St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

I Ith October 2019

Most people would be aware of my love of holidays, but I have to confess I don't mind coming back to school either. Here's why.

On Tuesday morning duty a few students came over just to chat. One of the group mentioned her birthday celebration over the holidays. I shared that I too had a birthday, but I remarked that sadly with so few friends, I didn't have a party. Another of the students looked at me and said, "but you have all of us kids and the teachers as friends" and I realized she was serious.

When Mrs Hammermeister led Parade, she bravely asked who was glad to be back at school. About 450 of our nearly 500 students raised their hand.

Yesterday when I checked in on our three new students, each mentioned that they had already found friends.

The significance of this was brought home on my commute this morning while I listened to a podcast entitled 'Nursing on Sydney's Streets'. It was sad and yet inspiring. It tells of the work a group of health care professionals undertake getting medical assistance to homeless people.

The worker being interviewed would say that one of the biggest factors leading people into being homeless is social isolation. For most of us, when something goes horribly wrong – loss of a job, trauma, addiction, health issues – we have someone who will have our back - friends or family who will give us some money or let us sleep on their couch. Most homeless people become homeless because they don't have any such connection.

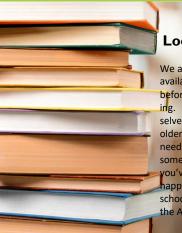
I love our caring community and I am really pleased that our school strives to be a place where people feel welcome. It is so very important that we acknowledge the worth of each member of our community and encourage our children to interact well so they can make those valuable connections with others – becoming people who can be supportive and who can ask for support when needed.

Welcome back for a short but busy term. I'm sure we will all make the absolute best use of our time together.

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KEY INFORMATION FOR WEEK 2

| Monday | • | Junior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am Morning Parade 8.40am | | |
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| Tuesday | • | Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am Courtyard Prayer 8.40am Reef Guardians Year 1 Excursion Botanical Gardens | | |
| Wednes- | • | Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30ar Courtyard Prayer 8.40am Reef | | |
| Thursday | • | Courtyard Prayer 8.40am Reef Guardians | | |
| Friday | • | Classroom Liturgy 3B 8.45am Interschool Sport Years 5&6 | S(Zzle | |



Before School Reading Looking for Book Donations

We are looking at having a selection of books available for our Junior students to read before school play begins in the morning. Students can choose to read by themselves, with a friend or even have one of the older students read to them. The books don't need to be new, but do need to present as something a young child would like to read. If you've got suitable books at home you're nappy to donate, please send them along to school. We will place a donation box behind the Admin near Lost Property.



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Click the logo to access Parent Lounge

STUDENT ABSENCES



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APRE NEWS

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children who are baptised and 8+ years old are able to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (First Communion).



The Parish preparation program will begin in Term 4. An Information morning is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th, 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Office, Level 1/66 Woongarra Street.

This session is especially for new parents to the program. Registration forms are available at the school or parish office beforehand. For more information, please contact Anne Sheehan, Sacramental co-ordinator, 41516666.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE—TERM FOUR

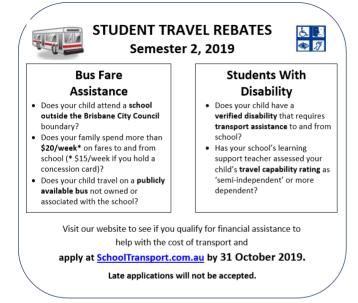
If you are able to help out with serving and clean up for our weekly Friday Sausage Sizzle from 10.45-11.45 please see roster below for the Year Level we require assistance for and contact the office.

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| Week 2 | Friday 18/10 | Prep |
| Week 3 | Friday 25/10 | Year 6 |
| Week 4 | Friday 1/11 | Year 5 |
| Week 5 | Friday 8/11 | Year 4 |
| Week 6 | Friday 15/11 | Year 3 |
| Week 7 | Friday 22/11 | Year 2 |
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATE SCHEME



Online applications for the Student Travel Rebate Scheme are now open until 31st October.

Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2.

Visit the School Transport website (click on the logo below) to check if you are eligible or to apply online.



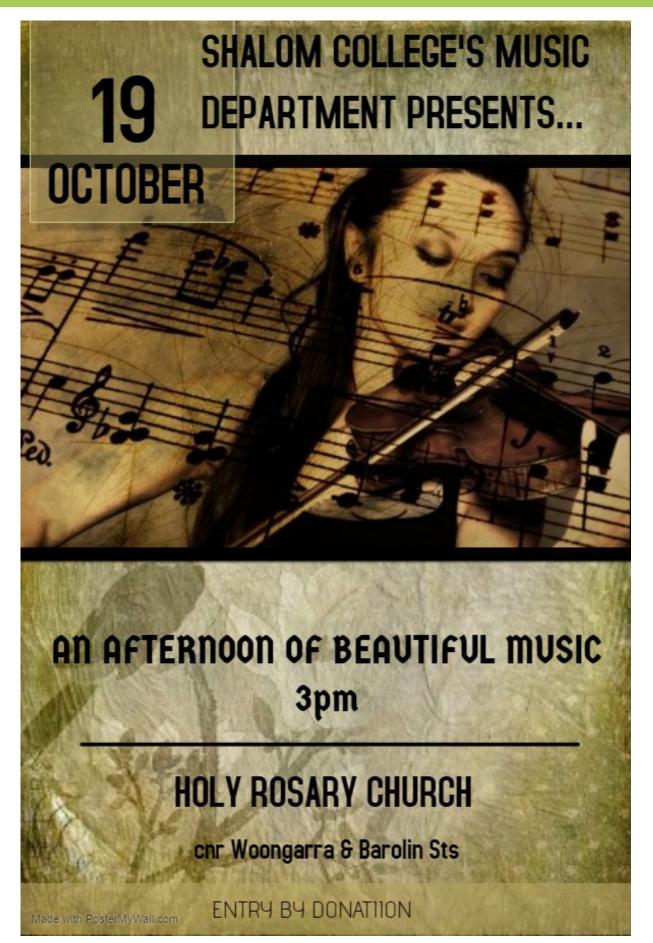
EXTRA-CURRICULAR PHOTOS NOW AVAILABLE

Photos of the following extra-curricular groups are now available to view and purchase online. Please go to <u>www.advancedlife.com.au/</u> website and enter the St Patrick's school code K5C 1GB PD7 and select Group Photos to view. Group photos are \$20 each.

- Chess
- Ochallenge Cup Netball/Rugby League
- Junior and Senior Choir
- Junior and Senior Ensemble
- A Reef Guardians



OUT AND ABOUT



TERM FOUR PLANNER

| WEEK 1 | Week 7th October - 11th October | | |
|--------------------|--|-------------|----------------------|
| Monday | PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEENS BIRTHDAY | | |
| Tuesday | Morning Parade and Awards/Notices | 8.40am | |
| Wednesday—Thursday | Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | Mini Vinnies |
| WEEK 2 | Week 14th October-18th October | | |
| Monday | Working Parade and Awards/Notices | 8.40am | |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | Reef Guardians |
| Friday | | 8.45am | 38 |
| WEEK 3 | Classroom Liturgy Week 21st October-25th October | 8.45am | ac |
| | PUPIL FREE DAY | | |
| Monday Tuesday | Norning Parade and Awards/Notices | 8.40am | |
| | | 8.40am | 5W |
| Wednesday—Thursday | Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer | | |
| Friday | Classroom Liturgy | 8.45am | 3C |
| WEEK 4 | Week 28th October-1st November | Q 40am | |
| Monday | Morning Parade and Awards/Notices | 8.40am | |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | 5P |
| Friday | Classroom Liturgy | 8.45am | 4C |
| WEEK 5 | Week 4th November-8th November | | |
| Monday | Morning Parade and Awards/Notices | 8.40am | |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | 5G |
| Friday | Classroom Liturgy | 8.45am | 4L |
| WEEK 6 | Week 11th-15th November | | |
| Monday | Remembrance Day Memorial | 8.40am | Year 5 |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | 2В |
| Friday | Classroom Liturgy | 8.45am | 4W |
| WEEK 7 | Week 18th November-22nd November | | |
| Monday | Parish Mass | 9.00am | Year 5 |
| Monday | Morning Parade and Awards/Notices | 8.40am | |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | 2C |
| Wednesday | Cultural Night - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar | 5.30pm | |
| Friday | Year 1 Nativity Assembly | 9.00am | Year 1 |
| WEEK 8 | Week 25th November-29th November | | |
| Monday | Morning Parade and Awards/Notices | 8.40am | |
| Monday | Senior Strings to Retirement Homes | | Senior Strings |
| Tuesday | Year 6 Graduation Night | 5.30pm | Shalom Sports Centre |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | 2Н |
| Thursday | Senior Swimming Carnival | | Years 3-6 |
| Friday | Music Assembly - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar | 10.00am | |
| WEEK 9 | Week 2nd December - 6th December | | |
| Monday | Morning Parade and Awards/Notices | 8.40am | |
| Wednesday | Celebration Night | 5.00-7.30pm | |
| Friday | End of Year Liturgy | 9.30am | |
| S <u>(Zzl</u> e | Year 6 Assembly | 11.00am | Year 6 |
| | School Dismissal | 12.00pm | |