



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

7 October 2022

While driving to Brisbane over the holidays, I caught an ABC radio interview with Patrick Stack.

He led with, "When you ask AFL Industry people about Geelong and the secret to their success, you almost always land on two words - [the culture.](#)"

If you watched to the end of the Penrith Panthers versus Parramatta Eels Grand final, you would have heard the same two words **the culture** - used to name the reason for Penrith's dominance in the NRL.

Stack concluded that in essence, culture and success at Geelong, was about having the right people in the right place at the right time doing the right thing. I don't think our school is any different. If we are successful, it is because of our culture.

In our own school, we're blessed to have found the right people to lead St Patrick's. In Annette Hammermeister, Tracey Cook and Jo Driver, I have friends and colleagues who are committed to not **only doing things right, but more importantly, to doing the right things.** People who have been trusted to lead and who consistently exceed my expectations. They provide our staff and students with the example, courage and guidance to do the same. They develop our school's culture each and every day.

Our staff develop that same culture of respect in our classrooms, on our playgrounds and in our offices. The children in turn also create culture. They set standards for character and behaviour by their own actions and challenge the poor behaviour of their peers when needed. The direction and feedback offered by our School Board in conjunction with the everyday support of parents, absolutely enhances our culture.

Many people have asked me will I miss school - and of course I will. What I think I will really miss the most, is being a part of our school's culture - working with people who want to do something big and meaningful with their lives. People who are passionate about enriching the lives of our school community members and who bring that energy with them day in and day out. You can't create culture through policy or guidelines. People and their actions create culture, and in turn culture forms people.

In some way, directly or indirectly, students, staff and members of the school community have enhanced not only the lives of our students, but also the lives of each other and my life as well. For that I will be forever grateful to you all.

Mark Fox

BOOKCLUB

PARENTS & KIDS

ORDER NOW

Book club catalogues have been sent home with your child today. All orders need to be made **ONLINE via LOOP payment** on the Scholastic website, as no cash orders can be accepted.

Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

All orders are due by **Monday 17th October**. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.

MISS LEESA JEFFCOAT VISIT

Yesterday we had the pleasure of a visit from our Diocesan Director, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat. She was able to join with the School Community for Courtyard Prayer, have afternoon tea with our staff and have a walk around our beautiful grounds. It is always so nice to share the things we love about our school with Miss Jeffcoat.



SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations, **Kooper Lane** on your recent achievements at the Wide Bay Athletics Carnival held in August. Kooper competed in the AWD class of competition and his performances and achievements were outstanding.

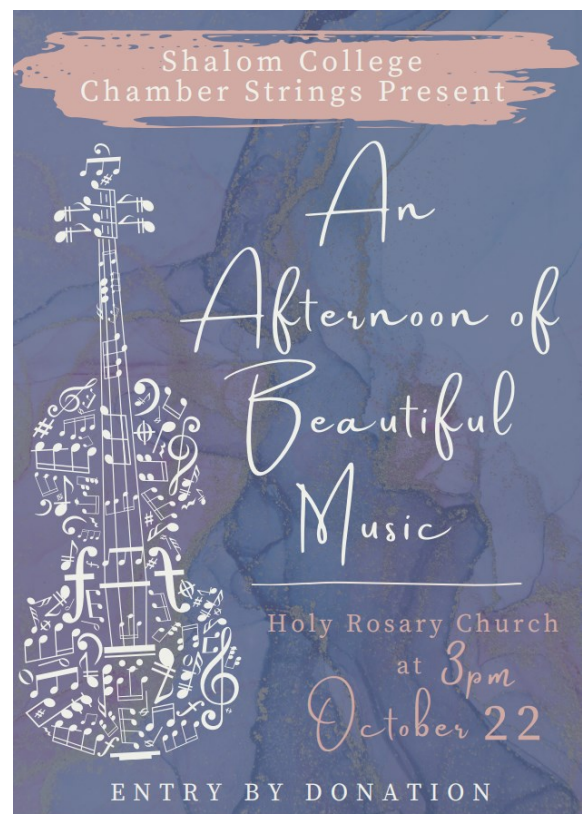
1st 800m & Shot Put

2nd Long Jump, 100m & 200m.



AN AFTERNOON OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

The Shalom College Chamber String Ensemble will present 'An Afternoon of Beautiful Music' at Holy Rosary Church at 3pm on October the 22nd. This concert, which is an annual event, is always a crowd pleaser with music chosen to cater to all tastes. From the classics, through the romantics and into the contemporary world, there is sure to be something in this program for everyone. Entry is by donation and funds raised will go to the Catholic Mission.




BUS TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Semester 2 2022 applications for the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme is available for eligible families to assist with the cost of travelling to school.

Applications close 31 October.

Please login to [Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme \(NSSTAS\)](https://www.schooltransport.com.au) ([schooltransport.com.au](https://www.schooltransport.com.au)) to check eligibility and make an application.





Student Travel Rebates

Semester 2

Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school **outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$45/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$35/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](https://www.schooltransport.com.au) during October.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st October.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 2	Year 1	3 Volunteers Required
Week 3	Prep	2 Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 6	3 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 5	3 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 4	3 Volunteers Required
Week 8	Year 3	3 Volunteers Required

If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.

NEW SPEED CAMERA TECHNOLOGY

In a world-first road safety initiative, new speed camera technology will soon target speeding drivers at selected school zones across Queensland. Everyone has a role in keeping our roads safe. It is imperative drivers reduce their speed to the signed 40 km/h speed limit and be aware of activity by students on or near the road. Speed cameras will only operate during school zone times at the selected schools. Parents, and carers dropping off or picking up students are urged to comply with school zone speed limits. Those who slow down will not be penalised.



OUT AND ABOUT

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC KINDERGARTEN

Open Day Saturday 15 October
9.00am to 12 noon



Contact us on 4994 9348

St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten, 39 Woondooma Street,
is having an open morning for prospective families
on Saturday 15 October

Come along and

Check out the facilities

Meet the staff

Talk to current parents

Children (and parents) can have their photos taken with Banana's in Pyjamas
Yes B1 and B2 will be on site!

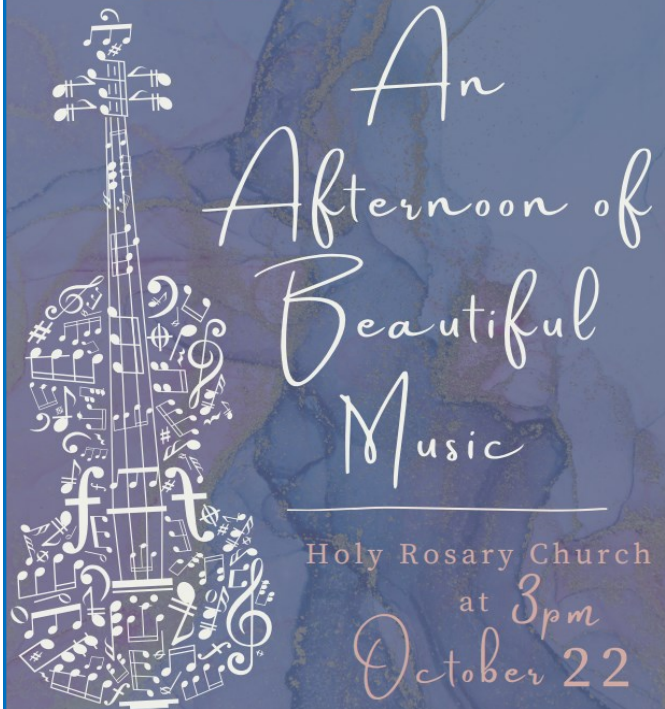
For further information please call either:

T 4994 9348

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Shalom College
Chamber Strings Present



An
Afternoon of
Beautiful
Music

Holy Rosary Church
at 3pm
October 22

ENTRY BY DONATION



OUTDOORS
NON-CONTACT

HAVE A BLAST!

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS WITH A DISABILITY – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

BUNDABERG CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Junior Blaster program starting 14th Oct

at Salter Oval

From 5pm - 6pm

Ages 5-7

HAVE A BLAST. BE PART OF THE CREW!

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast. It's a fun and all-inclusive program for kids with a disability – whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard cricket star!

- ✓ It's easy to join a crew and make awesome new friends.
- ✓ Wear the colours of your Big Bash heroes.
- ✓ Parents warm up, you can join in too!
- ✓ Outdoors, non-contact.



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities.

Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with a Backpack, Ball and choice of bonus item!



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT



MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills.

Sign up now for your Master Blasters Pack!



Contact the association for more info:

0447255288

bjcmuller@bigpond.com

Register at playcricket.com



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OUT AND ABOUT

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Sunday October 23rd 2022

Location: Nielson Park Bargara

Time: From 3pm

Gather at this beautiful family-friendly beachside park location to spend time with other bereaved families and remember our little ones gone far too soon.

To register visit <http://tix.yt/bundabergwtr>



Queensland Mental Health Week 8 - 16 October

Our stories. Our community.

You are not alone!

The energetic and caring youth of Bundaberg want to step up and help spread positivity! This project by the Youth Development Action Team (YDAT) of the Bundaberg Regional Council aims to boost mental health by sharing positive and hopeful stories about mental health. By collecting and displaying inspiring stories about how you overcame your challenges, or your continued journey, we hope to be the uplifting light in what can be a difficult topic.

We are trying to bring the **Bundaberg community together** in a spirit of hope and encouragement. Please fill out the online submission through the QR code here or use the postcards provided to send the message **you are not alone!**



Online submissions close 16 October, 2022.

This event was funded (partially or fully) by the Queensland Mental Health Commission through the Queensland Mental Health Week Community Events Grant Program



Hosted by



Compassionate Communities

Families who live with and care for children with life-limiting illness; or who have experienced the death of a child face many significant challenges in their lives.



Some of these challenges are inevitable, although are the result of the ways illness, disability death and grief are largely misunderstood (or often avoided?) in contemporary society.

In the 21st Century, families facing serious illness and death often find their world becomes over-medicalised; at the expense of their social and community connections.

Families facing grief and bereavement may experience labelling or even perception of mental health disorders existing from prolonged grief.

All these challenges can understandably leave many community members thinking grief is too complex, too difficult or too painful to talk about outside of a therapist or doctors office.

This in turn leaves many grieving people feeling isolated and lonely in grief.

But what if it hadn't always been this way?

What if we could do things differently?

We humans have been caring for the ill, the dying and grieving for as long as we have been humans.

Could it be that communities have held a much more central role in caring for both young and older people who are sick, dying and grieving than we currently do?

Could it be that all the community has some role in supporting re-learning these important life-skills?

If these sensitive but heartfelt matters matter to you - we encourage you to come along to this compassionate communities workshop:

Saturday 22 October

10am - 1pm

Bargara Cultural and Community Centre
Hughes Road, Bargara

Complimentary refreshments provided

RSVP to 4130 4158 or
email comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au

Featuring:

- Practical Strategies for supporting carers and grieving people in your community from professional caregivers.
- Words of wisdom from parents and carers with lived-experience.
- Opportunities to reflect and connect with other people in your area considering these important matters.



1300 883 699
bundaberg.qld.gov.au



TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 4th October - 7th October		
Monday	QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Tuesday	First Day Term 4		
Wednesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
WEEK 2	Week 10th October - 14th October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Mini Vinnies
Thursday	Whale Watching Excursion	All Day	Year 6
WEEK 3	Week 17th October - 21st October		
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2023
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3S
Wednesday	Year 1 Excursion Botanical Gardens	8:45am—11:30am	Year 1
WEEK 4	Week 24th October - 28th October		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
WEEK 5	Week 31st October - 4th November		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
WEEK 6	Week 7th November - 11th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2H
Friday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8:40am	Year 5
WEEK 7	Week 14th November - 18th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	5:00pm	Music
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
WEEK 8	Week 21st November - Friday 25th November		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am	Years 3 & 4
		11:00-12:30pm	Years 5 & 6
WEEK 9	Week 28th November - Friday 2nd December		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 End of Year Excursion	11:00am	Year 6
Wednesday	Celebration Night	6:00pm	Whole School
Thursday	End of Year Liturgy	1:00pm	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	2:00pm	Whole School
Friday	Last Day of School	All Day	Whole School

2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March
TERM 2	Monday 17 April - Friday 23 June
TERM 3	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September
TERM 4	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December