Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary Brooke Bone if you have any queries or any time should you wish to setup a payment plan.

Please check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement. It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school. Any shortfall in assessed fees for the year has to be met from the general school account which could mean less in our budget to meet our commitments. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the Finance Secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Direct Deposit

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

Recurring Credit Card Billing

If you wish to make regular recurring payments as you would normally from a bank account but prefer to use a Credit Card so as to gain advantages of frequent flyer points etc you will need to complete a form. This form is available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab, titled Direct Debit by Credit Card Form. Otherwise please contact St Patrick's School Finance Secretary Brooke Bone at brooke_bone@rok.catholic.edu.au to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

BPay

BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A BPay logo with the school's Biller ID and account reference is on your statement if you choose to pay this way.

Parent Lounge

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

Direct Debit

If you wish to set up Direct Debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Brooke Bone for assistance or simply download, complete and return the form titled Direct Debit by Bank Account Form available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab.

Centrepay

Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments. Our CRN is 555 053 656K and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

OUT AND ABOUT



Contact Dave Delpratt
Bundaberg Table Tennis
4155 2388 / 0418 526 968
bundytt@bigpond.com

Spinneroos gives kids a great first experience with table tennis!

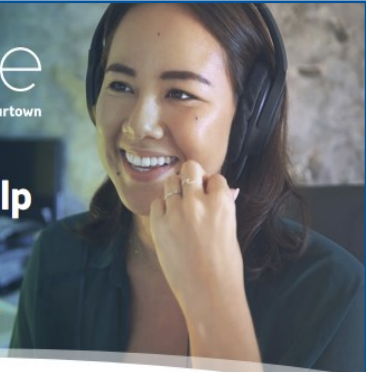


8 weeks of fun!
Program includes a kit bag, t-shirt, bat and balls!

Starts Wednesday 27 April
Finishes Wednesday 15 June
4.30 - 5.30 pm

Find out more and book now!
Spinneroos.com.au





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Parentline can support your service

- Parentline has counsellors available free 365 days a year from 8am to 10pm should you recognise that a family is struggling. Please give out our details, send through a referral form or ring us with the family. We're here to help
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READY TO PLAY?

Come & Try a session for free!

ST PATRICKS PRIMARY only \$80

THE DETAILS

Date: Starts Wednesday 4th May
Time/Length: 3:10pm - 4:20pm for 6 weeks
Cost: \$80.00 (online only)
Venue: St Patricks oval
Age Minimum: Turning 5 in 2022



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- First session is a Come & Try session. No registration or payment is required to attend
- This centre only accepts online registrations & payments. No cash or cheque is accepted
- Participants receive a benefits pack with a football

Contact Kieron.hyndman@afl.com.au or on 0439 721 874 for more info

play.afl/auskick



BARGARA LITTLE ATHLETICS
2021 SEASON

LAQ Winter Season
Sundays from 9am
Come 'n' Try Day
Sun 18th April
Season commences
Sun 2 May
Bargara Sports Complex



McDonald's Little Athletics Queensland

coles Little Athletics Australia

For more information:
www.bargaraathletics.org.au
Phone 0458 118 910
secretarybargaraathletics@gmail.com
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Tiny Tots (3 & 4yr olds) \$50
Under 6-17 athletes \$120
Seniors Club Fee \$30
(must register with QA as independent athlete)
LAQ online registrations open in March

TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 19th April - Friday 22nd April		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY		
Tuesday	School returns on Tuesday 19 April		
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
Friday	Anzac Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 5
WEEK 2	Week 25th April - 29th April		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY		
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 3	Week 2nd May - 6th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 2
Friday-Saturday	Music Camp - Junior & Senior Strings		Chaverim
WEEK 4	Week 9th May - 13th May		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1C
WEEK 5	Week 16th May - 20th May		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1M
WEEK 6	Week 23rd May - 27th May		
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mrs Cook
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
WEEK 7	Week 30th May - 3rd June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N
WEEK 8	Week 6th June - 10th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
WEEK 9	Week 13th June - 17th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3L
WEEK 10	Week 20th June - 24th June		
Monday	Senior Field Events (students born 2010, 2011 & 2012)	TBA	St Patrick's
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3S
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (students born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013)	TBA	Shalom
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (students born 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017)	TBA	St Patrick's

2022 TERM DATES	
TERM 2	Tuesday 19 April - Friday 24 June
TERM 3	Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September
	PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 2nd September
TERM 4	Tuesday 4 October - Friday 2 December

2022 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS			
TERM 2	District Cross County	13-May	Avoca SS
TERM 3	District Athletics Carnival	3/4 August	St Luke's
TERM 4	Years 3-6 Senior Swimming Carnival	25-Nov	BSA