



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

6 October 2023

Week one has proved a very good start for St. Patrick's. It was food for the soul, returning Tuesday to be greeted by lots of happy, enthusiastic faces. Tuesday wasn't as good for Shalom College. As you may have read, they lost one of their wonderful teachers. James Kiernan never made his class that morning, so this makes me even more grateful for the greeting I was afforded. I remember interviewing James, as part of a panel, for Shalom. When completing referee checks words such as loyal, family oriented, experienced teacher, valued, dedicated, faith-filled were used to describe James. This proved to be true, but my greatest memory was of how proud he was to share photos and tell stories of his daughters and grandchildren. Then our very own Joanne Driver lost her dear mum suddenly and unexpectedly last weekend. This news left me dejected for the families, yet reflective and evoked a resolve in me, to consider what is important and how one might define a 'life well lived'. Then I found this piece (author unknown);

*Life Well Lived. A life well lived is a precious gift of hope and strength and grace,  
From someone who has made our world a brighter, better place  
It's filled with moments, sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears,  
With friendships formed and good times shared  
And laughter through the years.  
A life well lived is a legacy of joy and pride and pleasure,  
A living, lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure.*

Those who knew James and Chris (Jo's Mother) would quite possibly agree that these simple everyday encounters are the integral touchstones that are the sum of their loved one's 'life well lived'. I hope and trust that these treasured memories, comfort the Driver and Kiernan Families, as they recover from their loss and prepare to celebrate two lives well-lived. Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers.

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

Advertised last term, **Parents and Friends** are invited to come together next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The afternoon will begin with a light refreshment from 5:15pm before listening to some tips and tricks, from Counsellor Anita Katajamaki on how to use the Zones of Regulation to help manage their children's emotions at home. St. Patrick's adopts a schoolwide approach to using the Zones of Regulation and Annette Hammermeister has explicitly taught these skills to classes earlier in the year, to ensure student understanding of the Zones and associated language. You may have heard your children speak about being in the Red, Yellow or Green Zones? It can be a powerful tool if we are all using the same strategies and language. This is more importantly, an opportunity to connect as adults who share a mutual interest in positive outcomes for your children. The presentation will begin around 5:30pm in the main Staffroom (please enter through the sliding doors to the left of the main front entrance...follow the orange cones). If you can attend, please click on this [link](#) to register for catering purposes by Monday 9th October. Hope to see you there!

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*



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**ABSENTEES**

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## APRE NEWS

This term St Patrick's Mini Vinnies are kicking goals for good during Socktober! We'll be supporting children in need in Timor-Leste by raising funds for a medical clinic and a children's home.

One of Australia's closest neighbours, Timor-Leste is a small island republic just under 700kms from Darwin, which shares its western border with Indonesia. The country secured its independence from Indonesia in 2001, after an oppressive and violent occupation. Today, the scars still linger as the people grapple with the effects of poverty, low quality healthcare and infrastructure, corruption and inequality. It is why the presence of missionaries like the Salesian Sisters, especially in regional parts of the country, is so important.

Odd Sock Day will be held on Friday, October 20. Students will need a gold coin donation to participate. Our goal is to raise \$500 for Catholic Mission's Socktober fundraiser. We ask that your child wears odd socks to school that day to join in the fun. Please don't go and buy new socks, just wear some odd socks that you have at home.

We're participating in Socktober for Mission Month to make a difference for children in need in Timor-Leste. Thanks for supporting our team as we look to make a difference with our Odd Sock Day!

# ST PATRICK'S SOCKTOBER

## 2023

🧦 FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

🧦 ODD SOCK DAY

🧦 GOLD COIN DONATION



*To help support the work of Catholic Mission*

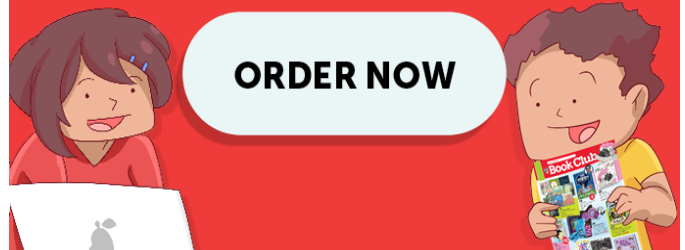
## BOOKCLUB

Book club catalogues have been sent home with your child today. All orders need to be made **ONLINE via LOOP payment** on the Scholastic website, as no cash orders can be accepted. Please go to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

All orders are due by **Monday 16 October**. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.

### PARENTS & KIDS

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## ALPHA MEETINGS

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Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment over a number of weeks..

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Thursday, 5th October, 5.30pm

Waterford Building  
Shalom College  
Bundaberg

[bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au)

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## CARITAS DONATIONS

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CULTURAL NIGHT—SAVE THE DATE



St Patrick's  
Cultural Night  
2023

*Save the date*

November 14  
5.30 pm

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## OUT AND ABOUT

RIVERCITY  
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### BRISBANE BULLETS BIG SHOTS St Patrick's Catholic Primary School



#### 6 WEEK TERM 4 PROGRAM

Wednesdays 9.15pm - 4.15pm

#### Price

\$95.00 Includes Brisbane Bullets Big Shots merchandise pack

#### Commences Week 3

18th October

Click Here  
**REGISTER  
NOW!**

✦ *BEGINNER FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE*

✦ *IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS FROM OUR QUALIFIED COACHES*

✦ *REGISTER AT [www.brisbanebullets.com.au/community](http://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

# FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast  
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

Bundaberg Cricket Association - Blast Program  
Programs starting Friday October 13th  
Salter Oval  
Register now at [play.cricket.com.au](http://play.cricket.com.au)

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

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## 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  
[bundyjunortennis.org.au](http://bundyjunortennis.org.au) or [facebook.com/BDJTA/](https://facebook.com/BDJTA/)

## OUT AND ABOUT



BUNDY **FIT**

# TERM 4 KIDS & TEENS

KIDS - 11TH OCTOBER  
TEENS - 12TH OCTOBER

8 WEEKS - \$99

3:45PM PH: 04900 86 911



## Spartans Football Program 2024 EO1

As the 2023 football season draws to a close, S.C. Corinthians are calling for expressions of interest for players to trial for the 2024 Spartans Football Program Academy Teams. Trials are open to players (Boys & Girls) born in the years 2011-2016 for our U8 pre-academy program team through to our U13 academy team. Trials are to be held in September / October.

To express your interest to trial, email the following details:

- Player Name
- Date of Birth
- Emergency contact - name & number

academy-coordinator@corinthians.com.au  
OR  
spartans\_fp@outlook.com

Spartans Football Program is a Football Development program providing additional high intensity and focused football training and tournament playing opportunities for players who would like to do more with the game.



S.C. CORINTHIANS  
FOOTBALL

The Spartans Football Program is an initiative of  
S.C. Corinthians Football Bundaberg.



## The Passionist Family Groups

# Ladies Dinner

Wednesday, 18th Oct 2023 6.00 pm

Rowers on the River  
1 Toonburra Street

Ticket Price  
**\$35pp**

Tickets available from the Parish Office

Two Course Meal + tea or coffee



# TERM FOUR PLANNER

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

## 2024 TERM DATES

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