# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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# PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

7 August 2020

## **Dear Parents**

Like you, we're keeping an eye on the news in regard to recent events around Covid 19 and its spread. Our central office provides us with updates and advice regularly. We adhere to the restrictions and follow any advice from Queensland Health, and then do our best to determine the best way forward for our school. We are aiming to provide students with as many quality learning experiences as we possibly can, and we balance that against unnecessary risks and interruptions to learning.

By way of example, we will proceed with a visit by Old McDonald's Farm for our Preps as these are a Mackay based business who does not travel to the South East of the state. We are planning for an excursion to Mon Repos and have committed to our Year 5 Camp at Chaverim near Pine Creek and to our Year 6 Camp at Pialba. We are participating in some school sports – mainly after school at specially chosen venues, and in line with restrictions, parents are not allowed within the grounds.

I absolutely appreciate that parents would like to know more about our plans going forward. Unfortunately as you have seen recently on the news, guidelines change often, and we have to respond. This year, we simply need to delay decisions so that when we make them, we have the most recent advice to hand and the decisions are less likely to have to change.

Our Leadership Team consults with our Office, other schools, Sporting Representatives, and key staff. We have a Board Meeting this week and at that meeting we welcome the perspective of our Board Parent representatives as we go forward. I am very grateful for the patience, support and understanding of all as we navigate our future this year.

For me personally, I remind myself to enjoy every day at the moment. We are very fortunate to live where we do and we should be very grateful. Plenty of people in our own country are doing things much tougher than are we, and many other countries are faring far worse. It gives the issues we face a useful perspective.

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# KEY DATES FOR WEEK 5

MONDAY	Junior Strings Ensemble 7.30am	
TUESDAY	Senior Choir Ensemble 7.30am Courtyard Prayer 4L Junior Choir Ensemble 10.55am	PLEASE NOTE PUPIL FREE DAY
WEDNESDAY	Senior Strings Ensemble 7.30am Courtyard Prayer 4L	
THURSDAY	Courtyard Prayer 4L Musical Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.45pm	Friday 4th September
FRIDAY	Sausage Sizzle	







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.

# PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Please consider care for your children while you attend Parent-Teacher interviews. Unfortunately, children who are not booked into Out of School Care are unable to play in this area as it contravenes OHSC guidelines and will result in a fine for us if there were to be an inspection. Similarly, children cannot be on play equipment unsupervised because of the risk of injury. If necessary, children can join you in the classroom during the interview.

# COLD/FLU SYMPTOMS



If your children show any symptoms of illness particularly cold and flu, please keep them at home. Children who develop symptoms during the day, will be isolated at school and parents will need to collect them immediately. Please remind your children about handwashing, sneezing into elbows and not touching faces. Please also ensure your child has their own water bottle for school use.

# FAMILY AND CHILD CONNECT

For children to develop and grow in healthy and positive ways, they need life to be stable, even when their family faces tough times. If you feel that you've lost your way, Family and Child Connect can give you a hand to get back on track. Family and Child Connect can connect you to local services that can help with:

- managing your child's behaviour
- building better family relationships
- stopping any violence at home
- budgeting and managing money
- alcohol, drug or gambling problems
- housing, health care or other community or government services.

Family and Child Connect services are provided by trusted, local organisations who are experienced in working with families. You can use this service as often as you need. There is no limit and no cost.

# Connect to the right support and get back on track family and child connect

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# FINANCE NEWS

Fees have been issued and are due 28th August 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 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.

## 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 <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.

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



The stationery set packaging is made from sustainably sourced paper and the contents are functional and multi-use. The ever-popular handball is back again, in new colours, and is ideal for outdoor activity.

The Tomato seed kits are perfect for planting in early spring- towards the end of the term. The Magic mist bottle will be refreshing when the weather starts to warm up. All items were designed with multi-use and sustainability in mind.

# ACADEMIC REPORT CARDS

2020 Semester 1 Academic Reports will be published to Parent Lounge at 3.00pm today. Please contact the office if you require assistance with your login details for Parent Lounge.



# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE—CASUAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT VACANCY

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# **POSITION VACANT**

# Casual Educational Assistants - Outside School Hours Care St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg

Applications are currently invited from suitably qualified educators for the casual position of Outside School Hours Care Assistants at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg.

The successful applicant/s will have relevant experience and an understanding of, and a commitment to, the ethos of Catholic Education. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) and eligibility for a Suitability Notice will also be required. In addition, you will have excellent time management skills, well developed interpersonal skills and a high proficiency of computer skills.

It is a requirement of the position that the successful applicants undertake a National Crime Check (Police Check) or provide details of a Police Check that is not more than six months old.

For further information and to apply today, please visit our website: -

# www.rok.catholic.edu.au

Applications are to be forwarded to:-Mr Mark Fox Principal St Patrick's Catholic Primary School BUNDABERG

Email: spbg@rok.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures and is an equal opportunity employer.

# SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday Sausage Sizzle is held each and every Friday for the remainder of term. Each week we require up two 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.

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Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 5	3 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 4	2 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 3	2 Volunteers Required
Week 8	Year 2	NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE—PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 9	Year I	I Volunteer Required
Week 10	Prep	2 Volunteers Required



# WORKING WITH DADS WEBINAR SERIES



# Working with Dads – Webinar series 2020

A webinar series for professionals working with dads and families. Join the webinar series and gain knowledge, practical advice and strategies to engage dads and families in positive and effective ways. Over three sessions, you'll learn in depth about our fatherhood resources and professionals' toolkit. Each session includes interactive elements, group discussion and Q&A. Running throughout August and October 2020.

Further details and booking information here.

# DadStuff - monthly webinars for dads

Join one of the FREE webinars and get options for being a dad, the relationship with your partner and connecting with your kids. Sharing resources developed for dads on:

- 7 types of dad
- Healthy family relationships
- Bonding with your kids
- Connecting with other dads
- Dads at work

Plus we'll talk about what else is going on for dads in Australia

# Sessions:

- Wednesday 19 August 2020
- Friday 18 September 2020
- Wednesday 21 October 2020
- Friday 20 November 2020
- Wednesday 16 December 2020

# SCHOOL MUSICAL



Look out for this talented group of performers each Thursday afternoon during Term š.

# St Patrick's School Musical 2020

# Cinderella and Rockerfella Rehearsal Schedule 2020

Date/School Week	Time	Activity	Location			
Term 3						
Thursday 13 Aug – Week 5	3.15pm – 4.45pm	All cast members	Covered Area – St Patrick's			
Thursday 20 Aug – Week 6	3.15pm – 4.45pm	All cast members	Covered Area – St Patrick's			
Thursday 27 Aug – Week 7	3.15pm – 4.45pm	All cast members	Covered Area – St Patrick's			
Thursday 3 Sept – Week 8	3.15pm – 4.45pm	All cast members	Covered Area – St Patrick's			
Thursday 10 Sept – Week 9	3.15pm – 4.45pm	All cast members	Covered Area – St Patrick's			
Thursday 17 Sept – Week 10		No Rehearsals	Home activities to be completed			

# Holidays

Term 4					
Thursday 8 Oct – Week 1	3.15pm – 4.45pm	All cast members	Covered Area – St Patrick's		
Thursday 15 Oct – Week 2	3.15pm – 4.45pm	All cast members	Covered Area – St Patrick's		
Sunday 18 Oct	10.00am -1.00pm	All cast members	Shalom PAP		
Wednesday 21 Oct – Week 3	9.00am-3.00pm	All cast - Rehearsal and light and sound check	Bus to Shalom at 9am		
Thursday 22 Oct – Week 3	ТВА	Performances	Bus to Shalom at 9am		
Friday 23 Oct – Week 3	ТВА	Performances	Bus to Shalom at 9am		

# OUT AND ABOUT



# AUGUST 14 & 21 5.45 - 7.30PM COME AND TRY ATHLETICS

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COME ALONG AND FIND OUT WHAT LITTLE ATHLETICS IS ALL ABOUT. EXPERIENCE OUR TARTAN TRACK FIRST HAND! TRY JUMPING IN THE LONG JUMP PIT OR THROWING A JAVLIN.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT LEAYR FRANCHETTO 07 4335 4824

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

WEST BUNDABERG

WELCOMES EXISTING AND NEW MEMBERS

WOULD LOVE YOU TO GIVE ATHLETICS A TRY!

ATHLETES WITH **DISABILITIES ARE** CATERED FOR

CHILDREN FROM 4 TO 17 YEARS ADULTS OF ALL AGES

BUNDABERG ATHLETICS CENTRE ENID ETHEL DRIVE, KENSINGTON

# **MEET THE TEAM:**



HI, I'M LIZZIE THE YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR, FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN ADELAIDE RUNNING YOUTH GROUPS IN THE AREA. IN MY SPARE TIME I SURF, SING AND WALK MY DOGS!



MY NAME IS MADDIE! I AM THE ASSISTANT YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR! I ALSO WORK IN RETAIL, TEACH DANCING AND RUN MY OWN BUISNESS! I LOVE TO SING, DANCE AND CREATE! IN MY SPARE TIME YOU'LL FIND ME AT THE BEACH OR EATING CHOCOLATE!



youth groups, Youth band and hang out with the coolest people around!

TH BAND!! Play an instrument? Love to Sing? Join our Youth Band! We will be



playing every 2nd Sunday of the month! Weekly jam sessions (rehearsals) every Tuesday night 6





# Ready Set SCOUT! Scouting's One Program, One Journey offers adventurous, fun, challenging, and inclusive opportunities for all young people from age 5 to 25. Local Scout

Groups are located in over 230 communities across Queensland. A recent National survey found Scouts reported having a healthier mental state than non-Scouts by 13%. Now could be the time for you to Ready Set SCOUT!

Visit scoutsgld.com.au for more details.