



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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Term 4, Week 5

4 November 2016

Special points of interest:

Sausage sizzle for Week 5 onwards will help our Wide Bay Sports Representatives



Important Dates for Week 6

- Monday—Parish Mass 9am—Year 4
- Tuesday-Thursday Morning Prayer 8.40am—4A
- Wednesday—Cultural Night
- Thursday—Swimming Prep—Year 2
- Friday Assembly—10.40am—Remembrance Day Memorial
- Friday Interschool Sports.
- Friday Sausage Sizzle for Wide Bay Sports Reps.

Principal's News

Last weekend I set aside an hour or two to Prepare for our 2017 Prep Orientation on Monday. I thought it would be a fairly easy process to simply edit last year's presentation – but it wasn't. When I started to talk about what learning looks like at St Patrick's, it became very clear that much has changed in the year since I had last presented.

Six new classrooms had come on line, and the learning within them has been transformed. The Music programs are expanded with many more students and accomplishments. How we extend learning through programs and initiatives like before school Maths Extension classes, Maker Space, clubs and so on have all extended. We have extended the areas where children can play with the new courtyard. We had presented a new Musical in Shrek, and we have done

initial work in preparation for our Resilience Program next year. We have changed when children play and eat, to ensure our learning time is well used.

I was both surprised and pleased at how far we had come in just one year. It is so important that our students have access to the best education that we can possibly provide, and the only way that can happen, is if we are always committed to our own learning and ongoing improvement. The sad reality, is that unless we are going forward, we will in fact be left behind. I do wonder how much things will have again changed by the time our new Preps finish school, and I look forward to the challenge of sharing their learning journey with them.

Mark Fox



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St Patrick's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Presents
Cultural Night 2016
Wednesday, 9th November, 5.30pm
Shalom Performing Arts Precinct
TICKETS ON SALE NOW—\$8 EACH



Celebration Night 2016

Celebration Night is fast approaching so make sure you save the date:

- Wednesday November 23rd
- Picnic on the oval from 5pm
- Performances begin with Prep at 6pm

Look out for information from the P&F about the BBQ and raffles



Year 1 Nativity Play
Friday 18 November at 9am





Bundaberg's Christmas Festival

Bethlehem live is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth.

"Why not make your way through Bethlehem City this Christmas, where the Christmas story really comes alive. Bethlehem is a busy place inside its city walls. As you walk through the market place you will encounter pottery making, basket weaving, fabric-making and dyeing, rugs, carpentry and money changing. You will come across bakeries, fruit and vegetables, herbs, spices and grains. Watch out for beggars, goats, chickens and other animals. Try not to get caught by the soldiers and guards and be sure to avoid those tax collectors! This intriguing event culminates at the nativity scene, with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus."

Bethlehem Live is brought to you by the Combined Churches of Bundaberg. It is a free family event which will allow you to experience the story of Jesus like you never have before.

You can find more details about this amazing event at: <http://bethlehemlive.com.au/>

Celebration Night

CAN YOU HELP?

Prize donations can be left in the school office. Thank you for your support!

APRE News

We have many families taking part in the Sacramental Program this year. Sessions are underway and the children have just finished learning about Baptism and Confirmation. Fr John and Fr Andrew held a teaching Mass for parents. I would encourage anyone interested to learn more about our Mass celebrations to attend one in the future. It was very worthwhile as it gave me insights in to the Mass that I had never really known. I will be sure to share details of any future teaching Masses.

Tracey Cook
APRE



VACATION CARE

Please email nicole_cooper@rok.catholic.edu.au for more information about the Vacation Care Program available at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

Places always fill very fast so please contact the centre you would like your child to attend as soon as possible.



Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Every year the St Patrick's school community donates items to assist those less fortunate than themselves at Christmas. St Vincent de Paul collects these donations from us and distributes them to families in need.

We are going to ask 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.

We ask each year level to donate the following:

- Prep: decorations
- Year 1: dry and tinned pet food
- Year 2: school supplies
- Year 3 : food and drinks
- Year 4: food and drinks
- Year 5: toys and books
- Year 6: toys and books

A basket will be located outside each year level for the donations to be collected.

Dental Van Visit

The school dental van is at St Patrick's. The school dental service offers a free dental examination and recommended treatment for all students whilst the dental van is at the school. Medical consent forms will be sent home to Grades 3-6 initially, then Prep-2 in coming weeks. Preps enrolling in 2017 will also be offered treatment. Please state on the form if you would like to be present for your child's dental examination, otherwise your child will be collected from class for their examination. A separate consent form will be sent home if any treatment is required. The dental van will be positioned next to the church hall at the Powers Street entrance. If your child has a toothache or if you have any questions, please contact 43038059 (office) or 0412516084 (van). The dental van will also be taking appointments in the December/January holidays.



Youth Parliament



Congratulations to our Youth Parliament students. These talented students attended the Queensland Youth Parliament day on Thursday 29th November. This was an exciting opportunity offered to Year 6 students from the Bundaberg District. Each student worked with Mrs Jed Morley to write a speech on an issue affecting today's youth. We are really proud of the way the students represented our school and spoke in front of a large audience. Well done to all of our students!



Chess Tournament

Last Tuesday the St Patrick's Chess Team competed in the regional Bundaberg Chess Tournament. There were 110 competitors in the primary school competition. The St Patrick's team of 14 players, mostly first timers, had a great time playing 7 games of chess and learning more about themselves and their game play. Congratulations to our two most experienced Chess Tournament players, Ashleigh Geyer and William Lynch, each scored 4.5 points out of 7. Well done to our other players who achieved great results too. All of the team displayed great sportsmanship and were a credit to our school. Special thanks to Mrs Walsh, Mrs White, Mrs Radley, Mrs Herwig and Mr Aslett for helping transport the team to Avoca and back to school. A huge thank you to Mr Woodland for your coaching and supervision of our Chess teams throughout the year.





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THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

6pm - 9pm

BUNDABERG CBD







- ★ Parade commences at 7.00pm
- ★ Live performances by Bundaberg Vocal Academy, Pilolight Productions and TNT Dance Studio.
- ★ Miss Donna's Magical Christmas Show
- ★ Turning on the Christmas Lights – Buss Park
- ★ Live entertainment throughout the CBD and Buss Park ALL evening
- ★ Christmas markets & food
- ★ Santa comes to town

Bring your own chair!

For further information
PLEASE VISIT COUNCIL'S WEBSITE OR PHONE THE CALL CENTRE
T: 1300 883 699 W: bundabergregionevents.com.au

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As part of the ongoing commitment from Catholic Education to the importance of student protection in our schools, our Diocesan Director has asked for this information to be included in newsletters for all Primary schools in the Diocese'

Newsletter Insert



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Schools and families are reporting increasing incidents of problematic sexual behaviours by children. Sometimes these behaviours are between same age peers and can involve very young children such as Prep and Year 1 children. These behaviours can indicate a child has been harmed but sometimes we cannot understand how they have learnt these behaviours - although wonder about the impacts of our increasingly sexualized world and the role of media.

At St Patrick's Catholic Primary School we take child protection very seriously. Some of the ways we attempt to reduce the risk of any inappropriate behaviours at school (including sexual behaviour) are to have clear school rules, policies and expectations of children's behaviour, particularly around the use of toilets. We also have an annual visibility audit to try and identify areas at school where inappropriate behaviour may occur. As you also know all children at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School participate in the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum.

However it is very important that at home you also talk to your child to reinforce the protective behaviours messages. It is also important to monitor your children's use of technology and be aware of media and advertising content that they may be exposed to.

To assist you to have these on-going conversations with your children this is a link (<http://www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/cmsb/uploads/168-att-2-material-student-protection-curriculum-wording-for-parents.pdf>) to further material from our Child Safety Curriculum that may help you with talking to your child. There are also some additional resources (http://www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/cmsb/uploads/168-att-3-stop-it-now-age_appropriate_sexual_behavior.pdf) that discusses age appropriate sexual behaviour including the Traffic Lights model [Traffic Lights](#) and from "Stop it Now". There are also a number of age appropriate story books that you can read with your children.

If you would like further information please contact Mark Fox who can provide you with further advice and resources.

Fees

Term 4 fees have been issued and were due payable 02/11/16 unless you have a payment plan in place. 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 Principal to discuss alternative arrangements.

A reminder that now is the time to consider establishing a regular payment plan for 2017 and that payment plans are only current for the year in which they are established – they **DO NOT** automatically carry forward to the next year. Plans can be established under any of our payment options and relative forms can be found on our website under the communication tab. Please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance or if you have any queries.

If you currently have a concessional arrangement or are suffering financial hardship and need to apply for a concessional allowance in 2017, please contact me as soon as possible. Current concessional arrangements are also only relative to the year in which they are established and **DO NOT** automatically carry forward to the following year.

In 2017 an initiative has been announced by the Diocese of Rockhampton which allows an automatic 70% reduction in Tuition Fees (not school levies) to any parent or carer who holds an eligible means tested Health Care or Pensioner card. If you are an eligible cardholder, please present your card to Finance Secretary in the office as soon as possible. Further details on the new concession card discount eligibility criteria and general fee information for 2017 are available on the Catholic Education website. If you unsure if you are eligible or if have any queries, please contact me.

Document outlining 2017 fees and levies charged has been posted to the new website.

If you have any queries regarding your account or any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

School Banking

Due to popular demand, Commonwealth bank have advised the below reward items are also no longer available.

- Intergalactic Rocket
- Galaxy Glider
- Back Track Eraser Pen

Last day for redeeming tokens for prizes in 2016 is 21st November.

