



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

4th October 2024

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope families enjoyed at least a few days of the beautiful weather, we were all afforded.

Holidays proved very challenging for me and my family, as we lost my father in Terry O'Shea. Dad had been unwell, but nothing really prepares you for the loss of a parent, as far too many of you would know. In preparing Dad's eulogy, I was reminded of the words etched into Mary MacKillop's tomb *'remember, we are but travellers here'*. Dad started from humble beginnings, but was in hindsight a motivated and driven person, forever setting goals and achieving them. As I reflected on Dad's life journey, I noticed that his goals were realised early in life. He started work young, he married young, he committed to buying real estate young, he went into business young, became a father young and was consequently able to retire young. Dad's eye (he only had one in the end) was always firmly planted on the next destination. However, in reflecting upon Dad's life it became evident to me that his 'highlight moments' all fell firmly amongst the chaos of the everyday journey. The busy, complicated and probably the most stressful times of life can often deliver the best of blessings. The stage of life you, as young parents, may presently be navigating. It took my mind to Proverb 16:9 as Dad's life was a perfect illustration of how "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps". This time of reflection brought home for me how important it is to 'savour the journey' and take time for fellow travellers, as these are the things remembered and celebrated at the end of one's life. Our family certainly felt great comfort from the myriads of fellow-travellers that Dad had gathered along his life's pilgrimage. We seem to be forever 'travelling' and the trip sometimes goes faster than we first had imagined. Joyce Rupp (2005) reminds us to *'allow the ups and downs of daily life to be the pilgrimage and adventure it really is'* and this is my wish for everyone, as we journey together toward the culmination of another year. Returning to a truck load of happy, vibrant St. Patrick's faces this week has certainly pumped up my tyres and we have all hit the road running.

Preparations for 2025 are rolling out nicely. Today parents will receive an e-mail outlining the process being followed for arranging classes for next year. This will include information around how to submit any considerations you feel warrant our attention. Please note all parent letters need to be submitted no later than **Monday, 14th October, 2024**. This may not result in the outcome you are after, but it makes the process comprehensive. Once classes are finalised the decision will be final, as we spend hours to ensure classes are organised in the best way possible, for the common good of the vast number of students at St. Patrick's.

Again, thanks for an amazing start to the term. I certainly feel privileged and blessed to be travelling the same road as you and your wonderful children. This weekend I hope you are able to enjoy the sunshine and savour this part of the journey!! Always!

Kim O'Shea-Hard



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THE BUNDABERG CATHOLIC
PARISH WELCOMES YOU TO
A CHILDREN'S MASS



“Let the
children come
to me”

Luke:18:16

4th Sunday each month,
9:00am Mass
St Patrick's Church

All parishioners and
families are invited.

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 27

PARENTS & KIDS

ORDER NOW



Book club catalogues were sent home with your child this week.

A reminder that all orders need to be made **ONLINE** via **LOOP** payment on the Scholastic website via www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

All orders are due by **Monday 14th October**.

As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.

CULTURAL NIGHT—SAVE THE DATE

Save The Date
**St Patrick's
Cultural Night
2024**

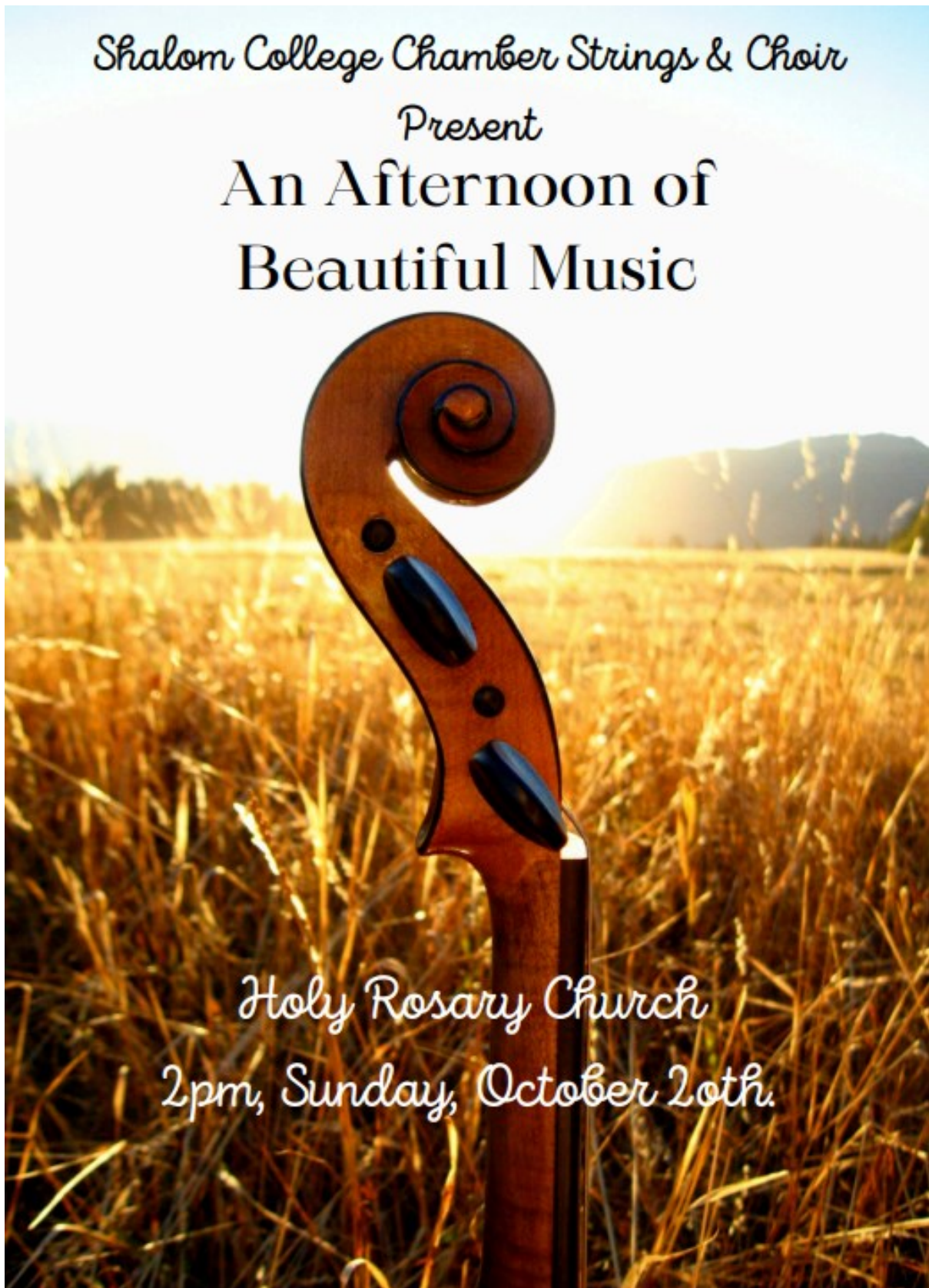
A watercolor illustration of various green leaves and stems, overlaid with a network of thin, gold-colored geometric lines forming a complex pattern.

Tuesday Nov 19
5.30pm @ Shalom's PAP

SHALOM COLLEGE CHAMBER STRINGS & CHOIR

Treat yourself to 'An Afternoon of Beautiful Music' from the Shalom College Chamber String Ensemble and College Choir as they give their final performance for 2024. The program includes a variety of music from inspiring classics to catchy contemporary works, it is sure to have something in it for everyone.

At this concert, the groups will celebrate their senior cohort who have been valued members of the music community at Shalom since 2019.



Shalom College Chamber Strings & Choir
Present
**An Afternoon of
Beautiful Music**

Holy Rosary Church
2pm, Sunday, October 20th.

TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 2	Week 7th October - 11th October		
Monday	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
WEEK 3	Week 14th October - 18th October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	TBA	
WEEK 4	Week 21st October - 25th October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	TBA	
Friday	School Mass - Mission Month	9:00am	Years 2-6
WEEK 5	Week 28th October - 1st November		
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2025
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	TBA	
WEEK 6	Week 4th November - 8th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
WEEK 7	Week 11th November - 15th November		
Monday	Remembrance Day Memorial	9:00am	5M
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
WEEK 8	Week 18th November - 22nd November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	TBA	Music
WEEK 9	Week 25th November - 29th November		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2L
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am	Years 3 & 4
		11:00-12:30pm	Years 5 & 6
WEEK 10	Week 2nd December - 6th December		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
Wednesday	Celebration Night	5:00-7:00pm	Whole School
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:00am	Whole School
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	Whole School

2025 TERM DATES	
TERM 1	Tuesday 28 January - Friday 4 April
TERM 2	Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June
TERM 3	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
TERM 4	Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December

OUT AND ABOUT

2024 NATIONAL PARENT SURVEY



Catholic School Parents
AUSTRALIA

HAVE YOUR SAY

Catholic School Parents Australia is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government to support this work.

The CSPA 2024 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is seeking your perspective as parents/carers of children who attend a Catholic School in Australia.

You are invited to share your views on existing and emerging affirmations and/or challenges in relation to your child's wellbeing and learning. Please consider completing this anonymous, confidential, and completely voluntary online survey.

Click on the survey link or scan the QR code for more information about the study, how to participate, and how to have questions answered.

Scan QR code above for Parent Survey

40 YEARS OF SHALOM Celebration

Join us in celebrating the wonderful 40 Year History of Shalom College

All past and present students, parents and staff are welcome to attend.

Friday 11 October
3:30pm-8pm
Shalom College Performing Arts Precinct

The event will include; Tours of the College, Musical Acts, Premiere screening of 40 Years of Shalom Documentary, Photography Display, Canapes and Drinks.

Tickets \$30 per person
Ticket includes canapes.
Drinks and merchandise will be available to purchase on the night

for more information or to book tickets go to www.shalom40.com

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Salter Oval, Thursday afternoon
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6 sessions pre-Christmas - \$100
6 sessions post-Christmas - \$100
Full season - \$150

Includes Blast Pack!

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Ages 4-11

