Mark Fore



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS 18th March 2022

Dear Parents

I've had the absolute best seven days.

Last Friday we inducted our Year Six leaders. The students were outstanding, and we had a terrific turn-out of parents. Without a word needing to be spoken, the simple presence of so many parents conveys to our students how much their parents value both them and their schooling.

Monday we had our first visitor to our school. Mr Fye the magician came to entertain our Preps to Year Twos and we were joined by more than 150 students from local kindergartens. Not only was the magician very good, he gave the kindy kids an excellent introduction to 'big' school and our own students represented us in a manner we can only be proud of.

Last night saw the return of Dance Night. Such a fantastic way to celebrate our community. The work Miss G has put into the kids was so evident in the energy and skills they displayed. Teaching 500 kids to dance is no easy feat – but she had every one of them engaged and enjoying their success. A huge turnout of parents all willingly joining in the dances, and our most generous staff attending in their own time to support the children. As always Mrs H had it all running efficiently and precisely and we were packing up by 6:15 – perfect for young families.

What really topped it for me was the way in which a huge crowd left absolutely no mess, plenty of people stayed behind to help us pack up and many made the time to come and thank us for the evening and the work that went into it.

We all value a genuine thank-you and the number of parents who expressed their gratitude attests to how wonderful our parent community is. Thank you for being amazing.

TERM 1 EVENT PLANNER

| WEEK 9 | Week 21st March—25th March | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday—Thursday | Courtyard Prayer | 8:40am | 2B | |
| Thursday | Musical Rehearsals | 3:15pm-4:15pm | Musical Cast | |
| Friday | Junior Obstacle Course | 9:00am-9:40am-Prep 9:40-10:20a | m-Year 1 10:20-11:00am-Year 2 | |
| | Sausage Sizzle | 11:15am | Year 4 | |
| WEEK 10 | Week 28th March - 1st April | | | |
| Monday | Senior Cross Country - Shalom College | 9:00am | Year 3 to Year 6 | |
| | Palm Sunday | 2:00pm | Year 4 | |
| Tuesday | Holy Thursday | 9:00am | Year 4 | |
| Wednesday | Good Friday | 9:00am | Year 5 | |
| | Easter Liturgy | 9:00am | Year 6 and Prep | |
| Thursday | Easter Hat Parade | 10:15am | Prep to Year 3 | |
| | Mini Fair | 11:00am - 12:15pm | Whole School | |
| | School Dismissed | 12:30pm | Whole School | |
| Friday | PUPIL FREE DAY | All Day | Whole School | |

COVID-19 UPDATE

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School wishes to advise that during the past week, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community.

St Patrick's regularly consults with the Catholic Education Office and relevant authorities, and continues to follow the advice of Queensland Health regarding cleaning requirements.

Queensland Health has advised that no guarantine of students or staff is required.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/children at home
- Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results. Please be aware, a negative COVID test does not change the requirement to be symptom free to attend school.
- Follow the advice of Queensland Health

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:

- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow and dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.
- practice social distancing from others where possible
- wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The St Patrick's Inter-House Cross Country Carnival will be held at Shalom College on Monday, 28 March. A detailed information letter has been emailed to parents of students in Years 3-6 today. Please follow the instructions in this letter to nominate your child in their chosen event. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are expected to compete unless there is a medical condition that precludes their participation. Expected event times are as follows:-

| 1. | 9:10am: | Boys & Girls Born 2011 & 2010 (11 & 12yrs) | 3km - A Division |
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| 2. | 9:40am: | Boys & Girls Born 2012 (10yrs) | 2km - A Division |
| 3. | 10:10am: | Boys & Girls Born 2014 (8yrs) | 1km - A Division |
| 4. | 10:20am: | Boys & Girls Born 2013 (9yrs) | 1km - A Division |
| 5. | 10:30am: | Boys & Girls Born 2012, 2011 & 2010 (10-12yrs) | 1km - Fun Run |

We look forward to an enjoyable and supportive event for all competitors.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING—YEARS 3-6

Training has already begun in PE lessons and extra training sessions will be offered each Tuesday and Thursday morning beginning next week commencing 8:00 am. Students are to meet Ms G or Mrs H in the multi-purpose shelter. Students are to wear comfortable training clothes and can change into their school uniform at the end of the training session. The training sessions will be offered to all students in Years 3-6 and cater to all ability levels.



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SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS

- Prep-Year 2 Obstacle Course: Friday, 25 March (Week 9, Term 1) St Patrick's Junior Oval
- Year 3 6 Cross Country: Monday 28 March (Week 10, Term 1) Shalom College, 9 11 am
- Senior (students born 2010, 2011 & 2012) Field Events: Monday, 20 June (Week 10, Term 2) St Patrick's
- Senior (students born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013) Athletics: Wednesday, 22 June (Week 10, Term 2) Shalom College
- Junior (students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013) Athletics: Friday, 25 June (Week 10, Term 2) St Patrick's Senior Oval
- District Athletics: 3 & 4 August St Luke's
- District Cross County Friday, 13 May—Avoca State School, 12:00pm

WIDE BAY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES



Congratulations *CHARLI POLLOCK*, *KOBI IRVINE & FRED LEWIS* who have been selected to represent *Wide Bay* at the 2022 Queensland Schools Swimming Championships to be held at the Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane from the 21-23 March.

Well done Charlie, Kobi & Fred on this amazing achievement and we wish you all the best when competing in this upcoming event.



BUNDABERG SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations *EDWARD WAHREN* who has been selected to represent the Bundaberg District in the sport of *BASKETBALL* at the upcoming Wide Bay selection trials. We wish Eddie an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the trials.



BUNDABERG SPORTS TRIAL INFORMATION

| | HOCKEY | RUGBY LEAGUE |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--|
| SPORT | Boys & Girls | Boys |
| AGE GROUP | U12 | 10 years Born 2012 11 years Born 2011 12 years Born 2010 |
| DATE | Monday 21 March Monday 28 March | Monday 21 March Monday 28 March |
| VENUE | Hinkler Park | Waves Sporting Complex Thabeban Rd |
| TIME | 4:00-5:00pm | 3:30-5:30pm |

OHSC REMINDERS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A gentle reminder to all families attending Parent Teacher Interviews in the coming weeks, please ensure students and siblings remain in your company and not in the school grounds or with OHSC.

Your assistance in keeping your children supervised during this time is very much appreciated.

OSHC ABSENTEES

If your child is absent from school and also attends OSHC please ensure to advise the OSHC Co-Ordinator Claire O'Connell on 0417 199 586 to advise of their absence.

Your co-operation in this advice is imperative for OHSC to adequately plan for each day.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

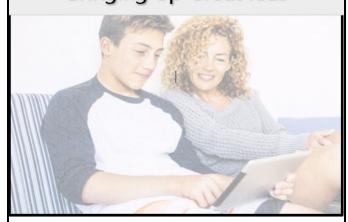
Next Friday will be our last Sausage Sizzle for the term and we are seeking help from Year 4 families who may be able to assist with the preparation and clean up from 10.45-11.45.

Please contact the office if you are able to help out.



BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS WORKSHOPS

Bringing Up Great Kids



Bringing up Great Kids PARENTING ADOLESCENTS - A shifting Landscape

6 weekly sessions support parents/care givers to:

- Build on and maintain the positive relationships and interactions you have with your child
- Support your adolescent to forge their own identity
- Support your adolescent as they push the boundaries whilst still being there to guide, nurture and support them
- Understand the 'period of adolescence' and the meaning attached to behaviours and interactions
- Develop an increased understanding about the messages both you and your adolescent communicate through behaviours, actions and attitudes

Thursday 5th, 12th & 19th May 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 2nd, 9th & 16th June 5:30pm to 7:30pm

BUGK is facilitated at Peirson Services.

For more <u>information</u> please contact us on 07 4151 2299 or Bundaberg@peirsontrust.org.au

BUGK-Bringing Up Great Kids



6 weekly sessions support parents/care givers to:

- Reflect upon why you parent the way you do & what you do well
- Learn more about how a child's brain grows and influences their thoughts, feelings and behaviours
- Understand the hidden meaning of children's behaviour & your response to it

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- Reflect upon the subtle messages you send your children everyday & how they respond
- Develop effective skills around deep listening & being present in the moment
- Understand how common barriers can influence your relationship with your child
- Acknowledge how caring for self, fosters positive family relationships

Tuesday 3rd May to 7th June 12:30pm to 2:30pm

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