



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

2nd February 2024

Time – where do we find it? Is there enough of it? How do we use it wisely?

I see devoted parents every single day at school running to and fro, taking their children to a myriad of extra-curricular activities, appointments and giving their children every possible opportunity to thrive. Busy-ness seems to be running rife, not just among our school community, but within communities throughout the world. Prioritising, slowing down, allowing ourselves to spend time just 'being' is becoming increasingly difficult. Our youngest students are exhausted at this time of the year, they are not yet 'match fit' for long school days. Our older students are keen to add more and more to their already jam-packed schedules. How do we as parents balance this?

If we look to the Bible for some inspiration and assistance with this question, we are told in the book of Ecclesiastes that there is a time for everything. 'All we can do is be happy and do the best we can while we are still alive... All of us should eat and drink and enjoy what we have worked for. It is God's gift' (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13). This sounds so simple, yet is exceedingly difficult. I believe we need to give ourselves permission to slow down, we are doing the best we can.

Today we had time as a school community to slow down and be with God. Fr Don led our Opening School Mass and he too spoke of all of the things we have already packed into the start of the school year. Fr Don also reminded us that making time for our Faith is a beautiful and cherished part of life at a Catholic School.

Earlier in the week our Bishop, Michael McCarthy, our Director, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat and our Assistant Director: Schools, Mr Stephen Dale took time out of their busy schedules to visit with our school. Bishop Michael and Miss Jeffcoat emphasised how important it is for them to prioritise time to be with us. It was so lovely to see the way in which Bishop Michael and Miss Jeffcoat interacted with our students. The students were so excited to have such special visitors to our school.

Time, we can and must find it for things most precious to us.

Tracey Cook

Assistant Principal Religious Education



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**Absentees**

4994 8336

[spb\\_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au)

# Pupil Free Day

Please note the Pupil Free Day this term is Friday 16th February

### WET WEATHER BEFORE SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

At this time of year we often experience wet weather, which prevents us offering Before School play to students in our playground/oval.

In the event of wet weather, please note that students who arrive before 8:15am need to gather outside the Prep classrooms under shelter. At 8:15am when staff supervision commences, Prep and Year 1 students will then be directed to the Junior Wing of the Library; Year 2 & 3 to the Senior Wing of the Library, and Year 4-6 to the Multi (MPS).

For students arriving after 8:15am, please proceed to your respective areas for supervision until the bell.



### ABSENTEES

Any student absentees should be notified to the office by 9:00am each day. Students arriving later than 8:40am should enter through the office to collect a late slip for the classroom teacher. If no notification has been received, an absentee text message will be sent out to parents each morning to advise the student absence.

Absentees can be emailed to [spb\\_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au) or by phoning 4994 8336.



### 2024 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS

Junior Obstacle Course	Friday 26th April	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
Cross Country	Monday 29th April	Years 3 to 6	Shalom College
Senior Athletics Day	Friday 14th June	Students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	Shalom College
Junior Athletics Day	Friday 21st June	Students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	St Patrick's
Swimming Carnival	Friday 29th November	Years 3 to 6	Bundaberg

## ADMINISTRATION NEWS



### 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.

### ADULT TOILETS

Visiting adults and toddlers **ARE NOT TO USE** student toilets within St Patrick's during school hours or while attending school functions after school hours (e.g. Welcome Dance Night). If you require toilet facilities while on campus during school hours, then please seek direction from Administration staff to use the staff toilets in A Block. If attending a school function after school hours, then the Church Hall toilet facilities will be made available for adult and toddler use. Your cooperation and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated to ensure and enhance the safety of our students.



### PICK UP PROCEDURES

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.

# SPORTS NEWS

## BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2024

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 2012, 2013 & 2014 (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.

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Netball	Girls	10-11 years	Thursday 29 February	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
		12 years Plus 10-11 yr call backs	Thursday 7 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
	Boys	10-12 years Plus 12 yr call backs	Thursday 14 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
Basketball	Girls & Boys	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 12 February Thursday 15 February	Bundaberg Basketball Stadium	4:15 to 5:30pm
Touch Football	Girls	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Friday 23 February Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45 to 5:30pm
	Boys	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Thursday 29 February Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45—5:30pm
Golf	Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close on Friday 1 March. A golf handicap will be required for nomination purposes. Please see Annette Hammermeister if interested or for more information.				

## WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT

**Swimmers must be born 2014, 2013 & 2012. The 2024 Queensland 10-12 Years Schools Swimming Championships will be held at Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane over 26 – 28 March.**

Parents must ensure to submit nominations by survey link by Monday 19th February. Students selected will be notified directly on the parent email provided.

### Nominate via this link

10-19 Years Nomination

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/bDRh03w>



10-19 Years Multi-Class Nomination

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/dLgh4QE>



Selection in the Wide Bay Regional Team is gained by submitting times swum in the 50 metre pool in a QSA sanctioned meet. When times are submitted, they must be verified by printouts from Meet Manager and then stamped and signed by the club's secretary or record keeper. If this procedure is not followed, times will not be accepted.



## SHALOM SAVE THE DATE

**Information Evening** - Wednesday 21 February 2024 - REGISTER NOW > <https://enrol.scbgrok.catholic.edu.au/information-evening>

**Open Day** - Tuesday 5 March 2024 - REGISTER NOW > <https://enrol.scbgrok.catholic.edu.au/open-day>

**Applications Close** - Friday 19 April 2024 - ONLINE ENROLMENT > <https://enrol.scbgrok.catholic.edu.au/secondary-school-enrolment/start>



# Save the Dates YEAR 7 2025



## INFORMATION EVENING

**Wednesday 21 February 2024**

**7.00pm-8:30pm**

Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

REGISTER at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)



## COLLEGE OPEN DAY

**Tuesday 5 March 2024**

**9.15am - 11.30am**

Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

REGISTER at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)



## APPLICATIONS CLOSE

**Friday 19 April 2024**

Online Enrolment

[www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)



**May-June 2024**

Appointments for interviews allocated & interviews commence

**By 31 July 2024**

Notification sent to advise of acceptance outcome

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE  
BUNDABERG

# Catholic Schools

RACE DAY 2024  
CELESTIAL CELEBRATION



OVER  
**18**  
EVENT

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024  
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE  
MARQUEE GATES OPEN AT 11:30AM

*Limited tickets available!*  
on sale 5 February

*Admission \$80*

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE MARQUEE  
PARTY, 2 FREE DRINK TICKETS,  
FINGER FOOD & A BUS TO THE CBD



*Tickets go on sale  
Monday 5 February via the link*

[https://www.trybooking.com/  
COQMY](https://www.trybooking.com/COQMY)

★ FASHION PARADE  
★ HUGE RAFFLE



## OUT AND ABOUT

BUNDABERG & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

### 2024 JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

**FREE**

**\*\*\* COME & TRY NIGHT \*\*\***

**FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY  
7.00PM - 9.00PM**

**\*\*\* It's FREE, EVERY PLAYER RECEIVES A FREE DRINK & ICE BLOCK \*\*\***



**AT THE BUNDABERG TABLE TENNIS NEWLY  
\*\*\* AIRCONDITIONED CENTRE \*\*\***

**KENDALLS RD, AVOCA... (NEXT TO THE BUNDABERG  
SHOWGROUNDS)**

**TERM 1 JUNIOR FIXTURES START FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY  
4.30 - 6.30 PM. NOMINATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 8TH FEB  
\*\*\* PLUS \*\*\***

**JUNIOR COACHING EVERY FRI 7.00 - 9.00 PM, STARTING FEB 9TH.  
ALSO, COACHING EVERY MON & TUES 4.00 - 6.00 PM**

**\*\*\* NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS WELCOME \*\*\***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO NOMINATE CONTACT DAVE DELPRATT  
(0418 526 968) OR BUNDYTT@BIGPOND.COM**

**BUNDABERG & DISTRICT TTA INC ACKNOWLEDGES THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY:**



## BUNDABERG BROTHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INVITES YOU TO COME AND TRY DAYS

**13th February & 20th February  
3.30pm til 5pm  
Brothers Training Ground (behind  
Brothers Sports Club)**



**Join us for a sausage sizzle  
afterwards**

**Have you always wanted to try  
something new? Join us for a fun-filled  
afternoon and discover the best game  
in world Rugby League!**



# IMAGINE THE FUN



### Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

**Bundaberg Cricket Blast (5-12y/o)**  
\$79 Per Participant (including Blast Pack)  
Thursday's 4pm - 5pm at Salter Oval  
Starts 8th February, Ends 14th March  
Scan the QR Code, or Search 'Bundaberg Cricket  
Association' on Play.Cricket.com.au



### SIGN UP TODAY!

[Q Play Cricket](#)

PROUDLY  
PRESENTED BY



# S.O.C.C.E.R

*Come and Try*

**MARTENS** | **SAT 17TH** | FROM  
OVAL | **FEBRUARY** | **11AM**

WE ARE HOLDING AN OPEN REGISTRATION DAY THAT WILL COINCIDE  
WITH OUR SENIOR TEAMS PLAYING IN TRIAL MATCHES.

**EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE YOU  
NEED TO START THE  
SOCCER SEASON WITH US...  
IN ONE PLACE!**

OUR SENIOR FOPL TEAMS WILL  
TAKE ON TEAMS FROM CENTRAL  
FOOTBALL CLUB FROM 2PM.

**COFFEE VAN ON SITE**

PLUS OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

FAMILY. FRIENDLY. FUN.







## Bundaberg Junior Golf Club

2024 Sign On  
And FREE Come  
And Try Day


Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Bundaberg Golf Club  
8am -10am

Our resident pro Jamie Bashforth will be on hand on the day to help and for all your golfing tips and questions

Divisions: 4, 6, 9, 13, 18

All ages and skill level welcome

See comments for further information

 Bundaberg Junior Golf Club

 bundyjuniorgolf@gmail.com

Membership details and inclusions in comments



Mark the date on your calendar

SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

8:30 – 10:30am

SKILLS AND DRILLS WITH TEAM COACHES

BBQ BREAKFAST AND DON'T FORGET THE **Waterslide**

Join us

**ALL AGES**

*U6 to U15*

*Boys and Girls*

Be part of the Magpie family!

NEW PLAYERS AND ALL

EXISTING PLAYERS



Danny Blair from the Dolphins

will be walking around saying g'day



**Bring a friend!**

To Register go to:  
[playrugbyleague.com](http://playrugbyleague.com)

Eastern Suburbs Magpies  
Bundaberg JRL

# GIVE HOCKEY A GO

Come along and enjoy a FREE 5-week program for All kids 4-13 years old to "Give Hockey A Go!"

FRIDAY NIGHTS

23 February – 22 March 2024

4:45pm – 6:30pm

Bundaberg Hockey Fields, North Bundaberg

**FREE - FUN - FITNESS**



# TERM ONE PLANNER

<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 29th January-2nd February</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Opening School Mass	9.00am	Years 3-6
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 5th February–9th February</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5M
Friday	Year 6 Leadership Induction	9.00am	Whole School
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 12th February–16th February</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8:40am	Whole School
Friday	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>		
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 19th February–23rd February</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 1 & 5
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 26th February–1st March</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Level</b>
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6K
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 4th March–8th March</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Level</b>
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2N
Thursday	Dance Night	5:00pm	Whole School
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 11th March–15th March</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2L
Thursday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Whole School
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 18th March–22nd March</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 2
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 25th March - 29th March</b>		
Monday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4M & 4K
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4F
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	5G
Thursday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:15am	Whole School

<b>2024 TERM DATES</b>	
<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 22 January - Thursday 28 March
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 8 July - Friday 13 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Monday 30 September - Friday 6 December