



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

1st November 2024

Last night our Open Netball Team won the Division 1 Netball final, at the culmination of several afternoons, playing the best in the Bundaberg region. A big THANK YOU to Mrs Rachel Medley and Miss Grace Whaleboat who have coached the girls to this win and for their ongoing commitment to this talented team. Earlier in the year our Rugby League Team also won the Division 1 (A) trophy in the interschool championship. This is an impressive collective achievement from our senior students, who now prepare to leave our close-knit community, to spread their wings and no doubt fly. When we marry these results with the trophies brought back from Eisteddfod and the 70 plus students that shone on stage at our highly polished musical, Madagascar, the word 'success' quickly comes to mind. Additionally, the large number of St. Patrick's students that celebrated their Sacraments earlier this year. There's certainly a lot to celebrate about 2024 upon reflection, but what makes me even prouder is the myriads of students, parents, staff and community members who, under challenging circumstances, chose to be a 'winner' on days when it might have been easier to succumb to defeat. Also, those people who have stood up to be 'cheer leaders' to support others during difficult junctures throughout the year. We are officially halfway through Term Four. The finish line is in sight, but fatigue is certainly beginning to set in for many. Philippians (4:13) reminds us that we 'can do all things through him who strengthens'.

The words below might also be a good reminder of what it really takes to retain that 'winning' attitude that can be contagious and so precious at this time of year.

Winners Versus Losers

*The winner wakes up in the morning and says:
"Good morning God"*

*The loser wakes up in the morning and says:
"Good God Morning".*

*The winner is always part of the answer,
The loser is always part of the problem.*

*The winner always has a program,
The loser always has an excuse.*

*The winner says: "Let me do it for you",
The loser says: "That's not my job".*

*The winner sees an answer for any problem,
The loser sees a problem for any answer.*

*The winner says: "It may be difficult, but it's possible",
The loser says: "It may be possible, but it's difficult".*

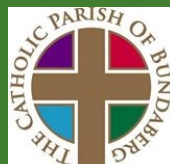


This 'winning' attitude has been modelled and encouraged in our students, by the coaches, teachers and tutors who have invested so much of themselves into these wonderful young men and women. Not to mention, the support of our community's greatest 'cheer leaders' our parents and caregivers. Great job St. Patrick's!

Kim O'Shea-Hard



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ADVENT

With the Christmas season fast approaching along with the end of our school year, I thought it timely to start the conversation about Advent. Beginning with the Advent Wreath, we will explore this wonderful season of our church over the coming weeks. The following information has been adapted from the Caritas Australia website, where you can find a wealth of knowledge about our Catholic faith.

The Advent wreath is a traditional centre piece leading up to the Christmas season. A candle is lit on each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas. The first candle (violet) represents hope, the second (violet) peace, the third (rose) joy, and the fourth (violet) love. The central white candle is lit on Christmas Day and represents Christ.



The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seed pods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of life and resurrection, the laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering, pine and holly signify immortality, and fruits (such as apples) represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

The word 'advent' means 'coming'; lighting the candles on the Advent wreath symbolises the coming of Light (Jesus) into the world. The Advent Wreath teaches us about Christian preparation for celebrating Jesus' birth and making our hearts truly ready to receive Him and can be a way to involve even very little children in learning about Christian preparation for Christmas.

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. Donations can be placed in the labelled baskets outside classrooms.

**MINI VINNIES' 2024
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Our Mini Vinnies Team would love your help with these donations:

- PREP: NON PERISHABLE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINKS
- YEAR 1: TOYS (UNUSED)
- YEAR 2: BOOKS (UNUSED)
- YEAR 3: NON PERISHABLE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINKS
- YEAR 4: BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES AND SPORT EQUIPMENT (NEW)
- YEAR 5: CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS (NEW)
- YEAR 6: NON PERISHABLE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINKS

Donations can be left in the labelled baskets outside classrooms

We need your help to make Christmas special for those in need.



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

A friendly reminder that chewing gum is not welcome at St. Patrick's.

It finds its way into our classrooms and attaches itself to furniture. It sometimes resides in bathrooms and toilets. Perhaps worst of all, recently it has been spat out and left on our pathways, stairwells and on the court at the MPS.

At St. Patrick's we ask all our families to respect our expectations regarding gum and not bring it to school. If there are concerns regarding dental health and braces, please contact Mrs O'Shea-Hard and the Leadership Team.



SPORTS NEWS—PRIMARY SCHOOLS NETBALL CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to our St Patrick's Netball team who were awarded Division 1 Champions at the Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball competition yesterday.

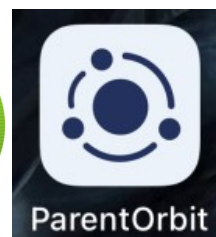
The team fought hard in the final decider against Norville and came away with a tough 10-9 win.

Congratulations girls and a huge thank you again to Mrs Medley and Miss Grace for coaching and training the team throughout the year. A wonderful outcome for everyone to end the year.



SPORTS NEWS—SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**NOMINATE
NOW**



Please login to the Parent Orbit app to nominate your child's race preferences by **Monday 4th November**. **Please choose only one option for Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke**. Maximum three events per child.

Non-Swimmers - please note if your child is a non-swimmer. We encourage your child to enter our C Division events (12 metre events) where support can be provided to your child. Please note Bundaberg Swim Academy is only approximately 1 metre in depth.

All students are expected to participate in at least one event unless there is a health matter that prevents their involvement in this carnival. If your child suffers from any medical conditions which may affect your child's participation, please advise the office of these details.

The Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 29 November at the Bundaberg Swim Academy.

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am

Years 5 & 6: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Presentations: 2:00pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2012-2014)

All students are encouraged to nominate for an A/B/C division race in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke events. Students must nominate in at least one event. Novelty events will be included in the program. The carnival will involve all students and the aim is to make the day enjoyable for all students with an emphasis on maximum participation.

'A' DIVISION RACES (Age Champion Event) – 50m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 50m events need to be able to swim correctly and confidently the entire 50m. **Please note that all children born 2016 are not eligible to enter A Division races and must nominate for either B or C Division only.**

'B' DIVISION RACES – 25m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 25m events will be starting in the pool and swim correctly and confidently the entire 25m.

'C' DIVISION RACES – 12m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 12m events will be starting in the pool and swim with or without the assistance of a kickboard to a half-way rope.

Children will travel by bus to the Bundaberg Swim Academy with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Students may wear their school sports uniform and House coloured shirt to school on this day. Year 3 & 4 students are required to wear their swimming togs under their uniform upon arrival to school. Year 5 & 6 students can elect to do the same, or alternatively change into their swimming gear, sun-shirt and thongs/sandals prior to leaving the school grounds. Underwear, uniform, shoes and socks will remain at school and children will change into their uniforms upon returning to school after the carnival. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

All students are required to wear a sun-shirt as this meets with sun-safety regulations. The school will provide sunscreen for students. The only items that students will take with them to the pool are goggles, towel/s, water bottle and a bag to carry their belongings. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school with the Year 5 & 6 students eating before leaving the school.

CULTURAL NIGHT



St Patrick's Annual Cultural Night Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 5:30pm Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

TICKETS ON SALE from 9am Monday 4th of November via the Trybooking website



<https://www.trybooking.com/CWTIF>

\$5 per ticket

**No tickets will be sold at the school office.
Performing students will not require a ticket.**

STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 5:00pm for a 5:30pm START

Students performing at the 2024 Cultural Night include Year 3 students, Junior and Senior Choir and Junior and Senior Strings. All students will be required to wear the following uniforms for performances:

Group	Performance uniform
Year 3	Year 3 Strings performance uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White dress shirt – long sleeve button up with collar• Long black dress pants• Black socks and school shoes
Junior Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prep: School uniform• Years 1-2: Formal school uniform• Year 3: Strings performance uniform (see above)
Senior Choir Junior Strings Senior Strings	Performance Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black shirt – long sleeve button up with collar• Long black dress pants• Black socks and school shoes• Year 3 students in Junior Strings will wear Year 3 Strings performance uniform

Following their performance, children will sit together in the Performing Arts block, under teacher supervision to watch other performances. At the conclusion of the evening all performing students will receive a small goodie bag from their tutors and be released to parents in the foyer of the PAP.

All performing students will travel by bus to Shalom from 11:30am onwards on Tuesday 19th November for a rehearsal on stage at the Performing Arts Precinct. Students will return to school by approximately 2:00pm. If your child is required to catch a bus at 2:45pm please inform the office or make alternative pick-up arrangements on that day in the event that the returning buses are delayed.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE GROUP

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN OUR COMMUNITY? YOU'RE INVITED TO**

Join our Conference Group

Have a spare 1 to 2 hours a week?
We are passionate about assisting people in need.

HOW YOUR PASSION AND SKILLS CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Interviewing people in need, listening to their stories, giving them assistance
- Packing hampers, re-stocking shelves, updating the database
- Using computer skills
- You can also volunteer in the store or warehouse.
- Enhance and share your faith journey with other like-minded people and more...

Meetings are held fortnightly at 12:30pm (not necessary to join).
Training provided; no experience necessary.
Family Support is open Mondays, Tuesdays
and Thursdays (9am to 11:30am)

Express your interest by scanning the QR code
or emailing: bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au
National Police Check will be required.



St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

“Have a spare 1 to 2 hours a week and want to make a difference in your community? You're invited to join our Support Centre and Conference/Group. How your passion and skills can help make a difference:

- Interviewing people in need, listening to their stories, giving them assistance etc.
- Answering phones, booking appointments, updating the database etc.
- Using computer skills

Enhancing and sharing your faith journey with other like-minded people.

Meetings are held monthly, 12:30pm. (Not necessary to join). Training provided, police check required, no experience necessary. Family Support is open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (9am to 11:30am) There are other skills required not listed, why not enquire now? EMAIL: bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au Phone: 4339 3751 Forms: <https://forms.office.com/r/MHsttcDpq8>”

OUT AND ABOUT



SHALOM ROWING
COME & TRY

**OPEN TO ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS
GOING INTO YEAR 7 AT SHALOM IN 2025**

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER
3.30PM TO 5.30PM

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER
3.30PM TO 5.30PM

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER
7AM TO 9AM

Bundaberg Rowing Club, Quay St

(at the back of the Rowers on the River Restaurant)

Please bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, thongs, fairly tight fitting clothes

REGISTER NOW >



ALL WELCOME!

Your crew
becomes your
family



Rowing is the
ultimate team
sport



HOT SHOTS

TENNIS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Our qualified coaches will provide personalised instruction to help your child to develop technically and tactically in a fun and nurturing environment. The program will foster sportsmanship and enhance their coordination, speed, strength, and agility.

Costs
Term Fee : \$70
Annual Club
Membership : \$20

All
equipment
provided!

When :

Tuesday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm

Thursday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 9.45 am

*One session may be attended by your child each week.

Where :

6C Powers St, Bundaberg West

For bookings and additional information

Phone : 0434345048



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TENNIS CLUB

TERM FOUR PLANNER

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