



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

27 November 2020

After a year that has challenged us all, it is great to be finishing strongly. This week we acknowledged the contribution of our Year 6 leaders through a beautiful family liturgy. We judge ourselves on the qualities of our graduates, and this year we are very proud of our final year students.

We thanked Mrs. Wilson for her amazing contribution to our school. She has been a great leader, role model and the knowledge and expertise in curriculum she shared so readily, has made our school a wonderful place for children to learn.

Today we have a swimming carnival for our students in Years 3-6. It's a time for our new House Captains to lead in building community, and an opportunity for our students to do their best and to have fun.

Next week we have an end of year excursion for every year level. A visit from Surf Life Saving Queensland to remind our Years 4-6 students about being safe in the water over the holidays. We have an afternoon, where each year level presents a Christmas song for the rest of the school to enjoy, and we will use this opportunity to thank Miss Cameron for her time with us, Ms Fox for spending the final term with Year 6 and to wish Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Lindeman all the best for next year when they take Maternity Leave.

On Friday, we will have a liturgy in the morning to celebrate our year together, and school will conclude with a farewell to our Year 6 students.

We will continue to follow health advice, and as we have communicated, parents are unable to attend our school events. The only exemption being two parents for each Year 6 student at the final liturgy and the farewell assembly.

It has been quite a year. Thank you for meeting the challenges with us. Have a very happy and safe Christmas.

### Last Day of School Arrangements

On our last day, Friday 4 December at 9:30, we have a Whole of School Liturgy in the Covered Area. **Only students, and two parents for each Year 6 student can attend this Liturgy.** At 11:00, we have the Year 6 Farewell, which two parents for each Year 6 students can attend. At 11:45 students leave the Covered Area with their teacher. Rolls are checked, and students are dismissed from their classroom by their teacher at 12:00. **Please pick up your child from outside of their classroom.** We are required to ensure COVID requirements are followed. Students may leave with their parents – collected outside of classrooms. Children who use the pick-up-zone will be allowed to go to their pick-up area. From 12:00, teachers will be on Gate Duties at both Powers and Mulgrave Streets (We will not be opening the George Street gates) and our Pick-Up Zone will begin operation. **Any student walking or riding home must have a note from their parents.** There will be a crossing supervisor on Mulgrave Street, but not on Walker Street. There will be staff available to supervise until 3:00, for any children who cannot be collected at 12:00.

### 2020 Class Lists & Academic Report Cards

Class Lists for 2021 will be distributed electronically next Friday. Student Academic Reports will become available on Parent Lounge next Friday afternoon and a text will be sent to advise they are available for viewing. If you have any problems accessing Parent Lounge or have misplaced your login, please contact the office before Friday.

### 2021 Enrolments

Sincere thanks to those families who have advised that their child won't be back at St Patrick's next year. We wish those young people well and hope that they enjoyed their time with us. Please, if your circumstances change and your child is not returning in 2020, please let us know as soon as possible.

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Click our school crest to go our school website calendar.



Click the facebook icon to go to our school facebook page.



Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.

## ENROLMENTS 2021



Almost daily, we are receiving enrolment applications for 2021. At this point, we are pretty much at capacity in almost every year level. That is very affirming however it leaves us the unenviable task of having to decline a large number of applications from some very lovely families. Every year we have families in our school community who make the decision to leave Bundaberg and our school which, potentially, opens up a place for another family. Could I please ask that if you have made the decision to leave the school at the end of the year, that you communicate that to us as soon as is practicable. Thanks for your understanding.

## DIOCESAN DIGITAL EVENT—SUNDAY DEC 6TH

For the very first time through film, we will be showcasing the human stories that have been impacted by our Diocesan Ministries. Specifically, you will hear the stories of our work amongst the Prisoners, Seafarers, our Indigenous communities, and work of the far West. As a way to show you, some of the rarely told stories, that exist in our Diocese.

Join in Live via Facebook or YouTube on Sunday December 6th at 3pm as Bishop Michael McCarthy co-hosts with Nathan Harding taking you on a journey around the Diocese through the eyes of the individuals who are working in these important areas.

Watch on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/RockhamptonCatholic/events>

Watch on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJosephsCathedralRockhampton>



## LAST WEEK ACTIVITIES 2020

Activity Description		Day	Time	Important Information
Prep	End Year Excursion—Chipmunks	Monday	9.00-11.00am	No tuckshop lunch but afternoon tea available
Year 3	End Year Excursion—Moncrieff	Monday	9.00-12.00pm	No tuckshop lunch but afternoon tea available
Year 4	End Year Excursion—Moncrieff	Monday	9.00-12.00pm	No tuckshop lunch but afternoon tea available
Year 1	End Year Excursion—Chipmunks	Monday	11.00-1.00pm	No tuckshop lunch but afternoon tea available
Year 5	End Year Excursion—Bundy Bowl	Tuesday	9.00-12.00pm	No tuckshop lunch but afternoon tea available
Year 2	End Year Excursion—Norville Pool	Tuesday	12.00-2.00pm	Tuckshop lunch but no afternoon tea
Year 6	End Year Excursion—Bundy Bowl	Tuesday	12.00-2.00pm	Tuckshop lunch but no afternoon tea
Whole School	Free Dress Day—Christmas Colours	Wednesday	All Day	No family members to attend
End Year Liturgy		Friday	9.30-10.30am	Only two family members per Year 6 student to attend
Year 6 Assembly		Friday	11.00-12.00pm	Only two family members per Year 6 student to attend
School Dismissed		Friday	12.00pm	Parents collect child from classroom at midday. Mulgrave and Powers St pick-up zones in operation at midday.

## CHRISTMAS TREATS

At this time of year students like to exchange Christmas cards and treats such as candy canes to other students. We ask that children do not give gifts of candy canes to the other children. It is wonderful that children wish to give things to others, however we ask people to give non food gifts. Unfortunately candy canes can cause issues with a number of children on particular diets, children with allergies to some of the additives, not to mention the high sugar content. Cards, stickers and other small items can give the message that they are thinking of others.

## MINI VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The poster features a large red Christmas ornament on the left with a white and red ribbon. Inside the ornament, the text reads: "Our Mini Vinnies Team need your help to make Christmas special for those in need. We would love your help with these donations:". To the right of the ornament, a list of donation categories is provided in blue text. At the bottom right, there is a silhouette illustration of the Nativity scene, including a manger with a baby, Mary, Joseph, and three camels.

# Mini Vinnies' Christmas Appeal

**Prep: Christmas decorations**

**Year 1: New (unused) toys and books**

**Year 2: Pet food (dry and tinned)**

**Year 3: Games and sport equipment**

**Year 4: Christmas food**

**Year 5: School and art supplies**

**Year 6: Toiletries and beach supplies**

## OSHC VACATION CARE

To access holiday vacation care at St Mary's or St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, please click on the respective logo.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

As the school year is coming to a close our Catholic Schools Race Day Committee is commencing its preparation for our 16<sup>th</sup> annual event to be held on Saturday March 13, 2021.

For those new to Bundaberg, this annual event is held at the Bundaberg Race Club, Thabeban Park. Our three Primary Schools, St Marys, St Josephs and St Patricks, combine with Shalom College for a community fundraising event that is seen as one of the highlights on the Bundaberg Events calendar.

This year's Race Day held in March 2020, was lucky to be one of the last events conducted in Bundaberg before the Covid restrictions were put in to place on the Monday after our Saturday Race Day, and was again a great success.

Planning for our 2021 Race Day is continuing with the optimistic view that Covid restrictions related to events will continue to ease and we will hopefully be holding our Race Day in close to the same format as previous years. Tickets will go on sale early in the new year using the same on-line ticket booking system as this year.

Any queries in relation to next year's event regarding Tickets, Sponsorships, volunteering etc, can be directed to me using the number below or to Teresa Cameron at Shalom College.

**Mr Peter O'Beirne**  
**Catholic Schools Race Day Committee**  
**0419 787 279**

## SPORTS NEWS

The Senior Swimming Carnival was excellent. There were opportunities for accomplished swimmers to compete at a high level, as well as opportunities for developing swimmers to participate fully. The behaviour and the high level of participation from our students was outstanding. A very enjoyable day for all involved!

Congratulations *Charlie Pollock*! Charli broke two school records at today's carnival. In the 50m Freestyle and Backstroke events. Her times were outstanding. We look forward to seeing what Charli can achieve in school swimming representation in 2021.

50m Freestyle: New record of **42.45 secs**, breaking the old record of 46.67 secs held since 2012.  
 50m Backstroke: New record of **46.43 secs**, breaking the old record of 59.75 secs held since 2013.

FINAL RESULTS	House	Points
1st Place	Xavier	347
2nd Place	McAuley	333
3rd Place	Coolock	332
4th Place	Mackillop	298



AGE CHAMPION RESULTS		
Age Division	Name	House
10yrs Boys 2010	Koby Irvine	Mackillop
10yrs Girls 2010	Lacey Kingston and Cara McMahon	Coolock and Mackillop
11yrs Boys 2009	Mitchell McInnes	Coolock
11yrs Girls 2009	Lucy Lewis	McAuley
12yrs Boys 2008	Thomas Elphinstone	Coolock
12yrs Girls 2008	Ava McCaig	Xavier



## FINANCE NEWS

### **2021 Confirmation of Enrolment**

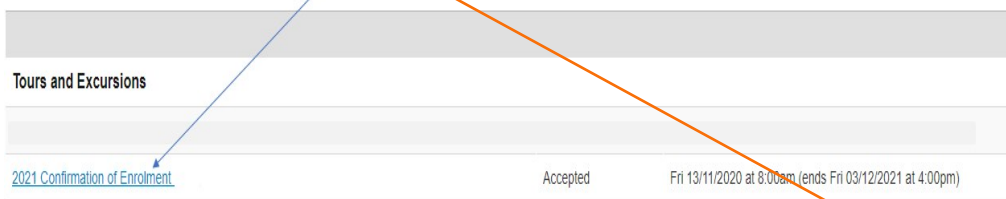
As the year draws to a close, now is the time to consider payment option plans for 2021. Please contact Finance Secretary if you require assistance.

With this in mind the Confirmation of Enrolment Form has been added to parent lounge. If your family is returning to St Patrick's in 2021 please login to parent lounge and **complete by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. One form per family is required and is issued in the name of the eldest child in the family.

Confirmation of Enrolment Form is used to ensure your children a place at St Patrick's and ensure you will receive discounts if you have more than one child at a Catholic School or College in the Diocese of Rockhampton. It also directs your payment plan selections and any concessional allowance.

This is the first year this form has been digitalised and feedback has been positive with a minor challenge being not everybody has clicked on the small globe to access and complete the form...please follow the three step process outlined below.

Login into Parent Lounge and Step 1. under Tours and Excursions click here...



Step 2. Tick accept, click on the globe to complete the form then save...



### **Please Finalise 2020 Fees**

A reminder that fees have been issued and were due 12<sup>th</sup> November unless you have a payment plan in place. Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies if you have any queries or should you wish to setup a payment plan. Please check your junk box if you haven't received your statement.

In response to COVID-19 virus, Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton has extended the 100% discount on tuition fees for Concession Card holders in an effort to eliminate financial stress.

If you have been fortunate enough to have returned to work, please advise Finance Secretary that you no longer require this concession.

### **Student Banking**

Last banking day is Monday 30th November however no further prizes can be redeemed this year.

This year Commonwealth Bank will be making a donation to an incredible Not-for-profit organisation, on behalf of School Banking Co-ordinators. Thanks to the Student Banking system, Clown Doctors program will receive a donation of \$20,000. The Clown Doctors program delivers the health benefits of humour by engaging in play with sick children and their families. They lighten the serious side of the hospital environment, and bring the performing arts to the bedside of sick and vulnerable children who need it most. This donation will help allow them to continue what they do for sick kids all over Australia. Thank you to all students for participating in the school banking rewards program.

## OUT AND ABOUT

# SHALOM ROWING COME & TRY

Monday 23 November  
3:30pm to 5:15pm

Thursday 26 November  
3:30pm to 5:15pm

Saturday 28 November  
7:00am to 8:30am | 8:30am to 9:30am

Bundaberg Rowing Club, Quay St

Please bring a hat, water bottle,  
sunscreen, thongs, fairly tight fitting clothes

REGISTER FOR THE COME & TRY SESSIONS  
- SCAN HERE!



"Your crew  
becomes  
your family"

"Friendships are built  
that can last a lifetime"  
- Grace Pashley



"Rowing is the  
ultimate  
team sport"



## THAT'S MY GAME! GIRLS INDOOR HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Join us for 2 awesome days of cricket, fun, and friends! All levels welcome!

WHO: ALL GIRLS AGES 5-12

WHEN: 9AM-12PM MON 14 DEC.-TUES 15 DEC.

WHERE: BUNDABERG INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

COST: \$20 PER PARTICIPANT \*INCLUDES CRICKET BLAST PACK!\*

ENQUIRIES: NIC.ROBERTS@QLDCRICKET.COM.AU



REGISTER AT [WWW.PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://WWW.PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU) SEARCH BUNDABERG INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

## BUNDABERG CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Bundaberg Chess Club is holding a Junior Chess Tournament on 29/11/2020. All enquiries to be sent to mobile:- 0418686497 or email [presidentjohn@live.com.au](mailto:presidentjohn@live.com.au).

Cost will be \$8.00/day. A maximum cost of \$16.00 per family, for three or more players. A player who brings a new friend to chess only pays \$7.00. The cost includes 6 rounds of competitive chess each tournament plus an expert chess lesson from Mr John Harris an ex-QLD Champion. First round to commence promptly at 9.00 am at the U3A Building (upstairs) next to Improvements Gym on Woongarra St. Could players please arrive 15 minutes early to register for the tournament. It is anticipated the session should finish approximately 12.20-12.30 pm. All children need to bring a water bottle plus sufficient morning tea.

Prizes are given on each day for 1st to 5th place depending on number of players, with a prize for the 2 players with the most interesting chess game, plus 2 lucky door prizes. Children can accrue Grand Prix points through regular attendance at these Sunday tournaments towards Grand Prix prizes that are awarded at the last Sunday Junior Chess Tournament of the year. Grand prix prizes will be awarded on 29/11/2020.

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REGIONAL SKATEBOARD COMPETITION

AGNES WATER SKATEBOARDING

14th DECEMBER  
AGNES WATER SKATEPARK QLD  
2PM - 5PM

REGISTRATION ON  
LIVEHEATS

8 & Under,  
10 & Under,  
12 & Under,  
14 & Under,  
Opens  
Smooth Star

CASH  
&  
PRIZES

RUMBLE ON  
THE REEF  
STREET FORMAT

PRESENTED BY

