



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

4 August 2023

This week I witnessed a special delivery from a parent, for the teachers of her/his child's class. In the card, it expressed sincere gratitude for 'creating a rich learning environment....hands-on activities, and positive relationships' this school year, noting how 'patient, compassionate and understanding these teachers have been despite 'teaching being a challenging profession'. The same week, I received a thank you e-mail, listing all the activities another parent's child/ren had participated in, already this term. I was asked to pass on this family's 'gratitude' to the staff that 'value-add' by making these opportunities possible.

The first parent was right. Teaching is a challenging career. You don't have to go far to find news of a national teaching shortage, with 40% of teachers allegedly leaving in their first 5 years. However, challenge is not something new and is encountered in most lines of work, in this modern day. Taylor (2022) would suggest this is largely due to teachers feeling unappreciated. We have been very lucky at St. Patrick's. We are yet to experience the full wrath of a teacher shortage and our teachers have been in the profession for much longer than five years. I would suggest it is largely due to these examples of little acts of kindness and the appreciation that 'ebbs and flows' through our community. St. Patrick's students are often appreciative of the simplest of things. Joy Gems are the perfect example, still being found in gardens long after the culmination of Catholic Education Week. I believe the apple doesn't fall far from the tree and **thank you** for making our school, a great place to be. Last week, we encouraged staff to take a card of 'gratitude' (provided) to acknowledge someone in our community that has made a difference to their working life. I am sure you could think of someone in your work family that could do with a sprinkle of positivity this week, as the same can be said for all work environments. However, there is one job that far outweighs all professions when it comes to degrees of difficulty and that is **PARENTING!** You may not always feel appreciated but, like teaching, it is one of the most rewarding encounters you will ever have the privilege to do. So, if you are a teacher or a parent, please save the date for Justin Coulson, who is travelling to Bundaberg on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. He promises to sharpen our skills and broaden our minds, to make our roles less challenging and twice as rewarding.

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*

*The Parenting Revolution*  
Parent Night with Justin Coulson

**TUESDAY AUGUST 15**  
**7PM-8:30PM**

**SHALOM COLLEGE**  
**PERFORMING ARTS PRECINCT**

**ALL WELCOME, NO RSVP REQUIRED**

Justin is the co-host and parenting expert on Channel 9's **Parental Guidance**, the founder of [happyfamilies.com.au](http://happyfamilies.com.au), and one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts. He holds a PhD in Positive Psychology.

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*Justin*  
COULSON



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**Absentees**

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[spb\\_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au)

### CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

#### The Sisters of Mercy in the Rockhampton Diocese, Queensland 4 August 1873 – 4 August 2023

St Patrick's was originally opened and staffed by the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy were founded by Catherine McAuley. This year marks 150 years of the Mercy Sisters in our Diocese, below is some interesting information adapted from the writing of Joanne Molloy.

*Mother Mary Vincent Whitty, in whom Catherine McAuley had placed great trust, lead the first Sisters of Mercy from Dublin, Ireland, to Brisbane in May 1861. Many requests were made of the Sisters after their arrival but it was impossible to meet the needs of the people, so widely scattered over the state. In 1869, Mother M Vincent returned to Ireland on a recruiting mission and returned to Brisbane with thirty new postulants. The tenacious and assertive Mother M Vincent was now in a position to establish more communities of Sisters and works of Mercy.*

*Seven Sisters of Mercy arrived in Rockhampton on 4th August 1873 after a sea journey on the 'Lady Bowen' along the Queensland coast from Brisbane. The shipping manifest listed the names of just several sisters and then made reference to "A quantity of extra luggage, Sisters of Mercy".*



*Faithful to the mission entrusted to them, the early Sisters frequently lived in harsh conditions and endured great hardships but they were continually motivated by the spirit of Catherine McAuley. Catherine had utmost faith in the Providence of God and these Sisters followed her example, frequently relying on the goodness and generosity of local people who are now part of our Mercy story. On July 10, 1897, five Sisters of Mercy came to Bundaberg to take up teaching duties.*

Adapted from the writing of Joanne Molloy Email: [joanne.molloy@mercy.org.au](mailto:joanne.molloy@mercy.org.au)

We are very grateful that the Sisters of Mercy took on the challenge of working in regional Queensland; we are now reaping the benefits of our wonderful Catholic school.

## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

### CHEWING GUM

A reminder that chewing gum at school is **NOT PERMITTED**.

The only exception for students to have gum at school is to alleviate pain with orthodontic work. For these instances, please provide a letter from the orthodontist promoting the use of gum at the time of brace adjustments.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

### HAIR POLICY

A reminder also regarding our School policy on haircuts and hairstyles.

- *Minimum cut is gauge 2 and no shorter. All hairstyles are to be natural in colour, conservative and graduated/blended in style. No mullets, tracks and/or rat's tails are permitted.*
- **Boys** hair is to be collar in length and short on sides and worn off the face.
- **Girls** hair below shoulder length must be tied back with white, bottle green or black hair bands, ribbons, hair ties and clips and worn off the face.

### BEFORE SCHOOL ROUTINES

Just a courtesy to remind parents that students are unsupervised until official duty begins at 8:15am. Dropping students to school before this time is unadvisable. If your child/ren is/are dropped early, they are required to sit on the seats on the raised area outside of Prep S and await the teachers on duty who will then take students to play at 8:15am.

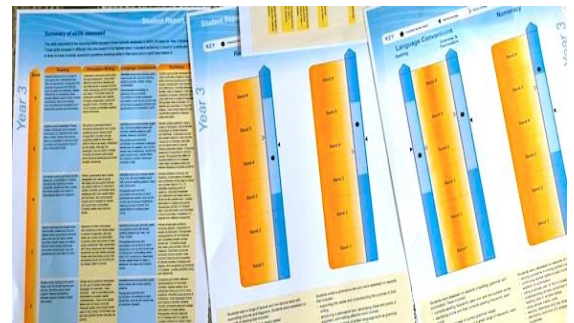
Thanks for your co-operation and support.

## CURRICULUM NEWS—NAPLAN 2023

Individual student NAPLAN reports for Year 3 and 5 students will soon be distributed. The reporting process and format has changed significantly in 2023 with a summary of the key changes outlined below.

From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against four proficiency standards to help provide clear information on how students are performing against challenging but reasonable standards of literacy and numeracy at the time of testing. The four proficiency levels for each NAPLAN domain at each year level are as follows:

- **Exceeding:** the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.



Accompanying your child's NAPLAN individual student report, you will find a parent information sheet. This document is a valuable resource containing important details about the new proficiency standards and how test results can help teachers and parents identify strengths and areas where your child may need further assistance.

Should you have any concerns regarding your child's results or wish to discuss them in detail, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher. They will be your primary point of contact and can provide valuable insights and support.

# TERM THREE PLANNER

<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 31st July - 4th August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep S
Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep L
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep W
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 7th August - 11th August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 14th August - 18th August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Years 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 21st August - 25th August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5T
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 28th August - 1st September</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Monday - Wednesday	Year 5 Camp - Chaverim	All Day	Year 5
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3
Friday	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>		
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 4th September - 8th September</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 11th September - 15th September</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay	All Day	Year 6

2023 TERM DATES	
<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 17 April - Friday 23 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September
	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 1st September</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December

2023 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS			
<b>TERM 3</b>	District Athletics Carnival	10-11 August	St Luke's
<b>TERM 4</b>	Years 3-6 Senior Swimming Carnival	24-Nov	BSA



# CATHOLIC PARISH JOB VACANCY

## JOB VACANCY

### Vacant Position 2024

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg is recruiting for a Liturgy/Music/Sacraments/R.C.I.A. Coordinator. The position provides support to the Parish Priests in the liturgical, music, sacramental, evangelising life of the Parish by ensuring that the needs of the community in these four areas are met through careful planning and administration. The position is full time and would be suitable for someone with experience in liturgical/music/sacramental/R.C.I.A. ministry and/or education, particularly in areas concerned with developing and strengthening the faith and spirituality of people in our Catholic community.

## OUT AND ABOUT

### ATTENTION LADIES!

### FEMALE ONLY

### COMMUNITY COACH COURSE



**TOPICS COVERED:**  
AUSTRALIAN WAY  
SCORING RUNS  
TAKING WICKETS  
COACH APPROACH  
UMPIRING

JOIN THE GROWING NUMBER OF FEMALE  
COMMUNITY COACHES IN QUEENSLAND!

THIS COURSE WILL BE HELD AT SALTER OVAL ON  
SATURDAY

2ND SEPTEMBER FROM 1PM TO 4PM

COST - FREE

OPEN TO ANYONE 14 YEARS & OVER  
PLEASE DIRECT ALL ENQUIRIES TO:

BRUCE.DEEM@QLDCRICKET.COM.AU

TO REGISTER SCAN THE QR CODE  
Please register to ensure the course goes ahead



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## 2023/2024 Registration Now open!



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## OUT AND ABOUT



### West Bundaberg Little Athletics

Bundaberg Super Park Complex, Enid Ethel Drive  
2023 / 2024 season starts August

**How can you join in?**  
Programs for athletes aged 3 to Masters  
Online registration opens Monday 4th July

**Come & Try Nights at the Centre**  
Friday 4th August: 5.45pm to 7.30pm  
Friday 11th August: 5.45pm to 7.30pm

**Registration / Sign on Days  
at our clubhouse**  
Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th August 1pm to 3pm

**First Competition Night**  
Friday 18th August: 5.45pm

**Fees: U6-U17 \$220, Tiny Tots 3-5yrs \$65**

**Want to volunteer?**  
Come along and help us!  
This year we will be introducing our  
**Volunteers U13 to U17**

For further information:  
Email: [bundabergathleticclub@gmail.com](mailto:bundabergathleticclub@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/West-Bundaberg-Little-Athletics-Club-Bundaberg-Athletic-Club>





**Queensland Oztag**  
THE SAFEST & MOST EXHILARATING SPORT  
*You Could Ever Enjoy!*

## Queensland Oztag

St Patrick's are about to Get tagged and love it because the guys from Queensland Oztag are coming out to run FREE Oztag School Clinics. In the clinics with the Development Officers the kids will learn the basics of Oztag including the evasive manoeuvres of Twisting and Spinning along with how to make the perfect Tag. Queensland Oztag are looking forward to seeing the Kids again this term.

**Looking for more information on Qld Oztag?**  
Qld Oztag Website:  
<http://www.queenslandoztag.com.au/>

Qld Oztag State Cup promo video:  
<https://youtu.be/n-1NWiepAHc>

Qld Oztag Youtube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@OZTAGQUEENSLAND>



## HAVE A BLAST

**Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast**  
It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

**Term 3 All Girls Pop Up Blast Program**  
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Sign up to a FREE Pop Up Blast program happening at your school this term!  
Years P-6 | 4-week Program | Wednesdays after school  
Starting Wednesday 25th July 3:15pm-4:15pm at the school oval.

\*To receive the participant pack, you will have to register via Play HQ once the program is live on the website.  
For more info contact Daniel: [daniel.szabo@qldcricket.com.au](mailto:daniel.szabo@qldcricket.com.au)



Scan the QR Code to register!



# COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 9th September  
COME CELEBRATE BUNDABERG SOFTBALL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**ENTRY FEE APPLIES**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Rides •
- Softball Activities •
- Old MacDonalds Farm •
- Photo Booth •
- Stalls •
- Entertainment •
- Yummy food •



Stallholders welcome  
For more information contact - Natalie 0408 011 192

