

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

30 October 2020

Staffing for 2021 has been our highest priority. As is usual for this time of year, we have staff transferring out, transferring in, on leave, extending leave, coming back from leave, returning part-time and requesting leave. Trying to get staffing 'right' is never easy. It takes a lot of time and energy – and deservedly so, because the people who work at our school are the single most important factor in determining our success.

If you dare, think back to the early days of Covid – when we knew very little about the virus. It was school staff who unlike most professions - were never offered the option of staying home. Every one of our staff fronted up, worked with the children of other essential workers, and offered both school supervision and Learning from Home at a moment's notice. It was an enormous task – one we will never forget – and something we should be enormously grateful for.

Commitment and generosity are seen all the time through Musicals, sport, choirs, instrumental music, Camps and daily in classrooms. Ours staff carpark fills well before 8:00 each morning and the commitment of our staff to out of hours work is second to none.

Today is World Teachers' Day and it is a day when we rightfully acknowledge the enormous contribution each and every one of our staff make to our community. Every staff member is integral - from Ivan our Groundsman, through to Kim in the Library, our front office staff, Learning support, IT, teacher assistants, teachers and Admin staff. Each one of our staff members brings individual gifts, energy and commitment and together they create a community, a culture and a sense of purpose that we all value very highly.

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KEY DATES FOR WEEK 5	MONDAY	Junior Strings Ensemble 7.30am Prep Orientation Morning 9.00-10.30am	HAPPY WORLD TEACHER'S DAY
	TUESDAY	Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am Courtyard Prayer 2B 8.40am Junior Choir Rehearsal 10.55am	
	WEDNESDAY	Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am Courtyard Prayer 2B 8.40am	
	THURSDAY	Courtyard Prayer 2B 8.40am	
	FRIDAY	Sausage Sizzle Interschool Sport Years 5 & 6	



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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

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Due to the unprecedented year that we've had, the conditions placed on us for gatherings, and the uncertainty for 2021, the Parish Sacramental Team has decided NOT to proceed with an intake of children ready for the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation next year. The preparation program will begin in Term 4, 2021. Those children whose Confirmation and First Communion was cancelled this year will celebrate their sacraments in Term 2 next year. Enquiries to Anne at the Parish Office, 41516666.





### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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 5	Year 3	2 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 2	2 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 1	1 Volunteer Required

## POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS ONLINE WORKSHOP



# ONLINE WORKSHOP SOUTH BURNETT REGION



Join us for our new online workshop for those in the South Burnett Region where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support individuals on the autism spectrum.

This online workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents. Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- the diversity of autism, including sensory processing
- understanding behaviour

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· working together with your child's school.



For more information and what is happening in your state and territory, click here <u>www.positivepartnerships.com.au</u>

### 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.

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

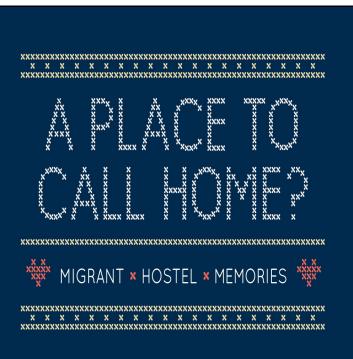




# QCEC ADVICE



# OUT AND ABOUT





# Photographic Exhibition 9 November - 6 December 2020

Showing at Hinkler Hall of Aviation Bundaberg Botanic Gardens



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