



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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Term 4, Week 6

11 November 2016

Special points of interest:

Sausage sizzles until the end of term will help our Wide Bay Sports Representatives



Principal's News

Cultural Night was an absolute highlight of my week, and I dare say, it was too for the four hundred or more parents and grandparents who joined us at Shalom on Wednesday night. There were so many good things. The children looked so excited as they entered the stage, so focused while they performed and so proud of themselves as they left the stage. The standard of the students and the performances improves each year, and this year they were simply outstanding. The dedication showed by our staff was sensational. From organizing, ticketing, catering, cleaning, budgeting, busing, moving instruments and staging, supervising students through to performing and conducting was such a generous and fantastic team effort. This all on top of the countless hours of practice and

rehearsals before hand - all in the own time of the students and teachers.

One comment from a grandfather at the end of the night really pleased me. He remarked that we had made singing and playing instruments normal for our kids, and he was absolutely right. With around two hundred students performing on Wednesday, it was clear that the programs and opportunities of our school are now such, that singing and playing an instrument is very much a part of our culture. It was a great affirmation and a wonderful credit to all those who support the Music programs in our school.

Mark Fox

Important Dates for Week 7

- Monday—Parish Mass 9am—Year 3
- Tuesday-Thursday Morning Prayer 8.40am—6W
- Thursday—Swimming Prep—Year 2
- Friday Assembly—9AM Year 1 Nativity Assembly
- Friday Sausage Sizzle for Wide Bay Sports Reps.

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



St Patrick's Catholic School is looking to employ an Information Technology Support Officer. The position is a Term-Time one year contract for 30 hours per week, and would suit applicants with technical ability and the ability to work in classrooms. Expertise in both Microsoft and Apple products is essential. Please submit resumes to the Principal by Friday November 18th.

Head Lice

Head lice has been found in children's hair in all grades. Please check your child's hair as a matter of urgency. If head lice are found please advise the office of your child's grade.



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Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



Centacare

Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.



Be a Clause for a Cause

registered participants receive a free Santa suit to wear in the 4km fun event which starts and finishes at Alexandra Park, Quay Street and takes a course around the beautiful parklands along in the banks of the beautiful Burnett River. Your entry fee includes not only the Santa Suit, but also an energetic warm-up at 6.45am, and some light refreshments at the end whilst recognising the top fundraising individuals and teams and there is a special award for the biggest team. The Santa Fun Run is not a timed event and has been devised to be all inclusive so those in wheelchairs and parents with prams can be involved in the fun! Admission is Adults \$25.00, Children \$15.00 or Family of two adults and two children \$65.00. To register, go to www.varietysantafunrunqld.com.au Santa suits can be collected from Bundaberg Broadcasters' Office, 38 Crofton Street. Inquiries, phone Josh Freeman 0437 137764 or Vince Habermann 0407 606266.

Get into the Christmas spirit and help raise funds for Variety-The Children's Charity of Queensland by joining in the Bundaberg Variety Santa Fun Run on Sunday 4th December at 7am. All



Celebration Night

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CAN YOU HELP?

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

Chess Tournament

We failed to thank one of our committed mums for her help in transporting the children to and from the recent tournament. Thank you Amy Slapp for helping make this tournament a success for our players.

Student of the Week—Week 5



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.

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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: bundabergregionalevents.com.au

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It's nearly the end of the year and again it's time to start re-enrolling for ASC for 2017!

We have new forms again and it's imperative that we have your most recent information on file. Your child will not be able to start ASC in 2017 unless we have the 2017 forms. This is a legal requirement

These forms were due on 4 November but this serves as a reminder to those who have not yet submitted them.

Also, the Diocese of Rockhampton has brought in a new Ezidebit direct debit system for 2017 which assists co-ordinators and services keep up to date with accounts.

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.

Chicken Pox

St Patrick's has been informed that a member of our school community has been diagnosed with chickenpox.

Chickenpox usually begins with a slight fever, headache, runny nose and cough. A day or two later a rash begins, starting as small pink blotches but rapidly progressing to blisters which usually last three to four days before drying out and turning into scabs.

The chickenpox virus is spread through coughs and sneezes and through direct contact with the fluid in the blisters of the rash. The dry scabs are not infectious.

People with chickenpox should be excluded from childcare facilities, schools or work for at least five days after the rash first appears or until dry scabs have replaced all blisters. Any contacts with lowered immunity, such as those with leukaemia, should be referred for specialist advice.

Expectant mothers, who are at risk of contact, should also report to their GP to have their immunity assessed.

Good hygiene practices, such as washing hands after blowing or wiping nose, after coughing and before preparing food or eating should be maintained.

For further information please contact your local doctor or visit <http://www.health.qld.gov.au>