



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

3 February 2023

Today, we inducted our Year 6 students into their leadership role at St. Patrick's, for 2023. The theme was 'journey'. I met with student leaders on Tuesday to share one of the best examples of how to lead a community on a journey, modelled to us by geese. I was first introduced to this analogy many years ago, but over the weekend I found this short, simple explanation of the lessons to be learnt from a flock of travelling geese.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrgz6pqSutI>

Students viewed this clip. Then on a picture of geese, flying in perfect 'v' formation, I asked individuals to identify where they pictured themselves on their Year Six, St. Patrick's journey. Next I challenged students to write a short explanation of why. Responses were written quickly, whilst sitting on the carpet, but students responded well and some were happy to share their reflections (see following page).



Whilst some students identified themselves strong enough to lead from the pointy end of the flock, others felt more comfortable honking 'encouragingly' from behind. However, this was a 'trick question' on my part, as there will be times during the year where they might find themselves in many different leadership scenarios. Just like the geese in this clip, there will be times when we must 'take turns' and 'share leadership'. Their gifts, talents or skill set might find them most suitable to 'fly point', during different times of the year. For example; sports carnivals, Assembly Prayer, Mini Vinnies, Reef Guardians, class activities and daily routines. It might be that the ones who start strong, tire or 'drop out of formation' in order to accompany the student who might be down, sick or needing to be 'supported and protected'.

Ultimately, the lessons learnt from geese are ones that complement our whole community as we aim to journey in unison, to successfully reach our destination. Sunday morning at St. Patrick's 9am Mass, Fr. Don, shared Matthew 5:1-12 and fleshed out this Gospel for parishioners. As I listened, parallels were easily made between the lessons from the geese and the Beatitudes. I wondered if Jesus looked to nature that day as this preamble to his 'Sermon on the Mount' is a blessing for those encountering life's most demanding moments. Alternatively, the geese may have been listening intently. Either way, both messages remind us that there will be times when we are called to 'drop out of formation' to support and protect those afflicted in our community. It is also liberating to learn how in our own time of need, there will be those willing to support us back to the fold. The Gospel also reminds us of how 'blessings' can be born from our most challenging life experiences. One of our 2023 'Whole School Learning Focuses' is to 'develop a whole school culture of mutual support' so let's fly like geese and savour the journey... always!

Congratulations Year 6...this is a special year for you! Fly high, support each other and make the most of every moment.

Kim O'Shea-Hard



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS continued—Year 6 Leadership Task

I think I would be one of the geese that dive down if one of them get shot.

Cooper

I would always stay back & help the people that are hurt & need caring for.

Ruby M

I think I am towards the front because I think I will get more confident later, because its only week 2.

I like going at the bottom cause I feel more safe and connected, using teamwork

Jeron

I want to be a leader because

I want to take Respons...

I think that I would be at the back to help those who drop out.

Cadel

at the back because I cheer people and make people happy.

I like Helping and Supporting

Toward back →

Other people

I think I would be around the start of the middle because I don't want to be the MAIN person, but I also don't want to be the last.

I want to be at the front to take responsibility I also want to lead others to make right Decision.

Lachie T.

Towards the front →

I feel confident and helpful to other people.

I think I would be near the back because if a person is hurt I can support and help them and I also feel comfortable at the back.

I like to lead by example as I enjoy Helping others

have made someone smile.

I love to be a little bit of everything. I love to help people and encourage people because it makes me feel good

I think I would be at the back, As I would fly down and help them fly back up and help them.

Natalie

I think that I would close to the front because I don't feel amazingly confident to be a really good leader.

I reckon I'm a leader because or at the very front as

I'm a very sensible/mature person. I'm capable to be a leader to all the younger kids and to showing them what's the right thing to do.

I picked this bird because I am kind & I want to make everyone smile.

Lilah Nash

Helper honker toward back

I would be in the middle because I'm not a leader goose, but I'm brave and I will venter out.

I think I'd be somewhere in the middle because I do like to do stuff or things that others wouldn't do, I also think I help people when they need it, happy or sad.

I like the Back because I like helping People when they are hurt or when they drop out.

Hayley Clarey

Adeline

I think I am at the front because I show leadership and I can be a good leader.

I can lead every one with encouragement and show them how to be a good leader.

I think I'm a leader because I'm good at helping anyone I meet, even if I don't like them

Love Peyton Lindeman

I am near the front of the flock because I can volunteer to almost anything and I can be a good leader.

Hailey Gibbons

I think I'm the honker.

All different positions → I like to be a leader but some times

I like to encourage others. I think I'd be comfortable with being second to the front. I choose this because, I like being a leader but also

Lach van Spiteri

I would be behind the leader to help the leader when he gets tired.

enjoy encouraging the other to fly forward.

Liam Toward front why I put myself there is because I like to help

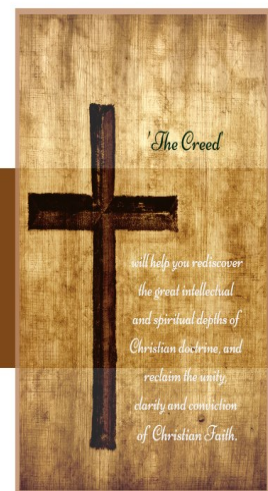
APRE NEWS—YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

Today our year 6 students stood before the school community and pledged their commitment to leading our school. It is always a proud and nervous time for the students and parents alike. We heard the words of Peter in our liturgy today saying that, 'Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others'. I have every confidence that this year's grade 6 students will lead our school in the service of others very well. They are already stepping up and taking on more responsibility with both Mini Vinnies and Reef Guardians groups coming together. I look forward to working closely with our 2023 School Leaders.



CATHOLIC PARISH SESSIONS

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS WEBINAR



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Adult Faith Formation

THE CREED

presented by: Bishop Robert Barron

Each Monday at the Parish Office

Session 1: 1.00pm

Session 2: 5.15pm

Commencing 13th February.

Concludes 20th March.



'RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS'

Education Queensland

All Catholic School Parents/Carers & School staff,
please join us for a **FREE WEBINAR** on
Thursday 23 February | 7PM - 8PM



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ROBYN ROSENGRAVE

Director, Department of Education and Training
Curriculum, Teaching, Leadership, Rural and Remote

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Please be aware of the following points when collecting students from the three exit points of our school – Mulgrave, Powers & George Streets.

- **Staff supervision duties end at all three exits at 3:20 pm.** Gates will be locked at this time. The Mulgrave Street gate remains open for families accessing Outside Hours School Care (OHSC).
- If you arrive after 3:20 pm and find gates locked, then proceed to the School Office on Mulgrave St as students who have not been collected before this time will be directed by the teacher on duty to proceed to the Administration building.
- We fully understand that parents may be delayed on occasion, although this should not be a regular occurrence. Outside Hours School Care is provided by our school for parents who regularly cannot collect students before 3:20 pm. The contact information for OHSC is Claire O’Connell (0417 199 586). It should not be the expectation that our Office administration staff supervise your child regularly.

- **George St (Bus Gate): This is predominately an exit gate for bus students.** It is an extremely busy duty and your help to make this area as safe as possible for our students is greatly appreciated by considering the following:

- If you choose to park and collect your child from George St, then it is expected that you meet your child at the gate and walk them to the car. Staff will not permit your child to cross George St unaccompanied.

- If you park and wait for older siblings to arrive by bus from Shalom, then we ask that your child/children who attend our school and waiting in the pick-up area, are collected and supervised by you in your vehicle at 3:00 pm.

Only students catching buses at 2:45 pm are permitted to leave their classrooms on the bus bell. It has been noted that some children are being collected by parents before 3:00 pm at the George St exit. If you wish to collect your child before 3:00 pm, then you are expected to sign out your child from the front office. Please do not instruct your child to meet you at the gate before 3:00 pm.

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please note that dogs are not allowed on school grounds without the prior approval of the Principal.



ADULT TOILETS

Visiting adults and toddlers **ARE NOT TO USE** student toilets within St Patrick’s during school hours or while attending school functions. If you require toilet facilities while on campus please seek direction from Administration staff to use the staff toilets in A Block. Your cooperation and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated to ensure and enhance the safety of our students.



ADMINISTRATION CARPARK

Parking in the Mulgrave Street Administration Carpark is for staff only. This carpark has been specifically designed for a Pick Up and Drop Off Zone and Parents are not to park in this area from 7:45am – 8:45am and 2:45pm – 3:30pm, as parking and reversing severely disrupts the Pick Up and Drop Off process during these times. The only exception to this is for our families who use our designated Disabled Parks in the staff carpark.

DATE CLAIMERS

Please note
the Pupil Free
Day this term
is Friday 17th
February

DATE CLAIMER



BUNDABERG
Catholic Schools
RACE DAY

WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, 11th MARCH 2023

THEME: "CITRUS SPRITZ"

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE ONLINE AT THE START OF THE 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Looking forward to your continued support of this annual fun day out for the Catholic Schools Community. Further enquiries please contact Peter O'Beirne on 0419 787 279

We are seeking donations from any of our families that can be put towards prizes and raffles for this year's event.

If you are able to help, please let us know at spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au or alternatively call into the office.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday Sausage Sizzles are held each and every Friday commencing next week. Monies raised from the sizzle are directed towards charity organisations or to subsidise extra-curricular events held throughout the year. If your child wishes to participate, please send the appropriate money (\$2 per sausage) with your child to give their classroom teacher. They will then receive the required amount of sausages at first break lunchtime.

Seeking Volunteers—Each week we require volunteers to assist with the serving and clean up of the sizzle. 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.

Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 3	Year 6	No Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 5	2 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 4	2 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 3	2 Volunteers Required
Week 8	Year 2	3 Volunteers Required
Week 9	Year 1	2 Volunteers Required

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Instrumental music lessons commenced this week and rehearsals for Junior and Senior string ensembles will commence next week. Please check the information sent out from our musical tutors Mrs Bernadette Connolly, Mrs Kate Hardisty and Mr Michael Goodall if your child is required for ensemble rehearsal.

Junior & Senior Choir rehearsals will also begin next week. Both Senior Choir and Junior Choir will be held before school every Tuesday morning as noted below. New students are most welcome to join a choir, no auditions are held and everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions about the music program please enquire with the front office.

Ensemble and Choir Rehearsals Timetable

Junior Strings Ensemble	Monday	7.30am-8.30am
Senior Choir Ensemble Years 4-6	Tuesday	7.30am-8.10am
Junior Choir Ensemble Years 1-4	Tuesday	8.15am-8.35am
Senior Strings Ensemble	Thursday	7.30am-8.30am

SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2023

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter each week detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events.

Gaining selection in a Bundaberg District Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg District, students must be born 2011, 2012 & 2013 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March.

Please be aware of the following points:

- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects students in U10, U11 and U12 categories due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg District trials are not 'have a go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb, Ms Gollshewsky or Annette Hammermeister. Students will not be able to participate in the trials without a **Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form**.
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aquathlon are the exceptions – Wide Bay School Sport are responsible for the selection of these teams.

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2023

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Basketball	Boys & Girls	U12	Monday 6 February Thursday 9 February	Bundaberg Basketball Stadium	3:45– 5:00pm
	Boys & Girls	Born 2011 or 2012	Tuesday 7 February Thursday 9 February	Bundaberg Touch Association	3:45- 5:30pm
Golf	Boys & Girls	U12	Wednesday 1 February	Nominations due today	

WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT TRIALS—2023

Wide Bay School Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue Time
Swimming	Boys & Girls	Born 2013, 2012 & 2011	Nominations close Friday 17 February	Chandler Aquatic Centre
			Qld 10-12 Year Championships held on 26-28 March	

FINANCE NEWS



A reminder to all families that fees have been issued today and are payable **by Friday 17th February** 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 you wish to setup a payment plan.

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 Brooke Bone 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 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.

OUT AND ABOUT



THAT'S MY GAME

Pop-Up Blast

St Patrick's Bundaberg
Wednesdays, 22nd Feb - 15th Mar
3:15pm - 4:15pm

Girls Only Event!



www.playhq.com

That's My Game Wide Bay



2023

COME & TRY DAY



**ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS.
AGES 5-16 BOYS AND GIRLS.
HAVE A KICK, BRING A FRIEND,
MEET OUR COACHES.**

**KICK OFF ANYTIME: 4-6PM
TUES 7TH FEBRUARY 2023**



FARTHING PARK

**MARKS STREET,
BUNDABERG NORTH**

OFFICIAL BUNDABERG CRICKET EVENT PARTNERS



LYNNY'S BACK !!

WITH THE BULLS MASTERS IN 2023

TRIPLE 93.1 BUNDY

KID'S FACE PAINTING

\$100 FOR EVERY SIX CAUGHT IN THE CROWD

**REARDON • FORREST • DALE • RACKEMANN
BOYCE • MAHER • FELDMAN • KASPROWICZ**

1.00pm **BUNDABERG MASTERS** v **BUNDABERG YOUTH INVITATIONAL XI**

6.30pm **BULLS MASTERS** v **BUNDABERG XI INVITATIONAL XI**

CANTEEN & BAR FACILITIES ARE OPERATING

FREE KIDS SUPER CLINIC 4.30pm to 5.45PM - MAIN OVAL

DATE : SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023
VENUE : SALTER OVAL, 39 TAKALVAN STREET, BUNDABERG
TIME : Gates Open 12.00pm
6.30pm Bulls Masters v Bundaberg Invitational XI
PRICE : Adults \$5.00 / Kids Under 16 Free

Funds raised go to the Bundaberg Cricket Association



BUNDABERG & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

2023 JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

FREE COME & TRY NIGHTS

***** Friday 27th January 7.00 - 9.00pm
and
Friday 3rd February 7.00 - 9.00pm*****




It's Free, Every Player Receives a Free Drink & Ice Block

Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre
Kendalls Rd, West Bundaberg (Opposite Airport)

Term 1 Junior Season Starting Soon in February 4.30 - 6.30 p.m.

Junior Coaching Every Friday 7.00 - 9.00 p.m., starting in February
PLUS Every Monday & Tuesday 4.00 - 6.00 pm
Starting from Monday 23rd January

Contact Dave Delpratt (0418 526 968)
or bundytt@bigpond.com to nominate, or for more information.

Bundaberg & District TTA Inc acknowledges the support given by:




TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 2	Week 30th January-3rd February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Opening School Liturgy and Year 6 Induction	9.00am	Whole School
WEEK 3	Week 6th February–10th February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5T
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 6
WEEK 4	Week 13th February–17th February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 5	Week 20th February–24th February		
Tuesday & Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3B
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8.40am	Year 6
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 5
WEEK 6	Week 27th February–3rd March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 4
WEEK 7	Week 6th March–10th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 5
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3L
Friday	Sausage Sizzle	9.00am	Year 3
WEEK 8	Week 13th March–17th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
Thursday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy (Year 6)	9.00am	Whole School
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 2
WEEK 9	Week 20th March–24th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2L
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 1
WEEK 10	Week 27th March - 31st March		
Tuesday	Palm Sunday	8.40am	4M & 4K
Wednesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4C
Thursday	Good Friday	8.40am	Year 5
Friday	Easter Liturgy	9.00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10.15am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11.00am-12.15pm	Whole School

2023 TERM DATES

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