

# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS 27 August 2021

When I go out to do playground duties, I always admire and to a degree envy, the excitement and energy of the students. Whether they are lined up waiting for the door to open to Lego club or asking for basketballs, netballs and footies – they are simply excited by life and all it offers. I've found the same with the Year Five and Six students who are preparing for camps this term. Some have their gear packed and ready a week ahead of the camp. They want to know what teachers are going, what movie they will see, who will be in their cabin and activity groups and endless other questions. One little guy in Year 5 keeps me updated about how many sleeps until his first ever camp as he walks past me on his way home every afternoon.

There has been similar excitement to this where we have had year level excursions to Mon Repos for Year 3 and Tinaberries for our Preps, and had Old Macdonald's Farm visit our school.

It didn't surprise me then, that on the news this morning, there were some alarming statistics around the surge in mental health problems amongst school children in communities where there have been extended Covid lockdowns. The lack of social interaction, play with friends, excursions and camps has had a tremendous toll on the well being of students.

For a myriad of reasons, it really is inherent upon us as a community to get vaccinated so that we can better manage Covid going forward. Amongst the many good reasons to do so, surely the health and well-being of our children is a strong consideration. We want our children to have every opportunity to grow and to learn and to enjoy life. We all have important choices to make going forward and making sure our children get the opportunities they deserve must surely inform our choices.

#### **Staffing**

Heidi Clair completes her time with us this week as our Technology Assistant. Heidi has made a strong contribution to our school by ensuring we have a functional and effective network of devices available to facilitate student learning, communication and management of our school. We thank Heidi and wish her all the best for the future.

#### **Pupil Free Day**

Please also note Pupil Free Day for all students is in Week 8 on Friday 3rd September.

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### **KEY EVENTS FOR WEEK 8**

- Monday—Junior Strings Ensemble (St Patrick's) 7.30am
- Monday to Wednesday—Year 5 Camp Chaverim
- Tuesday—Senior Choir (7.30am) Junior Choir (8.10am)
- Tuesday—Wednesday—Courtyard Prayer 1M 8.40am
- Wednesday—Senior Strings Ensemble 7.30am
- Thursday—Father's Day Liturgy 9.00am
- Thursday—Bundaberg Cricket Blast Cup & Tennis Qld Primary Schools Cup
- Friday—SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 to classroom teacher





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Call 4994 8336

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#### APRE NEWS

Please join us in prayer on Thursday, 2nd Sep, at 9 am as we celebrate the wonderful gift of our fathers and all men in our lives who are like fathers.

Our liturgy will be led by Year 3





## **MUSIC NEWS**



Ensemble Name	Section	Result	
Junior String Ensemble	String Orchestra 2B	Gold	
Senior String Ensemble	String Orchestra 2B	Silver	
Junior Choir	Choir 3A	Gold	
Senior Choir	Choir 2A	Gold	



We are so very fortunate to have the wonderfully talented and dedicated Music tutors Mrs Morley, Mrs Connolly and Miss Kate at St Patrick's. This year we also welcome the lovely Mrs McLucas who is the accompanist for our Choirs. They all worked so hard with our students to ensure their success at the Queensland Catholic Schools Music Festival: which was in an online format this year. We had to travel to Shalom in June to film our entries for this year's Festival and had the opportunity to view their performances online. We entered our Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Junior String Ensemble and Senior String Ensemble. Each of these groups did a superb job; we came away with 3 Gold Awards and 1 Silver Award. What an achievement! Thank you to all of these wonderful ladies. We can't wait to see everyone perform at our annual Cultural Night.

#### **FINANCE NEWS**

#### School Fees

Fees have been issued and were due 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Please check your junk box if you haven't received your statement and contact the office to request a copy.

Click on this link to view available school payment options <a href="https://saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/cmsb/uploads/school">https://saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/cmsb/uploads/school</a> fee payment options-docx.pdf? sm au =iJV6DDR4qbGpSSNHCKjs8KQTCKW8W

#### **School Fee Assistance**

Families may be eligible for school fee assistance under the Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount and /or the Principals' Concession Scheme.

#### Government Concession Card Fee Discount

A 70% Tuition Fee Discount is available for 'means tested' government Health Care and Pensioner Concession cards. The Concession Card information and FAQs are available on the Catholic Education website. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply and must be presented to the Finance Officer.

#### Principal's Concession Scheme

Total or partial exemption from the payment of fees and levies is available on application to the Principal based on individual basis and circumstances. If required, contact the Finance Officer to discuss your circumstances and make an appointment to meet with the Principal.

#### **Student Banking**

Please note school banking ends Term 3 due to Queensland Government and Australian Capital Territory Government's decisions to withdraw from the School Banking program.

#### **Unknown Transaction**

The following transaction has appeared in the school's bank account and is unable to be reconciled due to the reference used. If you made below payment, please contact Finance Officer Maria Davies.

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A timely reminder that when directly depositing payments into the school account to please use your parent code (and surname if possible) as reference for easy reconciliation and receipting against your account.

## TUCKSHOP FOR SALE



### **OUT AND ABOUT**









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# Norths Cricket Club

Registration now open

Girls and boys from 7 - 17 welcome. You don't need any experience - we've got great coaches and you can learn in a fun. safe environment.

Contact Gail 0400258343 or register northscebundy.qld.cricket.co m.au







# **Annual Book Sale**

# **Bundaberg Recreation Precinct**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September: 9am to 7pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September: 9am to 3pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September: 9am to 1pm

EFTPOS AVAILABLE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, SOFT DRINKS, TEA, COFFEE





## TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 12th July - Friday 16th July					
	NAIDOC WEEK					
Monday	Start Term 3 2021					
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4T			
Wednesday - Friday	Challenge Cup	All Day				
WEEK 2	Week 19th July - 23rd July					
Monday	School Photo Day					
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4K			
WEEK 3	Week 26th July - 30th July					
	CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK					
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4L			
Friday	Catholic Education Week Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School			
	Mini Fair	11.40am	Prep Year 1 & 2			
	Mini Fair	12.00pm	Whole School			
WEEK 4	Week 2nd August - 6th August					
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep S			
Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep R			
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep W			
WEEK 5	Week 9th August - 13th August					
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M			
Tuesday - Wednesday	Bundaberg District Primary Athletics Carnival	All Day	Athletics Team			
WEEK 6	Week 16th August - 20th August					
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6A			
Tuesday	Reef Guardian Presentation	8.55am	Reef Guardians			
WEEK 7	Week 23rd August - 27th August					
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S			
WEEK 8	Week 30th August - 3rd September					
Monday - Wednesday	Year 5 Camp - Chaverim	All Day	Year 5			
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1M			
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3			
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY					
WEEK 9	Week 6th September - 10th September					
Monday	School Photo Day		General			
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N			
WEEK 10	Week 13th September - 17th September					
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1G			
Tuesday - Thursday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay	All Day	Year 6			

2021 TERM DATES		
TERM 1	Wednesday 27 January - Thursday 1 April	
TERM 2	Monday 19 April - Friday 25 June	
TERM 3	Monday 12 July - Friday 17 September	
	PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 3rd September	
TERM 4	Tuesday 5 October - Friday 3 December	

2021 SPORTS DATE CLAIMER					
TERM 4	Senior Swimming Carnival - Friday 26 November 2021	Years 3-6	BSA		