



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

3rd June 2022

On Tuesday evening I attended Holy Rosary church to see some of our students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In my early years as a teacher, this ceremony was very rigid and solemn. Children learned endless doctrine from the catechism, and the Bishop would come and examine classes at the local Catholic School ensuring children were thoroughly prepared for the Sacrament. The ceremony was rehearsed and practiced repeatedly to ensure everything was perfectly performed. As a classroom teacher, I was held accountable if the Bishop was not satisfied with the preparation of the children or the ceremony was in any way less than perfect. Like so many aspects of our Faith at that time, fear and compliance played a major part.

I was delighted to reflect on how far our Church has progressed. During the ceremony, Bishop Michael welcomed the children up to the front of the church to join him. When he went through the commitments with the children, he phrased them in words they could understand.

One good example was that he asked if each of them were prepared to try and become the best person they could be. When they answered 'yes', he responded that this was such a great thing, because in becoming the best version of themselves, they helped make the world a better place.

Our Bishop has huge responsibilities. Our diocese stretches from Mackay in the north, out to Longreach in the west and down to Bundaberg in the south. In this huge geographical region, he is responsible for not only the priests and parishes in our diocese, but also Catholic Care (Centacare) and all our diocesan schools. Given this huge, and I would say unenviable responsibility, he took time to speak personally to each individual child as they received the Sacrament. Similarly, he set aside time just to be with our school community on Thursday.

I am the first to suggest our Church has a very long way to go, but it is changing, and it is pleasing to see that we are slowly becoming more about people than about rules. I sincerely hope it continues to evolve in this way.

Farewell Miss Yasmine

Yasmine Johnson joined us for a Gap Year after graduating Shalom, and she has been simply sensational. We seldom see such maturity, initiative, ability, kindness and consistent effort from someone so young and we are desperately sad to lose her from our staff. She has been loved by our students and staff. The only good thing about COVID is that it caused international travel restrictions which prevented Yasmine from leaving us sooner. We wish Yasmine all the very best as she departs for Canada to work overseas and we thank her sincerely for all she has been and all she has done for our school.



Mark Fox

Principal

APRE NEWS—PENTECOST AND SACRAMENTS

This week the children undertaking the Sacramental Program celebrated their Confirmation and will celebrate First Holy Communion (Eucharist) across all Masses over the weekend. These are very special celebrations when they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, confirm their commitment to being a member of our Church and are able to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. We are very honoured to have Bishop Michael at our celebrations and to have had him visit our school this week.

Bishop Michael joined us for Courtyard Prayer on Thursday where he prayed with us and our school community prayed our special Irish Blessing for him. It is always so wonderful to welcome the Bishop to our school. The students are always so curious and eager to meet him, they really enjoyed the time Bishop Michael spent in classrooms.

This Sunday also marks the 'birthday' of our Church. Pentecost signifies the end of the Easter Season and is the time that Jesus left us the gift of the Holy Spirit, it is written that the Holy Spirit descended to the Apostles and the Virgin Mary.



SMILING MIND APP

The school counselling team is excited to be able to make available a mindfulness app to all students and staff. The Smiling Mind app is designed to teach mindfulness skills to people of all ages. Mindfulness is used in the management of anxiety disorders and depression, but is also a useful skill for everyday life. We encourage parents to download this app and make themselves and their children familiar with it. We hope that it helps to put a smile on the mind of all in our school community.



ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE UNIFORMS

An advance reminder to our musical ensemble groups in readiness for the upcoming Eisteddfod/QCMF performances, to organize the required performance uniform while stock may be readily available.

The correct uniform for Senior Choir and Senior & Junior Strings ensemble is :-

- Black long sleeved button up shirt with collar
- Long black dress pants (no tights, skinny jeans, leggings please)
- Black socks
- Black school shoes

There is some limited stock available for purchase at the school office for \$5 each if you wish to secure in advance.

Please either see the office staff, or purchase the above items at local retailers to ensure you have the correct uniform for these performances in Term 3.

SPORTS NEWS—ATHLETICS CARNIVALS 2022

Program details for this year's Athletics Carnivals are detailed below.

- 1. 100M & 200M HEATS—Shalom College Friday 10 June (students born 2010, 2011 & 2012 only)**
- 2. FIELD EVENTS DAY – St Patrick's Monday 20 June (Students Born 2010, 2011 & 2012 only)**

9:00 am	Normal Classroom Routine			
	<i>Rotation</i>	<i>10yrs – Born 2012</i>	<i>11yrs – Born 2011</i>	<i>12yrs – Born 2010</i>
10:00 AM	1	Long Jump	Shot Put	Ball Games & Relay Practice
11:15 AM	Lunch			
11:40 PM	2	Ball Games & Relay Practice	Long Jump	Shot Put
1:00 PM	Afternoon Tea			
1:15 PM	3	Shot Put	Ball Games & Relay Practice	Long Jump
2:30 PM	Normal Classroom Routine			

All students compete in field rotations and 100m Heats. 200m is a nomination event. Year 4 students born in 2013 do not compete on Field Events Day; normal school routine for these students. *Tuckshop is available on this day for LUNCH only. No tuckshop is available at Afternoon Tea. Snacks are permitted to be eaten between events.*

- 3. SENIOR SCHOOL: CARNIVAL DAY – Wednesday 22 June (Students Born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013)**

Venue: *Shalom College*

Students need to arrive at school at 8:30 am, ready for bus departure to Shalom.

Students born 2013 do not compete in 200m & 800m events.

No tuckshop facilities are available for participating students at Shalom on this day.

PROGRAM:

9:00am	200m Finals	Students Born 2010, 2011 & 2012
9:45am	Ball Games	Students Born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013
11:00am	LUNCH	
11:15am	80 & 100m Semi Finals & Finals	Students Born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013
12:30pm	Relays	Students Born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013
1:30pm	800m Finals	Students Born 2010, 2011 & 2012
2:30pm	Bus Departure	

- 4. JUNIOR SCHOOL: CARNIVAL DAY – Friday 24 June (Students Born 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017)**

Venue: *St Patrick's Senior Oval*

House Captains need to be at St Patrick's at 8:00am to assist with the setting up of equipment.

Tuckshop will be a pre-order system from a limited menu. Menu and ordering information will be forthcoming.

PROGRAM:

9:00am	50m, 60m & 80m Finals
9:45am	Ball Games & Tabloids
11:00am	LUNCH
11:30am	Relays
12:15pm	Whole School Presentations – St Patrick's School – MPS (Age Champion will be awarded in the 2010, 2011 & 2012 age groups)
12:30pm	Normal School Routine

If you are aware your child/children will be absent on the above carnival days, can you please advise the office and therefore assist with the programming of events. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email if you have any concerns regarding any aspects of the carnival. (annette_hammermeiste@rok.catholic.edu.au)

UNIFORM FOR CARNIVAL DAYS:

Black shorts (no other colours or a team's insignia); **house coloured shirt** (polo shirt is preferred for sun protection); school sports **cap** or school formal **hat** to be worn; alternate sports shoes may be worn, no spiked footwear; **sunscreen** to be applied before arrival at school. Coloured zinc and hair spray is not permitted. Please ensure your child has sufficient **water** and **food** for required days.

COVID-19 UPDATE

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School wishes to advise you that, during the past week, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School regularly consults with the Catholic Education Office and relevant authorities and continues to follow the advice of Queensland Health regarding cleaning requirements.

Queensland Health has advised that no quarantine of students or staff is required as a result of school based contact.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/ children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/children at home
- Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results.
- Follow the advice of Queensland Health

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:

- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow and dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.
- practice social distancing from others where possible
- wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

FLU AND INFLUENZA ADVICE

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. Qld Health has advised that it has recorded an increase in the number of influenza notifications. Therefore, is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about the flu.

Flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.



The school requests that anyone displaying flu-like symptoms stay at home until such symptoms have passed. Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above. Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.

OUT AND ABOUT

AUSTRALIA PLAYER ID CAMP WEST HAM UNITED FOUNDATION







2 COACHES FROM THE CLUB IN LONDON WILL ATTEND THIS CAMP TO CONDUCT COACHING SESSIONS AND OVERSEE THE SELECTION PROCESS.

CAMP HOST: ELITE ELEVEN, HERVEY BAY

LOCATION: HERVEY BAY SPORTS CLUB
133-149 TAVISTOCK ST, TORQUAY QLD 4655

DATES: SATURDAY 2ND & SUNDAY 3RD JULY, 2022

COST: \$210 INC GST & CAMP SHIRT
(ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS \$110)

WHO: OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGES 7-16 YEARS OLD

SESSION TIMES: 10.00AM - 2.00PM BOTH DAYS

WHAT TO BRING: PACKED LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE, SHIN PADS AND SUNSCREEN

- SELECTED PLAYERS INVITED TO WEST HAM UNITED AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CAMP (GOLD COAST, 18TH - 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2022)
- PLAYERS SELECTED AT NATIONAL CAMP WILL BE INVITED TO VISIT THE CLUB IN LONDON AND TAKE PART IN A WEST HAM UNITED DEVELOPMENT TOUR

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Family Fun day

2022

FREE EVENT

**THURSDAY 30 JUNE
9am - 1pm**

**BOREHAM PARK
AVENELL STREET**

Theme: TRASH AND TREASURE
Dress up in your best RECYCLED costume!

TEDDY BEAR PARADE
includes PRIZES!
Plus NINJA OBSTACLE COURSE!

An integral part of the Fun Day is the **WELCOME BABY CELEBRATION** whereby each participating baby will receive a 'Baby Loves Bundaberg Region Pack', an acknowledgement Certificate signed by the Mayor and a small gift.





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Out and About



Registrations close 5pm, Friday 17 June 2022

The Welcome Baby Celebration held on Thursday 30 June from 9 - 10.30am at Boreham Park is an opportunity to formally introduce and welcome your baby as a valued member of the Bundaberg Region community.

Each participating baby will receive a 'Baby Loves Bundaberg Region' pack, a Certificate signed by the Mayor, a small gift, and their very own Welcome Baby Teddy.

Key information for parents or expecting parents wanting to register:

- Participating babies are limited to 150
- Your child must be 15 months or younger on the day of the event
- You must be a resident of the Bundaberg Region

To register your baby, complete the Welcome Baby Registration form available at bundaberg.qld.gov.au/welcome-baby. Registrations close 5pm, Friday 17 June 2022.

For information, please contact:

Bundaberg 4130 4149 comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au	Gin Gin 4130 4630 ggnc@bundaberg.qld.gov.au	Childers 4130 4690 cnc@bundaberg.qld.gov.au
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TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 19th April - Friday 22nd April		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY		
Tuesday	School returns on Tuesday 19 April		
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
Friday	Anzac Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 5
WEEK 2	Week 25th April - 29th April		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY		
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 3	Week 2nd May - 6th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 2
Friday-Saturday	Music Camp - Junior & Senior Strings		Chaverim
WEEK 4	Week 9th May - 13th May		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1C
WEEK 5	Week 16th May - 20th May		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1M
WEEK 6	Week 23rd May - 27th May		
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mrs Cook
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
WEEK 7	Week 30th May - 3rd June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N
WEEK 8	Week 6th June - 10th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
WEEK 9	Week 13th June - 17th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3L
WEEK 10	Week 20th June - 24th June		
Monday	Senior Field Events (students born 2010, 2011 & 2012)	TBA	St Patrick's
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3S
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (students born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013)	TBA	Shalom
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (students born 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017)	TBA	St Patrick's

2022 TERM DATES	
TERM 2	Tuesday 19 April - Friday 24 June
TERM 3	Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September
	PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 2nd September
TERM 4	Tuesday 4 October - Friday 2 December

2022 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS			
TERM 2	District Cross County	13-May	Avoca SS
TERM 3	District Athletics Carnival	3/4 August	St Luke's
TERM 4	Years 3-6 Senior Swimming Carnival	25-Nov	BSA