



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

11th October 2024

Recently, I read Shalom College's Principal, Dan McMahon's reflection in response to a tragedy experienced by one of their families. It was very good and thankfully I kept a copy! This week, again, we have learned of a family who has experienced great loss. Isla Marschke attended St. Patrick's for her senior year and was a student at Shalom, until earlier this year. She is remembered for her involvement in the school's music and choir programs as a beautiful, talented young lady. Isla's mum, Christie Jacobson, has been generous to our St. Patrick's community over the years. She provides great support for our Choir and shines up on stage annually, to assist our students to perform on Cultural Night. I have always admired Christie's effervescent personality and the sparkle she brings to a room. Christie and her family, not unlike the one mentioned in Dan's newsletter, will be totally broken. Whilst we all feel very helpless, Dan reminds us that human beings are God's language. I would take that further and add St. Teresa of Avila's words '*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks lovingly on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good*'.

Many of us have donated to Isla's Go Fund me page, delivered a meal, sat with them, cried with them, but all still feel helpless. Please never underestimate the impact we all have on each other at a time of crisis. If not directly linked to this family, there will always be times when those in your circle or community need help and support. It is times like these when we get to see the best side of the human spirit and I have certainly witnessed this in spades during my time at Shalom and especially at St. Patrick's. It is a stark reminder of the impact we can have on each other, remembering we certainly were created in God's image to do His work. Please access Dan's words via the link provided, as this certainly helps us make sense of a situation, which proves very difficult to understand or accept. I am thankful to our Counsellor Anita Katajamaki who joined forces with Shalom's wonderful Counsellors this week, to provide much needed support to Isla's family, friends and past teachers, at this challenging time. Hold your young ones close and each other just that little bit tighter this week.

Dan McMahon Newsletter Reflection

This time of year, we are working through our waiting list and making decisions on students to accept for the following school year. It is always tough saying no to good families that are keen to join the St. Patrick's community. If you know you will be moving or leaving in 2025, could you please let us know as soon as you are able.

George Street Bus Gate Only - George Street is our designated area solely used for bus drop off and pick-up. This is to leave this area free for buses and to keep activity in this area at a minimum. Recently it has been noted that some students are opting to be collected from this area to sit with friends who are not involved in commuting by bus. Can we please ask that parents/carers pick-up or drop-off via Powers and Mulgrave Streets only, unless they have older students (from Shalom) arriving there on a bus. We thank you in advance for your under-

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APRE NEWS—SOCKTOBER & CHILDREN'S MASS

This term St Patrick's Mini Vinnies are kicking goals for good during Socktober! We'll be supporting children in need in Mongolia by raising funds for a Caring Centre for orphans and abandoned children. Please help us to brighten the future of children in need by supporting our Odd Sock Day.

Mongolia, a land of vast steppes, rugged mountains, and nomadic culture, is one of the most fascinating and unique countries in the world. Nestled between Russia and China, Mongolia boasts a rich history dating back to the era of Genghis Khan.

Its people are known for their warmth, resilience, and deep connection to their land and traditions. From the bustling capital of Ulaanbaatar to the serene expanse of the Gobi Desert, Mongolia offers a blend of ancient heritage and modern development. The establishment of 'Caring Centres' for orphans and abandoned children is one of high importance for Catholic Mission. The aim is to be able to fund 'Caring Centres' to provide children with nutritional meals to help them grow up healthy and strong, to provide school essentials to help support their education and to provide warm winter clothes for the cold Mongolian winters. You can read more about this initiative here: <https://www.socktober.org.au/mongolia>

Odd Sock Day will be held on Friday, October 18. Students will need a cold coin donation to participate. Our goal is to raise \$500 for Catholic Mission's Socktober fundraiser. We ask that your child wears odd socks to school that day to join in the fun. Please don't go and buy new socks, just wear some odd socks that you have at home.

We're participating in Socktober for Mission Month to make a difference for children in need in Mongolia. Thanks for supporting our team as we look to make a difference with our Odd Sock Day!



St Patrick's
Mini Vinnies fundraiser

Socktober 2024

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18


ODD SOCK DAY

GOLD COIN DONATION

To help support the work of Catholic Mission

The poster features a green background with a group of children's legs wearing colorful socks at the top right. In the center, two children are standing and smiling, wearing green jackets and colorful socks. The text is in white and black, with a small sock icon next to each line of text.

CHILDREN'S MASS



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



"Let the
children come
to me"

Luke:18:16

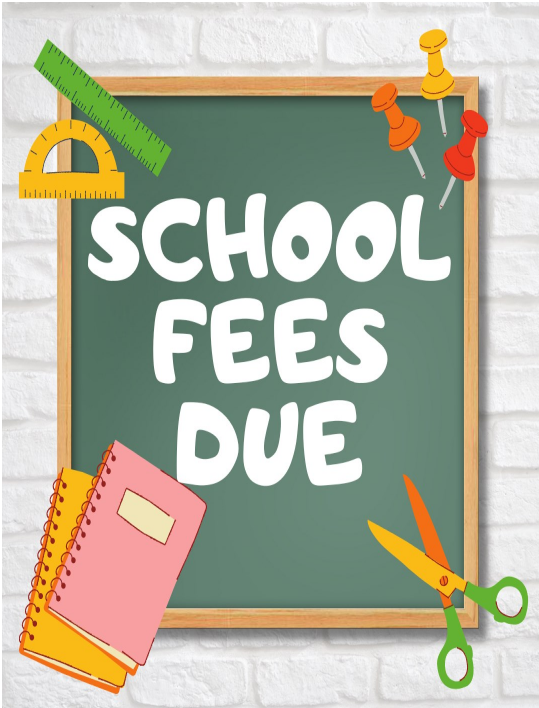
4th Sunday each month,
9:00am Mass
St Patrick's Church

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 27

All parishioners and
families are invited.

The poster has a warm, orange-to-yellow gradient background. It features a central illustration of a priest in a blue and gold vestment reading a book to three children (two girls and one boy) who are sitting on a bench. The text is in various colors and fonts, with a purple circular graphic containing the date 'SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27'. The bottom right corner has decorative floral patterns.

FINANCE NEWS



A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 25th October 2024**.

If you have a payment plan in place, this merely serves as a statement for your records. You will find attached to your statement our school fee payment options that are available to you.

Upon receipt, please take time to review your statement and contact Finance Secretary, Brooke, if you have any queries regarding your account or 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 Brooke Bone (Finance Secretary) to discuss alternative arrangements.

BOOKCLUB

Book club catalogues were sent home with your child last 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.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual statewide initiative for all Queensland schools. Students are challenged to read several books. For Prep – Year 2, they are asked to read or experience 20 books. For Years 3 and 4, they were invited to read 20 books. Years 5 and 6 were invited to read 15 books. All St Patrick's students from Prep to Year 6 who wished to participate could do so. These AMAZING students all decided to take up this challenge, reading hundreds of books between them. Two of our students enjoyed this challenge so much that they continued reading even after they finished 20 books, reading 100 books and 80 books, respectively. What an AMAZING effort.

SPORTS NEWS

AARON C, HUGH G, LAYA H, LORENZO M and **MAX Mc** represented St Patrick's at the Wide Bay Green Ball Tennis Primary Schools cup event last Friday. The students displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day and all benefited from a solid day of competition. Congratulations to these students and special thanks to Dougall Grieve and parents for supporting these students at the tournament on the day.

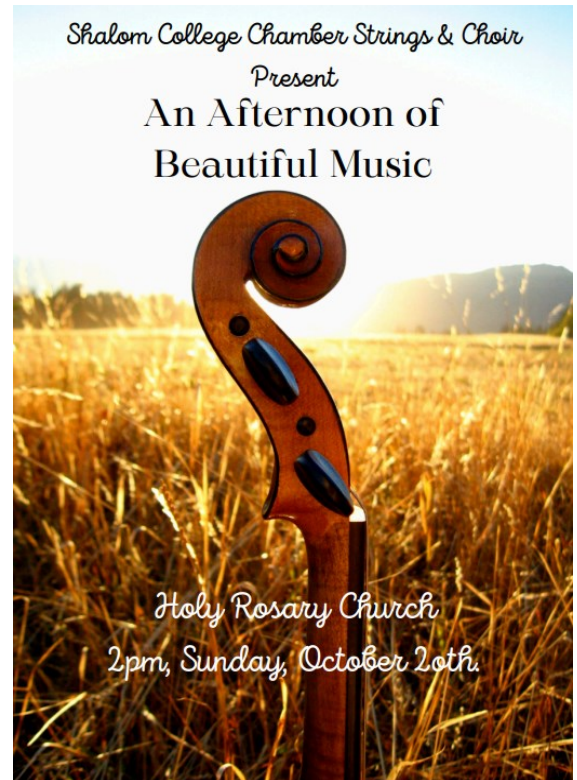
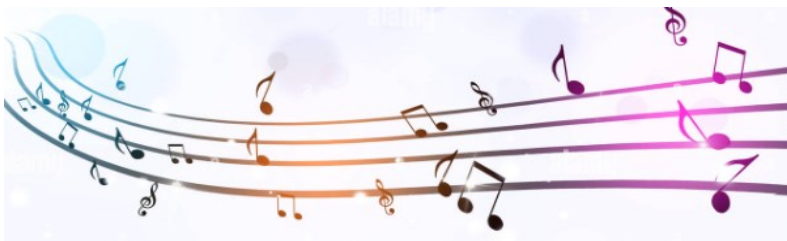


SHALOM COLLEGE CHAMBER STRINGS & CHOIR

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.

The concert will take place at Holy Rosary Church on Sunday October 20th commencing at 2pm. Entry is by donation. All are welcome.



CATHOLIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION PARENT SURVEY

2024 NATIONAL PARENT SURVEY



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

The Catholic Parents Association is very keen to get feedback on our schools from parents. It would be great if you could invest ten minutes of your time to complete this anonymous survey. Simply scan the QR code to access the survey.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL—Join the St Joseph’s Online Conference

Do you want to make a difference in the community?

You’re invited to join the St Joseph’s Online Conference (St Vincent de Paul Group). They are taking expressions of interest from anyone throughout the Diocese. Meetings are monthly, online via Microsoft Teams. Training will be provided. Email membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au if interested.

To find out more about the St Vincent de Paul Society you can click on this link [We are the Society - St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

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HOW YOUR PASSION AND SKILLS CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Provide a **listening** ear to people in difficult situations, over the phone or internet especially during Christmas
- Arrange **material assistance** where needed
- **Refer** and **guide** people to other community sources of help
- **Enhance** and **share** your faith journey with other like-minded people in a virtual environment
- Use **technology** and input data
- Make remote payments
- **Help** people and more...

Express your interest by scanning the QR code
or emailing: membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au
National Police Check will be required.



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TERM FOUR PLANNER

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	3:30pm–5:30pm	Year 6 Netball
Friday	Mini Vinnies Socktober Fundraiser	All Day	All students
WEEK 4	Week 21st October - 25th October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Wednesday	Shalom 2024 Instrumental Music Workshop	8:40am - 11:30am	Years 4/5/6 Strings
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	3:30pm–5:30pm	Year 6 Netball
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	Prep Vision Screening	All Day	Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	3:30pm–5:30pm	Year 6 Netball
Friday	Year 4 Excursion - Splitter's Farm	10:00am-1:30pm	Year 4
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