

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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### 20th May 2022

Class 1M has led prayer this week and they have reminded us very beautifully to care for our world and in particular the people in it. Their prayer was still in mind when we stood to face our flags and to proudly sing our national anthem.

As the students sang, my attention was drawn to a new student who has joined us just this week. Over the last ten days, she has left the Ukraine to shelter in Australia for a time. I wondered what must be going through her mind as we sang our National Anthem. Surely it reminded her of her own flag, her own country, her friends, her family and what they must be going through.

We are a very privileged country. We are one, and we are free, and I am proud that as a country we are using our freedom to welcome those who need our support. This is exactly what we are called to do as Australians and as Christians.

In a similar way, I'm sure many of us are 'a bit over' politics and looking forward to the end of the election process. The conflict between Ukraine and Russia should also serve to remind us that we are privileged to have free and fair elections. We may disagree about political choices, but none will disagree that having these choices is, worthy of celebration. It is something we should never take for granted.

Mark Fox

Principal

### PARENT LOUNGE





SCHOOL DENTAL VAN

If you would like your child to attend the school dental van for a free dental examination, please call 4303 8059 or complete a dental form located at the school office or the dental van. This is a free service for students that have a Medicare card. Parents are requested to attend and also requested to wear a mask.

### APRE NEWS

Over the last 2 years our Religion Curriculum has been gradually modified. Across the Diocese schools have been trialing this new Curriculum as it has been phased in. Within the new structure of the Religion Curriculum, we have two major components: the Religious Education Curriculum and the Religious Life of the School.

The Religious Education Curriculum aims to develop students' knowledge and understandings of Christianity in the light of Jesus and the Gospel, and its unfolding story and diversity within modern Australian and global society. It aims to expand students' spiritual awareness and religious identity, fostering their capacities and skills of discerning, interpreting, thinking critically, seeking truth and making meaning.

The Religious Life of the School complements the teaching and learning of Religion with four interrelated components: Religious Identity & Culture, Prayer & Worship, Evangelisation & Faith Formation and Social Action & Justice. Over the next few weeks, I will focus on each of these components as it relates to our wonderful school; enabling us to see the many and varied elements of the Religious Life of St Patrick's.



### PARENT PODCAST—THE DEVIOUS DEVICE

As a parent, you may be interested in this podcast <u>*The Devious Device: An Important Listen for all Ed-ucators & Parents*</u>. The content of the podcast, as communicated by the publishers is:

- Airdropping & cyber flashing
- Check your privacy settings
- What not to do when a child reports an incident
- Talk to your kids proactively
- Turn it off, move away & talk to someone
- Sextortion (combination of sexual & extortion)
- Check in regularly with your kids & their social accounts

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Unfortunately, the podcast does have advertising contained but the school would encourage you to have a listen to this podcast as a learning opportunity in relation to your child's online use.

\*Content warning - this episode discusses topics that may not be appropriate for children\*

## SPORTS NEWS—DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Twelve students from St Patrick's competed at the Bundaberg District Cross Country Trials held at Shalom College yesterday. Each race included the top two runners from schools in the Bundaberg District with each event consisting of up to 50 competitors.

We congratulate each student on their performances while representing St Patrick's at this event. Their results and determination were outstanding. Our top ten finishers were Darius Shield (4th), Flo Lewis (5th), Jake Wilkinson (10th) and Charli Pollock (7th) in their respective events.

#### BUNDABERG DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations Flo Lewis, Darius Shield & Charli Pollock who have been selected to represent the Bundaberg District at the Wide Bay Cross Country Trials to be held in Gympie on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. We wish all three students an enjoyable and rewarding carnival.





### BUS TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Semester 1 2022 applications for the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme is available for eligible families to assist with the cost of travelling to school.

Applications close 31 May.

Please login to Non State Schools **Transport Assistance Scheme** (NSSTAS)

(schooltransport.com.au) to check eligibility and make an application.





### COVID-19 UPDATE

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School wishes to advise you that, during the past week, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School regularly consults with the Catholic Education Office and relevant authorities and continues to follow the advice of Queensland Health regarding cleaning requirements.

Queensland Health has advised that no quarantine of students or staff is required as a result of school based contact.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/ children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/children at home
- Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results.
- Follow the advice of Queensland Health

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:

- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow and dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.
- practice social distancing from others where possible
- wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

### FLU AND INFLUENZA ADVICE

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. Qld Health has advised that it has recorded an increase in the number of influenza notifications. Therefore, is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about the flu.

Flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.

The school requests that anyone displaying flu-like symptoms stay at home until such symptoms have passed. Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above. Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.



### OUT AND ABOUT



# TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 19th April - Friday 22nd April			
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY			
Tuesday	School returns on Tuesday 19 April			
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L	
Friday	Anzac Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 5	
WEEK 2	Week 25th April - 29th April			
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY			
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M	
WEEK 3	Week 2nd May - 6th May			
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY			
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S	
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 2	
Friday-Saturday	Music Camp - Junior & Senior Strings		Chaverim	
WEEK 4	Week 9th May - 13th May			
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1C	
WEEK 5	Week 16th May - 20th May			
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1M	
WEEK 6	Week 23rd May - 27th May			
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mrs Cook	
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY			
WEEK 7	Week 30th May - 3rd June			
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N	
WEEK 8	Week 6th June - 10th June			
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C	
WEEK 9	Week 13th June - 17th June			
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3L	
WEEK 10	Week 20th June - 24th June			
Monday	Senior Field Events (students born 2010, 2011 & 2012)	TBA	St Patrick's	
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	35	
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (students born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013)	TBA	Shalom	
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (students born 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017)	TBA	St Patrick's	

2022 TERM DATES		
TERM 2	Tuesday 19 April - Friday 24 June	
TERM 3	Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September	
	PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 2nd September	
TERM 4	Tuesday 4 October - Friday 2 December	

2022 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS				
TERM 2	District Cross County	13-May	Avoca SS	
TERM 3	District Athletics Carnival	3/4 August	St Luke's	
TERM 4	Years 3-6 Senior Swimming Carnival	25-Nov	BSA	