



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

29th August 2024

The Box

The story goes that some time ago, a man punished his 4 year old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became frustrated when the child tried to decorate a box for Father's Day. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier over reaction, but his anger flared again when he found the box was empty. He yelled, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside it?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it is not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you Daddy." The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged for her forgiveness. It is told that the man kept that gold box by his bed for years and whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who put it there. In a very real sense, each of us as humans have been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, friends, and family. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

This week we celebrated the father figures in our lives at a beautiful Father's Day Liturgy led by Year Three. After reading Luke 2: 41-51 and how Joseph went back looking for his Son Jesus, concerned for his safety, I reflected on how a father's love is like an anchor. We float somewhat on our own, but when our safety is compromised, they spring into action to keep us safely anchored. I then described our heavenly Father as the light house. There to guide our fathers and their grown children, once strong and wise enough to navigate life on their own. I had a hard-working father that wasn't overly hands-on during my younger years, but later learned of the three jobs he held so that we could have a better future. I believe it is important to have a father figure in our lives for as long as we are blessed, but also recognise how the tides of life change. Eventually we find we are an anchor for our fathers and mothers, like they once were for us. Life has a wonderful way of evolving full circle. It was heart-warming to see many heart-felt, hand-made gifts make their way out of the St. Patrick's gates this afternoon. Like the gold box, at first glance they are not always the most impressive, however, Father's Day gifts have come a long way since my children were little. My husband and I are preparing to down-size and these priceless gifts are what we are struggling to let go. Why? Just like the gold box, they remind us of the unconditional love which was and is given so freely to us from our children. However, you spend Father's Day, enjoy every moment of knowing you are loved, appreciated and cherished! Life can be imperfect and even messy, but if you scratch the surface this is 99% always true if you've been blessed enough to take on the role of father figure in a young person's life. Savour the journey...always!

There will be some very proud parents, teachers and this Principal, next Tuesday and Wednesday evening when the cast of Madagascar hit the big stage at Shalom College. I have been in awe of the commitment made by our staff and students to bring this to life. Tickets are still available for both evenings. We hope to see you there!

Over the past six months, you would have noticed information around the new Government Funding Model for Catholic Schools, including information sessions and a number of newsletters. Monday will see the release of 2025 school fee advice for our region. Happily, Bundaberg hasn't been affected as much as other regions with fee rises. The one significant change you might note is that fees will be charged as one, lump sum, as opposed to several levies, to make the process easier to understand. Thanks to our families who commit consistently to school fees, to enable us to provide a quality education option for the young people in our care. It is through your commitment and support that we are able to make a difference!

Kim O'Shea-Hard



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MASS WITH CHILDREN

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BRING A PLATE
TO SHARE

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO
BRING A PLATE TO SHARE
AFTER THIS MASS



SUNDAY 9.00AM
AUGUST 25
@ST PATRICK'S

PUPIL FREE DAY

Pupil Free Day

Friday 30th August

Week 8

Limited Tickets Still Available!

Tickets are still available for our 2024 Musical
Dreamworks Madagascar Jr.

Please click on the QR code to secure your tickets to
our performances scheduled for 5:30pm next
Tuesday and Wednesday.



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



SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to **ESSIE MC** who represented Queensland at the Cross Country Australian National Championships in Yarra Glen, Victoria last week.

Essie placed 1st in the 11 years girls Cross Country Multi-Class and 1st in the Cross Country Multi-Class relay with fellow team members.

Congratulations on these fantastic results Essie and we look forward to watching your Cross Country journey in years to come.



TERM THREE PLANNER

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

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



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



ACROSS THE WAVES CRICKET CLUB



Junior Sign On

PLAYERS WANTED

Venue - ATW Cricket Nets
Thabeban Road
Date - Friday 6th September
Time - 4pm to 5pm

BBQ & Meet the Coaches

ONLINE SIGN ON
AVAILABLE NOW!
www.playhq.com.au

search:
Across the Waves Cricket Club

For more information contact
Dale Inman 0432 604 759



BUNDABERG TABLE TENNIS

SPRING JUNIOR CAMP



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

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