St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

9th August 2019

Today I attended a Curriculum Conference in Rockhampton. It opened with a presentation around global trends in education, where they referenced the Qudwa Global Teachers' Forum. Most of you would be aware of Dubai's wealth, and the Emirates have acknowledged that into the future, they need to invest in the people who can tap into and develop that new wealth: highly effective and creative teachers.

Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills at the OECD, wrote this about the learnings from the forum.

In October 2017, Dubai brought together over 800 teachers from around the world to the Qudwa Global Teachers' Forum to reimagine the profession. In what was dubbed the 'ask' track of the Forum, teachers explored the future of teaching and the design of innovative learning environments. The 'advance' track featured amazing role models for tomorrow's teachers. And in the 'share' track, teachers exchanged views on innovative practices. What the Forum provided was a space where teachers talked about how they can prepare today's students for their future, rather than for our past.

For a start, teachers drew up a job description for the profession far bolder than what governments typically come up with. Of course, teachers need to have a deep understanding of what they teach and whom they teach, because what teachers know and care about makes such a difference to student learning. But the Qudwa Forum also expected teachers to be passionate and compassionate; to encourage students' engagement and responsibility; to respond effectively to students of different needs, backgrounds and languages; to provide continual assessments of students and meaningful feedback; to promote collaborative learning, tolerance and social cohesion; and to ensure that students feel valued and included. And it expected teachers themselves to collaborate and work in teams, and with other schools and the wider community, to advance their profession.

Most of the teachers at the Qudwa Forum acknowledged there was even more involved in excellent teaching than this. Successful people generally had a teacher who was a mentor and took a real interest in their life and aspirations, who helped them understand who they were, and revealed their passions and how to build on their strengths. These were teachers who instilled a love of learning and taught them how to develop effective learning strategies, and who helped them discover where they can make a difference for social progress.

You will see many of these directions and teacher qualities evidenced in our school – and it is only the result of the efforts and commitment of our staff. In Mrs Wilson, we have one of the most informed and influential Curriculum leaders I know. She is supported by an amazing staff, and Larisa Green exemplifies the qualities we love about our staff. She is caring, committed and works very hard. Parents appreciate her many qualities, staff greatly value her as a friend and a colleague and her Year Fives love learning with us.

Mrs Green concludes her contract with us today, and we all simply wished to say thank you. Happily, we will continue to see Mrs Green as a parent, and as a contract teacher, and we look forward to working with her again into the future. Mart For

THURSDAY KEY INFORMATION FOR WEEK 5 Junior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am Monday **Online Safety &** Safe Education Cyberbullying Morning Parade 8.40am Tuesday Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 3B Wednesday Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 3B AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED Thursday Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 3B Online Safety & Cyberbullying Shalom 6pm Shalom College Performing Art QCMF—Junior & Senior Choir/Strings Friday Thursday 15 August 2019 Sausage Sizzle 6pm-7pm No Classroom Liturgy or Interschool Sport STUDENT ABSENCES









Parent Lounge





Click the logo to access the school website and school calendar

Click the logo to access our school Facebook page

access the Parish Newsletter

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QCMF

Next Friday 16th August our Junior and Senior Choirs and Junior and Senior Strings groups will be attending the 29th Annual Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival in Brisbane. The whole festival will run from Thursday 15th August until Sunday 18th August. As in previous years, families have the option of travelling by private car or on the bus organised by the school.

QCMF 2019 Performance Schedule

Villanova College, 24 Sixth Ave, Coorparoo St James Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo

Group	Venue	Arrival at Venue	Performance
Senior String Ensemble	Augustine Centre, Villanova College	10.20am	11.40am
Senior Choir	St James Church	11.30am	12.38pm
Junior String Ensemble	Augustine Centre, Villanova College	12.15pm	1.28pm
Junior Choir	St James Church	1.30pm	2.26pm

Uniform Requirements

Junior Choir students will wear their formal school uniform, all other groups wear their performance uniform (supplied by parents) of black dress pants, (no tights, leggings or 'skinny' pants please), black button-up long sleeved shirt and black socks with a school vest. Students who are in Junior Choir as well as Junior Strings, Senior Strings or Senior Choir will wear their black performance uniform for all performances.

Bus and Travel Arrangements

For those families that have nominated to travel by bus, buses will leave St Patrick's school at 4.50am. Please ensure to pack sufficient food for the day including breakfast. Buses will leave Brisbane at approximately 3pm and stop at BP Caboolture for dinner. Please send money along with your child if you wish them to purchase dinner for the trip home. A text will be sent to advise estimated bus arrival times back into Bundaberg.

For those travelling by private transport, the venue at Coorparoo can make parking quite difficult. Please plan to arrive well ahead of time if you are travelling by car. Performances generally last for about 10 minutes, children should be ready to collected or join the audience to watch other groups 15-20 minutes after their performance start time. Children are only required for their own performances but are welcome to watch other groups with their family. Please see brochure opposite for more information.

Volunteers

QCMF has grown to such a size that more volunteers are required to ensure the continued success of the festival. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours at this event. All volunteers will receive a festival pass, giving access to watch all performances over the weekend. You could even sign up to help for the section in which your child is performing. Please visit www.qcmfvolunteering.com.au

to sign up to assist.





STUDENT OF THE WEEK



ADMINISTRATION RE CARPARKING



Parking in the Mulgrave Street Administration Carpark is for staff only. This carpark has been specifically designed for a Pick Up and Drop Off Zone and Parents are not to park in this area from 7:45am – 8:45am and 2:45pm – 3:30pm, as parking and reversing severely disrupts the Pick Up and Drop Off process during these times. The only exception to this is for our families who use our designated Disabled Parks in the staff carpark.

Powers St carpark offers a drop off and pick up zone, as well as long term parking for staff and parents. Signage clearly indicates both sections. Long term parking is the first right hand turn, while Drop Off and Pick Up is the second right turn closest to the school. Please enter the carpark from the George Street end, and exit towards Walker Street.

STAFF Parking Only

ICAS ASSESSMENTS

St Patrick's is proud to partner with UNSW Global to offer its annual ICAS Assessments to our Year 3-6 students for English and Mathematics. We're delighted to inform you that we will be participating in ICAS again this year, to recognise and reward students' academic achievement.

The assessment is now fully online. Each assessment costs \$14.50.

Sitting dates in Term 3 are:

English

Friday 13th September at 1.30pm in the library

Mathematics

Monday 16th September at 1.30pm in the library Learn more by visiting **unsw.global/icas**

Parent Payment System

You can now pay for ICAS online! To confirm your child's participation, visit unsw.global/parentpay and enter our unique school code **413d4f7bc2** to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. Online payment closes on 14th August 2019. An email has been sent out to parents of Year 3-6 students with more information on how to register.



Student of the Week

FINANCE NEWS

Fees were issued 24th July and are due for payment 7th August **unless you have a payment plan in place**. If you have a regular payment plan in place this merely serves as a statement for your records. Take time to review your statement and make immediate payment of any outstanding fees if necessary. With our most recent system update creating issues with emails heading to junk boxes, a reminder to please 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 your Catholic school. Any shortfall in assessed fees for the year has to be met from the general school account which could mean less in our budget to meet our commitments. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the 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.

<u>Direct Deposit</u> - 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.

<u>Recurring Credit Card Billing</u>—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 <u>maria_davies@rok.catholic.edu.au</u> to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

<u>BPay</u>—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.

<u>Parent Lounge</u> - 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.

<u>Direct Debit</u> - 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.

<u>Centrepay</u>—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.

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Student Banking

Student banking will continue each Monday. Click on this link to register your child <u>https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html</u> for student banking.

ABSENTEE METHODS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Preferred option for all absentees is to call our dedicated absentee line, email the absentee email address or advise via Parent Lounge.

Phone Absentee Line 4994 8336

Or Email	spb_absentees@rok.catholic	
Or via Parent Lounge	Portent & Doce	



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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 7	Friday 30/8	Year 3	
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TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 1		Week 15th July - 19th July		
Vonday		Morning Parade	8.40am	
Fuesday—Thursday		Challenge Cup - Rugby League and Netball - Yeppoon	All day	Challenge Cup Team
Tuesday—Thursday		Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1P
riday	S <u>(zzl</u> e	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	2B
NEEK 2		Week 22nd July - 26th July		
Vonday		School Photos	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday		Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N
Friday	S(zzle	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	2C
WEEK 3		Week 29th July - 2nd August	Catholic Ed	ucation Week
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday-Thursday		Bundaberg Eisteddfod		
Tuesday—Thursday		Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1B
Friday	Sîzzle	Catholic Education Week - Open Classrooms , Liturgy and Picnic on Oval	9.00am	Mini Vinnies
WEEK 4	012210	Week 5th August - 9th August		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards	8.40am	
Tuesday		Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep L
Wednesday		Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep S
Thursday		Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep W
Friday	Sizzle	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	2H
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Monday		Morning Parade and Awards	0.40	25
Tuesday—Thursday	Seusane	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3B
Friday	S <u>(zz</u> le	QCMF - Brisbane	Junior & Senior Strings	Junior & Senior Choir
WEEK 6		Week 19th August - 23rd August		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards		
Tuesday—Thursday	2	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Friday	S <u>(Zzl</u> e	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	Prep L
WEEK 7		Week 26th August - 30th August		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards		
Tuesday—Thursday	2	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	ЗК
Friday	S <u>(zzl</u> e	Father's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 3
WEEK 8		Week 2nd September - 6th September		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards		
Tuesday—Thursday		Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4P
Wednesday-Friday		Year 5 Camp	All day	Chaverim
Friday	S <u>(Zzl</u> e	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	Prep S
WEEK 9		Week 9th September - 13th September		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards		
Tuesday—Thursday		Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4L
Friday		ICAS English Test		
Friday	S <u>(Zzl</u> e	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	Prep W
WEEK 10		Week 16th September - 20th September		
Monday		Morning Parade and Awards		
Monday		ICAS Mathematics Test		
Tuesday—Thursday		Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4C
		Year 6 Camp	All day	Hervey Bay
Tuesday-Thursday				