



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

19th May 2023

It takes a village to raise a child to be healthy and happy. This is an old proverb that we have all heard, but one that rings true and what a wonderful village we have surrounding our students. This week we celebrated a special birthday (ending in zero) for our PE teacher, Taryn Gollshewsky. Many of you know that Taryn competes internationally in her pet event, Discus. I am so often taken back when I see a Commonwealth Games Athlete out instructing our students on the oval. How lucky we are to have someone of her calibre. Then, last weekend, I attended 'Whisper of Angels' at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre. This was such a humbling, professional performance showcasing the local talent we are afforded. It was led by one of our parents (and past tutors) Suellen Cusack-Greensill. If you attended, you would have noted the talent that not only oozed from Suellen, but surrounded her. Kate Hardisty, Michael Goodall and Christie McLucas have all input tirelessly to the success of our own music program here at St. Patrick's. It was a proud moment to witness their extraordinary talent and again, ponder how our students are blessed with the best.

This week is National Road Safety Week. To raise awareness, we walked 'safely to school' Tuesday morning, enjoying a large police escort. This was followed by a healthy fruit treat and information sessions delivered by Senior Constable Britt Duncan. Again, it made me realise and appreciate how it definitely does 'take a village'. Thanks to everyone who supports us, in and out of our school community. Feeling very grateful!

Kim O'Shea-Hard



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SCHOOL REPORT SURVEY—MYP CORPORATION

As part of our ongoing commitment to continuously improving the school, we believe it is critical to seek each parent and guardian's opinion on a range of issues relating to St. Patrick's School, Bundaberg. Your feedback is very important to us as we continue to build a successful school and strengthen our reputation as an 'educator of choice'. As such, we have engaged the professional services of MYP Corporation (MYPCorp) to undertake a strictly private and confidential School Results Survey on our behalf. The survey should take approximately 10 - 15 minutes and will need to be completed online between **Monday 22nd May and 9th June, 2023**. There are no right or wrong answers and we ask that you respond honestly to each statement. You will receive an e-mail from me today and then MYPCorp will undertake the following process to ensure anonymity:

1. Parents and guardians will be emailed individual survey logins.
2. Results will be collated externally.
3. A summary of collated results will be provided to the school leadership team.



On Monday, survey instructions and a personalised login link will be emailed to all parents. You will continue to receive friendly reminders during the survey period until you have submitted the survey. If you do not receive your survey instructions on the survey start date, please check your spam and junk email folders before contacting St. Patrick's. While we strongly encourage you to participate, the survey is not compulsory. Thank you in advance for your help and support in this process, as we value your input and feedback.

APRE NEWS

This morning our Year 2 students participated in a First Century Palestine Experience as a way of consolidating their learning about the time of Jesus. During this experience, the students sampled foods that were present around this time, and they dressed up as a person from First Century Palestine. All Year 2 students enjoyed this experience thoroughly and had such a wonderful time sharing different foods with their peers and engaging with the Religion Curriculum in a different way. Thank you so much to the Year 2 teachers for making this such a valuable learning experience.



Year 2

SPORTS NEWS

Eleven students from St Patrick's competed at the Bundaberg District Cross Country Trials held at Avoca SS last Friday. Races included the top two runners from schools in the Bundaberg District with each event consisting of up to 50 competitors.

We congratulate all students on their performances while representing St Patrick's at this event. Their results and determination in difficult conditions were outstanding. Our top ten finishers in their respective events were:

10 years – 2km: Matilda K (5th), Giorgi P (8th), Riley F (8th) & Essie Mc (1st – AWD).
11 years – 3km: Darius S (4th) & Flo L (2nd)

BUNDABERG DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations *Matilda K, Flo L, Darius S & Essie Mc* who have been selected to represent the Bundaberg District at the Wide Bay Cross Country Trials to be held in Hervey Bay on the 6th June. We wish all four students an enjoyable and rewarding carnival.



NON STATE SCHOOLS TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME



Student Travel Rebates



Semester 1



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your **family** spend more than **\$35/week*** on bus/ferry fares to and from school (*\$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during May.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st May.

The Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme assists eligible families with the cost of traveling to school.

Applications for Semester 1 2023 are now open online and close on 31 May.

Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2.

Please visit Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS)

[Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme \(NSSTAS\) \(schooltransport.com.au\)](http://Non_State_Schools_Transport_Assistance_Scheme_(NSSTAS)_schooltransport.com.au) to check if you are eligible and ensure to get your application in before 31 May.

TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 6	Week 22nd May - 26th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1M
WEEK 7	Week 29th May - 2nd June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 2
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1N
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
WEEK 8	Week 5th June - 9th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4C
Friday	Music Camp	All Day	Year 4-6 Strings
WEEK 9	Week 12th June - 16th June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
WEEK 10	Week 19th June - 23rd June		
Monday	Field Events Day (Born 2011-2013 only)	All Day	9:00am–1:40pm
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (Born 2011-2014)	All Day	8:30am-2:30pm
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (Born 2015-2018)	All Day	9:00am-12:30pm

OUT AND ABOUT

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

Come Holy Spirit - Fill the Hearts of the Faithful

The faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton are invited to gather as we celebrate the launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Friday 26 May (12 noon) – Saturday 27 May (1pm)

St Joseph's Cathedral and The Cathedral College, Rockhampton

No cost to attend gathering!

Most meals and materials provided.

Sponsorship (up to \$120) for accommodation for those who have to travel to attend.

Any questions please email dpc@rok.catholic.net.au

Registration - simply use the link or the QR code

<https://app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/DioFest>



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