



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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Special points of interest:

- Many children are undertaking their Confirmation at the Holy Rosary tonight at 7pm and throughout the weekend all other masses see children completing their First Communion. We would love to see you there.

Important Dates for Week 5

- Naplan (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for Year 3 and 5)
- Courtyard Prayer 2B Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Liturgy 4T 8.45am Friday
- Friday Assembly Awards only at 10.45am.
- Friday Sausage Sizzle

Term 2, Week 4

6 May 2016

Principal's News

Dear Parents

I was walking through the Library on Thursday, and as I did the voice of a young student reading aloud caught my attention. I knew the voice, and I turned to see Matt reading aloud under the direction of one of our Support Staff. Matt finds reading challenging and I couldn't believe the improvement I had just heard. I simply had to make the time to tell him how proud he should be of his progress.

He was really pleased with himself, and said, "Do you know why my reading is so good Mr Fox? It's because my mum reads with me every night, and she reads with me again every morning before we come to school. That's why I'm so good now."

Sadly my words can't convey

how proud this little man was of the work he and his mum had done together – you had to see the size of his smile and the pride in his eyes to understand. For me, this moment gave a glimpse of a mother's love. Somewhere I read the line, **'Who I am, you helped me to be'** and certainly in essence, that was exactly what Matt was saying proudly about his mum.

It seems to me that when we love someone, and we are loved back in return, we both become better people because of the relationship. Being loved affirms us and gives us confidence to learn and to grow. Giving love requires us to put the needs of others first, to extend ourselves, and it inspires us to be our best self so that we are someone our children will learn from and be proud of.

The love of a mother is truly a wonderful thing, and with my role I see it every day. I see mothers with newly born children. I see mothers who bring their own mothers along to share school events. I see hugs, shared tears, pure joy, self-sacrifice and love, each and every day between mothers and children, and it heartens me to witness it all. I am very grateful to our Year 3 students, their teachers Mrs Salmond, Mrs Thompson and Ms Keegan, our APRE Mrs Cooke and to Fr. Andrew for the beautiful way in which we were able to acknowledge Mothers this morning. To have so many mothers and grandmothers with us means a great deal to us all. Thank you for your support, and we wish all mothers our best for Mothers' Day.

Mark Fox

School Musical News

Our rehearsals are progressing well and we are ready to begin making some of our props. Our back stage crew and parent volunteers (who will be called to action soon) are ready to go.

We are asking our parent community for donations of any of the following:

- Styrofoam (all shapes and sizes)
- Large logs (for a campfire seat) Tutus (any colour – please label if you want them returned)

Thanks in advance for your assistance and watch this space for regular updates.

The Musical Team



Click our school crest below to go our school website calendar.



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Around the Grounds with Hammer

Bundaberg Zone Cross Country Trials

Seven students from St Patrick's competed at the Bundaberg District Cross Country Trials held at St Luke's last Wednesday. Each race included the top two runners from each school in the Bundaberg Zone, with each student competing in a race of up to 50 competitors. The following results are outstanding and I congratulate each student on their individual performances

while representing St Patrick's.

10yrs

- Dane Zardus 8th
- Lachlan Scott 12th
- Annie Harris 11th
- Lucy Hamilton 15th

11yrs

- Jake McCaig 19th
- Tia Church 24th

12yrs

- Ryan Barrett 3rd

Bundaberg Zone Cross Country Representative

Congratulations **Ryan Barrett** who has been selected to represent **Bundaberg Zone** at the Wide Bay Cross Country Trials to be held in Maryborough on the 31st May. The school community wishes Ryan an enjoyable and rewarding carnival.

2016 Athletics Carnivals

Monday, 13th June:

Field Events (St Patrick's)

Students born 2006, 2005, 2004 & 2003

(Please note a change of date that was previously published).

Wednesday, 22nd June:

Track Events (Shalom)

Students born 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 & 2003

Thursday, 23rd June:

Track Events (St Patrick's)

Students born 2011, 2010, 2009 & 2008.

Bundaberg Eisteddfod

Congratulations to our Year One students, Year 5M and 6W on their performances at the Bundaberg Speech and Drama Eisteddfod on Tuesday. We were very proud of the children's performances and the way they represented St Patrick's at the venue. We are pleased to say that each group performed to the best of their ability and all received recognition from the adjudicator for their efforts. A special thankyou to Mrs Paula Gallagher for her tireless work and great enthusiasm each week. Paula volunteers her time to teach poems to classes as well as many solo and duo performers and we are very grateful for her expertise. Congratulations to Tori in 5M who conducted the class in their items, the adjudicator made special mention of Tori as she was the only student conductor in the eisteddfod. Thank you also to Mrs Donna Ryan who conducted IN so successfully – IN were awarded first place - even though she had only spent one rehearsal with the students. Thank you to Miss Norris, Miss Clare, Miss McCarthy and Mr Woodland for their work in supporting their students to learn their poems, rehearse each week and to be brave enough to get up on that big stage and perform.

Cathy Wilson



Interschool Sport Term 2—Yrs 5 & 6

Day & Dates: Friday, 20th May – 17th June

Times: 12:30pm – 2:45pm

Venue & Travel:

Netball – new courts near airport – Bus Travel
(Staff: Ms Christina Norris & Annette Hammermeister)

Hockey – Hinkler Park
(Staff: Angela Robinson & Tracey Cook)

Soccer – Kendalls Flat – Bus Travel
(Staff: Mr David Woodand)

Rugby League – Salter Oval – Walk
(Staff: Mr Matt Plumb & Mr Mark Fox)

Uniform:

Students are to wear their school sports' uniform. Alternate athletic sports' shoes may be worn, with students changing into these shoes at 12:20pm. The following items are compulsory for the following sports. Please advise the school if you require assistance meeting these compulsory items.

Hockey – **shin pads and mouth guard** - school knee high socks will be provided by the school.

Soccer – **shin pads** – soccer boots are not permitted at school soccer. Normal school shoes or an athletic jogger to be worn. School knee high socks will be provided by the school.

Rugby League – **mouth guard** – school jersey and socks to be provided by the school.