



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

21 July 2023

Communities of Faith, Hope and Love is once more the theme for Queensland's Catholic Education Week, 2023, to be celebrated next week. After working in each of the Bundaberg Catholic schools, I can honestly say I have witnessed *faith, hope and love* being developed and nurtured in the hearts of young people, across all four communities. The thread that connects each school is a shared Catholic identity underpinned by the 'Jesus Story' which 3B reminded us of this week, through their Courtyard Prayer. However, there's something very uniquely special about our own little piece of Catholic Education and we have so much to celebrate. The following examples jumped out at me over the past week.

Catholic Education Week is nicely wedged between **Challenge Cup** and **Eisteddfod**. Two platforms that give our students an opportunity to turn their God given talents into gifts. I was privileged to travel to Yeppoon last week to watch the Challenge Cup Rugby League and Netball Teams play their hearts out. At the opening ceremony Diocesan Director, Ms. Leesa Jeffcoat, challenged teams to **'be humble in winning and gracious in defeat'** and both teams rose to the challenge and represented St. Patrick's so well. A big thank you to Matt Plumb, Cristian Zandona, Rachel Medley and Grace Whaleboat who prepared these teams in a manner that assisted these young people to shine, on and off the field/court. Thank you to the parents who travelled away with their children. They were such a supportive group and this was very much acknowledged and appreciated.



This week I have seen individuals slipping out for their Eisteddfod performances and next week our choirs and Instrumental Band will perform on the big stage. We wish them well and look forward to sharing some results in next week's newsletter. Thanks again to Kate Hardisty, Michael Goodall, Bernadette Connolly, Jed Morley and Adrian Brookes who work tirelessly with our musically inclined students.

Happily, students don't have to leave their classrooms to achieve success. I visited Year Three some time ago, when they were first delving in to their **TinkerCad** projects, an engineering program. Students had to choose an animal and create a scenario, involving a limb amputation. Students then had to draw on recent learning and knowledge to design a prosthetic limb. Last week the prosthetic limbs were realised through the 3D printing process and students fitted these to their chosen animal. I had students proudly share their work. The subject specific vocabulary they used to explain their creation reflected a high level of 21st century learning, but more importantly, they did so with such enthusiasm. Here are a couple of examples to share with you;



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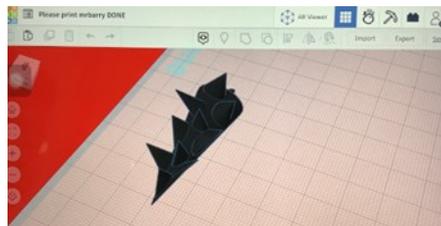
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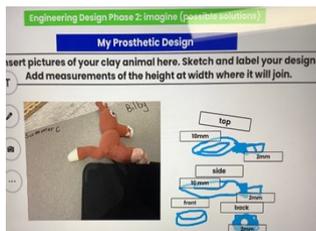
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Ian C—I enjoyed learning how to design a prosthetic limb using TinkerCad technology. One day I may be able to expand more from my knowledge and use it in my job.



Summer C—I loved designing a prosthetic limb using TinkerCad App, as I love getting my creativity out.



The above mentioned are all examples of how we harness the enthusiasm of our youth and encourage them to develop in a way that enables them to spread love, hope and faith not only in Catholic Education Week, but beyond the school gate as they become great global citizens.

This week we had students from our Catholic schools attend 'NAIDOC on the Grass' at Shalom College. We get the chance to stand in solidarity with our brother and sister schools again this Sunday at the **Holy Rosary Church for 5:30pm Mass**, which will be led by students, as we celebrate the beginning of **Catholic Education Week**. It would be wonderful to see as many St. Patrick's families as possible to launch what promises to be a week of celebration across the Diocese.

Parent and Friends Forum and Education

Parents in the modern world are very busy and often stretched across many commitments and committees, as their children grow and develop through their school years. Consequently, P&F committees have had a change in purpose in many schools over the last few years. In looking back through records of meetings at St. Patrick's, I can see that these have occurred irregularly and been attended mainly by current Board members. Our School Board meets regularly, and I have been extremely appreciative of their support. However, in recent surveys, I have seen the topic of the P&F raised. I have enjoyed spending the last 6 months getting to know your children, but I am craving the opportunity to get to know more of their wonderful parents. I would still like to continue a P&F presence in our school, as a platform for interested parents to be able to connect with the school and other parents. I recognise that these meetings must 'value-add' for parents to encourage a higher rate of attendance. At this stage, there will be two proposed opportunities for Parents and Friends over the remainder of this year. Please **save the date** for the following;

Term 3-Tuesday 15th August 7:00pm–8:30pm—Justin Coulson (Shalom College Performing Arts Precinct)

Many of you would remember Justin from a few years ago and know that he is the Child Psychologist who co-hosts Channel 9's Parental Guidance. Please click on the link to get a sense of the session being delivered around the 'Parenting Revolution'. [St.Patrick's | Parents | 15 August 2023](#)

Term 4-Wednesday 11th October 5:30pm–6:30pm—Zones of Regulation (St Patrick's Staffroom)

Come and meet the Principal and new staff members, including Counsellor Anita Katajamaki, who will deliver a session on the Zones of Regulations, adopted and used daily at St Patrick's. You may have heard your children talk about 'spreading the green' or 'not now Mum I am in the yellow zone'? Here's an opportunity to learn more which may help you to use the same language at home. At this session, parents/carers will be provided the opportunity to suggest more topics or areas they'd like considered for 2024.

Kim O'Shea-Hard



Catholic Education Week

23 – 29 July 2023

Celebrated annually in week 3 of term 3, Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all 313 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

Below are the events we have scheduled for Catholic Education Week:

- Sunday July 23—Combined School's Mass at Holy Rosary, 5.30pm
- Monday July 24—Class secret missions set
- Tuesday July 25 to Thursday July 27—Catholic Education Week Courtyard Prayer led by 3C
- Acts of kindness carried out (from secret missions set on Monday)
- Wednesday July 26—Mini Vinnies Kindness Cupcakes on sale at lunchtime (\$1 per cupcake)



We look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week.

SPORTS NEWS—QUEENSLAND SCHOOL SPORT STATE CHAMPION



Huge congratulations to **Essie Mc** on being awarded the Queensland Champion for 10 years Girls Multi-Class Cross Country!

This is an outstanding achievement Essie and we wish you all the best as you travel away to compete at Canberra at the National titles. Well done and we will all be cheering you on!



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FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 4th August** unless you have a payment plan in place, in which case this merely serves as a statement for your records.

Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary, Brooke, if you have any queries or you wish to setup a payment plan.

Please make sure to check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools, your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of our school. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

Please see below school fee payment options that are available. Alternatively, payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Direct Deposit If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

Recurring Credit Card Billing If you wish to make regular recurring payments as you would normally from a bank account but prefer to use a Credit Card so as to gain advantages of frequent flyer points etc., it is as simple as completing a form. This form is available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab, titled Direct Debit by Credit Card Form. Otherwise please contact St Patrick's School Finance Secretary Brooke Bone at brooke_bone@rok.catholic.edu.au to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

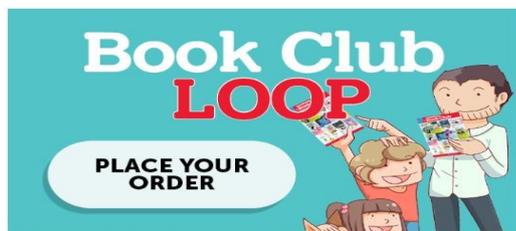
BPay BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A BPay logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement, if you choose to pay this way.

Parent Lounge Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

Direct Debit If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Brooke Bone for assistance or simply download, complete and return the form titled Direct Debit by Bank Account Form available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab.

Centrepay Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments. Our CRN is 555 053 656K and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

BOOKCLUB



Please note all orders for bookclub need to be made **ONLINE via LOOP payment** on the Scholastic website, as no cash orders can be accepted.

Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. All orders are due by **Tuesday 25th July**. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.

FORMAL HATS

BACK IN STOCK

This is to advise that formal hats are now back in stock at Innstyle Mensland.



TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 10th July - Friday 14th July		
Monday	Start Term 3 2022		
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3L
Wednesday - Friday	Challenge Cup	All Day	
WEEK 2	Week 17th July - 21st July		
Monday	School Photo Day		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3B
WEEK 3	Week 24th July - 28th July		
	CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK		
Monday - Tuesday	Bundaberg Eisteddfod	All Day	Strings & Choirs
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
WEEK 4	Week 31st July - 4th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep S
Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep L
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep W
WEEK 5	Week 7th August - 11th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
WEEK 6	Week 14th August - 18th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Years 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
WEEK 7	Week 21st August - 25th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5T
WEEK 8	Week 28th August - 1st September		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Monday - Wednesday	Year 5 Camp - Chaverim	All Day	Year 5
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 9	Week 4th September - 8th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 10	Week 11th September - 15th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay	All Day	Year 6

2023 TERM DATES			
TERM 1	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March		
TERM 2	Monday 17 April - Friday 23 June		
TERM 3	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September		
	PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 1st September		
TERM 4	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December		

2023 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS			
TERM 3	District Athletics Carnival	10-11 August	St Luke's
TERM 4	Years 3-6 Senior Swimming Carnival	24-Nov	BSA

OUT AND ABOUT



West Bundaberg Little Athletics

Bundaberg Super Park Complex, Enid Ethel Drive
2023 / 2024 season starts August

How can you join in?
Programs for athletes aged 3 to Masters
Online registration opens Monday 4th July

Come & Try Nights at the Centre
Friday 4th August: 5.45pm to 7.30pm
Friday 11th August: 5.45pm to 7.30pm

**Registration / Sign on Days
at our clubhouse**
Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th August 1pm to 3pm

First Competition Night
Friday 18th August: 5.45pm

Fees: U6-U17 \$220, Tiny Tots 3-5yrs \$65

Want to volunteer?
Come along and help us!
This year we will be introducing our
Volunteers U13 to U17

For further information:
Email: bundabergathleticclub@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/West-Bundaberg-Little-Athletics-Club-Bundaberg-Athletic-Club>





Queensland Oztag

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Queensland Oztag

St Patrick's are about to Get tagged and love it because the guys from Queensland Oztag are coming out to run FREE Oztag School Clinics. In the clinics with the Development Officers the kids will learn the basics of Oztag including the evasive manoeuvres of Twisting and Spinning along with how to make the perfect Tag. Queensland Oztag are looking forward to seeing the Kids again this term.

Looking for more information on Qld Oztag?
Qld Oztag Website:
<http://www.queenslandoztag.com.au/>

Qld Oztag State Cup promo video:
<https://youtu.be/n-1NWiepAHc>

Qld Oztag Youtube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@OZTAGQUEENSLAND>



HAVE A BLAST

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast
It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

Term 3 All Girls Pop Up Blast Program
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Sign up to a FREE Pop Up Blast program happening at your school this term!
Years P-6 | 4-week Program | Wednesdays after school
Starting Wednesday 25th July 3:15pm-4:15pm at the school oval.

*To receive the participant pack, you will have to register via Play HQ once the program is live on the website.
For more info contact Daniel: daniel.szabo@qldcricket.com.au



Scan the QR Code to register!



Junior Chess Tournament

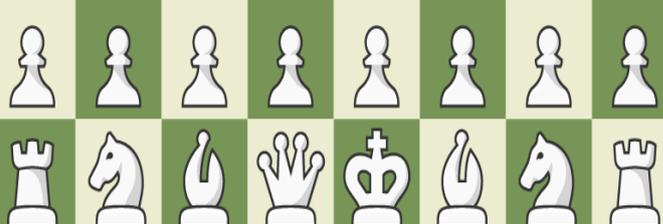
The 4th Sunday Junior Chess Tournaments conducted by the Bundaberg Chess Club Inc will be held on 30 July 2023.

Cost for each tournament is \$8.00. A maximum payment of \$16.00/ family with 3 or more players. The venue is upstairs in the U3A building on Woongarra St, Bundaberg.

The competition starts promptly at 9.00 am. Could children please arrive at 8.45 am to register for the tournament. Each child needs to bring a water bottle and adequate morning tea. The morning consists of 6 rounds of competitive chess plus a chess lesson from Mr John Harris. The morning usually concludes around 12.00-12.20 pm.

Prizes are given for 1st to 3rd place depending on the number of players attending. Lucky door prizes are given and prizes for the most interesting chess game.

All enquires for Junior Chess should sent to John Harris email:- presidentjohn@live.com.au or Ph:- 0418686497.



Passionist Family Group Renewal

The Passionist Family Group Movement has been active in Bundaberg for twenty-three years.

The motto of the Movement is "A Family for All".

The aim of the Movement is "To love one another."

The Bundaberg Groups (MacKillop and Bargara) warmly welcome you to join them on the weekend of July 29 and 30 when there will be a renewal of the Movement in our Parish.

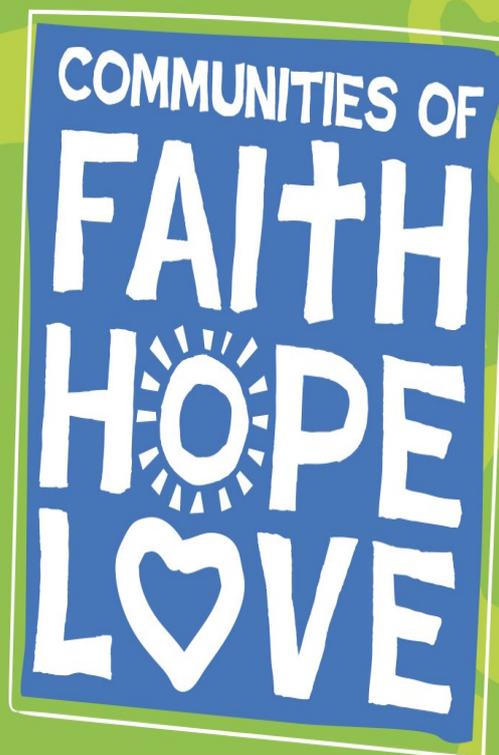
Fr Ray Sanchez CP and Mrs Celine Bowman, Coordinator of the Northern Region, will be joined by local members at all Masses on the weekend and will speak of the benefits and joys of being part of the Movement.

For further information, please contact Helen Mackie (0490 361 406) or Judy Erle (0407 346 476)



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