

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

25th March 2022

#### **Dear Parents**

If I'm honest, as much as I advocate for making Lent a time of reflection, I've failed this year. Somehow in the business of life, I just haven't made the time and I'm the poorer for it.

Thankfully though, this coming Friday, all staff from across the diocese, will join through Zoom for our annual Bishop's Inservice Day. It's a time when individually, as a school staff, and as a diocese we look at how we are travelling in terms of our own faith and at the Catholic Identity of our own school community.

I'm looking forward to it. After a term with plenty of challenges for families and for our school, we all get the chance to reset. As for staff, we will look at how we are going, what we can work on into the future and how we might do it. We will have input with our Bishop, our Director and from Religious leaders in Bundaberg, and I'm confident we will emerge from the day with a sense of optimism and direction.

I hope you and your families get the same opportunity. This term has been tough on our students, you their parents and on our staff. Please try and find some down time where you can reflect on how your family is travelling. Make an effort to reconnect in a meaningful way and take the time to reset and recharge.

Despite the challenges as a school, we've had the chance to fit in a visit from a magician, Dance Night, our Junior Obstacle Course and on Monday we have Cross-Country. We are planning further events for next term, and hopefully you will continue to be able to join us.

I just have to finish with thanks. Our school staff have hugely exceeded my expectations in generosity. As a community, parents have been nothing but supportive. Our students have been amazing with the way they have adapted.

A special thanks to Mellisa Doyle who has been a God-send for Year 4 this year. She has done an amazing job – and we are all in her debt. Larisa Green re-joins us in a reduced capacity next term and we are very grateful to have had Larisa with us for this term in Year 5.

Enjoy a very safe, happy and holy Easter and I hope to see you as we share the Easter story with our students at school next week.

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## LAST WEEK OF TERM

Monday	Senior Cross Country Shalom College	9:00am	Year 3 to Year 6
	Palm Sunday	2:00pm	Year 4
Tuesday Tuesday	Holy Thursday	9:00am	Year 4
Wednesday	Good Friday	9:00am	Year 5
Thursday	Easter Liturgy	9:00am	Year 6 and Prep
	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 next Monday 28 March.

Expected event times are as follows:-

1.	9:10am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2011 &amp; 2010</b> (11 & 12yrs)	3km - A Division
2.	9:40am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2012</b> (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 <b>2012, 2011 &amp; 2010</b> (10-12yrs)	1km - Fun Run

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

## **Important Information**

- Buses depart to Shalom College at 8.30am
- Students to wear sports uniform with house coloured shirt. Alternative athletic shoes are permitted.
- Students must take hat and water bottle.
- St Patrick's tuckshop can be ordered and will be supplied upon the students return to school.



## SPORTS NEWS

#### **SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS**

- Senior Field Events (students born 2010, 2011 & 2012) Monday 20
   June (Week 10, Term 2) St Patrick's
- Senior Athletics Carnival (students born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013) Wednesday 22 June (Week 10, Term 2) Shalom College
- Junior Athletics Carnival (students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013) Friday 24 June (Week 10, Term 2) St Patrick's Senior Oval
- District Athletics Carnival—3 & 4 August St Luke's Anglican School
- District Cross County—Friday 13 May—Avoca State School, 12:00pm
- Year 3-6 Interhouse Swimming Carnival: Friday 25 November (Week 8, Term 4)



## BUNDABERG SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

### DISTRICT TRIAL INFORMATION

Congratulations *ERIN KIRK (Tennis)* and *DARCY REEVES* (*Touch Football*) who have been selected to represent the Bundaberg District in their respective sports. Well done Erin and Darcy and we wish you both an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the upcoming Wide Bay

selection trials.



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

### FINANCE NEWS

#### **School Fees**

As Term 1 draws to a close, a reminder to finalise any overdue fees. By now, payment plans should be well established however if you do wish to consider starting a regular payment plan at any time, please phone or email Finance Officer Brooke Bone at <a href="mailto:spbg">spbg finance@rok.catholic.edu.au</a>.

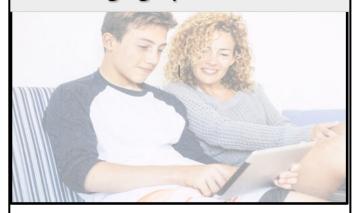
Please ensure you take time to review your statement and do not hesitate to contact Brooke at any time if you have any queries.

## **OUT AND ABOUT**





## **Bringing Up Great Kids**



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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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 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
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June 12:30pm to 2:30pm

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Contact Dave Delpratt Bundaberg Table Tennis 4155 2388 / 0418 526 968 bundytt@bigpond.com

Spinneroos gives kids a great first experience with table tennis!

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#### weeks of fun!

Program includes a kit bag, t-shirt, bat and balls!

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#### Learn new skills!

Your child will learn all the basics to enjoy the great game of Table Tennis.

Spinneroos will develop your child's passion for the sport and experience all the benefits of an active and lifestyle, including hand-eye coordination, increased mobility, building friendships and having a great time!

Table Tennis is great for fitness, and provides valuable time away from video games and electronics in a safe environment.

#### Table Tennis is perfect for children of all abilities!

You will be warmly welcomed by the

Every 1 hour session will consist of warm-up, off-the-table activities, on-the-table activities and fun games

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## Sign up NOW!

The focus is on FUN! Your child will have FUN playing table tennis at every session!

You will receive your very own spinneroos bag to get you started; a t-shirt with your child's name, balls and a bat - all delivered to your home!



