



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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Over recent weeks I'm guessing all of you have had more of an opportunity to work with your child as they learn, and I'm sure you've found it both challenging and enlightening. I'm sure you have also gained some insights into the attitude your child brings to their learning, and this is invaluable.

As with most things in life, learning is about attitude. We have seen some wonderful successes in the time children have been learning at home, and much of this is related to the focused time with their parents. They have received wonderful support and encouragement.

You may have heard your child says things along the lines of, "I'm too tired, it's too hard and I can't do it." Please use these as coachable moments. No matter what the task, encourage them to give that extra effort, that extra attempt and the discipline that is needed to succeed. When you refuse to accept less than their best, they learn grit.

Grit is that one thing we all see in people who are successful. The ability to persevere when things are tough. The growth mindset that says, "I can't do it yet, but I will master it with time and determination."

The fact of the matter is that finding things hard, is a part of everyday life. As adults, you and I know there are going to be things within most days that don't go our way or that we'd rather not have to deal with. Share these with your children when appropriate, and explain to them how you push through. The most important learnings in life, they'll learn from you.

Thank you to all those families who stayed home and supported our community through this time of learning at home. We are very grateful for your commitment to keep our school and community safe, and we can't wait to see all of you again next week.

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KEY DATES FOR WEEK 6



Click our school crest to go our school website calendar.



Click the facebook icon to go to our school facebook page.



Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.

WEEK 6 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WELCOME BACK!

We have looking forward to seeing everyone return next Monday 25th May. Important information for next week is as follows:-

School Uniform	Normal formal and sports uniform as per rostered days.
Drop Off and Pick Up	All zones will operate as normal. Please stay in your car and drop off and pick up students where possible from either the Mulgrave or Powers Street zones. If you need to walk in with your children please depart the school grounds as soon as possible and please socially distance yourself from others.
Sickness	If your children show any symptoms of illness particularly cold and flu, please keep them at home. Children who develop symptoms during the day, will be isolated at school and parents will need to collect them immediately. Please remind your children about hand-washing, sneezing into elbows and not touching faces. Please also ensure your child has their own water bottle for school use.
Tuckshop	Reopens for all classes Monday to Thursday for both lunch and afternoon tea. Please order via the Qkr app by 8.15am each day.
Sausage Sizzle	Sausage Sizzle returns next Friday 29th May.
Junior Strings Senior Choir Senior Strings Guitar Lessons	All resume on Monday commencing 7.30am for their respective days. Please note rehearsal will take place in the Parish Hall beside the church on Powers Street. Senior Guitar rehearsal will return Friday 5th June.
Instrumental Music	All individual/group instrumental music lessons return as normal. Please ensure to send in instrument with your child for their designated lesson. Year 3 instrumental music will resume Tuesday as normal.
Library	Library will reopen for class borrowing as of Monday.
Activities/Events currently postponed	Our school musical rehearsal, morning parade, courtyard liturgies, classroom liturgies and sporting events are all currently postponed until further notice. Student Banking is currently postponed.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

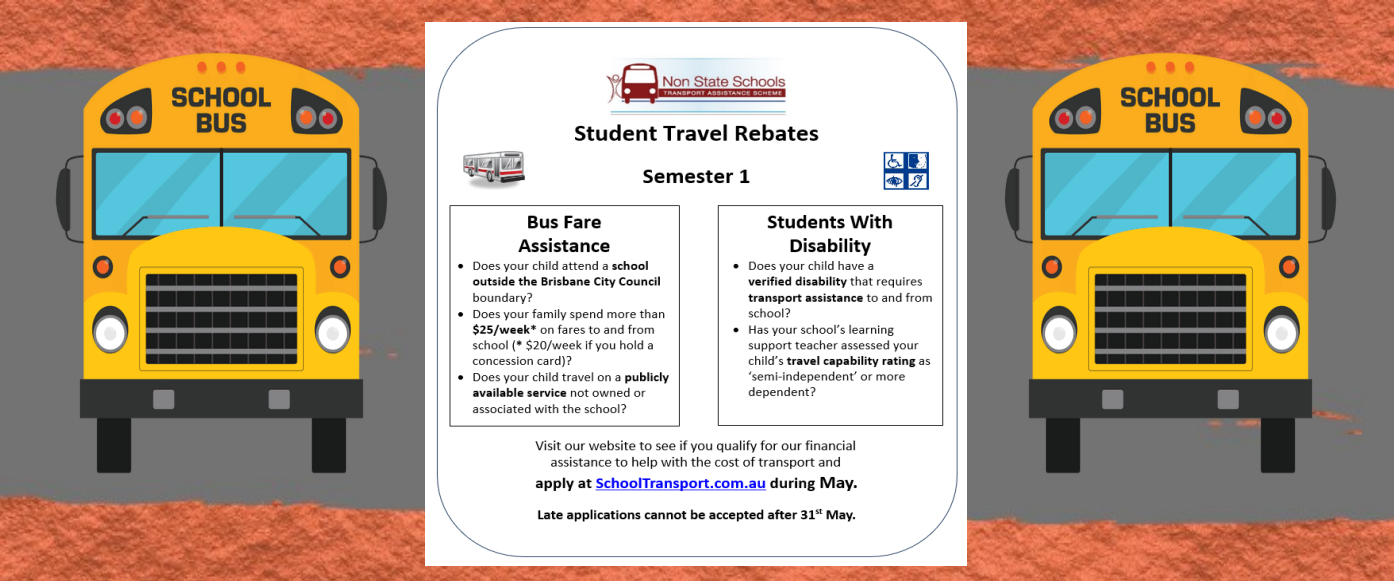
Friday Sausage Sizzle is back next Friday!


Each week we require up two volunteers to assist with the serving and clean up of the sizzle. If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.


Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 1	2 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 6	2 Volunteers Required
Week 8	Year 5	2 Volunteers Required
Week 9	Year 4	2 Volunteers Required
Week 10	Year 3	2 Volunteers Required




STUDENT TRAVEL REBATE SCHEME




Student Travel Rebates
Semester 1

 **Bus Fare Assistance**

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$25/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$20/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.

NCCD ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

The NCCD – What do I need to know as a parent?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) is a yearly count of students by all Australian schools across the country. The aim of the NCCD is to provide the Australian Government with information about the number of students with disability in Australian schools and the type of adjustments they need in order to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students. From 2018, the NCCD will be used by the Australian Government to inform funding for schools, known as the 'student with disability loading'.

If you are a parent, guardian or carer of a child with disability who requires ongoing adjustments at school, a teacher or another school staff member will consult with you to understand your child's needs. This collaborative approach ensures the most appropriate adjustments are chosen to support your child's learning and participation at school. In some cases, an individual education plan (IEP) or personal learning plan (PLP) may be developed to document specific educational goals and to review your child's progress over time.

Your child will be included in the NCCD if they require ongoing adjustments at school due to a disability as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. This is a very broad definition of disability, which includes physical and intellectual disabilities, learning disorders such as dyslexia and dysgraphia, and mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression. The Disability Standards for Education 2005 set out the obligations of schools towards students with disability.

If your child has a disability, your child's school will provide information about them for the NCCD, including:

- your child's year of schooling
- the category of disability that best describes your child's difficulties (one of four categories is chosen by the school team to reflect your child's greatest area of need: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional)
- the level of adjustment your child receives at school (one of four levels is chosen by the school team to reflect the type of support your child requires: quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary adjustment, substantial adjustment, or extensive adjustment)

The information collected by schools for the NCCD will ultimately be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education.

While it is not possible for schools or families to 'opt out' of the NCCD, the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is treated with utmost importance. Data is collected within each school, and personal details, such as student names and other identifying information, are not provided to local or federal education authorities.

Related resources:

Fact sheets for parents, guardians and carers about the NCCD

NCCD Website - <https://www.nccd.edu.au/for-parents-guardians-and-carers>

Jo Gills, CEO Project Officer for NCCD

For More Information
Click Here

FINANCE NEWS



Welcome back to school. In response to COVID-19 virus, Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton has extended the concession for Concession Card holders from 70% of tuition fees to 100% in an effort to eliminate financial stress as well as extended payment terms from 14 to 28 days. Please click [here](#) to view the Catholic Education Response document for more information.

Fees have been issued this week and are due 15th June unless you have a payment plan in place. Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies if you have any queries or any time should you wish to setup a payment plan. Please check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school. Any shortfall in assessed fees for the year has to be met from the general school account which could mean less in our budget to meet our commitments. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

School Fee Payment Options

Payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Direct Deposit

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

Recurring Credit Card Billing

If you wish to make regular recurring payments as you would normally from a bank account but prefer to use a Credit Card so as to gain advantages of frequent flyer points etc., it is as simple as completing a form. This form is available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab, titled Direct Debit by Credit Card Form. Otherwise please contact St Patrick's School Finance Secretary Maria Davies at maria_davies@rok.catholic.edu.au to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

BPay

BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A BPay logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement, if you choose to pay this way.

Parent Lounge

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

Direct Debit

If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Maria Davies for assistance or simply download, complete and return the form titled Direct Debit by Bank Account Form available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab.

Centrepay

Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments.

Our CRN is 555 053 656K and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

Student Banking

As a result of COVID-19, Commonwealth bank have suspended student banking until further notice.

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Please click to access a video from the Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton with regards to Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month.



PARVOVIRUS (SLAPPED CHEEK SYNDROME)



The school has been advised that cases of parvovirus (slapped cheek) have been diagnosed in the community. Information on parvovirus can be found by clicking on the Health Factsheet icon.

HANDWASHING AND SNEEZING



PLEASE NOTE...

The following posters have been placed throughout the school to encourage safe hygiene practices.

All classrooms have been supplied with hand sanitizer and soap. Staff will remind children about handwashing, sneezing into elbows and not touching faces.

High touch surfaces in all classes and offices within the school setting are being cleaned daily.

Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures are steps we can all promote at this time.

