



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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Eddie Woo. You will have heard of him. He has no less than 697 000 followers of his online maths tutorials. He has been recognized as being a top ten finalist in the Global Teacher Prize, and he was honoured as the 2018 Local Hero in the Australian of the Year Awards. If you're like me, you will have assumed him to be some sort of Maths geek, making a fortune from YouTube advertisements... and we'd both be wrong.

Eddie Woo's parents had migrated from Malaysia, leaving behind their families and careers, to come to Australia where they believed their children would get a better education which in turn would lead to one of the well paid professions – doctor, lawyer, accountant. His father in particular was bitterly disappointed when Woo declared he was going to be a mere teacher.

Woo was all set to study English and History in his teaching course, when a Uni professor asked that he consider Maths and Science. People with aptitude in these areas usually went into IT or Engineering where pay rates can be very high, and so there was a drastic shortage of qualified teachers in these disciplines. Woo determined to support these students who deserved quality Maths and Science teachers.

To understand what has led Woo to his selfless choices, you have to go back to his own school days. Eddie's mother who'd had never smoked, was diagnosed with lung cancer when he was about 15. It impacted him greatly. He managed and changed her oxygen cylinders and cared for her through the night. Eddie's parents chose not to share his mother's condition with anyone other than a few teachers. Caring for his mother during the night caused Eddie to often doze off at school, and he was allowed to sleep in sick bay. Through a very difficult time, he was supported both academically and emotionally at school. A good example is the following advice given to Eddie by his year advisor.

'It's hard for you to accept and believe what I'm about to tell you. But take what I'm about to say and put it in your back pocket and remember it. I've been teaching for a long time and I've met lots of different kids from many different backgrounds. I've met kids like you, and I know a lot about you as a person. I have seen your character and your personality, the way you approach your life and your studies and the issues in your family right now. I can assure you that whatever it is you're going to do in life, you're going to be successful. You're going to make a difference and you're going to do something important in the world. I know it doesn't look like it now. I know you're worried your final exams are going to go terribly, but I can see enough about who you are as a person on the inside, and I know that these circumstances are going to fall off of you one day. You've got to have that faith that things are going to come good and that there is light at the end of the tunnel.'

It changed Eddie's life and he in return wanted to equip his students with the attitude, the skills and the disposition to make a positive difference in the world.

Eddie now has versions of the same speech with many of his own students who find themselves in similar circumstances.

'I can see something about you, that you yourself can't see right now. You are on a trajectory and that there is a part of you not defined by your circumstances at the moment, and actually these circumstances if anything, are going to make you stronger. I don't want you to lose hope. I don't want you to give up.'

This passion for helping led him to post video maths tutorials for one of his students who was very ill and couldn't attend school. The videos were so good, that the student shared them, and now nearly 700 000 learners subscribe. Despite the money he could make, Eddie doesn't have advertisers on his channel – he doesn't want kids looking to improve their maths, put off by annoying commercials.

The other thing I really loved was Eddie's commitment to engage students by showing Maths in a context which would motivate his learners. Yesterday I had Mrs Wilson's Maths groups for a time. Her intention was to build speed and accuracy with the recall of addition facts, and to show children how to apply their knowledge of probability to improve their chances of winning. She did it through a simple card game. I loved watching the children learning and engaged for the whole lesson, and listening as they discussed how they used their knowledge of how many of each card was in the pack, to positively influence their game strategy. It was excellent learning.

I love that we have so many teachers like Eddie at our school who are teachers for absolutely the right reasons, and who share their love of learning by educating others. Definitely the sort of inspiration we all need.

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STUDENT ABSENCES



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KEY INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS

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| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am • Remembrance Day Memorial (Year 5) and Morning Parade 8.40am • |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am • Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 2B |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am • Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 2B |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 2B |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Liturgy 4W 8.45am • Interschool Sport Years 5&6 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Week 7 | Wednesday 20/11 | Cultural Night |
| Week 7 | Friday 22/11 | Year 1 Nativity Assembly |
| Week 8 | Monday 25/11 | Senior Strings to Retirement Homes |
| Week 8 | Tuesday 26/11 | Year 6 Graduation & Supper |
| Week 8 | Thursday 28/11 | Swimming Carnival |
| Week 8 | Friday 29/11 | Music Assembly |
| Week 9 | Wednesday 4/12 | Celebration Night |

APRE NEWS

MINI VINNIES' CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019



- Prep: Christmas decorations
- Year 1: New (unused) toys and books
- Year 2: Pet food - dry and tinned
- Year 3: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 4: Card games, board games, sport equipment
- Year 5: School and Art supplies
- Year 6: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks

COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE THE REASON FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...

Year 1 Nativity Play

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
9AM IN THE MULTI



CULTURAL NIGHT

St Patrick's Annual Cultural Night Wednesday, 20th November 6pm

at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 5.30PM FOR A 6PM START

St Patrick's annual Cultural Night will be held on Wednesday, 20th November 6pm at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct. Our Senior Strings, Senior Choir, Junior Strings, Junior Choir, Guitar Ensembles and Year 3 students will perform. This is the first time the Year 3 students will perform for such a large audience so it is a very exciting occasion!

All students will be required to wear the following uniforms for performances:

Group	Performance uniform
Year 3	Year 3 Strings performance uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White dress shirt – long sleeve button up with collar• long black dress pants• black socks, school shoes
Junior Choir	Prep: school uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 1-2: Formal school uniform• Year 3: strings performance uniform (see above)
Senior Choir Junior Strings Senior Strings	Performance Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black shirt – long sleeve button up with collar• long black dress pants• black socks, school shoes ◇ Year 3 students in Junior Strings will wear Year 3 Strings performance uniform
Guitar Ensemble	Formal School uniform

Following their performance, children will sit together in one of the classrooms close to the Performing Arts block, under teacher supervision. If you wish to collect your child before the end of the night please come to this area.

All performing students will travel by bus to Shalom with other performing groups from 11.30 onwards on Wednesday 20th November for a rehearsal on stage at the Performing Arts Precinct. Students will return to school by approximately 2.40pm. If your child is required to catch a bus at 2.45pm please inform the office or make alternative pick up arrangements on that day in the event that the returning buses are delayed.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Senior School Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)

Thursday, 28th November

Bundaberg Swim Academy, Fitzgerald Street

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am Years 5 & 6: 11:00am – 12:30pm

Presentations: 2:30 pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2007-2009).

All students are encouraged to nominate for a A/B/C division race in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events. **Students must nominate in at least one event in the program.** Novelty events will be included in the program. The carnival will involve all students and the aim is to make the day enjoyable for all students with an emphasis on maximum participation.

'A' DIVISION RACES Students born 2007-2010 (Age Champion Event) – 50m event in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Students nominating for 50m events need to be able to enter deep water either diving from the blocks or the side and swim correctly and confidently the entire 50m. Only students born 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 are eligible to nominate for this distance.

'B' DIVISION RACES Students born 2007-2011 – 25m event in freestyle, backstroke and breast stroke. Students nominating for 25m events will be starting in the pool and swim correctly and confidently the entire 25m.

'C' DIVISION RACES Students born 2007-2011 – 12m event in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Students nominating for 12m events will be starting in the pool and swim with or without the assistance of a kickboard to a half-way rope.

Children will travel by bus to the Bundaberg Swim Academy with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Students may wear their school sports uniform and House coloured shirt to school on this day. Year 3 & 4 students are asked to wear their swimming togs under their uniform upon arrival to school. Year 5 & 6 students will change into their swimming gear, sun-shirt and thongs/sandals prior to leaving the school grounds. Underwear, uniform, shoes and socks will remain at school and children will change into their uniforms upon returning to school after the carnival. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

All students are required to wear a sun-shirt as this meets with sun-safety regulations. The school will provide sunscreen for students. The only items that students will take with them to the pool are goggles, towel/s, water bottle and a bag to carry their belongings. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school with the Year 5 & 6 students eating before leaving the school.

HOW TO NOMINATE YOUR CHILD

Please login to [Parent Lounge](#) to indicate your child's race preferences by Wednesday, 13th November . Please choose only one option for Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke. Students must nominate in at least one event in the program. If your child suffers from any medical conditions which may affect your child's participation in the carnival, please advise the office of these details. All students are expected to participate unless there is a health matter that prevents their involvement on the day.

SHALOM COLLEGE—YEAR 7 UNIFORM FITTING REMINDER



**SHALOM
COLLEGE**
PROVIDING OUTSTANDING FUTURES



If you have a student commencing Year 7 at Shalom College in 2020 please ensure that you have made an appointment for a uniform fitting prior to the completion of the school year.

Bookings can be made online via the link <https://shalomcollege.youcanbook.me/>

Uniforms do not need to be purchased on the day of fitting, the Uniform Shop does provide a Lay –By service.

Payment options include: - Cash, Eftpos or Credit Card via phone. All enquiries please call Leanne on 41 558 121 at the Uniform Shop.

TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 6	Week 11th-15th November		
Monday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8.40am	Year 5
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2B
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4W
WEEK 7	Week 18th November-22nd November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 5
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
Wednesday	Cultural Night - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar	5.30pm	
Friday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9.00am	Year 1
WEEK 8	Week 25th November-29th November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Monday	Senior Strings to Retirement Homes		Senior Strings
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation Night	5.30pm	Shalom Sports Centre
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2H
Thursday	Senior Swimming Carnival		Years 3-6
Friday	Music Assembly - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar	10.00am	
WEEK 9	Week 2nd December - 6th December		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday	Celebration Night	5.00-7.30pm	
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9.30am	
	Year 6 Assembly	11.00am	Year 6
	School Dismissal	12.00pm	

NO Sausage Sizzle