



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

26th April 2024

This week started with 5P leading us in prayer and calling us to be peacemakers. 5G developed this idea further, as they led us in a reverent and thought provoking, prayer CELEBRATION focussing on ANZAC DAY. In my reflection, I noted how I believe that celebrating ANZAC Day is more about 'peace' than 'war'. Not unlike the Easter Story, it is a story of great sacrifice which was made so that we would lead a more peaceful life. Jesus and the ANZACS, headed out on a mission that would most certainly end traumatically for themselves, but became narratives that would be passed on to remind each generation of the importance of being 'peace makers' in a world that is often sent into chaos. We often say 'Jesus has no hands but ours'. Each year, fewer veterans can march and one day will have 'no legs but ours'. This week, students from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 designed and wrote heart felt Post Card messages to Veterans and those linked to the RSL. I received an e-mail this morning expressing one individual past soldier's gratitude for this act of kindness. It was wonderful to see so many of the next generation stand in solidarity Thursday morning to remember all that have made sacrifices for our country. Lest we forget! I was proud to see us do this so well as a Bundaberg community, but especially on behalf of the St. Patrick's community. We formed a sea of green, with many staff and students joining us at the 8:30am service. I was also humbled by the number of past and present Parents, Grandparents, and students that I noted taking on extra responsibilities, as part of the formal ceremony.

Sacrifice and what it takes to represent one's country, are nothing new for our talented PE Teacher, Miss Taryn Gollshewsky. Taryn does an amazing job balancing her commitment to our students and preparation for what we hope will be a spot in the Paris Olympics, which is fast approaching. Taryn won the Australian Championships, but is still required to jump through a few more hoops (or should we say throw a few more discuses) before qualifying for her place in the Australian Team, which will impact Weeks 5, 6 and 8 of this term. We have invited back Mr Mark Fox and Mrs Julie Watts to continue to provide the high level of Physical Education that Taryn affords our lucky students. We wish Taryn all the best for the months ahead! A big thank you to Taryn and Lucy Storey for running a smooth Junior Obstacle Course this morning. This was the perfect entrée to the Year 3-6 Cross Country which we will roll out Monday.

Recently we advertised the position of Learning Support Teacher to support Mrs Leah Walton and her Learning Support Team. This was a position that attracted a lot of interest, and interviews were held over the past two weeks. I would like to welcome to Saint Patrick's, Mrs Rebecca Holden. Bec is well known in the Bundaberg community, as having a strong background in Learning Support. She has been working in a similar position and will certainly bring great expertise and knowledge to our existing team, which I know Rebecca is very much looking forward to joining.

Last week, Mrs Amanda Modolo was announced as the Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE), whilst Tracey Cook takes well-deserved Long Service Leave. Mrs Teagan Newton and existing Teacher, Mrs Emma Donovan will take on Amanda's hours and this will begin from next week. Teagan relocated to Bundaberg this year from St. Brigid's, Emerald and has already proved a great asset to our school. We welcome her as she commits to a more substantial role within Year 5.

Today we received welcomed news that our very own Mrs Sandi Lascelles and Mrs Sonya McMillan had been nominated as the Bundaberg's Best Prep Teachers. Please scan the QR Code opposite to show our support of these wonderful ladies via this NewsMail feature. We certainly do have amazing teachers on our staff and a big **THANK YOU** to those supportive parents that make this newsworthy.

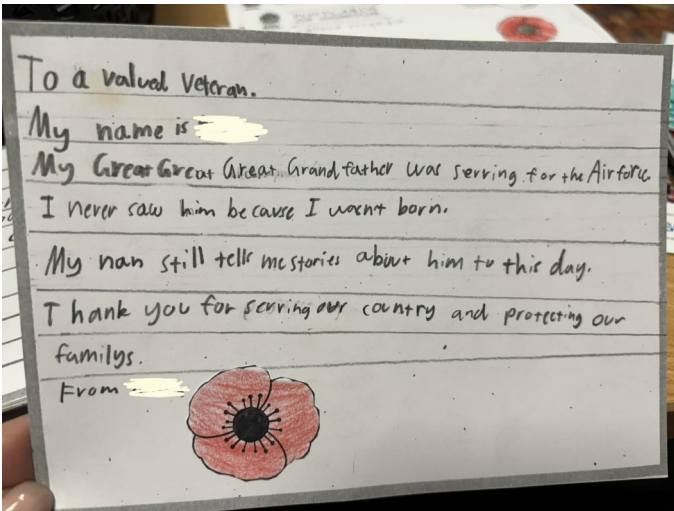
This Sunday we will celebrate Children's Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Powers Street at 9am, as advertised last week. I hope to see you there!



*Kim O'Shea-Hard*

# ANZAC DAY 2024

Our Anzac Day commemorations this year included; participation in the Bundaberg Civic Ceremony and March, our whole school Prayer Service led by 5G, 5P's Courtyard Prayer and sending postcards to local Veterans. We were blessed to have Sergeant Leon Hart be with us to read The Ode, Miss Kate to play the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems and Emilio from Shalom to play The Last Post and the Rouse on the trumpet for us. Our students were outstanding ambassadors for our school at such important events. Lest we forget.





**Parish Mass  
Invitation**

All family and friends of  
St Patrick's  
**Year 2 Classes**

Are invited to join us for  
**Parish Mass**  
On Monday, April 29  
@9am  
In St Patrick's Church

MOTHER'S DAY

On Friday, May 10 we will once again be holding our Mother's Day Prayer Celebration. We really value the mothers in our community and would love for you all to join us in celebrating them at our Liturgy on May 10, at 9.00am in the Multi. Please ensure you send one photo per family of mum and the kids to [spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au) no later than Wednesday May 8 to be included in the presentation. We look forward to celebrating with all of the special ladies in our community.



**St Patrick's  
Mother's Day Liturgy**

Friday 10th May  
@ 9am in the Multi

We would love to include a 'mum and me' photo in our liturgy. Please send in one photo per family to [spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au) no later than Wed 8th of May.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACCESS & PARKING

### AFTERNOON ACCESS & PARKING

Please note **Powers Street access** to our school will be **locked at 3:20pm** of an afternoon. If you require to be on the premises after 3:20pm for interviews or collecting students from OHSC, musical rehearsals, sports training sessions etc, then you will need to park and access the school via the Administration – Mulgrave Street car park. This is to ensure we don't have members outside of our school community accessing our school grounds of an afternoon, as this is more easily monitored from the Mulgrave Street entrance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter to ensure the safety of our students and staff involved in activities on our premises after school hours.

Parking of an afternoon can be tight for the first few minutes of pick-up. **Thanks for resisting the temptation to park across our neighbours driveways or in no parking zones.** We did have some complaints last term, but this seems to have eased. It is important to be courteous of our neighbouring properties of a morning and afternoon. We appreciate your continued understanding and support in this space.

## NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL



More details regarding National Walk Safely to School will be provided in due course.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Friday 10 May 2024

### National Walk Safely to School Day



## BOOKCLUB

### PARENTS & KIDS

**ORDER NOW**

Book club catalogues were sent home with your child last week.

A reminder that all orders need to be made **ONLINE via LOOP payment** on the Scholastic website via [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

All orders are due by **Wednesday 1st May**.

As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.

## SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY



# SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY YEARS 3-6

Monday 29th April

*Shalom College*

- Buses depart school at 8:30am on Monday.
- Students to wear sports uniform/hat with house coloured shirt. Alternative athletics shoes are permitted.
- St Patrick's tuckshop can be ordered and will be supplied upon the students returning to school.

**WHEN:** Monday, 29 April 2024

**WHERE:** Shalom College

### **Event Times:**

1.	9:10am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2013 &amp; 2012</b> (11 & 12yrs)	3km – A Division
2.	9:40am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2014</b> (10yrs)	2km – A Division
3.	10:10am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2016</b> (8yrs)	1km – A Division
4.	10:20am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2015</b> (9yrs)	1km – A Division
5.	10:30am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2014, 2013 &amp; 2012</b> (10-12yrs)	1km – Fun Run

Boys in each age group will start first, with the girls starting 30 seconds later.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Age Champions (10-12yrs) and Overall Champion House will be presented immediately after the event at Shalom.

### **ALL STUDENTS**

**MUST** run in school sports uniform with house coloured shirt.

**MUST** run in footwear. The course will be clearly marked and supervised.

**MUST** bring their school hat and water bottle. Sunscreen will be provided by the school upon leaving the school grounds on the morning of the carnival.

**Students placed first and second in A Division Born 2012, 2013 & 2014 will be considered for selection to compete at the Bundaberg District Cross Country trials to be held at Avoca State School on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Qualifying times need to be met to participate in the District carnival.**

'A' Division students are invited to attend a 'Walk the Course' afternoon at Shalom on Wednesday, 24th April at 3:45 pm. This is a great opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with their respective events. There will be no changes to the 1km, 2km and 3km courses that were run in 2023.

All students finishing 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> place and competing in A Division races will receive a ribbon for their place in the event. All other students will be advised of their final position in the race on the day. A warm invitation is open to all interested parents to support their child/children during this event. Approximate times have been outlined above, although please understand that there may be a need for flexibility with these times. Parking will only be made available in the Arts Precinct carpark (the first carpark to the left off Brother Hogan Drive). Please note the Staff toilets in the Shalom Sports Centre will be available to adults on the day. The toilet facilities in the 'Hangar' Sports Shed are for student use. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

## FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** unless you have a payment plan in place, in which case this merely serves as a statement for your records.

Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary, Brooke, if you have any queries or wish to setup a



Please make sure to check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools, your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of our school. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

Please see below school fee payment options that are available. Alternatively, payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

### **Direct Deposit**

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

### **Recurring Credit Card Billing**

If you wish to make regular recurring payments as you would normally from a bank account but prefer to use a Credit Card so as to gain advantages of frequent flyer points etc., it is as simple as completing a form. This form is available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab, titled Direct Debit by Credit Card Form. Otherwise please contact St Patrick's School Finance Secretary Brooke Bone at [brooke\\_bone@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:brooke_bone@rok.catholic.edu.au) to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

### **BPay**

BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast, and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A BPAY logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement, if you choose to pay this way.

### **Parent Lounge**

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

### **Direct Debit**

If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Brooke Bone for assistance or simply download, complete and return the form titled Direct Debit by Bank Account Form available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab.

### **Centrepay**

Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments. Our CRN is 555 053 656K and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

# TERM TWO PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 15th April - Friday 19th April</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 22nd April - 26th April</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	5P
Wednesday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	8:40am	5G
Thursday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY</b>		
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course - Prep to Year 2	9:00am	St Patrick's
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 29th April - 3rd May</b>		
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Years 3 to 6	9:00am	Shalom
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 6th May - 10th May</b>		
Monday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY</b>		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 13th May - 17th May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	District Cross Country - no interschool sport	All Day	Avoca SS
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 20th May - 24th May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 27th May - 31st May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Thursday	<b>BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY</b>		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 3rd June - 7th June</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1M
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 10th June - 14th June</b>		
Monday	Field Events Day - students born 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1H
Friday	Senior Athletics Carnival - students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	Shalom
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 17th June - 21st June</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1Z
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	All Day	St Patrick's

# OUT AND ABOUT

**PLAY**

## St. Patrick's Catholic School

**FOR the KICKS**

Parents please note there is no school supervision at this weekly clinic and parental supervision is required.

**FIRST SESSION | Thursday 9th May**

**TIME | 3:15pm - 4:15pm**

**DURATION | 6 Weeks**



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## St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten

# Open Day

**Wednesday 29 May 2024**  
3.30pm–5.30pm

Fun activities for children  
Come and take a tour and explore our Centre.  
Meet our dedicated team!

Contact Us  
Ph 0436 114 480  
39 Woondooma St Bundaberg



Early Learning & Care

## HOT SHOTS

TENNIS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Our qualified coaches will provide personalised instruction to help your child to develop technically and tactically in a fun and nurturing environment. The program will foster sportsmanship and enhance their coordination, speed, strength, and agility.

**Costs**  
Term Fee : \$70  
Annual Club Membership : \$20

**All equipment provided!**



**When :**  
Tuesday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm  
Thursday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm  
Saturday: 9 am - 9.45 am  
\*One session may be attended by your child each week.

**Where :**  
6C Powers St, Bundaberg West

**tennis bundaberg**

For bookings and additional information  
Phone : 0434345048

Does your 8-14 year old child struggle with reading?



### GRIFF LINC READING RESEARCH



**FREE ONLINE TUTORING FOR 6 MONTHS**

Students must be available 2 -3 times per week for 30 mins

The Griff Linc Reading Research team has developed a new tutoring method for middle years students struggling with reading. The tutors use artificial intelligence to write short texts specific to your child's interests and reading level, and use a six-step teaching method during each tutoring session. The researchers collect data on your child's reading assessments at the beginning and end of the project, as well as video recordings of the tutoring sessions. This data will be used to evaluate the impact of the project on middle years students struggling with reading.

**RESEARCHERS:**  
Professor Beryl Exley & Dr Frances Hoyte

**TO APPLY:**  
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GU Ethics Reference Number: 2024/201