



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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Term 1, Week 1

27 January 2017

## Important Dates for Week 2

- Tuesday-Thursday Morning Prayer 8.45am—5P
- Friday - Opening School Liturgy and Year 6 Induction 9am

## Principal's News

I have loved the way this year has started. We have all been simply delighted with the new staff who have joined us. The Pupil Free Days before school started were engaging and informative. We learned an amazing amount and were inspired to learn more. The importance of our Faith in our school was brought home to us very clearly and we were absolutely impressed by Martin Heppel – the presenter for the Resilience Program. He held the attention of 50 staff for 3 hours effortlessly with his passion and insight. You just have to come and see this man on **February 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Shalom Arts Precinct.** It is easily the best thing you will do as a parent this year, and he will help you in your role as a parent immensely.

The first few days of school have simply been tremendous. Our brand new Preps have settled in beautifully and the many new students at our school have fitted in straight away. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome so many great new families to our school.

Thank you for the support you have already given. Please feel welcome at our first P & F Meeting of the year next Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the Staffroom and our Opening School Liturgy is on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 in the Undercover Area. It is always a great occasion, and we'd love to have you join us.

### Sad News

We were saddened this week to hear of the passing of Stephen Dale's mother and Maria

McMahon's father. It is always sad to lose a parent and I'm sure both families would appreciate your prayerful support.

### Resilience Project and Parent Sessions

**This year we are making every effort to get parents along to the Resilience Project Presentation on February 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Shalom Arts Precinct.**

**This really is an event you need to attend if you want your child to learn the importance of Resilience – and surely that is every one of us. Google the Resilience Project. See what they offer and then please make a special effort to get there. It is a school initiative which relies heavily on parent support.**

We recognise that parents are time poor and we want you at the Resilience Project. For this reason, this year we will record Parent Sessions and make them available online. In this way you can receive the information and view it at a time convenient to yourself. If you have any questions, or simply wish to meet your child's teacher, come to the Resilience Project. Teachers will be in the foyer from 6:30 pm.



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Click the Centacare logo to go to the Group Programs Calendar.

*3rd February, 9am*



**OPENING SCHOOL LITURGY**

*& Year 6 Induction*

# DID YOU REMEMBER TO



Organise care for the 15th February.

## PUPIL FREE DAY



### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

resumes on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am, or Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00pm in the Parish Office. This is a Parent & Child session on the Eucharist. Bring your workbooks.



**P&F Meeting**  
**Wednesday 1st February**  
**6pm in the new staffroom**



### TUCKSHOP RE-OPENS ON MONDAY

For more information on our tuckshop please follow this link: <http://www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/tuckshop/> Download the QQR app for fast ordering with your credit card.



**Kim Werchon**  
**Teacher Assistant**



**Heidi Clair**  
**ICT**



**Sonya McMillan**  
**Teacher Assistant**



**Justine Blinco**  
**5B**



**Cooper Peebles**  
**Teacher Assistant**



**Sarah Massingham**  
**3M**



**Rebecca Lovejoy**  
**4L**



**Alytia Brown**  
**PE**

# Welcome OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

**Term 3 Calendar**

<b>WEEK 2</b>		
31 January	Courtyard Prayer (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)	5P
3 February	Opening School Liturgy and Year 6 Induction—9am	
5 February	Sacraments Family Session— 10.30	
<b>WEEK 3</b>		
6 February	Parish Mass—9am	5P & ICN
7 February	<b>Resilience Project—7pm</b>	Shalom Entertainment Precinct
8 February	Sacraments Family Session— 7.00	
10 February	Liturgy 8.45am	3K
	Assembly 10.25am	5W
<b>WEEK 4</b>		
13 February	Parish Mass—9am	5B & IC
14 February	Courtyard Prayer (Tuesday, Thursday)	5W
15 February	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	
17 February	No Liturgy	
	Assembly 10.25am	3T
19 February	Sacraments Family Session—10.30am	
<b>WEEK 5</b>		
20 February	Parish Mass 9am	5W & IN
	Swimming (Years 3—6)	Yr 3—9am, Yr 4—10am, Yr 5— 11am, Yr 6—12pm
21 February	Courtyard Prayer (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)	3K
22 February	Sacraments Family Session—7pm	
24 February	Liturgy 8.45am	5P
	Assembly 10.25am	Project Compassion and Caritas
<b>WEEK 6</b>		
27 February	Parish Mass 9am	Year 4 and Year 3
	Swimming (Years 3—6)	Yr 3—9am, Yr 4—10am, Yr 5— 11am, Yr 6—12pm
28 February	Courtyard Prayer (Tuesday, Thursday)	3M
29 February	Ash Wednesday Prayer—8.45am	6T
2 March	Welcome Dance—5pm	
3 March	No Liturgy	
	Assembly 10.25am	2C
5 March	Sacraments Family Session 10.30am	
<b>WEEK 7</b>		
6 March	Parish Mass 9am	Year 2
	Swimming (Years 3—6)	Yr 3—9am, Yr 4—10am, Yr 5— 11am, Yr 6—12pm
7 March	Courtyard Prayer (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)	3T
8 March	Sacraments Family Sesion—7pm	
10 March	Liturgy 8.45am	3M
	Assembly 10.45am	Awards Only
11-12 March	Ritual of Choosing—Sacramental Program	All Masses
<b>WEEK 8</b>		
13 March	No Parish Mass	Mass on Friday for St Patrick's Day
	Swimming (Years 3—6)	Yr 3—9am, Yr 4—10am, Yr 5— 11am, Yr 6—12pm
14 March	Courtyard Prayer (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)	2B
17 March	<b>ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS—9AM</b>	6R
<b>WEEK 9</b>		
20 March	Parish Mass 9am	Year 6 & Prep
	Swimming (Years 3—6)	Yr 3—9am, Yr 4—10am, Yr 5— 11am, Yr 6—12pm
21 March	Courtyard Prayer (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)	2C
24 March	Palm Sunday Prayer 10.25am	Year 4
<b>WEEK 10</b>		
27 March	No Parish Mass	
	Swimming Carnival	9-11am Year 3 & 4 / 11-12.30pm Year 5 & 6
28 March	Courtyard Prayer 8.45am —Last Supper	Year 5
29 March	Courtyard Prayer 8.45am—Good Friday	Year 5
30 March	Courtyard Prayer 8.45am—Easter Liturgy 9am	
31 March	Easter Hat Parade 9.15am followed by Mini Fair	

## Finance News

### FEES

Term 1 fees are scheduled to be issued by end of second week of this term via email. Please ensure all contact details are up to date – you can make changes or update your contact details via parent lounge.

A final reminder to consider establishing a regular payment plan for 2017. Remember that payment plans are only current for the year in which they are established – they DO NOT automatically carry forward to the next year. Plans can be established under any of our payment options and relative forms can be found on our website under the communication tab. Please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance or if you have any queries.

If you had a concessional arrangement in 2016 or are suffering financial hardship and need to apply for a concessional allowance in 2017, please contact me as soon as possible. Current concessional arrangements are also only relative to the year in which they are established and DO NOT automatically carry forward to the following year.

## APA News

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is very important to our school community that our presentation remains an aspect of our school in which we all take pride. The children of St Patrick's look terrific in their uniform and the students themselves are clearly very proud of the way they present themselves. Thank you for your continued support of the school uniform policy and the effort that you have made to have your child in the correct uniform for the start of the 2017 school year.

This week a routine review of uniforms was made and a very small number of children were identified whose uniform does not yet fully comply with our school's policy. Thank you to those parents who have already promptly addressed individual issues.

A copy of the uniform policy is available on the school's website. If you have any questions regarding expectations please do not hesitate to contact me. I believe we have a commitment to each other to ensure the uniform is worn correctly and that there is consistency amongst the student population.

As a parent I fully understand that on occasions issues may occur in the household that may affect the correct uniform being worn. In these circumstances a simply note to the classroom teacher or email to myself ([annette.hammermeiste@rok.catholic.com.au](mailto:annette.hammermeiste@rok.catholic.com.au)) making us aware of the issue would be greatly appreciated. The support that the staff and I receive from parents is tremendous and we welcome this ongoing communication between school and home.

Let us continue to be very proud of our uniform and the fact that our students wear it well and with pride.

### SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

Please make note of the days indicated in which each class is required to wear the school's sports uniform. All students will wear the school's sports uniform on Friday as well as their allocated PE day. On all other days of the week the school's formal uniform is to be worn. The exception is PREP who will wear the sports uniform every day.

**Year 6, Year 5, 4C & 4L :** Tues & Fri

**Years 3, Year 2 & 4A:** Wed & Fri

**Year 1:** Thurs & Fri

This year, an initiative has been announced by the Diocese of Rockhampton which allows an automatic 70% reduction in Tuition Fees (not school levies) to any parent or carer who holds an eligible means tested Health Care or Pensioner card. If you are an eligible cardholder, please present your card to Finance Secretary in the office as soon as possible. Further details on the new concession card discount eligibility criteria and general fee information for 2017 are available on the Catholic Education website [www.rok.catholic.edu.au](http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au). If you unsure if you are eligible or if have any queries, please contact me.

Document outlining 2017 fees and levies charged has been posted to the new website.

If you have any queries regarding your account or any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

### SCHOOL BANKING

Apologies to the few who diligently and enthusiastically handed their books in Week 1 however weekly school banking will now commence Week 2, Monday 30th January.

## Music News

All ensembles and choirs begin Week 3.

Strings lessons begin Week 2.

Guitar lessons begin Week 2.



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## Netball Sign On

Want to join our Brothers Netball Family this year? We are now accepting registrations for the 2017 season. We are extending invitations to anyone 8 years and over who would love to have fun and make friends playing netball. Head over to our website at [www.brothersbundaberg.qld.netball.com.au](http://www.brothersbundaberg.qld.netball.com.au). Here you will find the online registration form. We will be holding a "sign on / uniform try on day" on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February in the upstairs Shamrock room at the Brothers Sports Club from 10am until 2pm. On this day you will be able to try on a uniform to ensure you get the correct sizing and also order your uniform. If you have any questions please email us at [brothersnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:brothersnetballclub@gmail.com)

## Sports News



### BUNDABERG PRIMARY SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Five days after school finished last year, 6 students from our school participated in the Bundaberg Primary Schools **Table Tennis** competition.

#### Year 5/6 Girls and Boys:

Team 1: Tayla Scott, Meg Freeman & Ashleigh Geyer

Team 2: Matthew Parker, Oscar Schneider & Vinuka De Silva.

All students played some tough matches and had some great wins. A great day was had by all.

The St Patrick's Year 5/6 girls' team received first place in Division 1 Girls. Well done Tayla, Meg and Ashleigh!

### BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2017

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events. Students will also be informed on Parade. Gaining selection in a Bundaberg Zone Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg Zone, students must be born 2005, 2006 & 2007 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March.

Please be aware of the following points:

- No student born 2004 is eligible to trial.
- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects U10, U11 and U12 teams due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg Zone trials are not 'have go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb or Annette Hammermeister. Students will not be able participate in the trials without a **Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form**.
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aquathlon are the exceptions – Wide Bay School Sport will call for nominations and students must include club times as part of their nomination.

Do not hesitate to contact Annette Hammermeister if you have any questions or concerns regarding Bundaberg Zone trials.

**GET in2FUN GET in2CRICKET**

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It's available for kids of all abilities and it's great fun, safe and teaches basic skills- helping kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket heroes.

All kids receive a **BONUS PLAYER PACK** when they register!

**St Patrick's Milo In2Cricket**

When: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
 Time: 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
 Cost: \$99 (7 week program) insurance, Bag, Bat, Ball, shirt, hat, waterbottle.  
 Who: Boys and Girls ages 5-8  
 Contact: Paul Trace- Paul.Trace@qldcricket.com.au or 0409 476 329  
 Register: www.playcricket.com.au

Visit [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET) to find out more

**UNITED PARK EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB 2017**

**REGISTER NOW FOR** [MyFootballClub.com.au](http://MyFootballClub.com.au)

<b>Seniors</b> Div 1, 2 & mens Div 1 & 2 ladies Social Mens & ladies Under 18's	<b>Juniors</b> u12- u16	<b>Miniros</b> u6 - u11
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Sign on **Tuesday 31st January 4pm -7pm**  
**Thursday 2nd February 4pm - 7pm**  
 Farthing Park, Bundaberg North

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