



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

9th February 2024

This week 5M led us in prayer around the theme 'peace'. I know from my time at Shalom (the Hebrew word for peace) we tried often to articulate the true meaning of this special word for students. It is built from a root denoting wholeness or completeness, but I often found it difficult to explain what that might look like, let alone taste like. The Year 5 students did an amazing job this week helping us to understand this term a little more deeply. They described 'peace' as feeling like a warm hug from Mum and suggested if it was a food it might taste like vanilla ice-cream. They also shared the prayer below which beautifully encapsulates a true sense of what 'peace' might look like in action.

Peace

*Peace is calmness, peace is quietness,
Peace is love and gentleness,
Peace is gladness, peace is goodness.
Peace is joy and happiness.
Peace is loving, peace is helping
Peace is showing that you care.
Peace is sharing, peace is giving
Peace is joining hands in prayer.*

This week I have felt a strong sense of peace from each corner of our school. The year has started very well and I just feel that there is a great feeling in the air at St. Patrick's. Several school staff members have started the ritual of attending the short, simple, yet reflective 7am Thursday morning Mass at St. Patrick's church, followed by a cup of coffee from visiting coffee van. Please feel free to join us! All welcome! Fr. Don's Homily touched on a similar theme and made me reflect on how lucky we are to live in a fairly peaceful part of the world, despite some frightening events that have unfolded over recent weeks, a lot closer to home. Pope Francis (2014) suggests that Justice and Peace start at home. This message resonates with me. We can often feel powerless to make a difference to peace on the world stage, but we all have the power to impact our own family's sense of peace and consequently our St. Patrick's School community. Pope Francis would suggest this a building block for 'a world that respects each other, accepts others in their diversity and takes care of each other'. This is not always easy and sometimes hard to achieve even in our own backyards, but worth working towards and I can see the fruits of the work you do with your own children in the way they have started this year, so THANK YOU!

Last year it was wonderful to have the opportunity to come together as a Parents and Friends group to listen to Justin Coulson (Semester 1) and to learn about the Zones of Regulations (Semester 2) which is heavily used to regulate behaviour at St. Patrick's. I hope some of these strategies are assisting parents, as they navigate their way through their children's daily lives. Over the break, I spent some time working my way through some wonderful suggestions made by parents for future topics. Parents suggested ideas and strategies to use at home to strengthen their child's grasp of numeracy and literacy and these are the topics we have chosen.



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Absentees

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS CONTINUED

I have invited our Diocesan Primary Mathematics Consultant, John Campbell, to join us on Monday the 11th of March to run two practical, hands-on parent sessions. I will ask that parents register for one or both sessions closer to the time, but please make sure you 'SAVE THE DATE' as I very much look forward to catching up with any parents able to make what should be an informative and worthwhile time to connect.



5:15 pm

Prep to Year 2
Parent Session

*Maths games,
Conversations and Activities*

6:15 pm

Year 3-6
Parent Session

*Engaging the Young
Mathematical Brains*

This week I visited Year 6 to speak about leadership and they were inducted as leaders of our school today. I congratulated our newest leaders for being a significant element of the smooth, calm beginning experienced thus far. I hope the year has started well for you and your children.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

PUPIL FREE DAY

**Pupil Free
Day**

Please note the
Pupil Free Day
this term is
next Friday
16th February.



For forty days, we accompany Jesus on his passionate journey to Calvary and we see the courage he shows, despite his suffering. Like Jesus, we try to show kindness to others. Lent is a time of hope as we renew our relationship with God. During these forty days, it is an opportunity for us to take time to reflect on our lives, say sorry for any wrongdoing and focus on our relationship with God.

Every year during Lent we set the students challenges to help raise money for Project Compassion. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

On Monday students will receive their small donation boxes to take home and find a few coins to put in it during Lent. Our first Lent challenge will be announced next week.

Remember also, Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday 'Pancakes for People' Mini Vinnies fundraiser. This will take place before school and students can purchase 2 mini pancakes for \$1.50.

Our fundraising efforts for Lent culminate in the last week of school with our annual Mini Fair (more details about the Fair will be provided soon). We look forward to giving Lent 100% for all future generations.


Lent 2024

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of the liturgical season of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This means it is a time where we pray, act kindly towards other people, give up things we enjoy and give to others, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter. Our liturgy will be held in the Multi at 8.45am, led by Year 6.

All are welcome to attend

St Patrick's Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Wednesday 14 February
@ 8.40am in the Multi

 **Caritas AUSTRALIA** St Patrick's Mini Vinnies fundraiser

PROJECT COMPASSION


FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Shrove Tuesday


February 13

Pancakes for People Fundraiser

COME AND HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR PROJECT COMPASSION BY PURCHASING SOME DELICIOUS PANCAKES.

 \$1.50 FOR 2 MINI PANCAKES

AVAILABLE FROM 8AM
EITHER BEHIND THE MULTI OR OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY



PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2024

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter each week detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events.

Gaining selection in a Bundaberg District Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg District, students must be born 2012, 2013 & 2014 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March.

Please be aware of the following points:

- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects students in U10, U11 and U12 categories due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg District trials are not 'have a go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb, Ms Gollshewsky or Annette Hammermeister. Students will not be able to participate in the trials without a **Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form**.
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aquathlon are the exceptions – Wide Bay School Sport are responsible for the selection of these teams.

BDSS Sport	Age Group	Date	Venue	Time	
Netball	Girls	10-11 years	Thursday 29 February	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
		12 years Plus 10-11 yr call backs	Thursday 7 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
	Boys	10-12 years Plus 12 yr call backs	Thursday 14 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
Basketball	Girls & Boys	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 12 February Thursday 15 February	Bundaberg Basketball Stadium	4:15 to 5:30pm
Touch Football	Girls	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Friday 23 February Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45 to 5:30pm
	Boys	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Thursday 29 February Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45 to 5:30pm
Golf	Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close on Friday 1 March. A golf handicap will be required for nomination purposes. Please see Annette Hammermeister if interested or for more information.				

WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT

Swimmers must be born 2014, 2013 & 2012. The 2024 Queensland 10-12 Years Schools Swimming Championships will be held at Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane over 26 – 28 March.

Parents must ensure to submit nominations by survey link by Monday 19th February. Students selected will be notified directly on the parent email provided.

Nominate via this link

10-19 Years Nomination

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/bDRh03w>



10-19 Years Multi-Class Nomination

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/dLgh4QE>



Selection in the Wide Bay Regional Team is gained by submitting times swum in the 50 metre pool in a QSA sanctioned meet. When times are submitted, they must be verified by printouts from Meet Manager and then stamped and signed by the club's secretary or record keeper. If this procedure is not followed, times will not be accepted.

SHALOM SAVE THE DATE

Information Evening - Wednesday 21 February 2024 - REGISTER NOW > <https://enrol.scbgroc.catholic.edu.au/information-evening>

Open Day - Tuesday 5 March 2024 - REGISTER NOW > <https://enrol.scbgroc.catholic.edu.au/open-day>

Applications Close - Friday 19 April 2024 - ONLINE ENROLMENT > <https://enrol.scbgroc.catholic.edu.au/secondary-school-enrolment/start>



Save the Dates YEAR 7 2025



INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 21 February 2024

7.00pm-8:30pm

Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

REGISTER at www.shalomcollege.com



COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5 March 2024

9.15am - 11.30am

Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

REGISTER at www.shalomcollege.com



APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 19 April 2024

Online Enrolment

www.shalomcollege.com



May-June 2024

Appointments for interviews allocated & interviews commence

By 31 July 2024

Notification sent to advise of acceptance outcome

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE
BUNDABERG

Catholic Schools

RACE DAY 2024
CELESTIAL CELEBRATION



OVER
18
EVENT

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN AT 11:30AM

Limited tickets available!
on sale 5 February

Admission \$80

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE MARQUEE
PARTY, 2 FREE DRINK TICKETS,
FINGER FOOD & A BUS TO THE CBD



*Tickets go on sale
Monday 5 February via the link*

[https://www.trybooking.com/
COQMY](https://www.trybooking.com/COQMY)

★ FASHION PARADE
★ HUGE RAFFLE

TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 2	Week 29th January–2nd February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Opening School Mass	9.00am	Years 3-6
WEEK 3	Week 5th February–9th February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5M
Friday	Year 6 Leadership Induction	9.00am	Whole School
WEEK 4	Week 12th February–16th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8:40am	Whole School
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 5	Week 19th February–23rd February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 1 & 5
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 6	Week 26th February–1st March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6K
WEEK 7	Week 4th March–8th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2N
Thursday	Dance Night	5:00pm	Whole School
WEEK 8	Week 11th March–15th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2L
Thursday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Whole School
WEEK 9	Week 18th March–22nd March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 2
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
WEEK 10	Week 25th March - 29th March		
Monday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4M & 4K
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4F
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	5G
Thursday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:15am	Whole School

2024 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Monday 22 January - Thursday 28 March
TERM 2	Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
TERM 3	Monday 8 July - Friday 13 September
TERM 4	Monday 30 September - Friday 6 December

2024 SPORT DATES

Friday 26th April	Junior Obstacle Course	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
Monday 29th April	Cross Country	Years 3 to 6	Shalom College
Friday 14th June	Senior Athletics Day	Students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	Shalom College
Friday 21st June	Junior Athletics Day	Students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	St Patrick's
Friday 29th November	Swimming Carnival	Years 3 to 6	Bundaberg

OUT AND ABOUT



Mark the date on your calendar

SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2024

8:30 – 10:30am

SKILLS AND DRILLS WITH TEAM COACHES

BBQ BREAKFAST AND DON'T FORGET THE **Waterslide**

Join us

ALL AGES

U6 to U15

Boys and Girls

Be part of the Magpie family!

NEW PLAYERS AND ALL

EXISTING PLAYERS



Danny Blair from the Dolphins

will be walking around saying g'day

To Register go to:
playrugbyleague.com

Eastern Suburbs Magpies
Bundaberg JRL

FUN DAY

Bring a friend!

IMAGINE THE FUN

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

Bundaberg Cricket Blast (5-12y/o)
\$79 Per Participant (including Blast Pack)
Thursday's 4pm - 5pm at Salter Oval
Starts 8th February, Ends 14th March
Scan the QR Code, or Search 'Bundaberg Cricket Association' on Play.Cricket.com.au

SIGN UP TODAY!

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY

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Play Cricket

BUNDABERG BROTHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INVITES YOU TO COME AND TRY DAYS

13th February & 20th February
3.30pm til 5pm
Brothers Training Ground (behind Brothers Sports Club)

Join us for a sausage sizzle afterwards

Have you always wanted to try something new? Join us for a fun-filled afternoon and discover the best game in world Rugby League!

S.C. CORINTHIANS PRESENTS OUR 2024

SOCCER

Come and Try

MARTENS SAT 17TH FEBRUARY FROM 11AM

OVAL

WE ARE HOLDING AN OPEN REGISTRATION DAY THAT WILL COINCIDE WITH OUR SENIOR TEAMS PLAYING IN TRIAL MATCHES.

EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE YOU NEED TO START THE SOCCER SEASON WITH US... IN ONE PLACE!

OUR SENIOR FOPL TEAMS WILL TAKE ON TEAMS FROM CENTRAL FOOTBALL CLUB FROM 2PM.

COFFEE VAN ON SITE

PLUS OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

FAMILY. FRIENDLY. FUN.

The waves
junior rugby league club

SIGN ON COME and TRY DAY

Sunday
11th February 2024
9am to 12pm

At the Waves Sports Complex, Thabeban

WIN!!! AN NRL JERSEY

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

TURNING 5, 6 OR 7?
CHECK OUT OUR LEAGUETAG TRIAL

All new players go into the draw to win an NRL jersey of their choice.
Existing players go into the draw when they bring a friend who registers.
Terms & Conditions Apply

SKILLS AND DRILLS FOR UNDER 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

DOLPHINS
Dolphins Games Development Officer
Will be there!!

TIGERS
New players please bring your birth certificate.

BUNDABERG FAMILY CARNIVAL

FRIDAY 9TH FEB 5-9PM
SATURDAY 10TH FEB 5-9PM
SUNDAY 11TH FEB 10-2PM

BUNDABERG RECREATIONAL PRECINCT


BUNDABERG
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Move it Expo

Sport | Health | Fitness

Sunday 18 February 2024
Bundaberg Multiplex
10 am - 1 pm



CALLING ALL GIRLS



COME AND TRY RUGBY LEAGUE

**WHEN: 12TH &
26TH FEBRUARY
TIME: 4-5.30PM**

**WHERE: BUNDABERG
NORTH SHS**

**IF YOU ARE 12 YEARS OLD
AND ABOVE
BJRL COMBINED INVITES YOU
TO COME ALONG AND HAVE
SOME FUN**

CONTACT GAYE @ REGISTRARBJRL@HOTMAIL.COM

GIVE HOCKEY A GO

Come along and enjoy a FREE 5-week program for All kids 4-13 years old to "Give Hockey A Go!"

FRIDAY NIGHTS

23 February – 22 March 2024

4:45pm – 6:30pm

Bundaberg Hockey Fields, North Bundaberg

FREE - FUN - FITNESS