



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

15th March 2024

This week we enter the 5th week of Lent. At Mass on the weekend, it was wonderful to see familiar faces in the students who are presently preparing to make their sacraments. They would have noticed how we exited in silence, with no music. Lent is a time of somber reflection. A time to stop, let go of negative influences in our life and prepare for the renewed growth promised in celebration of the Easter season. I remember reading some time ago, a message from Rabbi Harold Kushner challenging us to reframe life events (good and bad) in a way that we see God's fingerprints all over them. He posed that in life it is easy to find God in the sunsets or a happy occasion, but suggested when we start to see 'God's fingerprints' on everyday occurrences, we begin to broaden our perspectives. This reminds me of Jesus' death and resurrection. Such a tragedy, yet viewed through this lens, a juxtaposition, resulting in the 2024 years of revelation and learning that has followed.

This week I took this advice and Year Two's who asked us to 'look for something special in each person around us' reminding us that God has his fingerprints firmly planted on this community. It started in inviting and welcoming Mr. John Campbell, Primary Mathematics consultant from DCEO Rockhampton, to share his knowledge with teachers, parents and some students. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with some of our supportive parents who are keen to connect with the school for the betterment of their children. Then we joined together with St. Joseph's and St. Mary's to share best practice, Tuesday afternoon, which affirmed the strong relationships we enjoy with our brother and sister school. St. Patrick's Day was also full of golden moments, beginning with a thought-provoking Liturgy, the badging of our House Captains and a whole lot of 'St. Patrick's Day' magic throughout the day.

Then we had to dig a little deeper to see the God like moments that were born from NAPLAN. Some children saw this as an opportunity to throw themselves in to an opportunity to show growth or areas of challenge, taking the task in their stride. Others may have seen this as a less favourable experience. However, I could see God's mark on this annual event, as I noted the comradery of Year 3's and 5's, along with the love and support of their teachers. Any time we are pushed out of our comfort zone, we are sure to grow, and this builds resilience, when delivered through a safe and supportive environment. NAPLAN finishes Monday and I would like to thank Mrs. Jo Driver and the Year Three and Five Teachers for preparing students so well for this assessment, which gives a 'snapshot' of where students are operating at this one narrow point in time.

In the week that follows, let's us all try to see 'God's Fingerprints' not purely through the beautiful things evolving from life, but also the messy ones.

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S Day when it arrives Sunday and if you are joining me at the Catholic Education Race Day, may the luck of the Irish be with you!



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS CONTINUED

A big THANK YOU to Diocesan Primary Mathematics Consultant, John Campbell, who spent time coaching two groups of wonderful parents Tuesday evening as part of our Parent and Friends, engagement initiative.

John's message to parents was to leave curriculum with teachers, but to engage their children in fun, thought-provoking games and activities to broaden their children's mathematical perspective and self-confidence. He provided resources and tested parents in games that promoted growth in trusting the count, place value and multiplicative thinking. These are the three areas he holds in highest priority, when laying foundations for mathematical thinkers. He also warned that we should never tell our children we were terrible at Math, as this can innately affect how they view themselves as mathematicians which will impact their success in this key learning area.

It was so nice to see parents enjoy some time out of their busy day to connect in a productive and proactive way. Thanks to all that attended. We enjoyed your company!

Kim O'Shea-Hard



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

PREP 2025

FOR OUR CURRENT FAMILIES
CAN YOU PLEASE LODGE
SIBLING ENROLMENTS FOR
2025 VIA THE WEBSITE.

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STRING ENSEMBLES

*No Strings Lessons or
Ensemble Rehearsals
next week*

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Today is our feast day – St Patrick's Day where we celebrate our patron saint. Patrick was born in Roman Britain in the 4th century and was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped slavery and returned to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17 461CE he had established many churches and schools. Most famously Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to the people he preached to.

Our students had a wonderful day starting with our Liturgy, followed by presenting our House Captains and then had fun trying to complete a challenge set by our resident leprechaun. Thank you to the many parents who were present today to help us celebrate.



MINI FAIR

This term during Lent, we will be learning about those less fortunate than ourselves through the stories of Project Compassion. As in previous years we will hold our annual Mini Fair as the major school fundraiser for Project Compassion. The aim of the Mini Fair is to have our children be involved in the planning and management of an event in which their ideas can help out others. The Mini Fair will be held on the last day of school this term (March 31st at 11.15am). You will receive information letters about the fair from class teachers. You are most welcome to attend the Fair with your children and they are permitted to go home with you at the conclusion of the fair.

St Patrick's
MINI FAIR 2024

Thursday
March 28
11.15am

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Stalls include:

- Lucky Dip
- Mystery Bags
- Yr 6 Arcade
- Nail Polish
- Hair Spray & Tattoos
- Zooper Doopers
- Trash 'n' Treasure
- Bucket Dunk (teachers could get wet)
- Beanbag toss
- Guess the Jar and much, much more

Everything
50c to \$2

Holy Week & Easter Events 2024

Yr 4 Palm Sunday Reflection



Monday March 25
6.40am in the Multi

Yr 4 Holy Thursday Meditation



Tuesday March 26
6.40am in the Multi

Yr 5 Good Friday Commemoration



Wednesday March 27
6.40am in the Multi

Easter Liturgy



Thursday March 28
9.00am in the Multi

Easter Hat Parade



Prep to Yr 3
Thursday March 28
10.15am in the Multi

Mini Fair



Thursday March 28
11.15am in the Multi

Congratulations to all of our House Captains for 2024. We wish the following House Captains all the best as they lead their team into the three major sporting carnivals for the year ahead.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2024



Oliver B, Nate K, Zara G & Grace G
XAVIER House Captains



Archer J, Riley F, Indee J & Alyse B
COOLOCK House Captains



Hayden S, Christian R, Flo L & Matilda K
McAuley House Captains



Jaxon B, Jace R, Indigo B & Amber Mc
McAuley House Captains

SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Rugby League	Boys	2012, 2013, 2014 and exceptional 2015 players	Monday 18 March Monday 25 March	Waves Sporting Complex (park at western end)	3:30 to 5:30pm
	Girls	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 18 March	North Bundaberg High School	4:00 to 5:30pm
Football	Boys	2012, 2013 and exceptional 2014 players	Tuesday 19 March (all boys invited back from previous week)	North Bundaberg High School	4:00 to 5:30pm
	Girls	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 18 March	North Bundaberg High School	4:00 to 5:30pm
Hockey	Boys & Girls	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 18 March Monday 25 March	Hinkler Park Hockey Grounds	4:00 to 5:00pm

BUNDABERG SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations **FLO L, MATILDA K and HAYDEN S** who have been selected to represent the Bundaberg District in the sport of **AFL**. We wish you all an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the Wide Bay trials to be held in Kingaroy in April.



SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY



SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY YEARS 3-6

Monday 29th April
Shalom College

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- 2012, 2013 & 2014 Born - nominate your child in either the competitive 3km/2km or the 1km Fun Run event.
- 2015-2016 Born - provide consent to participate in the 1km Fun Run event.

VACATION CARE OPENING SOON



St Patrick's
Catholic Primary School

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is excited to announce the launch of our Vacation Care program in 2024 during the Easter School Holidays.

The program will be operational from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and will cost \$59 per day.

The Vacation Care program will be published through Xplor Comms function in week 7 of each school term. Once released, families can commence booking through the Xplor Parents App. In week 8, the program opens to the wider school community and other schools.

Assistance is available through Centrelink to help you with the cost of childcare. To receive the subsidy*, you must care for a child 13 or younger who's not attending secondary school, unless an exemption applies. You must also use an approved childcare service, be responsible for paying the childcare fees, and meet residency and immunisation requirements.

**Childcare subsidy is calculated from the Vacation care daily fee \$59 - CCS% = Gap fee paid by parent*



**HOW TO CLAIM
CHILDCARE SUBSIDY**

To get Childcare Subsidy (CCS), create a myGov account and link it to Centrelink. Here are the steps to create a myGov account:

1. Go to **myGov** and select **Create account**.
2. Select **Continue with email**.
3. Read the privacy notice and Terms of use.
If you understand and agree to the Terms of use, select **Next**.
1. Enter an **Email address** and select **Next**.
2. Enter the **Code** sent to your email, then select **Next**.
3. Enter your **Mobile number** (optional) and select **Next**.
4. Enter the **Code** sent to your mobile phone and select **Next**.
5. Enter a **Password** and then **Re-enter password**.
6. Create your 3 **Secret questions and answers**. Choose from the list or create your own.



**CREATE A MYGOV
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ENROL TODAY

TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 9	Week 18th March—22nd March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday— Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
WEEK 10	Week 25th March - 29th March		
Monday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4M & 4K
Tuesday	Last Supper	8:40am	4F
Wednesday	Good Friday	8:40am	5M
Thursday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:15am	Whole School

2024 TERM DATES

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

2024 SPORT DATES

Friday 26th April	Junior Obstacle Course	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
Monday 29th April	Cross Country	Years 3 to 6	Shalom College
Monday 10 June	Field Events Day	Students born 2014, 2013 & 2012	St Patrick's
Friday 14th June	Senior Athletics Day	Students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	Shalom College
Friday 21st June	Junior Athletics Day	Students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	St Patrick's
Friday 29th November	Swimming Carnival	Years 3 to 6	Bundaberg

OUT AND ABOUT

Zoo Keeper Talks

Autumn school holidays 2024, Alexandra Park Zoo

Saturday 30 March

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
2.45 pm Emu and wallaby talk

Sunday 7 April

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
12.30 pm Red-tailed Black Cockatoo feed and talk

Sunday 31 March

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
12.30 pm Red-tailed Black Cockatoo feed and talk

Tuesday 9 April

11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
3.30 pm Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk

Tuesday 2 April

11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
3.30 pm Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk

Wednesday 10 April

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
1.40 pm Turtle talk

Wednesday 3 April

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
1.40 pm Turtle talk

Friday 12 April

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
1.45 pm Lace monitor talk

Friday 5 April

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
1.45 pm Lace monitor talk

Saturday 13 April

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
2.45 pm Emu and wallaby talk

Saturday 6 April

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
2.45 pm Emu and wallaby talk

Sunday 14 April

10.35 am Cotton-top Tamarin feed and talk
11 am Reptile or amphibian talk
12.30 pm Red-tailed Black Cockatoo feed and talk

Alexandra Park Zoo, 29 Quay Street Bundaberg, is open 9.30 am - 4.30pm each day of the school holidays, visitors can also enjoy a self-paced visit.

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