



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

20th March 2020

Adversity doesn't necessarily define character, but it does reveal it. The media for its own reasons, has shown us all, aspects of humans behaving in a way that none of us are proud of. Thankfully however, we also see the best of people.

Yesterday for example, I did one of my classroom walks and I was really proud of what I saw. Teachers were doing some sensational work. They had made considered adjustments to comply with our expectations around limiting risk to students. Their lessons were focussed. The children were engaged and I saw no evidence of 'busy work'.

Unintentional as it may be, there seems to be some messaging around, that the only reason schools aren't closing is because there would be a lack of 'baby-sitters' for people who do the 'important things'. Education is one of the most important things we do as a society. Our staff work extremely hard simply because they know what they do is so very important. Education informs, changes lives and prepares our young people to respond positively to times like these. I am all in favour of schools closing for the sake of community health – but I think it will be a big loss for our students. Kids here love school and we are really proud of the experiences we offer our students.

Teachers are among many others, who themselves are at least a little afraid, but who are determined to step up, and look after others. We also see character revealed in our health care professionals, aged care workers, families and colleagues – so many facing up to the challenges that are coming our way. They really are heroes.

After our sensational dance night, and a very successful race day, no-one is missing our community events and celebrations more than the St Patrick's school community. We love chances to celebrate and we are renowned for these events. However, we also know we need to place health first.

The challenge for us, will be to find different ways to be community for each other for a while. The understanding and support shown for all of our difficult decisions has been a great way to start. No other community is better placed than ours to see this through. Things will get tough, but nothing we can't handle together.

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KEY DATES FOR WEEK 9

- Monday—Junior String Ensemble 7.30am
- Tuesday—Senior Choir Ensemble 7.30am
- Wednesday—Senior Strings Ensemble 7.30am
- Friday—Sausage Sizzle \$2 to classroom teacher.



FOR ALL ABSENTEES

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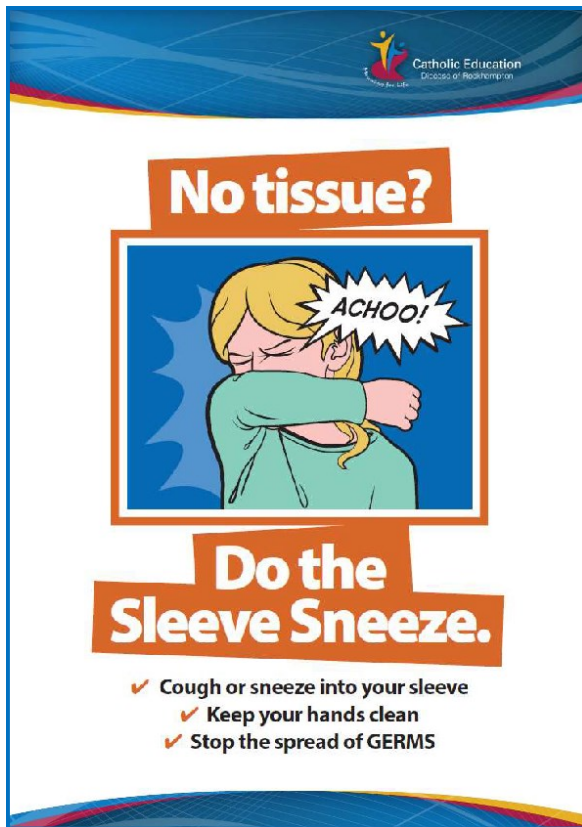
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SUMMARY OF EVENTS ADVISED THIS WEEK

As you are aware the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact this is having on communities is concerning for us all. Due to the increasing threat and impact on health from the Coronavirus, please note a summary of events that regrettably have either been postponed or cancelled.

- Morning Parade and Courtyard Prayer have ceased for the remainder of term.
- Easter Liturgies and the end of term Mini Fair have been cancelled.
- Parent Teacher Interviews for this term are postponed.
- School Musical Rehearsals have been cancelled for the remainder of term.
- Music Camp scheduled for Friday 8th May has been postponed.
- All representative school sport programs, including district, regional, state, national, interstate and international competitions, are cancelled until further notice from 17 March 2020. In addition, Queensland School Sport teams will not be participating in any national, interstate or international events organised across Australia or internationally.
- Bundaberg Regional Eisteddfod to be held in May 2020 has been cancelled.
- NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 has been cancelled for 2020.

GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES FOR HOME & SCHOOL



FINANCE NEWS

NOTICE FROM COMMBANK SCHOOL BANKING

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.



SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY – Years 3-6

At this time it is the school's intention to run these events in the format outlined below. If necessary we will revise this event at the beginning of Week 1 next term. At this stage we are unable to invite parents to the Junior Obstacle Course and Senior Cross Country.

The St Patrick's Inter-House Cross Country Carnival will be held at Shalom College on Friday, 24 April. A detailed information letter was emailed to parents of students in Years 3-6 last week. Please follow the instructions in this letter to nominate your child via Parent Lounge in their chosen event. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are expected to compete unless there is a medical condition that precludes their participation.

Expected event times are as follows:-

- 9:10am: Boys & Girls Born 2010 (10yrs) 2km
- 9:40am: Boys & Girls Born 2009 & 2008 (11 & 12yrs) 3km
- 10:10am: Boys & Girls Born 2012 (8yrs) 1km
- 10:20am: Boys & Girls Born 2011 (9yrs) 1km
- 10:30am: Boys & Girls Born 2010, 2009 & 2008 (10-12yrs) 1km – Fun Run

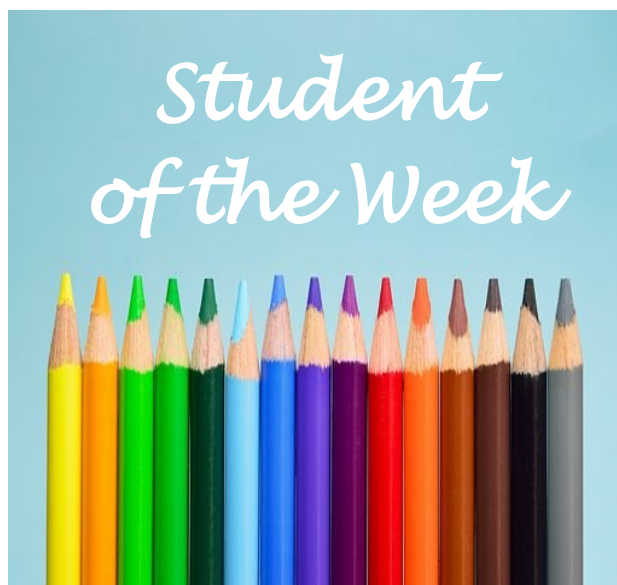
We look forward to an enjoyable and supportive event for all competitors.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING—Years 3-6

Training has already begun in PE lessons and extra training sessions will be offered each Wednesday morning beginning in Week 9 commencing 7:45am—8:15am. Meet Ms G in the multi-purpose shelter. Students are to wear comfortable training clothes and can change into their school uniform at the end of the training session. The training sessions will be offered to all students in Years 3-6 and cater to all ability levels.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



TERM TWO PLANNER

PLEASE NOTE

TERM 2 PLANNER IS A GUIDE AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WEEK 1	Week 20th April - Friday 24th April		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
Thursday	Junior Cross Country Obstacle Course - St Patrick's	9.00-11.00am	Prep-Year 2
Friday	Senior Cross Country	9.00am	Years 3-6
	Anzac Day Liturgy	2.00pm	Year 4
WEEK 2	Week 27th April - 1st May		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
WEEK 3	Week 4th May - 8th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Wednesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 2
WEEK 4	Week 11th May - 15th May		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6W
WEEK 5	Week 18th May - 22nd May		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5P
WEEK 6	Week 25th May - 29th May		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1G
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5C
WEEK 7	Week 1st June - 5th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1M
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5M
WEEK 8	Week 8th June - 12th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3K
Friday	Senior Field Events - St Patrick's (students born 2008, 2009 & 2010)		
WEEK 9	Week 15th June - 19th June		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Friday	Senior Athletics Carnival (students born 2008, 2009, 2009 & 2010)		
WEEK 10	Week 22nd June - 26th June		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
	Junior Athletics Carnival (students born 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015)		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3M
Wednesday—Thursday	School Musical Cinderella & Rockerfella		