



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

2nd February 2018

Many of you would be aware that this year we have reached capacity as a school. We have three classes in each year level Prep to Year 6 giving us a total enrolment just over 500 children. We have attracted students from other schools, other towns and even other countries, and I am delighted to welcome so many wonderful new families to our community.

I am particularly pleased that within our school, we have thirty-three children for whom English is a Second Language and twenty-seven children who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Our students are from a number of different ethnic origins. We also have a cross-section of Religions, and I love it. Our school reflects the community and the world our students, will grow up in.

Our students have the opportunity to get to know each other as people, and in doing so, almost intuitively, learn understanding, tolerance, and most importantly, respect. I want our students to be proud of themselves, proud of their family, proud of their heritage and proud of their school community.

At our school, we do expect respectful relationships between boys and girls, and between students of different cultural backgrounds. Into the future, we want our students to be leaders within our communities, and take that respect of self and respect of others forward.

In building this respect within our community, Dana Terare has really been an inspiration as our Indigenous Support Officer. When I asked Dana why she would want to leave a great job and come and work in our school, she wrote,

I want to be able to give back to this country which my grandfather and ancestors fought for. I want to create pathways for the future generations of indigenous people like me. I want the chance to give the young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, opportunities to be able to participate and expand their knowledge in things that I myself never got to do. It has always been a part of our culture to always provide a better pathway for our future generations.

Dana is proudly Indigenous, and she has inspired our Indigenous students to develop the same pride in themselves. What Dana wants for her people, is exactly what all of us as parents and teachers want. We want our children to have the best possible educational opportunities, and to make the most of those opportunities. It is what unites us as a school community. We all share this one goal.

Dana leaves us today to take on a new challenge, working with young Indigenous girls. She will be amazing, and as much as we will all miss her, we always knew she was destined to keep challenging herself to make a difference in the lives of others. We thank Dana, and wish her all the best for the future.

Mark Fox

KEY DATES FOR WEEK 3

- **STRING ENSEMBLES BEGIN THIS WEEK**
- Monday—Parish Mass 9.00am Year 3 to Year 5
- Tuesday -Thursday Morning Prayer 8.40am—5P
- Friday—Classroom Liturgy 8.45am—5B
- Friday—Awards only 11.45am



**PUPIL
FREE
DAY**

**Tuesday 13th
February**



Click our school crest to go our school website calendar.



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Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.

SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2018

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events. Students will also be informed on Parade. Gaining selection in a Bundaberg Zone Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg Zone, students must be born 2006, 2007 & 2008 (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:

- No student born 2005 is eligible to trial.
- 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 U10, U11 and U12 teams due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg Zone trials are not 'have 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 or Annette Hammermeister. Students will not be able 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 will call for nominations and students must include club times as part of their nomination.

Do not hesitate to contact Annette Hammermeister if you have any questions or concerns regarding Bundaberg Zone trials.



AFL Boys Trials: 12/19 February, ATW Grounds, Claytons Rd, 4:00 – 5:30pm.

Softball Girls & Boys Trials: 13/20 February, Bundaberg Softball Grounds, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Wide Bay School Sport – **SWIMMING** Nominations close 3:00pm 14th February. Nominations to Maryann Baren, St Luke's Anglican School Administration Office.

Tennis Boys & Girls Trials: 15 March; Rotary Tennis Courts, George St; 8:45am – 3:00pm



SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS

Senior Swim Carnival (Years 3-6) – BSA – Monday, 26th March

Junior Inter-House Obstacle Course (Prep - Year 2): Junior Oval, St Patrick's – Friday, 20th April

Inter-House Cross Country (Years 3 - 6): Shalom College – Monday, 23rd April

Field Athletics – St Patrick's – Friday, 15th June (Students born 2006, 2007, 2008)

Senior Athletics Day – Shalom College – Wednesday, 20th June (Students born 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009)

Junior Athletics Day – St Patrick's – Thursday, 22nd June (Students born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013)

Challenge Cup – Yeppoon 18th-20th July

SCHOOL SWIMMING—TERM ONE

During Term 1, all children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will participate in a five week Swimming unit as part of their Physical Education Program. A timetable showing classes and times is tabled below.



Dates	Year	Times
Monday 19 Feb – 19 Mar Weeks 5 - 9	3	9:00am – 10:00am
	4	10:00am – 11:00am
	5	11:00am – 12:00pm
	6	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Senior School Swim Carnival Week 10 Monday 26th March	3-6	Year 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am Year 5 & 6: 11:00am – 12:30pm

More details outlining arrangements for the Swim Program will be provided in an information letter to be sent via email in Week 3.

It would be most appreciated if **Year 5** students did not order from the tuckshop at **Lunch** on their swimming day due to the students not returning to school until 12:15pm. Please pack their lunch on a Monday for first break so that they are able to eat something at an allocated time before they leave on the bus. Year 5 students are able to order tuckshop for Afternoon Tea on their swimming day.

FINANCE NEWS

Information for new families and a reminder to existing families.

Fees

Invoice/Statements are emailed to families by end of second week of each term and are payable within 14 days unless you have a regular payment plan in place. In order to keep St Patrick's Catholic Primary School fees to a minimum, it is imperative that all of our accounts are paid on time. Contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies to establish a payment plan and/or confirm whether you have a direct debit plan you wish to amend and/or continue in 2018. **DIRECT DEBIT PLANS ARE NOT NECESSARILY AUTOMATICALLY CARRIED FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR.** Other payment options are outlined in the attached document.



If you have a valid government concession card, please present this to the Finance Secretary to receive your entitlement of 70% discount on tuition fees. Should you have any queries regarding your account, please contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies at spbg_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au or on 4152 1380 or call into the office at any time.

Student Banking

Student banking will continue each Monday. Click on this link to register your child <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> for student banking.

Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.

This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills. School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

New Super Savers reward items.

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term.

Available in Term 1:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Notepad.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Remember, with the Commbank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings.

Available to download from the App Store on any iOS+ device.

A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

These products are provided by the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition. Proceeding to be conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) ABN 123 123 123 123 at Level 20, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Prize is available from 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 13 years and over who have made 15 eligible School Banking deposits into their Commbank Prepaid or account during the Promotion period. Eligible accounts will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 per family. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 12 years and under, including 2 adults accompanying and 1000 AUD spending money, subject to 17% GST and 10% service charges apply. The draw will take place on 31/12/2018 at 10:00 AM AEST. The prize will be awarded to the winner in immediately prior to publication. Conditions apply. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking under Super Savers Grand Prize Competition. Promotion ends 31/12/2018. © 2018 Commbank. All rights reserved. CBA 11/17/2018

Get ready for a Super Savers adventure

This year, the Dollarmites are stationed in their superhero headquarters, ready to start a Super Savers adventure with students participating in School Banking.

There's eight new Super Savers reward items for students to select from when redeeming their 10 silver Dollarmites tokens. These include a handball, scratch pad, glow light, flying disc, glitter pens, heat-reactive pencils and a slushie maker cup.

Available in Term 1 is the Twister Power Handball and Secret Scratch Notepad.

TRIPLE P ONLINE

Get this school year off to the best start possible!

Set up your children for success – whether it's at the start, middle or end of their schooling years – with Triple P! Triple P is a positive parenting toolbox proven to help kids learn new skills, cope with stress, better handle their emotions, and communicate more effectively. You'll even notice the difference at home. Plus, it's free in Queensland. You can do it [online](#), in [large seminar](#) or [small group sessions](#), or [one-on-one](#). Find our more at www.triplep-parenting.net

TRIPLE P ONLINE

A PARENTING COURSE TO HELP YOU RAISE HAPPY, CONFIDENT KIDS.

Read with Me

parent volunteers

If you are interested in assisting students with classroom reading, we would love your help.

Please contact Mrs Terry Whan in Learning Support on

terry_whan@rok.catholic.edu.au



OUT AND ABOUT



Resilient Kids Workshop

The Workshop

Kids Resilience is for children aged between 8 to 12 years old. During 5 weekly workshops, children will learn about resilience, what affects their resilience and how to build their strengths.

Topics:

- What is Resilience and How to Build Resilience
- Importance of Self Esteem
- How to Develop Self Esteem
- Feelings and How to Express Them
- Bullying, Cyber Bullying and Online Safety
- Positive Relationships
- Finding your Strengths

Resilient Kids offers the opportunity to interact, have fun and learn practical skills.



Dates: This course is run over 5 consecutive weeks – Every Monday from the 26th of February to the 26th of March, 2018.
Location: St Mary's Primary School – Buzz Room
Time: 3:15pm – 4:45pm (afternoon tea provided)
Cost: \$30 per child, for entire course.

To register or for more information:
 Please call 1300 523 985 or email registrations@centacareca.com.

Mark your diaries now!



BUNDABERG Catholic Schools RACE DAY

WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, 17th MARCH 2018

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

Looking forward to your continued support of this annual fun day put for the Catholic Schools Community.

TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 22nd January—26th January		
Monday	First Day of Term		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	
Friday	AUSTRALIA DAY		
WEEK 2	Week 29th January—2nd February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5B
Friday	Opening School Liturgy and Year 6 Induction	9.00am	6L
	No Assembly and No Awards		
WEEK 3	Week 5th February—9th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year3 - Year 5
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5B
	Awards Only	11.45am	
WEEK 4	Week 12th February—16th February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8.40am	6R
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	
Friday	No Liturgy		
	Awards Only	11.45am	
WEEK 5	Week 19th February—23rd February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5W
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3K
	Project Compassion and Caritas (Mini Vinnies)		
WEEK 6	Week 26th February—2nd March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3ST
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3C
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	5P
WEEK 7	Week 5th March—9th March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3K
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5W
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	3ST
WEEK 8	Week 12th March—16th March		
Monday	Parish Mass - St Patrick's Day	9.00am	Whole school
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Friday	St Patrick's Day Mass	9.00am	6B
	No Assembly or Awards		
WEEK 9	Week 19th March—23rd March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6R
Friday	No Liturgy		
	Palm Sunday	10.25am	4C & 4W
WEEK 10	Week 26th March - 30th March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming Carnival - Yr 3/4 9-11am and Yr 5/6 11-12:30pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4L
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	Yr 5
Thursday	Easter Liturgy	9.00am	Yr 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10.15am	Prep to Yr 3
	Mini Fair	11.00am - 12.15pm	
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY		