



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

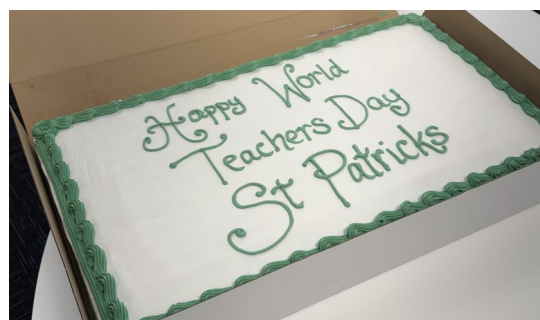
25th October 2024

Today we celebrated World Teachers Day, which started with a school Mass at the St. Patrick's Church. A big THANK YOU to Domino's Pizza who chose our special teachers to donate a lunch in acknowledgement of the great work they perform. Teachers were also lavished with cake and a special bag of treats delivered from our senior students. I only ever wanted to be a teacher and have loved my 33+ years in education. It has been a rewarding career, thanks largely to the wonderful relationships I've forged with students, parents and colleagues. It is very special to now see past students bring their own children through the gates of St. Patrick's. Unfortunately, this is not the experience for all teachers. It's been largely documented in recent years how many have walked away from this career due to feeling a break down in relationship with parents. In a climate where teachers are in short supply, St. Patrick's is a place where people want to work, feel respected and we are consequently solidly staffed. I think this reflects the parent support we receive, as we work together for the betterment of our young people who hold the future in their hands. It is wonderful working with a group of teachers who are student centred, creative, dedicated and passionate. Rom 2:22, states, **'A good teacher cares for your soul while looking out for his own'** ... I hope they enjoyed their special day!

Next Monday, we invite our 2025 Prep Classes and their families in for their induction. This year's Prep students will venture over to spend the morning with the Year 1 teachers, whilst Year 1 join their Year 5 Buddies.

In preparing for the Prep Orientation, it reminded me how the most important life lessons are taught in the early years, illustrated beautifully in an exert from Fulghum (1990).

Share everything.
Play fair.
Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them.
Clean up your own mess.
Don't take things that aren't yours.
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
Wash your hands before you eat.
Flush.
Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
Live a balanced life – learn some and think some
and draw and paint and sing and dance and play
and work every day some.
Take a nap every afternoon.
When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic,
hold hands, and stick together.
Be aware of wonder...Remember the little seed in the styrofoam
cup:
The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody
really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even
the little seed in the Styrofoam cup – they all die.
So do we.
And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books
and the first word you learned – the biggest
word of all – LOOK.



Prep certainly is a very important year and we are blessed with three excellent early years educators in Lucy Storey, Sandi Lascelles and Kellie Lerch. I thank them in advance for the preparation and welcome they will extend to these special new families.

Kim O'Shea-Hard



Click our
school crest
to go our
school
website



Click the
Parish logo
to go to the
Parish
website



Click the
Facebook
icon to go to
our Facebook
page



Absentees

4994 8336

spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au

APRE NEWS—MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year our Mini Vinnies Team has certainly carried out St Vincent de Paul's words: "Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows." A wonderful team of young people who ask for no accolades, but are willing to give of their time for others. They will finish their year with one more major work of mercy.

Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Every year the St Patrick's school community, led by our Mini Vinnies Team, donates items to assist those less fortunate at Christmas. St Vincent de Paul collects these donations from us and distributes them to families in need. We are asking each year level to donate specific items for our Christmas Appeal. By each year level donating something different we will be able to make Christmas hampers for local families in need.

We are asking each year level to donate the following:

- Prep: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 1: New (unused) toys
- Year 2: New (unused) books
- Year 3: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 4: New (unused) Board games, card games and sport equipment
- Year 5: New (unused) Christmas decorations
- Year 6: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks



TERM FOUR PLANNER

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	TBA	
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
	End of Year Excursion Year 6 - Norville Pool	10:45am - 12:30pm	Year 6
	End of Year Excursion Year 3 - Reading Cinemas	11:30am - 2:00pm	Year 3
Wednesday	End of Year Excursion Prep/Year 1 - Movies at Shalom	8:45am-11:45am	Prep & Year 1
	End of Year Excursion Year 2 - Inflatable World	9:00am - 11:15am	Year 2
	Celebration Night	5:00-7:00pm	Whole School
Thursday	End of Year Excursion Year 5 - Bundy Bowl	9:00am - 12:00pm	Year 5 & 1
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