



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

1st November 2019

Thursday morning my wife and I were walking our dog near the golf course at Bargara, when some very annoyed plovers came swooping in. Looking around, their two tiny chicks were crossing the road. Alerted by the calls of their parents, the tiny chicks immediately crouched low to the road and stayed perfectly still. All well and good, except that the passing cars were unaware of the chicks on the road and would soon skittle them. So with the dog going a little crazy, and the adult plovers in more of a frenzy, we picked up the chicks and moved them across the road – safe at least for a time.

It made for an interesting walk, and I know not everyone is a fan, but I just love plovers. The way they look out for their young is amazing. During incubation, the parents take turns sitting on the nest so that the eggs are protected 24 hours a day. The absolute selfless way a bird of about 50g takes on anything or anyone who threatens their young is just so impressive to me. Any parent who sees something like this, just gets it. Like the plovers, our young are the most important thing in the world to us.

On Monday, we will welcome 75 new Preps to our school. It will be a morning of mixed emotions – for both the children and their parents – some fear and some excitement. Parents will feel it more. They will have a sense of having to relinquish the most precious person in their life, over to us here at our school. We can all remember those times when we've had to entrust care of our children onto someone else – and it's not easy.

The beauty of our community, is that parents can trust us. There are adults here dedicated to keeping our students safe – caring for them physically, spiritually and emotionally. It is an enormous responsibility. It is also an amazing honour and we feel very privileged that so many beautiful families have chosen us to care for their child at school.

I also have to commend our students here. On Monday I watched as a little Prep raced from the eating area towards the classroom. She face-planted with some speed onto the grass. Without any prompting or direction, another Prep girl from her table went straight over, gave her a hand to get back on her feet, and accompanied her back all before the teachers or I could get to her. We will always have some issues, but there are stacks of caring kids in our school, choosing to be kind every day. We look forward to more of them joining us Monday.

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KEY INFORMATION FOR WEEK 5

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| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am • Morning Parade 8.40am • Prep 2020 Orientation Morning |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am • Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 5G • Year 6 Shalom Music Orientation Day |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am • Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 5G |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 5G |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Liturgy 4L 8.45am • Interschool Sport Years 5&6 |



Prep 2020 Orientation

Monday 4 November 2019
9:00am-10:30am



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STUDENT ABSENCES



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APRE NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation begins soon for children 8+ years old who are baptised. Registrations are being taken for the 2019-20 Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist group. Registration forms are available from the parish office, Level 1/66 Woongarra Street, or from Tracey Cook. The first session for children and parents is on Wednesday, 30 October, at 5.30pm **OR** Sunday, 3 November, at 10.30am. All sessions are held at the parish office. Contact Anne Sheehan, 41516666, or Tracey Cook for more information.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



SAUSAGE SIZZLE—TERM FOUR

If you are able to help out with serving and clean up for our weekly Friday Sausage Sizzle from 10.45-11.45 please see roster below for the Year Level we require assistance for and contact the office.

Week 5	Friday 8/11	Year 4
Week 6	Friday 15/11	Year 3
Week 7	Friday 22/11	Year 2

CULTURAL NIGHT

St Patrick's Annual Cultural Night Wednesday, 20th November 6pm at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

TICKETS ON SALE from 8am Friday 1st November via the Trybooking website

Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BGIZO>



No tickets will be sold at the school office

STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 5.30PM FOR A 6PM START

St Patrick's annual Cultural Night will be held on Wednesday, 20th November 6pm at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct. Our Senior Strings, Senior Choir, Junior Strings, Junior Choir, Guitar Ensembles and Year 3 students will perform. This is the first time the Year 3 students will perform for such a large audience so it is a very exciting occasion!

**TICKETS ON SALE 8am Friday 1st November \$7 per head, includes a light supper.
Performing students will not require a ticket**

All students will be required to wear the following uniforms for performances:

Group	Performance uniform
Year 3	Year 3 Strings performance uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White dress shirt – long sleeve button up with collar• long black dress pants• black socks, school shoes
Junior Choir	Prep: school uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 1-2: Formal school uniform• Year 3: strings performance uniform (see above)
Senior Choir Junior Strings Senior Strings	Performance Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black shirt – long sleeve button up with collar• long black dress pants• black socks, school shoes <p>◇ Year 3 students in Junior Strings will wear Year 3 Strings performance uniform</p>
Guitar Ensemble	Formal School uniform

Following their performance, children will sit together in one of the classrooms close to the Performing Arts block, under teacher supervision. If you wish to collect your child before the end of the night please come to this area.

All performing students will travel by bus to Shalom with other performing groups from 11.30 onwards on Wednesday 20th November for a rehearsal on stage at the Performing Arts Precinct. Students will return to school by approximately 2.40pm. If your child is required to catch a bus at 2.45pm please inform the office or make alternative pick up arrangements on that day in the event that the returning buses are delayed.



Senior School Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)

Thursday, 28th November

Bundaberg Swim Academy, Fitzgerald Street

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am Years 5 & 6: 11:00am – 12:30pm

Presentations: 2:30 pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2007-2009).

All students are encouraged to nominate for a A/B/C division race in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events. **Students must nominate in at least one event in the program.** Novelty events will be included in the program. The carnival will involve all students and the aim is to make the day enjoyable for all students with an emphasis on maximum participation.

'A' DIVISION RACES Students born 2007-2010 (Age Champion Event) – 50m event in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Students nominating for 50m events need to be able to enter deep water either diving from the blocks or the side and swim correctly and confidently the entire 50m. Only students born 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 are eligible to nominate for this distance.

'B' DIVISION RACES Students born 2007-2011 – 25m event in freestyle, backstroke and breast stroke. Students nominating for 25m events will be starting in the pool and swim correctly and confidently the entire 25m.

'C' DIVISION RACES Students born 2007-2011 – 12m event in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Students nominating for 12m events will be starting in the pool and swim with or without the assistance of a kickboard to a half-way rope.

Children will travel by bus to the Bundaberg Swim Academy with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Students may wear their school sports uniform and House coloured shirt to school on this day. Year 3 & 4 students are asked to wear their swimming togs under their uniform upon arrival to school. Year 5 & 6 students will change into their swimming gear, sun-shirt and thongs/sandals prior to leaving the school grounds. Underwear, uniform, shoes and socks will remain at school and children will change into their uniforms upon returning to school after the carnival. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

All students are required to wear a sun-shirt as this meets with sun-safety regulations. The school will provide sunscreen for students. The only items that students will take with them to the pool are goggles, towel/s, water bottle and a bag to carry their belongings. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school with the Year 5 & 6 students eating before leaving the school.

HOW TO NOMINATE YOUR CHILD

Please login to [Parent Lounge](#) to indicate your child's race preferences by Wednesday, 13th November . Please choose only one option for Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke. Students must nominate in at least one event in the program. If your child suffers from any medical conditions which may affect your child's participation in the carnival, please advise the office of these details. All students are expected to participate unless there is a health matter that prevents their involvement on the day.



Catholic Schools Race Day 14 March 2020

As the year is coming to a close it is time to start putting in Event Dates for next year, the start of a new decade. Our 2020 Race Day event will be our 15th. How time flies. For those who are new to our Schools and aren't aware of our annual event, a committee of past and present Parents and Teacher representatives from our three Catholic Primary Schools and Shalom College combine to organise a relaxed and classy get together at Thabeban Park Racecourse.

The day is full of activity with the running of five local Races, Fashion Parade, Fashions of the Field competition, a huge Raffle with a bundle of excellent prizes, all under the comfort of our Private Marquee area with two bars catering for our 500 guests. Food supplied throughout the day is catered for by students, staff and volunteers from Shalom and the Bars and Gate are manned by volunteers from all four Catholic Schools. It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends from the past and present of our Catholic School community and all money raised on the day is donated directly to the four schools for special projects of their choice. We have many very generous sponsors, some who have been supporting our event for its entire 14 years, and without them, along with our many volunteers, the day would not be the success it is.

At our upcoming event, the past students from Shalom, the 2010 and 2000 Year 12 cohorts are celebrating their 10 and 20 Year Reunions. Past students from the 1990 cohort are celebrating their 30 Year Reunion a week later here in Bundaberg, but also are welcome to double up on their celebration and join us at Thabeban Park.

I can be contacted on my Mobile 0419787279, or alternatively Mrs Teresa Cameron at Shalom College On 41558137 if there are any enquiries in relation to our Race Day regarding sponsorships, volunteering or ticket sales. Any past students looking for information in relation to their 10, 20 or 30 year reunions can contact the following representatives through the Facebook pages set up for their event or phone:

2010 Kurt Dempsey 0498 066 555
2000 Nadine Zunker 0409 060 366
1990 Claire Lawrence (nee Woods) 0418 147 035

Peter O'Beirne
Catholic School Race Day Committee
Mobile 0419787279



TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 7th October - 11th October		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEENS BIRTHDAY		
Tuesday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mini Vinnies
WEEK 2	Week 14th October-18th October		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Reef Guardians
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3B
WEEK 3	Week 21st October-25th October		
Monday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
Tuesday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5W
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3C
WEEK 4	Week 28th October-1st November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4C
WEEK 5	Week 4th November-8th November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4L
WEEK 6	Week 11th-15th November		
Monday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8.40am	Year 5
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2B
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4W
WEEK 7	Week 18th November-22nd November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 5
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
Wednesday	Cultural Night - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar	5.30pm	
Friday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9.00am	Year 1
WEEK 8	Week 25th November-29th November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Monday	Senior Strings to Retirement Homes		Senior Strings
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation Night	5.30pm	Shalom Sports Centre
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2H
Thursday	Senior Swimming Carnival		Years 3-6
Friday	Music Assembly - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar	10.00am	
WEEK 9	Week 2nd December - 6th December		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday	Celebration Night	5.00-7.30pm	
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9.30am	
	Year 6 Assembly	11.00am	Year 6
	School Dismissal	12.00pm	