

# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS 23 October 2020

The best thing about memories...is making them.

This week students from our senior classes presented the 2020 School Musical, Out of the Ark's – Cinderella and Rockerfella. It was fabulous and in preparing and presenting this musical, our students have entertained, and in many cases, inspired our younger students, who in a couple of years, will have their turn to present.

2020 will be remembered for many things, but one thing I am sure of, is that the cast, crew and staff will remember it as the year they presented Cinderella and Rockerfella. Words fail to convey the gratitude we feel towards the staff who have given up so much time and energy to provide this experience. The performers and crew have worked hard, challenged themselves, and fully committed to giving this musical their absolute best. Parents have helped enormously in the production and supported by getting their children to practices. Shalom, as always, have been absolutely amazing in their support for our endeavours.

I love seeing our students make the most of their opportunities, and they have certainly done so through this musical. We will offer thanks and acknowledgements during Courtyard prayer next week. It seems a fitting time to thank all those who have worked so hard, simply to bring happiness to others.

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WEEK 4

MONDAY Junior Strings Ensemble 7.30am

Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am

TUESDAY Courtyard Prayer Reef Guardians 8.40am

Junior Choir Rehearsal 10.55am

WEDNESDAY Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am
Courtyard Prayer Reef Guardians 8.40am

THURSDAY Courtyard Prayer Reef Guardians 8.40am

FRIDAY Day for Daniel Sausage Sizzle

Interschool Sport Years 5 & 6



# Sausage Sizzle Volunteers Required

Friday Sausage Sizzle is held each and every Friday for the remainder of term. Each week we require volunteers to assist with the serving and clean up of the sizzle. If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.

Week	Year Level	Number of Volunteers Required
Week 4	Year 4	3 Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 3	3 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 2	2 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year I	3 Volunteers Required



Click our school crest to go our school website calendar.



Click the facebook icon to go to our school facebook page.



Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.

### SAVE THE DATE



### SPORTS NEWS

### STUDENT TRAVEL REBATE SCHEME

### WIDE BAY CRICKET REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations **THOMAS ELPHINSTONE** who was selected to represent Wide Bay School Sport at the upcoming State Championships to be held in Toowoomba after impressing selectors at the recent trials.

We wish Tom an enjoyable and rewarding experience as he now beings to train and play at this higher level of competition.





### **Student Travel Rebates**



### Semester 2



### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$30/week\* on fares to and from school (\* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?

## Students With Disability

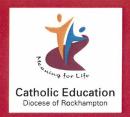
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and

apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st October.







# **Kindergartens on Catholic School Sites**

The Catholic sector wants to play its part in ensuring all Queensland children have access to high quality kindergartens in rural, regional and metropolitan areas across the state.



The importance of universal access to kindergartens is widely acknowledged as a key to future success in school and life.

Kindergartens located on school sites also offer students a chance to integrate early into the school comunity and make a seamless transition to school.

The State and Federal Governments do not currently offer capital assistance to Catholic schools for the construction of kindergartens on a school site.

Due to the expense of constructing a kindergarten, there is a significant barrier to the establishment of kindergartens on Catholic school sites, particularly for schools located in lower socio-economic communities.

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Catholic schools in Queensland

35

Existing standalone Catholic kindergartens 80

Potential Catholic school sites for kindergarten construction 2020-2025

Funding will assist the delivery of purpose-designed kindergarten infrastructure in a broad range of communities across Queensland, improving access and delivering a strong foundation for more students in the early years.

## **Catholic schools**

seek to partner with
government to deliver increased
kindergarten infrastructure
to support universal access,
particularly in high-growth and
high-need communities.

### FINANCE NEWS

Fees have been issued and are due 12<sup>th</sup> November unless you have a payment plan in place in which case this merely serves as a statement of account. Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies if you have any queries or should you wish to setup a payment plan. Please check your junk box if you haven't received your statement.

In response to COVID-19 virus, Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton has extended the 100% discount on tuition fees for Concession Card holders in an effort to eliminate financial stress.

If you have been fortunate enough to have returned to work, please advise Finance Secretary that you no longer require this concession.

Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school however if you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact school finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

### **School Fee Payment Options**

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 Maria Davies at maria davies@rok.catholic.edu.au to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

#### **BPav**

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 Maria Davies 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.

### **Student Banking**

This term student banking resumed each Monday. Click on this link to register your child <a href="https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html">https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html</a> for student banking. Term 4 Rewards are now available to order.

Snakes & Ladders Game is a fun way for children to learn to count and follow instructions and is printed on FSC approved paper. Even the game pieces were made out of wood (and not plastic). The Emoji wallet is a great way for students

to practice using money in shops and counting change. A perfect time in the lead up to Christmas..! Last day to order rewards... Before we know it the school year will fast come to an end. So you can be prepared, the last date for redeeming tokens for prizes is 23rd November.



