

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

19 November 2021

We have introduced our Prep classes for 2022 to our school. Our Year Sixes are preparing for graduation. Practices for the Year One Nativity Play are underway. The collection of Christmas items to be gifted to St Vincent de Paul is growing rapidly. Classes are choosing their song for Celebration Night. Teachers have completed final assessments for Report Cards and an amazing Cultural Night celebrated the learning in music of more than one hundred students in a standing room only performance at Shalom.

As hard as it is to believe, the 2021 school year is now quickly drawing to a close. With it comes a degree of sadness for me. We farewell some sensational students, and with them, their beautiful families who have been a part of our school over many years. We also farewell staff who really have enhanced our school.

Kaylah Fox has done an amazing job teaching in Year Six this year. She has brought energy to her class and to our school and worked very hard to engage her learners. She is rewarded with a permanent position in Catholic Education and will be working in Monto next year. We have loved having Krysten Green with us as both an extremely capable Teacher Assistant and a Student Teacher who impressed us all with her competency and skills. Krysten will enhance any school she works in and the community of St Brigid's Catholic School in Emerald is very fortunate in having Krysten join their staff as a permanent teacher. Angela van Rooyen kindly accepted a contract with us during this year and she has been a great asset to us in Year Four. Angela's kind nature and gentle presence has been greatly appreciated by students and staff alike and we wish her all the best as she leaves us to take up a teaching position at another wonderful school in Bundaberg.

I liked Cooper Peebles even before I met him. On reputation as a Shalom House Captain who had achieved a very high and well deserved OP, I phoned his contact number to invite him to discuss employment. His mother answered the phone, and when I explained my reason for calling, she said, "Well that's good because I said to them (Cooper has a twin brother Lachlan), that you boys had better not think you are going to sit around the lounge room playing on the Playstation. You either get jobs or you head off to Uni. There will be none of this lazing around the house!"

The product of his own work ethic – and I'd suggest excellent parenting, Cooper has made an amazing impact as a staff member. His caring and honest nature have seen him admired by staff, students and parents. He has coached footy teams, fixed IT issues, arranged audio and visual presentations, purchased and installed a sound system, supervised on camps and worked extremely well in classrooms. Cooper has completed his studies, and he too will work in Emerald next year as a permanent teacher based at St. Patrick's.

We thank Mr Peebles, Mrs van Rooyen, Ms Green and Miss Fox for all they have been and all they have contributed to our school community. We wish them all the very best for the future.

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ABSENTEES

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APRE NEWS

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

A Parent Information session was held on Thursday, Nov 11, to outline the program and expectations for the 2022 preparation program.

If your child is baptised and is eight years or older, you may wish to prepare them for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If so, please get in touch with Anne Sheehan at the Parish Office, 41516666, Monday to Friday, for more information, a registration form, and a timetable.

2022 Date Claimer: The first Parent session for 2022 will be on Wednesday, Feb 9, at 5.30 pm at the Holy Rosary Church.

SACRAMENTAL



MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

There has been an overwhelming display of generosity as our school community supports the Mini Vinnies 2021 Christmas Appeal.

We will continue taking donations until Friday, Week 8.

- Prep: Christmas decorations
- Vear 1: Toys
- Vear 2: Books
- Vear 3: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Vear 4: Board games, card games, sports equipment
- Vear 5: School and art supplies
- Year 6: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks

These items can be left in the baskets located outside each classroom.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

COVID CLINICS

At this time of year students like to exchange Christmas cards and treats such as candy canes to other students. We ask that children do not give gifts of candy canes to the other children. It is wonderful that children wish to give things to others, however we ask people to give non food gifts. Unfortunately candy canes can cause issues with a number of children on particular diets, children with allergies to some of the additives, not to mention the high sugar content. Cards, stickers and other small items can give the message that they are thinking of others.





SPORTS NEWS

2021 SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL—YEARS 3-6

The Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 26 November at the Bundaberg Swim Academy, Fitzgerald Street.

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4:	9:00am – 11:00am
Years 5 & 6:	11:00am – 1:00pm

Presentations: 2:00 pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2009-2011)

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

'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 2013 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 will 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.



END OF TERM ACTIVITIES



Wednesday 1st December

Our annual Celebration Night will be held on Wednesday 1st December, which is a wonderfully relaxed evening spent on our oval watching our children perform Christmas Carols. We also take the opportunity to farewell any staff that may be leaving us. Please note the following information:-

- Gates will open at 5pm
- All families are welcome to bring a BYO dinner and drinks. All students to wear Christmas colours.
- Performances begin at 6pm with our Prep classes
- We may even get a visit from the man in red at the end of the evening.
- Toilets—all adults and toddlers are to use the toilets at the back of the Parish Hall as student toilets are strictly for student use only.

Parents please note:

Parents should be aware that school staff are not supervising students during this evening. All students attending should be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for their supervision, and this includes high school age children.

END OF TERM ACTIVITIES

WEEK 8	Week 22nd November - 26th November		
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2H
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9.00-11.00am	Years 3 & 4
	Bundaberg Swimming Academy	11.00-12.30pm	Years 5 & 6
WEEK 9	Week 29th November - 3rd December		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9.00am	Year 1
	Year 3 & 4 End of Year Excursion	10.00am	Moncrieff
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9.00am	Multi
	Year 6 End of Year Excursion	10.30am	Norville Pool
	Year 5 End of Year Excursion	11.00am	Bundy Bowl
Wednesday	Prep & Year 1 End of Year Excursion	10.00am	Shalom PAP
	Year 2 End of Year Excursion	9.00am	Norville Pool
	Celebration Night	6.00pm	Senior Oval
Thursday	End of Year Liturgy	1.15pm	Multi
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	2.10pm	Multi

2022 TERM DATES	
TERM 1	Monday 24 January - Friday 1 April
TERM 2	Tuesday 19 April - Friday 24 June
TERM 3	Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September
TERM 4	Tuesday 4 October - Friday 2 December

OUT AND ABOUT





Event Conditions The event will be over 18 holes and conducted by the Bundaberg Golf Club whose decisions will be final AGU handicap needed to play, If without, 18 will be the maximum given to any plays

Payment and Registration Wayne Turrell wayneturrell@bigpond.com 0418 495 003

Greg Jensen gsjeno@live.com 0429 654 589

Supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities South East Queensland and other local charities

Rotary

NET SET GO PROGRAM IS A STARTER PROGRAM FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 7 TO IO IN 2022. IT'S A CHANCE TO LEARN THE NETBALL BASICS, GET OUTSIDE AND MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS. IT'S A LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND LOTS OF FUN!!

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4:00PM - 5:30PM 27 NOVEMBER 2021 BUNDARERO METRALLASSOC. GROUNDS

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Any questions please contact Lyn on 0407 408 966 or email allowaynetballclub@outlook.com