



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

8 September 2023

This week we had Year 6M lead us in Courtyard Prayer for what would seem the last time before they venture out, beyond the gates of St Patrick's. I walked away each morning inspired by their message 'in a world where you can be anything, be kind'. They then shared one of my favourite songs, 'Go Make a Difference'. It was very fitting and made me wonder where this group of young people would take us in to the future. How would they continue to 'make a difference'? This must be a consideration for all, as our future depends on positively charged, ethically driven, global citizens.

This week we also held a special gathering of School and Parish Leaders to discuss how we can work to strengthen our connections, into our future. We discussed 'Alpha' which is a new faith discovery program which has been embraced by our parish and interested members of our community. It originally begun in London 30 years ago. It is now in 169 countries throughout the world and has been experienced by 29 million guests. Alpha creates a space where our friends, family, neighbours can explore the Christian faith and the meaning of life in a way that is relaxed and respectful. The first one will be held on **Thursday, 5th October, in the Waterford Building, Shalom College, beginning at 5.30pm**. All are welcome. You don't need to have any faith affiliation to attend. It is perfectly placed for those who were baptised Catholic, but may have lost touch with their church over time or those wishing to make new connections. Please see the flyer below for more information.

This week marks Child Safety Week and our Leadership Team, Counsellor and OHSC Co-ordinator attended two days of Professional Development around this theme. The sessions began with a focus on Matthew 19:14 *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them"*. It is no secret that our Director, Leesa Jeffcoat, is extremely passionate about the safety for all young people in our care and this filters strongly, throughout our Diocese. We listened to research and leaders in this field. The theme for Child Safety Week is *'Where We Start Matters'* and this triggered for me how we carry a dual responsibility to support young people and must work to be trauma informed practitioners, charged with the task to create a calm, safe space for students. Not an easy task but a most important shared goal.

Next week, I look forward to venturing off to Hervey Bay and K'gari with our Year 6 teachers and students. If the glorious weather experienced this week continues, we are certainly in for a treat.

Kim O'Shea-Hard



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ABSENTEES

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SMOKING AND VAPING LAWS

Queensland Health has advised that new smoke and vape-free public places come into effect from 1 September 2023. Smoking and vaping are already prohibited at public and private school facilities and in a 5-metre buffer zone extending from the boundary of the school.

Further to our current practices, the new laws apply to school carparks and are intended to complement the existing bans that apply across and around school campuses. ***The new law extends the smoke and vape-free protection to include all carparks provided for school communities.***

The laws apply to all persons using a school carpark including students, teaching staff, parents and guardians of students, other employees of the school, visitors and persons providing a service or volunteering, clubs and organisations accessing school facilities.



ST JOSEPH'S KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Looking for a kindergarten position in 2024? Please contact St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten or access the QR code as there are still spaces available for 2024.



**Enrolments are OPEN at St Joseph's Catholic
Kindergarten in Bundaberg**

To find out more about St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten, including the current fees, please scan the QR code which will take you to our kindergarten site.

To begin the enrolment process, enter your child's details by clicking on this button on the site.

[Enrolment Expression of Interest](#)

Please call 07 4994 9340 to speak to our wonderful kindergarten staff.



CULTURAL NIGHT—SAVE THE DATE



St Patrick's
Cultural Night
2023

Save the date

November 14
5.30 pm

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SPORTS NEWS

WIDE BAY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations **Charlie E**, **Flo L**, **Matilda K** and **Essie Mc** for being selected to represent Wide Bay at the upcoming state championships to be held in Brisbane. Students were selected in the following events. We wish these students an enjoyed and rewarding time at the Qld Champs!

Charlie E - U11 Discus & Shotput

Flo L - U11 100m, 200m & 800m

Matilda K - U10 100m

Essie Mc - U10 Multi-class 100m, 200m, 800m and Long Jump



WIDE BAY GREEN BALL REGIONAL TENNIS FINAL

This week **Aaron C**, **Vivi B**, **Tokoko W** and **Bryana C** represented St Patrick's at the Wide Bay Green Ball Regional Tennis Final. The team played extremely well throughout the day and placed 3rd out of eight schools that participated. Congratulations to all of these students on this fantastic achievement.



SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the St Patrick's 2023 Spelling Bee winners. Well over 200 students competed in this year's Spelling Bee, wow! After many hard-fought rounds, we ended up awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both the Junior (Yrs1-3) and Senior (Yrs4-6) categories.

Junior Spelling Bee	Senior Spelling Bee
1st Place: Aiden T 2nd Place: Noah S 3rd Place: Oliver Mc	1st Place: Daniella H 2nd Place: Emma C 3rd Place: Caitlin S



What a wonderful achievement. We must also give mention to the many students who gave the Spelling Bee their best shot this year, and we hope to see them all back again next year. Thank you to Miss Clare who gave up her lunch times and afternoon tea times to run the Spelling Bee, and to Mrs Cook for being the enthusiasm coordinator.

OUT AND ABOUT



COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 9th September
COME CELEBRATE BUNDABERG SOFTBALL
50TH ANNIVERSARY

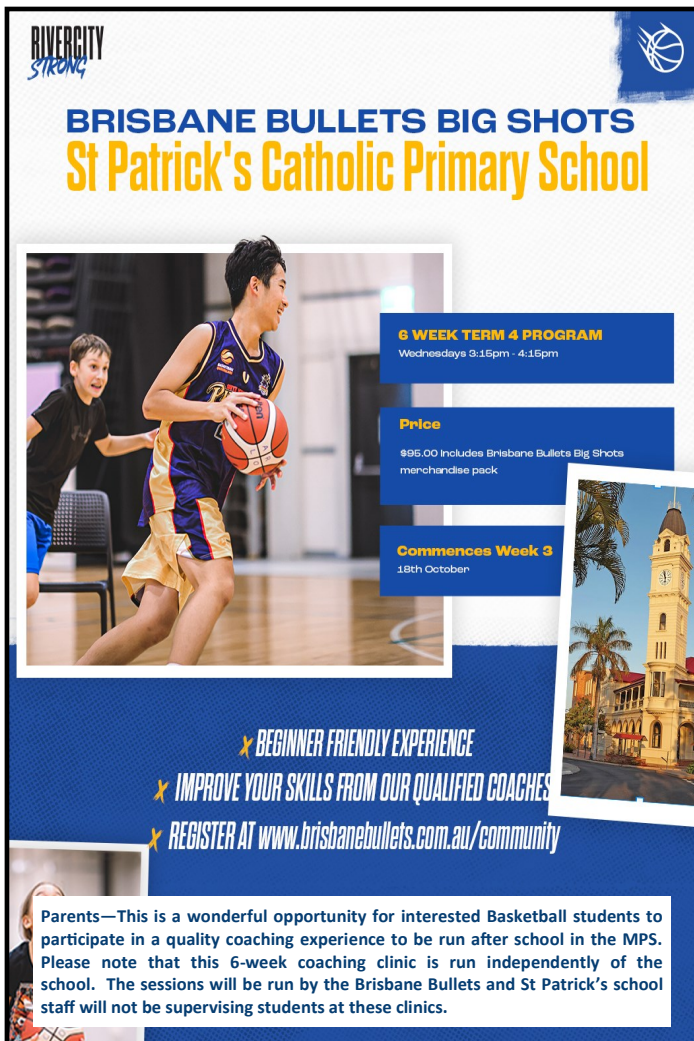
ENTRY FEE APPLIES

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Rides •
- Softball Activities •
- Old MacDonalds Farm •
- Photo Booth •
- Stalls •
- Entertainment •
- Yummy food •




Stallholders welcome
For more information contact - Natalie 0408 011 192



RIVERCITY STRONG

BRISBANE BULLETS BIG SHOTS St Patrick's Catholic Primary School



6 WEEK TERM 4 PROGRAM
Wednesdays 3:16pm - 4:16pm

Price
\$95.00 Includes Brisbane Bullets Big Shots merchandise pack

Commences Week 3
18th October

BEGINNER FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE
IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS FROM OUR QUALIFIED COACHES
REGISTER AT www.brisbanebullets.com.au/community

Parents—This is a wonderful opportunity for interested Basketball students to participate in a quality coaching experience to be run after school in the MPS. Please note that this 6-week coaching clinic is run independently of the school. The sessions will be run by the Brisbane Bullets and St Patrick's school staff will not be supervising students at these clinics.



FAMILY OPEN DAY

BUNDABERG

All Welcome! Sunday October 22

- Bouncy Castle and Slide
- POP Tennis and Games
- Lucky Door Prize, great giveaways & lots more!
- Face Painting
- Sausage Sizzle

Where: Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Assoc. Inc.
Rotary Park Tennis Complex
69b George Street, South Bundaberg
bundyjuniortennis.org.au or [facebook.com/BDJTA/](https://www.facebook.com/BDJTA/)



TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 2nd October - 6th October		
Monday	KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Tuesday	First Day Term 4		
Wednesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Mini Vinnies
WEEK 2	Week 9th October - 13th October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
WEEK 3	Week 16th October - 20th October		
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2024
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday - Wednesday	Prep Vision Screening	All Day	Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
WEEK 4	Week 23rd October - 27th October		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2L
WEEK 5	Week 30th October - 3rd November		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
WEEK 6	Week 6th November - 10th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4C
Friday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8:40am	Year 5
WEEK 7	Week 13th November - 17th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	5:30pm	Music
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
WEEK 8	Week 20th November - Friday 24th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am 11:00-12:30pm	Years 3 & 4 Years 5 & 6
WEEK 9	Week 27th November - Friday 1st December		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
Wednesday	Celebration Night	6:00pm	Whole School
Thursday	End of Year Liturgy	1:00pm	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	2:10pm	Whole School
Friday	Last Day of School	12:00pm	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