



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

15th March 2019

A few years back, Fr Andrew shared this reflection with our students on St Patrick's Day.

There have been many legends and stories attached to St Patrick. Some of them might be exaggerated, some of them might just be made up. This happens a lot with our early saints. Happily, we don't need to make up anything about Patrick for him to be an amazing Saint. One of the things that did happen to Patrick was that at the age of about 16, he was kidnapped by some Irish pirates and sold as a slave. Being kidnapped would have been pretty scary and having to work as a slave would have been terrible. Patrick worked as a slave for 6 years before he finally escaped and returned home. Now if I was kidnapped and forced to work as a slave I would be pretty angry. I think I would even go as far to say that I would probably hate the people who treated me that way. However, this isn't what Patrick did. Patrick had compassion for the people who had held him prisoner and he wanted them to know about Jesus. So he trained as a priest and was eventually made a bishop and returned to Ireland. He worked very hard to share the good news about Jesus so much so that today, about 1600 years later we are still talking about him.

There are two very important lessons we can learn from Patrick. The first is that we should do our best to forgive those who hurt us. The other is that we are never too young to do great things. If we strive to do good things in our life, God will give us the strength, the courage and power to carry out his work. Don't ever let anyone tell you that you are too young. Just like St Patrick, you can and will do amazing things.

The privilege of working here, is that I do get to see and share some of the amazing things that our students achieve. Mrs Hammermeister regularly congratulates students at our school for achieving Bundaberg and Wide Bay selection in a variety of Sports. In the last week, Ashley Burgess has been away competing in State Finals for Surf Life Saving and Charlie Thorne has just returned to school with first places in Equitation and Show Jumping at recent Zone events in Rockhampton. In classrooms daily, I see amazing progress through effort, particularly in Literacy. On Monday, our Year Six students presented to parents on their Project Based Learning, and they did so with a confidence and a competence well beyond their years – again often through effort.

St Patrick has much to offer our students about what young people can achieve with attitude and effort, and it is great to have him as our Patron Saint.

Parents' and Friends' Meeting Thursday 21 March @ 5:30.

Our P & F have agreed that there is no real appetite for, or interest in, monthly meetings. Families have commitments around work, sports and looking after young children which make attendance at monthly meetings almost impossible. We are considering working towards making our P & F simply a Parent Forum once per term. We would get in a quality guest speaker about topics relevant to parents, possibly in conjunction with the other Catholic Schools in town. The P & F would no longer be involved in fund raising or catering for events, and would solely concentrate on Parent Education. In order to discuss and further this idea, we'd like your support at our P & F next Thursday. We would still like to have an executive for contact and administrative purposes. If you are interested in nominating or nominating someone else please contact the St Patricks P & F Facebook page or email the office Roslynn_McCaig@rok.catholic.edu.au.

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KEY DATES FOR WEEK 8

- Monday—Junior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am
- Monday—Morning Parade 8.40am
- Tues-Thurs Morning Prayer 8.40am—3S
- Tuesday—Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am
- Wednesday—Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am
- Friday—Sausage Sizzle \$2 to classroom teacher

A reminder to ensure all siblings are enrolled for Prep 2020.

If not, please call into the office to lodge your enrolment form as we begin the 2020 enrolment process.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE WEEK 9

Still require for one parent volunteer from Year 1 from 10.45am—11.45am



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Click the logo to access Parent Lounge

STUDENT ABSENCES



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APRE NEWS

What a week we have had celebrating our Patron Saint. Today's liturgy was once again so well supported. The story of St Patrick is such an exciting one and well worth a read. Mr Fox has reflected on it above and Fr Jomon put it into words so beautifully in his homily today.

As we head toward the end of the term we will begin to celebrate Holy Week and conclude our week with our Mini Fair (all proceeds go to our Project Compassion challenge). Week 10 will be an extremely busy one, please see below for the events of that week. Parents are very welcome to attend all of our celebrations and reflections.

Week 10

Tuesday, April 2 – Palm Sunday – Year 4 (8.40am)

Wednesday, April 3 – The Last Supper – Year 4 (8.40am)

Thursday, April 4 – Good Friday Reflection – Year 5 (2.00pm)

Friday, April 5 – Easter Liturgy – Prep and Year 6L (9.00am)

Friday, April 5 – Easter Hat Parade 10.15am – see details about the Easter Hat Parade below

Friday, April 5 – 11.00 – 12.15 Mini Fair (details below)

EASTER HAT PARADE

As always we will have our Easter Hat Parade in the Multi on Friday, April 5 at 10.15am. It is for our Prep to Year 3 students. All classes will perform an Easter song and show us their amazing Easter Hats. For new parents; the Easter Hat Parade is a fun way of showcasing the Easter Hats that children (with the assistance of parents at home) have made. Please see the pictures below for inspiration.



MINI FAIR

Again this year as part of our fundraising efforts we will be holding our annual Mini Fair, in the Multi at 11am. All students and parents are very welcome to attend. Each class or grade level will be responsible for a stall at our Mini Fair, please see your inbox or your child's teacher for details or letters about the Mini Fair. All items from the Mini Fair will cost between 50c and \$2.



Easter Liturgy
9.00am



Easter Hat Parade Prep to Year 3
10.15am



Easter Mini Fair
11.00am—12.15pm

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Student
of the Week



SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2019

Bundaberg Zone trials are not 'have a go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display a high level of 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, Ms Gollshewsky or Mrs Hammermeister.

Students will not be able participate in the trials without a **Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form**.

TOUCH	Boys and Girls Trials: 15 March 3:45 – 5:30 pm Bundaberg Touch Association Grounds.
HOCKEY	Boys & Girls: 19 & 26 March; 4-5pm; Hinkler Park
FOOTBALL	Girls: Monday 18 March; 4:00pm – 5:30pm; North Bundaberg State High School
NETBALL	Girls: Thursday 21 March; 3:30pm – 5:00pm Norville State School.



BUNDABERG DISTRICT SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations **TALEN CHALKER** who has been selected to represent Bundaberg District in the sport of **Basketball** at the Wide Bay selection trials to be held in Bundaberg from 23-24 April. We wish him an enjoyable and rewarding experience at this event.

WIDE BAY SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations **ROHAN WOOLDRIDGE** who has been selected to represent **Wide Bay** at the State **GOLF** Championships to be held at the Keperra Golf Club, Wynnum from the 28 April – 1 May. Well done Rohan on this amazing achievement and we wish you all the best when competing in this upcoming event.

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY – Years 3-6

The St Patrick's Inter-House Cross Country Carnival will be held at Shalom College on Friday, 26 April. A detailed information letter was emailed to parents of students in Years 3-6 this week. Please follow the instructions in this letter to nominate your child in their chosen event. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are expected to compete unless there is a medical condition that precludes their participation.

Expected event times are as follows:-

- 9:10am: Boys & Girls Born 2009 (10yrs) 2km – A Division
- 9:40am: Boys & Girls Born 2008 & 2007 (11 & 12yrs) 3km – A Division
- 10:10am: Boys & Girls Born 2011 (8yrs) 1km – A Division
- 10:20am: Boys & Girls Born 2010 (9yrs) 1km – A Division
- 10:30am: Boys & Girls Born 2009, 2008 & 2007 (10-12yrs) 1km – Fun Run

We look forward to an enjoyable and supportive event for all competitors.



CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING



Cross Country Training: Years 3-6

Training has already begun in PE lessons and extra training sessions will be offered each Wednesday morning beginning in Week 8 commencing 7:45am—8:15am. Meet Ms G in the multi-purpose shelter. Students are to wear comfortable training clothes and can change into their school uniform at the end of the training session. The training sessions will be offered to all students in Years 3-6 and cater to all ability levels.

POSITION VACANT—PART TIME CONTRACT



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POSITION VACANT

Expressions of Interest – Early Childhood Teacher
Part time contract

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (P-6)
Bundaberg

Commencing 23 April 2019 until 14 June 2019

Expressions of interest are invited for the position of part time contract Classroom Teacher (Early Childhood) at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg. This position will be 24 hours per week (Monday to Thursday).

The successful applicant will demonstrate a deep commitment to providing quality Catholic education and learning based on a personal faith as well as be a highly trained and qualified professional with significant experience in the provision of high quality educational programs. You will have well developed organisational skills; excellent written and verbal communication skills; the ability to work well in a team, as well as the ability to work independently.

Teachers who are committed to the ideals of Catholic schools and possess the following are encouraged to apply:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications and QCT registration
- Appropriate qualities, knowledge and skills to provide a relevant and holistic education

This position is part time (8 week) contract commencing 23 April 2019 until 14 June 2019.

Expressions of interest (no more than 2-3 pages) providing details of experience, and qualifications should be sent to:

The Director
Catholic Education, Rockhampton
and emailed to employment@rok.catholic.edu.au

Expressions of Interest close **5pm Friday, 29 March 2019.**

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UNIFORM POLICY UPDATE

SMART WATCHES ADDED TO UNIFORM POLICY

Please note that our uniform policy has been updated to reflect that smart watches are not permitted at St Patrick's Primary School. They are overly expensive for primary school students and present many privacy issues. Please click on the link for our updated school uniform policy.

Smart watches are considered to be watches with any of the following features.

- Wi-Fi or 3G/4G connectivity
- Inbuilt camera
- Ability to display photos
- Capable of sending or receiving text messages or notifications from another device



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ST MARY'S EASTER VACATION CARE



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Easter Vacation Care
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TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 7	Week 11th March—15th March		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3K
Friday	Sausage Sizzle St Patrick's Day Liturgy	8.45am	6C
WEEK 8	Week 18th March—22nd March		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3S
Friday	Sausage Sizzle No Liturgy		
WEEK 9	Week 25th March—29th March		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3B
Friday	Sausage Sizzle No Liturgy		
WEEK 10	Week 1st April - 5th April		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards		
Tuesday	Palm Sunday	8.40am	Year 4
Wednesday	Last Supper	8.40am	Year 4
Thursday	Good Friday	8.40am	Year 5
Friday	Easter Liturgy	9.00am	Year 6 and Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10.15am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11.00am - 12.15pm	