



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

16th August 2024

Happiness, something we all strive for. What is happiness? How do we find it? Where does it come from? And how do we keep it?

We are blessed to see happiness everyday here at St Patrick's. Children tend to default naturally toward happiness. We see them find joy in the little things; at the moment it's the puddles of water left by recent downpours. We see happiness on the faces of children joining in prayer and song when we gather together, happiness on the faces of students recognised for excelling in their chosen discipline be it academic, sporting or cultural. We hear laughter and see happiness in the little exchanges between friends and hear their delight in seeing each other for the first time of a morning.

As adults this natural happy default seems to fade. Do we feel pressure to provide for our families to ensure their happiness? Do we feel the need to give our children anything they desire to ensure their happiness? Do we run ourselves into the ground, putting others first to ensure their happiness? Do we expect our children to excel in everything they do to ensure their happiness? Do we over schedule our children and plan every moment of their days to ensure their happiness?

Our children are happy with us, they need no more than our presence, our attention and our love; that creates happiness. We see that happiness in our students here at

St Patrick's when parents walk their children into school or meet them at the gate of an afternoon. We see it on the faces of our students when parents take time out of their schedules to attend Courtyard Prayer and liturgies, be present for a learning expo at school or attend school sport events.

Happiness doesn't need to be provided in material things. Rather, 'If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family.' – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

As Catholics, we teach that true happiness is not about finding success, money, or power, but involves genuine fulfillment and contentment through a personal relationship with loved ones and God. Something I have learned by watching and experiencing the happiness of others around me is; spend time with family; presence over presents, nurture your faith and choose happiness.

Tracey Cook



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Absentees

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FATHER'S DAY LITURGY

ST PATRICK'S FATHER'S DAY LITURGY 2024

**THURSDAY AUG 29
9AM IN THE MULTI**



On Thursday August 29, Year 3 will lead the school community in a Prayer Celebration in honour of fathers and the special men in our lives.

Please send your dad and me pics to the school office on spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au no later than August 26 to be included in the presentation.

READING ON THE DECK—FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

St Patrick's is celebrating Book Week next week and the theme this year is 'Reading is Magic'. Throughout the week students will engage with books by reading and listening to many of the short-listed books and interacting in various hands-on activities. To complete this celebration and to inspire a love of reading we invite all families to come and join us on Friday 23rd August for 'Reading on the Deck'. No matter the age, students enjoy being read to and experiencing reading through others. Please bring a picnic rug and join us on the Junior Oval at 10:30am. Bring your favourite children's book or choose a book from our selections and spend some time reading, growing and inspiring your child.

At 10:50am students will move off to lunch eating and lunch play. We would love for you to stay, play and picnic with your child. We will hold our regular sausage sizzle if you wish to purchase at a cost of \$2 per sausage. If you can provide the total money for your family and send this in with your child, and we will note this 'family' number on their hand. Tuckshop will also be open with a Fun Friday limited menu and light refreshments will also be available for purchase.

We are really looking forward to enjoying Book Week with you all as we celebrate 'Reading is Magic' with our children.



Pupil Free Day

Friday 30th August

Week 8

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the St Patrick's 2024 Spelling Bee winners. Well over 230 students competed in this year's Spelling Bee, wow! After many hard-fought rounds, we ended up awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both the Junior (Years 1-3) and Senior (Years 4-6) categories. Congratulations to:

Junior Spelling Bee

1st – Leo B

2nd – Theo I

3rd – Hannah K

Senior Spelling Bee

1st – Aiden T

2nd – Julien A

3rd – Aaliyah A



What a wonderful achievement. We must also give mention to the many students who gave the Spelling Bee their best shot this year, and fantastic display of genuine sportsmanship for those who bowed out of earlier rounds. We hope to see everyone back again next year.

Tracey Cook – Spelling Bee Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS—DISTRICT ATHLETICS

It is pleasing to report on our school's athletics team's amazing efforts and success at last week's District Athletics. At St Patrick's we measure success by the amount of effort given by all in the team, and no one fell short. On the first morning, the students were reminded of Ms G's story and asked to give their best shot and perform close to, or better than their Personal Best. Ms G's PB at the Olympics inspired our story.

After the carnival, St Patrick's was presented with three trophies for their efforts over the two-day event.

The first was the **Neil Curren Trophy** for the school achieving the highest points tally in GIRL events.

The second was the **Arthur Begega Champion A Schools Trophy**. This trophy is named after Oliver, Charlie and Ivy's grandfather and St Patrick's is honoured to receive this award for the highest points of all A schools.

St Patrick's was named the **Bundaberg District Champion Athletics School for 2024** for the highest points scored over the two-day carnival. This is an amazing achievement and is to be celebrated by the efforts of each team member and our school community. This is the first time we have won this shield. Congratulations St Patrick's! Thank you, to the staff, parents and grandparents who gave their time and support at this event.

Students had to compete in a heat against other 'A' Schools competitors, then if placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, they progressed to the overall final. An 'A' school has a student enrolment of over 450.

Individual highlights were...

- Chase L 80m – 2nd A Schools
- Immogen K 80m – 1st A Schools, 1st Overall
(fastest 9 years girl in the B'Berg District)
- Olivia T Shotput – 1st A Schools, 2nd Overall
- Essie M Multi class
- Jackson O Shotput – 2nd A Schools
- Lily P Long Jump – 2nd A Schools
- Giorgi P 100m – 3rd A Schools
- Matilda K Long Jump – 2nd A Schools, 100m – 1st A Schools, 1st Overall (fastest 11 years girl in Bundaberg District), 200m – 1st A Schools, 1st Overall, 800m – 2nd A Schools, 2nd Overall
- Flo L 100m – 1st A Schools, 3rd Overall & 200m – 3rd A Schools, 3rd Overall
- Jayden S 800m – 3rd A Schools, 3rd Overall



SPORTS NEWS CONTINUED—DISTRICT ATHLETICS

In our Team events, 6 of our 8 relay teams made the finals. 4 of these placed in the overall finals. Not one team dropped the baton all day. Well done, to all our teams.

Team results...

- 9 Years Boys - Chase L, Charlie B, Oliver L & Bentley A – 3rd A Schools
- 9 Years Girls - Immogen K, Layla G, Georgia S & Stevie P – 1st A schools, 1st Overall
- 10 Years Girls - Lily P, Maddison M, Sophia L & Laynee Mc – 2nd A Schools, 3rd Overall
- 11 Years Girls - Matilda K, Giorgi P, Zahlia H & Hailee A – 1st A Schools, 1st Overall.
- 12 Years Boys - Jayden S, Cristian R, Zane M & Nate K – 2nd A Schools, 2nd Overall
- 12 Years Girls - Flo L, Alyse B, Amber Mc & Indigo B – 2nd A Schools, 2nd Overall.

- Boys Leader Ball - 2nd A Schools, 2nd Overall
- Girls Leader Ball - 2nd A Schools



BUNDABERG DISTRICT SPORT REPRESENTATIVES



Following on from their success at the Bundaberg District Primary Athletics Carnival last week, we would like to congratulate **OLIVIA T, FLO L, MATILDA K and ESSIE Mc** who have gained selection in the Bundaberg Athletics team.

These students will compete for Wide Bay selection at the upcoming trials in Bundaberg later this month.

Well done girls and we wish you all the best as you prepare and compete at this next level.

Tickets on sale Monday!

We are so excited to announce that tickets to our 2024 Musical Dreamworks Madagascar Jr will be on sale online as of 9:00am Monday, August 19.

Our students and staff have put hundreds of hours into making this another spectacular performance.



St Patrick's Bundaberg proudly presents performances of...



Performance Times

Tuesday Sept 3 @ 5.30pm

Wednesday Sept 4 @ 5.30pm

@Shalom College's Performing Arts Precinct



\$10



MATERIALS WANTED

In our Technologies specialist lessons we are doing lots of designing and building challenges. If you have any spare, old, or unwanted materials in your house, we would love your donations. We will be collecting donations from now until the rest of the term. 😊

Types of materials include but are not limited to:

Fabric

Old pool noodles

Old table cloth

Plastic cups and plates

Bubble wrap

Plastic bags

Paddle pop sticks

Yoghurt or milk lids (washed)

Plastic tablecloths

Shoe boxes

Old electronics we can dismantle

Cardboard

Paper towel rolls

Yarn or string

Gift wrapping paper

Old Lego

We want to turn your unwanted items into treasure and give it a new life.

Donated materials can be brought into the office and placed in a tub.

Due to hygiene reasons, please no toilet rolls



Thank you



OUT AND ABOUT



Greg Duncan Fields

University Drive, Bundaberg West

2024/2025 Junior Season

Registration Fee (Tiny Touchdowns - \$70 per player (includes a team shirt)

Season Dates: 18th October – 13th December 2024

Registration Fee (U8 – Teens) - \$100 + \$52 per player (includes a team shirt)

Season Dates: 11th October - 13th December 2024 (Double Header 20th October 2024)**Christmas Break*/ 7th February – 21st March 2025

Divisions:

Tiny Touchdowns (2019)

U8 Boys and Girls (2018 – 2017)

U10 Boys and Girls (2016 – 2015)

U12 Boys and Girls (2014 – 2013)

U14 Boys and Girls (2012 – 2011)

Teen Boys and Girls (2010 – 2008)

Fair Play Vouchers
Accepted
(Please email for
registration details)

Note: Junior Age
Division's registrations
will be capped.
So get in quick!

For further information:

Email: bundyjuniortouch@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.bundytouch.com/>



OPTIONS DAY

DISABILITY

EXPO

All Abilities Alliance

2024



TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

9AM - 1PM

RECREATIONAL PRECINCT BUNDABERG



FREE COME & TRY

Proudly supported by: Queensland Government's Active Women & Girls Program

All Ages WOMAN & GIRLS Tennis

SESSION 1:

- When: Saturday, 31st August 2024
- Time: 2 - 4 pm

SESSION 2:

- When: Saturday, 5th October 2024
- Time: 2 - 4 pm

SESSION INCLUDES:

- FREE Tennis Coaching
- FREE Racquet Hire
- FREE Red Ball Tennis
- FREE "Light n Easy" Cardio Tennis
- FREE POP Tennis Coaching
- Enquiries/Register: Kevin 0409 520 753

DON'T FORGET:

- All boys & girls (from beginners to advanced) are welcome to attend our upcoming

Get Active Holiday Clinic

- When: Tues - Thurs: 24 - 26th September 2024
- Ages: 4 - 13 years
- Time: 8:30am - 10:30am
- GIRLS are FREE

THE PLACE TO BE!

- Rotary Park Tennis Complex
69B George Street, South Bundaberg
<http://bundyjuniortennis.org.au>
www.facebook.com/BDJTA
- Enquiries/Register: Kevin 0409 520 753



BUNDABERG TABLE TENNIS

SPRING JUNIOR CAMP

DETAILS & RESERVATION

DEADLINE: SEP 8TH, 23:30

FUN PROFESSIONAL

SCHEDULES:

- WEEK 1: 16-19/9
- WEEK 2: 23-25/9

MORNING: 9:30-12
AFTERNOON: 12:30-15

KEY ELEMENTS:

- WARM-UP
- OFF-TABLE EXERCISES
- ON-TABLE TRAINING
- FUN GAMES

\$20/SESSION + \$35 FOR A FULL DAY*

*DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS AND SIBLINGS

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR REGISTRATIONS BEFORE 31ST AUGUST
CONDITIONS APPLY!

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TERM THREE PLANNER

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| WEEK 7 | Week 19th August - 23rd August | | |
| Monday | Parish Mass | 9:00am | Year 2 |
| Tuesday - Thursday | Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | 6M |
| Thursday | Year 4 Excursion—Tinaberries | 9:00am | Year 4 |
| | Bundaberg District Cricket Blast | 8:30am—2:45pm | Year 6 students |
| Friday | Reading on the Deck | 10:30am | Whole School |
| WEEK 8 | Week 26th August - 30th August | | |
| Monday | Parish Mass | 9:00am | Year 6 & Prep |
| Monday - Wednesday | Year 5 Camp - Chaverim Outdoor Educational Centre | All Day | Year 5 |
| Tuesday - Wednesday | Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | 6S |
| Wednesday | Prep & Year 1 Excursion—The Gruffalo Moncrieff | 11:30am - 1:30pm | Prep & Year 1 |
| Thursday | Father's Day Liturgy | 9:00am | Year 3 |
| Friday | PUPIL FREE DAY | | |
| WEEK 9 | Week 2nd September - 6th September | | |
| Tuesday - Wednesday | School Musical—Madagascar | 5:30pm | Shalom PAP |
| Tuesday - Thursday | Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | 4F |
| WEEK 10 | Week 9th September - 13th September | | |
| Tuesday - Thursday | Courtyard Prayer | 8.40am | 4K |
| Wednesday - Friday | Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay/Campialba | All Day | Year 6 |

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?
Do you know someone who has questions?
Come and join our Alpha program -
a safe space to ask questions, and explore life, faith and meaning.
When: Every Thursday, 5.30pm - 18 July to 12 September
Includes Food and Fellowship
Contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666
to let us know you're interested (for catering purposes)

