# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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#### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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On Wednesday, Bundaberg was lucky to host our State of Origin team. Amongst the players were Felise Kaufusi and Coen Hess. The shield won by our rugby league team last week is named in honour of Felise and Cohen Hess completed some of his younger years of schooling here at St. Patrick's. We are very proud of our association with these two players from Bundaberg. I was equally as proud to learn during last week (Reconciliation Week) of another proud association.

The following is an extract from the eulogy of Dr Nereda White who passed away recently.

In 2010, in the Vatican City, Dr Nereda Dawn White gave the opening speech at the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Catholic Saint. Dr Nereda White, a strong Christian and leader, was the first Aboriginal woman in history to receive this honour and to present at the Vatican.

Nereda Dawn White spent much of her early life learning and living on her traditional lands in the Bundaberg area. She lived in a small house near the bush on Dr Mays Road amongst the other Indigenous families. Five sisters shared a room and the three brothers shared another. The bush was Dawn's playground. The bush not only provided everything they needed for food, shelter and spirit but a way for them to create, learn and play peacefully.

They weren't afraid of snakes or lizards, they were a part of their playground too. They played in the creek with the fish, they caught lobbies and took them home to cook them and eat them. They roamed the bush barefoot, gathering, laughing, dancing, singing and yarning.

When Dawn wasn't learning off the land, she was learning in the classroom. She loved school and some of her favourite subjects were French, History and English. She attended Saint Patrick's Primary School and then a Catholic all girls school until Grade 10. Dawn became a prefect at Bundy High and demonstrated leadership in both classroom and community roles at a young age.

While her older siblings helped their Nan and Pop with work in the fields, Dawn's duties included cooking, shopping and caring for the younger ones. She would ride her bike to school, collect the food on the way home, feed the family and then begin her school work.

Dawn's hard work paid off and after completing high school she was awarded a scholarship to the University of Queensland in Brisbane, where she began studying Arts and Law.

She married, and with her husband moved to Canberra to the Sunshine Coast and eventually to Brisbane in order to educate themselves and provide the best educational opportunities for both of their children. While raising her children Dawn completed several degrees. These included both a Diploma of Teaching and a Bachelor of Education at the Queensland University of Technology, followed by a Master of Education in Leadership and Management and then a Doctorate of Education at the Australian Catholic University.

Dawn's roles in academia included becoming a Lecturer for Indigenous Education Early Childhood Programs at QUT, the Coordinator of the Weemala Indigenous Higher Education Unit at ACU and the National Director of the Centre for Indigenous Education and Research at ACU.

To her peers, Dawn was a highly regarded academic, mentor, teacher and Indigenous leader and to her family she was even more. Dawn always believed her most important job was being our Mother.

Family time was important to Dawn, especially spending time with the extended family. She made sure family stayed connected through all of her siblings and her traditional land throughout her life. She was a proud Gooreng Gooreng woman and she returned home to country often. Getting together with cousins, the children all sang songs with their aunties, waited for the boys to bring home a feed of mud crabs, eating their Nan's curry and listening to Pop on the guitar. Dawn made sure all the children around her were enriched with language, laughter and kinship.

While the chapter closed on a truly amazing and well lived life, the story has been left unwritten for the many generations of Indigenous students who will achieve their goals and aspirations through education and a continued desire for knowledge.

#### **Satisfaction Surveys**

Full disclosure - I hate filling out surveys. However, feedback from parents is of great value to us and we would really love you to take five minutes to complete an online survey for us over the next two weeks. Full details have been emailed to every family.

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

- Monday—Junior Strings Ensemble 7.30am
- Monday—AUSKICK 3.15pm
- Tuesday—Senior Choir (7.30am) Junior Choir (8.10am)
- Tuesday—Thursday Morning Prayer 8.40am—3S
- Wednesday—Senior Strings Ensemble 7.30am
- Wednesday—Steve Renouf Cup St Pat's vs Gayndah 11.00am (Salter Oval)
- Thursday—Friday Sports Rugby League Grand Final 4.00pm (Salter Oval)
- Friday—Senior Guitar Ensemble 7.45am
- Friday—SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 to classroom teacher

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE YEAR 5 PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Looking for three parent volunteers to help with Friday Sausage Sizzle in Week 8. 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 on 4152 1380.





TUESDAY 15 JUNE 7:00PM Shalom College Performing Arts Centre anxiety in your child

> strategies for helping kids overcome worry, fear and panic

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



### ATHLETICS CARNIVALS 2021

Program details for this year's Athletics Carnivals are detailed below.

- 1. <u>HEATS 100m & 200m</u> Shalom College 9:00 am Friday, 11 June (Students Born 2009, 2010 & 2011)
- 2. FIELD EVENTS DAY Monday, 21 June (Students Born 2009, 2010 & 2011)

#### Venue: St Patrick's Catholic School

9:00 am	Normal Classroom Routine			
	Rotation	10yrs – Born 2011	11yrs – Born 2010	12yrs – Born 2009
10:00 AM	1	Long Jump	Shot Put	Ball Games & Relay Practice
11:15 AM		Lunch		
11:40 PM	2	Ball Games & Relay Practice	Long Jump	Shot Put
1:00 pm		Afternoon Tea		
1:15 pm	3	Shot Put	Ball Games & Relay Practice	Long Jump
2:30 pm		Norn	nal Classroom Routine	

All students compete in field rotations and 100m Heats. 200m is a nomination event. Year 4 students born in 2012 do not compete on Field Events Day; normal school routine for these students. *Tuckshop is available on this day for LUNCH only. No tuckshop is available at Afternoon Tea. Snacks are permitted to be eaten between events.* 

#### 3. <u>SENIOR SCHOOL: CARNIVAL DAY</u> – Wednesday, 23 June (Students Born 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012)

#### Venue: Shalom College

Students need to arrive at school at 8:30 am, ready for bus departure to Shalom. Students born 2012 do not compete in 200m & 800m events. No tuckshop facilities are available for participating students at Shalom on this day.

PROGRAM:		
9:00am	200m Finals	Students Born 2009, 2010 & 2011
9:45am	Ball Games	Students Born 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012
11:00am	LUNCH	
11:15am	80 & 100m Semi Finals & Finals	Students Born 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012
12:30pm	Relays	Students Born 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012
1:30pm	800m Finals	Students Born 2009, 2010 & 2011
2:30pm	Bus Departure	



LUNCH ONLY NO ARVO TEA

**FUCK SHOP** 

#### 4. JUNIOR SCHOOL: CARNIVAL DAY – Friday, 25 June (Students Born 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016)

#### Venue: St Patrick's Senior Oval

House Captains need to be at St Patrick's at 8:00 am to assist with the setting up of equipment. Tuckshop for Friday, 25 June will be a pre-order system from a limited menu. Menu and ordering information will be forthcoming.

9:00am	50m, 60m & 80m Finals
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PROGRAM

9:45am	Ball Games & Tabloids
11:00am	LUNCH
11:30am	Relays
12:15pm	Whole School Presentations – St Patrick's School – MPS
	(Age Champion will be awarded in the 2009, 2010 & 2011 age groups)
12:30pm	Normal School Routine



#### UNIFORM FOR CARNIVAL DAYS:

Black shorts (no other colours or a team's insignia); house coloured shirt (polo shirt is preferred for sun protection); school sports cap or school formal hat to be worn; alternate sports shoes may be worn on the day, no spiked footwear; sunscreen to be applied before arrival at school. Coloured zinc is not permitted.

Please ensure your child has sufficient *water* and *food* for required days.

### PARISH NEWS

#### The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

#### Lay Pastoral Leader

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg is a vibrant Catholic community consisting of four major mass centres and approximately 1400 active parishioners.

The Parish seeks to employ a suitably qualified Lay Pastoral Leader who will work in a co-responsible role with the Parish Priest and lead the operational aspects of the Parish life and allow the Parish Priest to focus his attention on the Spiritual and Pastoral leadership of the parish. The parish has fully embraced a Stewardship model of Church.

Full details of the role, selection criteria, employment conditions and further information about the parish and its leadership structure can be obtained by contacting Dennis Doherty, Consultant, on <u>dennis@pathwaysic.com.au</u> or call 0412636899.

Applications close on 5th July, 2021



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DO YOU SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? COME AND JOIN...

RESONATE

A youth band for all ages and all people who enjoy singing and playing beautiful music

PRACTISE EVERY TUESDAY AT 5:30PM LOCATION: <u>ST PATRICKS CHURCH</u>

> Contact Elizabeth for more info! #: 0456 635 542 Email: Elizabeth Kelly@rok.catholic.net.au

# TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 19th April - Friday 23rd April			
Monday	Start Term 2 2021			
Tuesday—Thursday Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer		8.40am	6M	
Friday	Anzac Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 6	
WEEK 2	Week 26th April - 30th April			
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY			
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S	
WEEK 3	Week 3rd May - 7th May			
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY			
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6A	
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 2	
WEEK 4	Week 10th May - 14th May			
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2Н	
WEEK 5	Week 17th May - 21st May			
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1G	
WEEK 6	Week 24th May - 28th May			
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1M	
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY			
WEEK 7	Week 31st May - 4th June			
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N	
WEEK 8	Week 7th June - 11th June			
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	35	
WEEK 9	Week 14th June - 18th June			
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3Z	
Tuesday	Justin Coulson Parent Session—Managing Anxiety in Children	7.00pm	Shalom Performing Arts Centre	
WEEK 10	Week 21st June - 25th June			
Monday	Senior Field Events (students born 2009, 2010 & 2011)	10.00am	St Patrick's	
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C	
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (students born 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012)	9.00am	Shalom	
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (students born 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016)	9.00am	St Patrick's	

2021 TERM DATES		
TERM 1	Nednesday 27 January – Thursday 1 April	
TERM 2	Monday 19 April - Friday 25 June	
	Monday 12 July - Friday 17 September	
TERM 3	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	