



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

19th July 2024

Last year, I remember making parallels between the Moso Bamboo Tree and Student Learning and I have provided this below to refresh your memories.

*'The Moso Bamboo plant grows in China and far east. After a Moso is planted, no visible growth occurs for up to five years-even under ideal conditions! Then, as if by magic, it suddenly begins growing at the height of nearly two- and one-half feet per day, reaching full height of ninety feet within six weeks. But it's not magic. The Moso's rapid growth is due to the miles of roots it develops during those first five years, five years of getting ready.'*



This could be used to describe so much witnessed over the last few days. The culmination of many efforts coming to fruition in the shape of students bouncing through the office proud of their efforts at Eisteddfod, in making representative sporting teams, Miss G's announcement in the Olympic Team and even the completion of our new sacred morning meeting space. Another example was in receiving detailed feedback on the progress St. Patrick's has made over the past 5 year cycle, using the School Improvement Tool. This involved welcoming in a validating team of professionals including; Graeme Hall and Gail Smith from ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research), Stephen Dale (Assistant Director-Southern Region) and David Paul (an experienced Diocesan Principal). The panel forged ahead to interview a staggering number of students, parents, teachers, staff and community members to authenticate findings and form an agreed set of Commendations, Affirmations and Recommendations.

Findings were presented to staff Thursday afternoon, but I look forward to receiving a copy to be shared with the wider community, into the future. This was an affirming process and a timely reminder of how much we have to celebrate, as we enter Catholic Education Week.

Thanks to all members of the community who contributed in some way to this informative process, whether it be through completing the surveys in 2023 or being part of the interview process. A special mention must go to our wonderful students who impressed the visiting team who walked away with a special place for Saint Patrick's in their hearts, and a new appreciation of what it means to spread the green.

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*



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**Absentees**

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## APRE NEWS—CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (21—27 JULY)

Next week we celebrate Catholic Education Week, a week full of thanks and recognition for the wonderful Catholic School we are part of.

To kick off Catholic Education Week celebrations in Bundaberg, the 4 Catholic Schools and the Bundaberg Parish are coming together for a combined schools Mass on Sunday, July 21 at Holy Rosary (5.30pm). This Mass is always well represented by our school and once again we are looking forward to a great turn out. If your child is able to join the singers for this Mass there is a practice from 4.30pm on Sunday before Mass.

Our Mini Vinnies team also work tirelessly behind the scenes here at St Patrick's. They always quietly have projects on the go. This Catholic Education Week our Mini Vinnies Team will be selling Kindness Cupcakes. The team will choose a worthy cause to donate money raised to. Kindness Cupcakes will be sold on Wednesday, July 24. Our Mini Vinnies Team will visit students in Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 after Courtyard Prayer to collect money and write numbers on hands. They will then deliver the cupcakes to classrooms just before 1<sup>st</sup> break. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be able to purchase cupcakes in the Multi at 1<sup>st</sup> break on Wednesday. Thanks for supporting our team as they look to make a difference!

We look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week.



**ST PATRICK'S**  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK  
21-27 JULY 2024

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024 ACTIVITIES

-  **SUNDAY MASS**  
@ HOLY ROSARY 5.30PM
-  **MONDAY**  
KINDNESS CHALLENGES SET
-  **TUESDAY TO THURSDAY**  
COURTYARD PRAYER
-  **WEDNESDAY MINI VINNIES**  
KINDNESS CUPCAKES ON SALE  
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Funds raised will go to assist families in Bundaberg

## Catholic Education Week 2024

Combined Schools'

Youth led Mass

Sunday July 21, 5.30pm @ Holy Rosary



# SINGERS NEEDED

We are looking for students to sing with other students at this Mass on Sunday.

PRACTICE WILL BE AT 4.30PM ON SUNDAY BEFORE MASS.

## SPORTS NEWS

### CHALLENGE CUP

After months of training, last week our Netball and Rugby League players participated in the 2024 Challenge Cup competition in Yeppoon.

After winning 5 matches, our Netball girls took on St. Bridgette's Emerald in the Challenge Shield final. Despite scores being level at full time, our girls won the Shield after scoring the first goal. 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 32 teams! Outstanding effort.

The St Patrick's Rugby league team should be proud of their efforts at this year's Challenge Cup. The team finished equal 13<sup>th</sup> out of 24 teams, after winning 3 games, drawing two and having two losses. The team showed determination and sportsmanship during their games and were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to all the parents for their assistance and a big thanks to Mark Handley for his help with the team.

Local officials and visiting parents remarked upon how both St. Patrick's teams showed great school pride, sportsmanship and respect for officials and opponents during the competition. Well done St. Patrick's!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Medley, Ms. Whaleboat, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Zandona and Mrs. Hammermeister for giving up their valuable time to coach and support the teams during all those training sessions and at the carnival.



### QLD SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Essie Mc who won the Under 11 Multiclass Girls 2km race at the Queensland School Cross Country State Championships in Brisbane last week.

Essie has now gained selected in the Queensland team who will travel to Yarra Glen (Victoria), to compete at the National Cross Country championships in August.

This is an amazing achievement Essie, and we wish you all the best preparation for this next level of competition.



**QUEENSLAND  
SCHOOL SPORT**



## BOOKCLUB

Book club catalogues have been sent home with your child last week. All orders 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](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). All orders are due by next **Tuesday 23rd July**. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.



## ST PATRICK'S TEAM TARYN DAY



The fabulous Miss G is off on her Olympic journey to Paris as you are reading this. We love everything about Miss G, from her story of success to heartbreak, of resilience, grit and determination to climb back to the top of her sport. She is an outstanding role model for our students, our staff and our community.

We are planning a special day to support Miss G – TEAM TARYN DAY. We will be holding our Team Taryn Day on Friday August 2 (the day she competes in Paris). We would love to support her from afar by holding our Team Taryn Day – a gold coin donation for free dress green and gold. We would ask students to come dressed in green and gold on Friday August 2, and to bring along a gold coin to donate.

The wonderful Mrs Lindeman has made Team Taryn shirts for staff with her Cricut and we have attached the images to this newsletter email if families would like to make their own.

We can't wait to see a sea of green and gold to support Miss G.



## FLU AND INFLUENZA ADVICE

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. As we approach the flu season this year, it is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about the flu.

Flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose. There are some basic steps people can take to prevent the spread of flu. If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.

The school requests that anyone displaying flu-like symptoms stay at home until such symptoms have passed. Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above. Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.

## FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024**, 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 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](mailto: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.

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?  
Do you know someone who has questions?  
Come and join our Alpha program -  
a safe space to ask questions, and explore life, faith and meaning.  
When: Every Thursday, 5.30pm - 18 July to 12 September  
Includes Food and Fellowship  
Contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666  
to let us know you're interested (for catering purposes)



COMMUNITIES OF  
**FAITH**  
**HOPE**  
**LOVE**



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton

You are invited to the

## Catholic Education Week Mass

Wednesday, 24 July 2024, 12:00pm

St Joseph's Cathedral  
William Street, Rockhampton

[Live-stream Link](#)

RSVP Wednesday, 17 July 2024  
to [director@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:director@rok.catholic.edu.au)



CELEBRATING  
CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION  
IN QUEENSLAND



## STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

As a Stewardship Parish, the Bundaberg Catholic Parish is involved in more than ninety outreaches to all in our community.

Parishioners discern their gifts and talents and then offer these for the pastoral care, support, and service of others.

The outreaches vary from visiting the sick and housebound to grounds and property maintenance; from proclaiming the scripture at Church liturgies to support of relatives and friends of recently deceased; from church cleaning to providing hospitality.

Our schools and College are the educational and faith formation arm of our parish as are St Vincent de Paul, Oz Care, and Catholic Care our charitable and social arm while the Mater hospital is our health arm. Together we strive to make a difference in our community in whatever way our gifts can lead us.

During the next few weeks, we will be renewing our commitment to serve, to be good stewards of the gifts we have been given.

We ask you to join us as together we live out our Christian commitment and our Parish Vision - "to go out, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to share God's Love respectfully, with all people".

## OUT AND ABOUT

# McAuley House Mini Markets & Movie Night



Friday 2 AUGUST | 5:30pm–8:30pm  
Shalom Performing Arts Precinct



Free Movie for the kids while parents shop the 30+ stalls! Get something handmade and a special gift for yourself or a gift for someone special

Raffles, sausage sizzle, chips, popcorn, lollies, coffee and other drinks available to purchase

All Shalom families and members of the community welcome!

All funds raised go to House Charity, Carinbundi

Entry via  
Gold Coin  
Donation



# Active Women and Girls Program

Free Tennis Lessons!

Tennis Bundaberg  
6C Powers St,  
Bundaberg



Our well-regarded female coach, Suma, is available:

4 pm – 5 pm on Tuesdays  
and Thursdays

10 am – 12 pm (noon) on  
Saturdays.

This has been made possible through the Queensland Government's Active Women and Girls Program.

In addition to our scheduled sessions, we can also help you arrange another time if you have a group of 4 or more players.

All lessons are free, but a club membership fee of \$20 is required to have a third lesson.

Please get in touch with our coaching  
co-ordinator Brian Doughty for more  
details: Ph: 0434345048

tennis bundaberg  
TENNIS | PICKLEBALL



# AusBike

AGES 5 - 12



A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is running AusBike Learn to Ride sessions at Bundaberg Cycling Club.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

AusBikers are safe & active kids!  
Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!



REGISTER NOW

The AusBike program has been developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.



# OUT & ABOUT

# TERM THREE PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 8th July - Friday 12th July</b>		
Monday	Start Term 3 2024		
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5M
Wednesday - Friday	Challenge Cup	All Day	
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 15th July - 19th July</b>		
Monday	School Photo Day		Whole School
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 22nd July - 26th July</b>		
<b>CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK</b>			
Monday - Wednesday	Bundaberg Eisteddfod	All Day	Strings & Choirs
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mini Vinnies
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 29th July - 2nd August</b>		
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
Friday	Year 2 Excursion - Snakes Downunder	9:00am - 2:30pm	Year 2
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 5th August - 9th August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Thursday - Friday	District Athletics - St Luke's	All Day	Selected Students
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 12th August - 16th August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Years 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6K
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 19th August - 23rd August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 26th August - 30th August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Monday - Wednesday	Year 5 Camp - Chaverim Outdoor Educational Centre	All Day	Year 5
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Wednesday	Prep & Year 1 Excursion—The Gruffalo Moncrieff Theatre	11:30am - 1:30pm	Prep & Year 1
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3
Friday	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>		
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 2nd September - 6th September</b>		
Monday - Wednesday	School Musical		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4F
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 9th September - 13th September</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4K
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay/Campialba	All Day	Year 6