



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## Important Dates for Week 3

- Monday Parish Mass 9am—5P & ICN
- The Resilience Project 7pm Shalom Entertainment Precinct
- Tuesday-Thursday Morning Prayer 8.45am—5B
- Wednesday—Sacraments Family Session 7pm Parish Office
- Friday Assembly 10.25am - 5W
- Ensembles and choirs begin this week.



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Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.

## Term 1, Week 2

3 February 2017

### Principal's News

Dear Parents,  
We can probably agree, that during the US election, we did not always see the very best from those who sought to lead America. I did however greatly admire a speech by Michelle Obama. She was speaking about how she responded to her own daughters, when they saw some of the negative personal comments directed at their father.

***"How we urge them to ignore those who question their father's citizenship or faith. How we insist that this hateful language they hear from public figures on TV does not represent the true spirit of this country. How we explain that when someone is cruel or acts like a bully you don't stoop to their level. No, our motto is: when they go low, we go high."***

Forget the politics – how good is the parenting. What a great foundation these girls have received, by watching parents who refuse privately at home, and in public, to lower themselves to the poor behaviour of others. What a great motto for anyone to live by.

When we go high in our responses, we diffuse tensions and we educate others. We raise the bar, and show the expectations we have of those we deal with. Whether in our family, at our school, in sporting clubs, or as a nation – the only time we ever really succeed, is when we cooperate. It's not easy, but it is always worth the effort.

At our first Board and Parents' and Friends' meetings on Wednesday, I was absolutely proud to work with people committed to working cooperatively together to make things better for our students. Sensational.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday Night at Shalom Arts Precinct for the Resilience Project. At 6:30 you have the chance to meet teachers and ask any questions you may have about this year.

At 7:00 we will begin the presentation. **Parent Information Videos for each Year Level**

Parent Information Videos for each Year Level will be available on our website this weekend. Please take the time to watch them. They are informative, and they will answer many of the questions you may have.



## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse commences on February 6, 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this tragedy has occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis said recently, 'it is a sin that shames us'.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, 'find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated'.

Throughout the coming weeks, I want to assure you of my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to turn in prayer to the one who is always ready to listen: Jesus Christ, who brings healing and hope.

Yours in Christ,

*Michael McCarthy*

Bishop Michael McCarthy

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THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

The most important event of 2017

7pm, 7th February

Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

# DID YOU REMEMBER TO



## Organise care for the 15th February.

# PUPIL FREE DAY



### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

resumes on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am, or Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm in the Parish Office. This is a Parent & Child session on the Eucharist. Bring your workbooks.



### BUNDABERG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

#### LOOKING FOR PLAYERS

Players Born 2010-2012 – email [bundvnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:bundvnetball@hotmail.com)

For more information

Players Born 2009 and above contact one of our clubs

Allway Netball – Lyn 41528298

ATW Netball – Sandy 0401533222

Blazers Netball – Debbie 0428910691

Brothers Netball – Jodie 0432121791

Fusion Netball – Helen 0400692374

Natives Netball – Karen 0438159595

Western Suburbs Netball – Alex 0419737310

More details about our clubs can be found on our website

[www.bundaberg.netball.asn.au](http://www.bundaberg.netball.asn.au)

Find our clubs on Facebook.

### **BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE !**

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It's fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you'd like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on [rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au](mailto:rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au) or call 0438 689828.

### Support a Reader

We are looking for parents to help with reading in all year levels. If you have some time available during the school day please email Nicole on [nicole\\_cooper@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nicole_cooper@rok.catholic.edu.au) or call 41521380.



**GET in2FUN GET in2CRICKET**

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It's available for kids of all abilities and it's great fun, safe and teaches basic skills- helping kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket heroes.

All kids receive a **BONUS PLAYER PACK** when they register!

**St Patrick's Milo In2Cricket**

When: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
 Time: 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
 Cost: \$99 (7 week program) insurance, Bag, Bat, Ball, shirt, hat, waterbottle.  
 Who: Boys and Girls ages 5-8  
 Contact: Paul Trace- [Paul.Trace@idcricket.com.au](mailto:Paul.Trace@idcricket.com.au) or 0409 476 329  
 Register: [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

Visit [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET) to find out more



# Friends for Life

A program for Children 8 to 12 years

Friends for Life is a strength based program to assist children aged 8 to 12 years to deal with worrying or frightening situations such as giving a talk at school or being scared of the dark.

We all have frightening or worrying situations, no matter what our age.

This program teaches an awareness of our own responses and how to cope with them. We introduce problem solving skills to make a difference.

This is a 5 week after school program.

This program has been developed through extensive research from the Griffith University and each child receives their own workbook and other resources as part of the course.

**Parent interviews are required with the facilitator prior to commencement.**

**Registrations close – 16 February 2017**

**Starts:** Tuesday, 21 February 2017  
(5 weeks duration)

**Where:** UnitingCare Community  
3a River Terrace, Millbank

**Ph:** (07) 4153 8400 (**Bookings essential**)

**Time:** 3.30pm to 5.00pm

**Cost:** \$30.00 per child (Incl. afternoon tea & workbook)



If you require any further information or would like to register, please call UnitingCare Community between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Friends for Life is delivered by the Supporting Children after Separation Program (SCaSP).