# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

## 8th February 2018

#### **Dear Parents**

Often during Inservice days, there are one or two things that stay with me and cause me to reflect. One such comment was by Luke McKenna, when he indicated that on occasion, the best thing you can do for your child as a parent, is to step back a little and allow them to struggle.

As teachers and parents, nothing causes us more concern than to see a child struggle. We almost instinctively want to help and 'fix' things for them at the first sign of distress. It is only natural that we want to see our children happy. Yet if this is our goal, we might need to look at things differently.

The trick to life is not to avoid stressors or risks. They are simply unavoidable. We need to learn to manage such things in healthy and constructive ways. Dr James Neill talks about successful adults who 'thrive and fulfil potential despite, or perhaps because of, stressors or risk factors'. If this is what we want for our children as adults, then developing emotional and psychological buoyancy in children is essential. These early years are vital. We can see how quickly children grow physically, and although it is not as obvious or easy to measure, their emotional, intellectual and social capacity is growing just as rapidly, and we need to make the time to guide them. It's a bit like tying children's shoelaces. It seems faster and easier just to tie them for them, and yet we know that modelling, affirming and coaching them as they learn, sets them up for the future. Treat the development of resilience as you do other learning.

Don't accommodate every need. Avoid eliminating all risk. Teach them to problem-solve Don't provide all the answers and Let your kids make mistakes.

There are no perfect parents or parenting strategies. Know what your goals are for your children, and judge thoughtfully about when to step in and when to step back. It is well worthy of your time.

#### Sausage Sizzles — We love the Sizzle. Students enjoy the treat. Parents enjoy a morning without having to

prepare lunches, and we enjoy having funds to assist families, sporting events, musicals and charities. This term we will approach one year level each week, simply asking for two or three volunteers for a little over an hour, 10:45 until 11:45. This week, Year 6 parents generously volunteered and so we are able to run the Sizzle. Next week we are looking for two volunteers from Year 5, the following week Year 4 and so on. Included in this newsletter is a roster for each year level. If you are able to help please contact the office.

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## **KEY DATES FOR WEEK 3**

- Monday—Junior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am
- Monday—Morning Parade 8.40am
- Tuesday—Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am
- Tuesday -Thursday Morning Prayer 8.40am—5P
- Wednesday—Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am
- Friday—Sausage Sizzle \$2 to classroom teacher









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## **RE NEWS**

#### **Opening School Liturgy & Leadership Commissioning**

This year has started off with all cylinders firing. It was wonderful to see so many of our extended school community members here today for our Opening School Liturgy. We are so very proud and excited for this year's student leaders. They undertook their Commissioning Ceremony today and have all committed to being wonderful leaders, friends, learners and role models.

The year 6 Pledge that the students presented to the school community today was:

As the leaders of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School:

We promise to learn and be leaders of learning.

We promise to show love for God, each other and ourselves.

We promise to Live the Gospel and Witness the Faith in our everyday words and actions.

We promise to Celebrate Life always appreciating the good times and being resilient in the challenging times.

We promise to be responsible and have pride in our ways.

We promise to abide by our school rules, set good examples and help those around us.

As the year progresses, let God be with us and be our guide.

This is a lovely take on our school Mission Statement and the expectations we have of our leaders. We look forward to witnessing their leadership throughout the 2019 year.

## SPORTS NEWS

## **BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS-2019**

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events. Students will also be informed on Parade. Gaining selection in a Bundaberg Zone Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg Zone, students must be born 2007, 2008 & 2009 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March.

Please be aware of the following points:

- No student born 2006 is eligible to trial.
- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects U10, U11 and U12 teams due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg Zone trials are not 'have go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb, Ms Gollshewsky or Mrs Hammermeister. Students will not be able participate in the trials without a **Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form.**
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aqualon are the exceptions Wide Bay School Sport

#### WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT

*SWIMMING* Nominations close 3:00pm 20<sup>th</sup> February. Nominations to Maryann Barren, St Luke's Anglican School Administration Office. Wide Bay Regional Team selection is gained by submitting times swum in the 50m pool in a QSA sanctioned meet. When times are submitted, they must be verified by printouts from Meet Manager and then stamped and signed by the club's secretary. Times need to have been swum in the current 2018/2019 season.

GOLF Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close 8 February; nomination must be emailed to Dean Pickup at Oakwood State School.
 SOFTBALL Boys & Girls Trials: 12 & 19 February 3.30—5.00pm Brothers AFL Grounds.
 AFL Boys & Girls Trials: 11 & 18 February 4.00-5.30pm ATW AFL Grounds Claytons Road.
 TENNIS Boys & Girls Trials: 14 March 8.45am – 3.00pm Rotary Tennis Courts, George Street.

### **SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS**

Senior Swim Carnival	Years 3-6—Bundaberg Swimming Academy – Monday, 1 April		
Junior Inter-House Obstacle Course	Prep - Year 2— Junior Oval, St Patrick's – Wednesday, 24 April, 9:00-10:30am		
Inter-House Cross Country	Years 3 - 6— Shalom College – Friday, 26 April, 9:00-11:00am		
Field Athletics	St Patrick's – Friday, 17 May	(Students born 2007, 2008, 2009)	
Senior Athletics Day	Shalom College – Friday, 24 May	(Students born 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010)	
Junior Athletics Day	St Patrick's – Friday, 31 May	(Students born 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014)	
<u> Challenge Cup – Yeppoon</u>	17-19 July		

## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Important Information

### ABSENTEES

Please note ALL student absentees should be notified to the office by 9am each day. Students arriving later than 8.40am should enter through the office to collect a late slip for the classroom teacher. If no notification has been received, an absentee text message will be sent out to parents each morning to advise the student absence.

# **NEW ABSENTEE METHODS**

# Absentee HOTLINE 4994 8336 or email absentees@saintpatricks.qld.edu.au



#### **MULGRAVE STREET ADMINISTRATION CARPARK**

Parking in the Mulgrave Street Administration Carpark is for staff only. This carpark has been specifically designed for a Pick Up and Drop Off Zone and Parents are not to park in this area from 7:45am – 8:45am and 2:45pm – 3:30pm, as parking and reversing severely disrupts the Pick Up and Drop Off process during these times. The only exception to this is for our families who use our designated Disabled Parks in the staff carpark.

## **READING VOLUNTEERS**



If you are interested in assisting students with classroom reading, we would love your help.

Please contact Mrs Terry Whan in Learning Support on

terry\_whan@rok.catholic.edu.au

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED SAUSAGE SIZZLE

If you are willing to help out with serving and clean up for our weekly Friday Sausage Sizzle from 10.45-11.45 please see roster below for the Year Level we require assistance for and contact the office.

Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required	
Week 3	Year 5	I Volunteer required	
Week 4	Year 4	2 Volunteers required	
Week 5	Year 3	2 Volunteers required	
Week 6	Blanket Buddies	No Volunteers required	
Week 7	Year 2	2 Volunteers required	
Week 8	Prep	No Volunteers required	
Week 9	Year 1	2 Volunteers required	



## **FINANCE NEWS**

#### Information for new families and a reminder to existing families

Invoice/Statements are emailed to families generally by end of second week of each term and are payable within 14 days unless you have a regular payment plan in place. In order to keep St Patrick's Catholic Primary School fees to a minimum, it is imperative that all of our accounts are paid on time. Contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies to establish a payment plan and/or confirm whether you have a direct debit plan you wish to amend and/or continue. For payment by direct debit or credit card, relevant forms are also available on the website along with current year schedule of fees and document advising all payment options <a href="http://www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/enrolment/fees-charges/">http://www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/enrolment/fees-charges/</a>

As statements/invoices are emailed, please ensure correct and up to date addresses or any changes are advised immediately. You can also update contact information yourself through Parent Lounge any time.

If you have a valid government concession card, please present this to the finance secretary to receive your entitlement of 70% discount on tuition fees. Remember, if you have received a replacement card with a new expiry date, this will need to be sighted, copied and scanned at the office in order to ensure you continue to receive this entitlement.

Should you have any queries regarding your account, please contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies at <a href="mailto:spbg\_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au">spbg\_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au</a> or on 4152 1380 or call into the office at any time.

#### **STUDENT BANKING**

A reminder student banking is each Monday.

Students can redeem 10 silver Dollarmites tokens for a Polar Savers reward by completing a redemption slip and returning the whole slip with the students name and banker ID on their School Banking day.

Click on this link https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html to register your child for student banking.

#### **2019 POLO SAVER REWARDS**

We're excited to announce the new Polar Savers reward items for 2019:

Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set

Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler

Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards

Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers



## **TUCKSHOP NEWS**



## OUT AND ABOUT



## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

#### MINI WHEELER

Available from 2 years of age, this membership develops balance, gross motor skills and independence to begin riding a bike. Mini Wheeler members ride a Balance Bike (non-pedalling bike).

#### 4 MONTH - SPROCKET ROCKET

For riders between the age of 2-7 years, who are able to pedal a bike. Put your "toe in the water" with a 4 Month Sprocket Rocket membership, a great way to start your BMX journey! SPROCKET ROCKET (12 MONTH MEMBERSHIP)

For riders between the age of 2-7 years, who are able to pedal a bike. A Sprocket Rocket membership focuses on participation and develops riding and racing skills in an engaging and non-competitive environment.

#### 4 MONTH - OPEN

8 years old and ready to begin riding at clubs across Australia? Get online, join BMXA and then get on your bikel

#### OPEN (12 MONTH MEMBERSHIP)

If you've fallen in love with BMX riding, this one's for you!

NOTE: You can renew 4 Month Licence as many times as you like!

For more information on BMX Australia membership categories, please go to www.bmxaustralia.com.au.

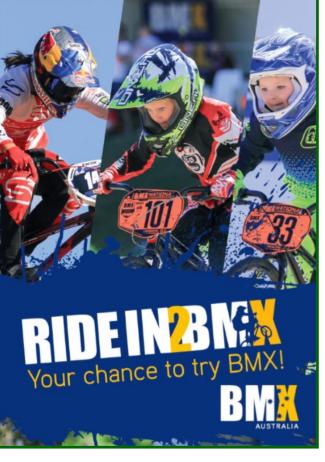


BMX is a fast and fun action sport with jumps and turns on a track that can be 300m to 400m in length.

The sport encourages beginners to participate and learn the skills needed to get the most enjoyment out of their time on track! As riders become experienced in BMX they can launch down 5m or 8m start ramps, navigate jumps and fly around berms.

The sport is exciting; action packed and is great exercise for kids and adults alike!





## OUT AND ABOUT





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## TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 1		Week 28th January—1st February		
Monday		AUSTRALIA DAY		
Wednesday-Thursday			8.40am	
Friday		No Liturgy	0.400111	
WEEK 2		Week 4th February—8th February		
Tuesday—Thursday		Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5W
Friday	Sausage Sizzle	Opening School Liturgy and Year 6 Induction	9.00am	6L
WEEK 3	Sausage Sizzie	Week 11th February—15th February	5.00811	UL
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday		Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Sausage Sizzle	No Liturgy	0.40am	51
WEEK 4	Sausage Sizzie	Week 18th February—22nd February		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
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Tuesday Wednesday-Thursday		Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Courses Claste	No Liturgy	0.400111	50
WEEK 5	Sausage Sizzle	Week 25th February—1st March		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards		
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Tuesday—Thursday	Sausage Sizzle	Courtyard Prayer	6.40dm	OL
Friday	Jausage Sizzie	No Liturgy		
WEEK 6		Week 4th March — 8th March		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards	8 40am	<b>CD</b>
Tuesday—Thursday	Course of Circula	Courtyard Prayer (including Ash Wednesday)	8.40am	6R
Friday	Sausage Sizzle	No Liturgy		
WEEK 7		Week 11th March—15th March		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards	0.40	214
Tuesday—Thursday		Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3K
Friday	Sausage Sizzle	St Patrick's Day Mass Week 18th March—22nd March	9.00am	6C
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Monday		Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	35
Tuesday—Thursday	C	Courtyard Prayer	0.40d11	33
Friday WEEK 9	Sausage Sizzle	No Liturgy Week 25th March—29th March		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards	9 40	20
Tuesday—Thursday	C	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3B
Friday WEEK 10	Sausage Sizzle	No Liturgy		
		Week 1st April - 5th April Sonier Swimming Carpivel PSA Years 2-6		
Monday		Senior Swimming Carnival BSA Years 3-6	8.40am	Year 4
Tuesday		Palm Sunday		Year 4 Year 4
Wednesday		Last Supper	8.40am	
Thursday		Good Friday	8.40am	Year 5
Friday		Easter Liturgy	9.00am	Year 6 and Prep
		Easter Hat Parade	10.00am	Prep to Year 3
		Mini Fair	11.00am - 12.15pm	