



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

22nd November 2024

Tuesday evening we held our 20<sup>th</sup> Cultural Night at Shalom College. 20 years ago, Mrs Barb Byrne and then Principal, Mr Stephen Dale, came up with an idea to celebrate the talent born from St. Patrick's amazing Strings Program. Barb's passion for music and singing were at the grass roots of the outstanding music program we are afforded today. We acknowledged not only Barb (who now has her grandchildren embarking at St. Patrick's) but also those who have kept it going all of these years. Mrs Kate Hardisty, Mrs Bernadette Connolly, Mrs Jed Morley, Mrs Christie Jacobsen and Mr Adrian Brookes are some of the top performing artists and tutors in this region. We are so blessed to have them work with our talented students. Their passion was truly reflected through the students who performed proudly and enthusiastically for their parents. Giving each Year 3 student the opportunity to learn an instrument is a large, yet worthy commitment and it was wonderful to see fruits from their labour this week. We are grateful to parents who drive their children early to school for lessons, listen patiently to rehearsals and have been these students' biggest cheer leaders.

Cohen from Year 2N read a reading from the Ecclesiastes as part of 2N's reflective Courtyard Prayer this week 'Two are better than one because they have good return for their labour, If either of them falls down, one can help the other up'. This was certainly true of Cultural Night, as it was a group effort from many community members. We couldn't have achieved such a successful evening without the staff who generously gave of their time backstage. Thanks to Tracey Cook, Matthew Plumb, Sean Killeen, Jo Driver, Cathy Keegan, Kellie Lerch, Kelsie Newby, Rebecca Lovejoy, Jessica Cullinan, Andrea Tindall, Amanda Modolo, Amelia Morine and Rachel Medley who assisted us to help our talented ones to shine. It certainly was a good return for a year of 'labour' from all involved.

Cultural Night always signifies the beginning of the end, with many more celebrations left for the St. Patrick's community to enjoy. The Children's Christmas Mass is one that many look forward to, at the Holy Rosary Church on the 24<sup>th</sup> December. It is another opportunity for our students to be involved in a meaningful and creative way. All children that are interested in playing a special part in bringing to life the Christmas story are invited to sign-up on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Novakoski Hall (behind Holy Rosary church). It would be wonderful to recognise many familiar faces, when we come together to remember the true reason for the season.

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*

### Children's Christmas Mass

Come join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24 December - 5.30pm - Holy Rosary Church

All the children are invited to be involved!

Come to the sign up Tuesday, 3 December at 3.30pm to 4.00pm in the Novakoski Hall (behind Holy Rosary Church)



Everyone is welcome!



School Website Link



Parish Bundaberg Link



School Facebook Page



**ABSENTEES**

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### 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT—JOY

This week we reflect on the theme of Joy for the third Sunday of Advent.

The third Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday December 15 this year. This week of Advent is a significant observance in our liturgical calendar, marking an important stage in the Catholic Christmas preparation season. It is known as Gaudete Sunday, stemming from the Latin term Gaudete, meaning 'rejoice.' Its purpose is to instil joy and anticipation among us before Jesus Christ's birth. This occasion is symbolized by the pink candle and its lighting on the Advent wreath, signifying a joyous period. Pope Francis reminds us 'Do not be afraid to share with others the hope and joy of the risen Christ! Nurture the spark that has been kindled in you, but at the same time share it. You will come to realize that it grows by being given away!'



### MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Every year the St Patrick's school community, led by our Mini Vinnies Team, donates items to assist those less fortunate at Christmas. St Vincent de Paul collects these donations from us and distributes them to families in need. We are asking each year level to donate specific items for our Christmas Appeal. By each year level donating something different we will be able to make Christmas hampers for local families in need. Donations can be placed in the labelled baskets outside classrooms.

## MINI VINNIES' 2024 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

*Our Mini Vinnies Team would love your help with these donations:*

- PREP: NON PERISHABLE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINKS
- YEAR 1: TOYS (UNUSED)
- YEAR 2: BOOKS (UNUSED)
- YEAR 3: NON PERISHABLE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINKS
- YEAR 4: BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES AND SPORT EQUIPMENT (NEW)
- YEAR 5: CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS (NEW)
- YEAR 6: NON PERISHABLE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINKS

*Donations can be left in the labelled baskets outside classrooms*

*We need your help to make Christmas special for those in need.*

**Please Donate**

## SPORTS NEWS—SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 29 November at the Bundaberg Swim Academy.

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am

Years 5 & 6: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Presentations: 2:00pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2012-2014)

**'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 2016 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 can elect to do the same, or alternatively 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.



# CELEBRATION NIGHT

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## WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Our annual Celebration Night is our last social event of the year to showcase our students perform Christmas Carols to their families. To ensure the event is weatherproof, we will hold the event in the MPS and due to limited space, it will be run over two sessions as follows.

**Session 1 - Prep, Year 1 & Year 2** Arrive at 5:00pm for a 5:15pm start. Concludes at approximately 5:45pm.

**Session 2 – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** Arrive at 6:00pm for a 6:15pm start. Concludes at 7:00pm. We ask that you do not arrive before 6:00pm to allow students and parents of Prep – Year 2 to depart the school.

Please bring a folding chair for adults and siblings. Students will sit with their cohort at the front of the stage area. Parents and siblings will sit behind the seated students. Parents attending both sessions are welcome to bring dinner, however, please keep in mind we have limited space in the multi.

All students are to wear Christmas colours, unless classroom teachers have specified otherwise.

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.

## BOOKLISTS

## CANDY CANES

Booklists have been sent home with your child last week and have also been added to the St Patrick's Primary School website under [Booklist Specifications](#).

If you wish for AASTAT to compile your order free of charge please note the booklist needs to be lodged to them by **31st December**.

Item Name	QTY	Price	Total
1 Document Holder, Plastic Velcro & Gasket	2.00	1	2.00
2 Display Book, 20 Pcs Matte White	2.00	1	2.00
3 Clipboard, 40 x 25cm	4.00	1	4.00
4 Clipboard, A4 PVC	0.00	1	0.00
5 Case, Clear PVC, Mesh A4 30x21cm	4.00	2	8.00
6 Case, Clear PVC, Mesh A3 42x30cm	7.00	2	14.00
7 Clips, White, 12	0.00	2	0.00
8 Markers, Coloured, Fine Tip, 12	2.00	1	2.00
9 Markers, Coloured, Broad Tip, 12	2.00	1	2.00
10 Pens, G2 Pk 12, Low Res. Ink	7.00	1	7.00
11 Pencils, Coloured, 18x30cm 2 Sps. No bigger monthly	4.00	1	4.00
12 Pencils, Coloured Full length Pk 12	2.00	1	2.00
13 Pencil Sharpener, 40mm	0.40	1	0.40
14 Pencil Sharpener, 40mm	1.00	1	1.00
15 Scissors, 15cm Slanted (left hand)	3.00	1	3.00
16 Earphones, 3.5mm, stereo	0.00	1	0.00
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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.



## IMPORTANT END OF YEAR EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Friday 29th November	Senior Swimming Carnival		Bundaberg Swim Academy
Monday 2nd December	Year 1 Nativity Play	9:00am	MPS
Tuesday 3rd December	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	MPS
	End of Year Excursion—Year 6	10:45am—12:30pm	Norville Pool
	End of Year Excursion—Year 3	11:30am—2:00pm	Reading Cinemas
Wednesday 4th December	End of Year Excursion—Prep & Year 1	8:45am—11:15am	Shalom Movies
	End of Year Excursion—Year 2	9:00am—11:15am	Inflatable World
	End of Year Excursion—Year 4	11:00am—1:30pm	Shalom Movies
	Celebration Night	5:00pm—7:00pm	MPS
Thursday 5th December	End of Year Excursion—Year 5	9:00am—12:00pm	Bundy Bowl
Friday 6th December	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	MPS
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:00am	MPS
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	More information to come

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE GROUP

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY? YOU'RE INVITED TO**

*Join our Conference Group*

**Have a spare 1 to 2 hours a week?**

**We are passionate about assisting people in need.**

**HOW YOUR PASSION AND SKILLS CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

- Interviewing people in need, listening to their stories, giving them assistance
- Packing hampers, re-stocking shelves, updating the database
- Using computer skills
- You can also volunteer in the store or warehouse.
- Enhance and share your faith journey with other like-minded people and more...

Meetings are held fortnightly at 12:30pm (not necessary to join).  
Training provided; no experience necessary.  
Family Support is open Mondays, Tuesdays  
and Thursdays (9am to 11:30am)

Express your interest by scanning the QR code  
or emailing: [bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au)  
National Police Check will be required.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
QUEENSLAND  
*good works*

“Have a spare 1 to 2 hours a week and want to make a difference in your community? You're invited to join our Support Centre and Conference/Group. How your passion and skills can help make a difference:

- Interviewing people in need, listening to their stories, giving them assistance etc.
- Answering phones, booking appointments, updating the database etc.
- Using computer skills

Enhancing and sharing your faith journey with other like-minded people.

Meetings are held monthly, 12:30pm. (Not necessary to join). Training provided, police check required, no experience necessary. Family Support is open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (9am to 11:30am) There are other skills required not listed, why not enquire now? EMAIL: [bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au) Phone: 4339 3751 Forms: <https://forms.office.com/r/MHsttcDpq8>”

## OUT AND ABOUT



Help give families a hand-up to get kids back-to-school ready

### BUNDABERG POP-UP SHOP JANUARY 2025

Bundaberg Recreational Precinct Exhibition Room (Off Main Pavilion), Douglas Lane

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Open: Mon: 8am – 4:30pm | Tues to Thurs: 8:30am – 4:30pm | Fri: 8am – 12pm



[www.schoolsavvyq.com](http://www.schoolsavvyq.com)

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### What is school savvy? by CatholicCare

As a *not for profit*, community-driven initiative, School Savvy takes the position that there is no place for casting judgement on anyone who needs to ask for help.

#### Program Overview

School Savvy CQ is an annual back to school resources initiative designed to assist both junior and senior school students from families who are struggling financially.

Basic stationery supplies and second-hand school uniforms are made available to families at very low-cost, during pop-up shops held throughout January of each year.

The goal of School Savvy is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to be well-equipped and ready to make the most of each new school year, regardless of their family's financial position.

CatholicCare has successfully run School Savvy CQ for the past six years, with pop-up shops opened across Bundaberg, Childers, Gin Gin, Gracemere, Mackay, Rockhampton, the Capricorn Coast, and Mount Morgan. In 2024, School Savvy CQ opened a brand new pop-up shop in Gladstone.

#### Eligibility

School Savvy does not individually assess pop-up shop attendees against any set eligibility criteria. Instead, an honesty system is actively promoted and encouraged where users:

- Only access the program if they are struggling financially
- Take only the resources they need
- Consider others when purchasing

School Savvy believes strongly in not setting an eligibility criteria because of the stories that attendees tell. The reasons for families needing to access School Savvy supplies vary greatly. From unexpected job losses to grandparents who take custody of children at short notice, a lot of School Savvy attendees are often in temporary situations where they do not qualify for alternative assistance programs.

#### School Savvy 2024 by the numbers



[www.schoolsavvyq.com](http://www.schoolsavvyq.com)

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# JOIN OUR HOLIDAY ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS!

Fun activities for local Bundaberg kids, aged 10 - 14, to explore the world of robotics.

Using the latest Lego robotics kits and held out of Elliott Heads State School, workshops last from 2.5 to 5.5 hours. With activities from sumo wrestling to soccer to autonomous rescue bots, there's something for everyone!

Join now!

Workshop Dates  
Week 1: 16/12 - 19/12  
Week 2: 6/1 - 8/1  
Week 3: 13/1 - 15/1

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