



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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Technology use at home by children is always an issue. I quite liked this piece by Dr Justin Coulson.

A brave mum raises her hand to ask me a question. There are close to 400 parents in the packed auditorium. The topic was teens and screens, but her question stretches well beyond those boundaries.

She says, "I don't want my son playing those violent games. But how do I not buy them for him?"

I gently mock, chide her. "You mean, how do you not walk into the store, pick up the game, take it to the counter, and hand over your credit card?"

She responds, "The trouble is that even if I don't buy it for him, he just goes to his friends' house and plays it there."

My smile recedes and I pause, let that comment sink in. Then I draw a line under it for the rest of the audience. "Can you hear this mum? She's actually pleading with you. Not me. She's asking you to support her. She wants to keep her son off violent games, off screens, off explicit-rated content. But she can't do it alone. She needs your help."

In some ways this story is about community. It's about the expectations we have of one another. But it's about more than that. My provocation in sharing this story is this:

We don't ask enough of our children, our students, our team... ourselves.

Sure, when it comes to kids I know we ask a lot in terms of academic outcomes. We often demand that they perform well on NAPLAN, in athletics or cross country or swimming or debating... not to mention their extra-curricular activities. Workplaces have their metrics too, and great managers make significant demands. But...

These are all external symbols of our narrow definition of success. They're all of those things related to what David Brooks calls the 'resume' virtues. They're the stuff that makes us look like successful parents because we have successful kids, or like successful teachers because we nailed NAPLAN this year – or a successful business because we crushed our KPI's.

What about the 'eulogy' virtues? The virtues that are less about achievement of material or external success and more about achievement of character, wisdom, relationships, and compassion.

Our society demands that we seek out achievement that looks good to others, but leaves us adrift when it comes to doing the deep inner work, the cultivation of character that leads to an enriching inner life.

That night I heard a mum who knew what she wanted. She wanted a son who would live the highest version of himself, who lifts others, who makes people feel stronger, who raises their vision!

To do that, expectations need to change. It can no longer be about looking good. Cultivation of character is about being good.

Let's raise the bar. Let's expect a little more, not in terms of performance and outcome, but in who we are and who we (and those around us) can become.

In so many ways, at home and at school, we expect our children to be their best. It builds their character. It refines and lifts them to a higher level. It teaches them to lead. It changes who they are for the better. We can and must, expect the same of our children and ourselves when it comes to technology use.

School Events

Thank you so much for getting your children along to ANZAC Day marches. The number of our students who made the effort well exceeded expectations, and I loved hearing from parents that the children themselves asked to come along. Many of our students completed their Sacraments of Initiation this week. We really appreciated the support of parents and Mrs Clarke's commitment as APRE. Mothers' Day celebration is coming up next Friday – we'd love you to come along.

KEY DATES FOR WEEK 3

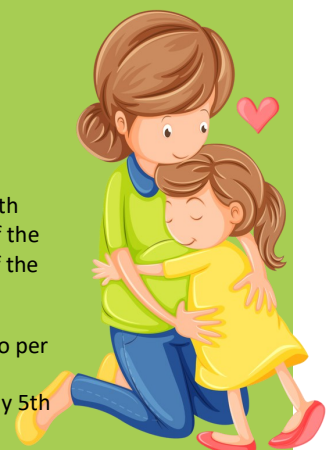
- Monday—LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tuesday—Senior Choir (7.30am) Junior Choir 8.10am
- Tuesday-Thursday Morning Prayer 8.40am—6A
- Wednesday—Senior Strings Ensemble 7.30am
- Wednesday—Felise Kafusi Rugby League Shield TBA
- Friday—Senior Guitar Ensemble 7.45am
- Friday—Mothers Day Liturgy 9.00am
- Friday—Music Camp to Chaverim 10.00am
- Friday—SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2 to classroom teacher
- Friday—Interschool Sport Years 5 & 6

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Mother's DAY

Our Mother's Day Liturgy will be held on Friday 7th May at 9am in the multi-purpose area. As part of the liturgy we will have a powerpoint presentation of the special Mums in our lives.

To assist each family please send in one photo per family of Mum and the kids to spbof-vice@rok.catholic.edu.au no later than Wednesday 5th



HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

There were two beautiful masses at Holy Rosary this week where students of our school community made the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Congratulations to you all.



PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY AND YEAR 3

Lizzy, the Bundaberg Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator, will be visiting our school every Thursday during lunch time. Some Year 3 students had a wonderful time playing some games, listening to a Bible story and discussing how lucky and loved we are.



MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY

We warmly invite you to join us in our whole school liturgy, led by the Year 2 classes, as we say thank you and celebrate the blessed gifts of mothers and all special women who are like mothers to us.

Friday 7th May, 9.00 am. Multi-Purpose Area



BOOKCLUB



BookClub catalogues have been sent home with your child this week. If you would like to participate, please order online by **Wednesday 5th May**. It is important to note, **no cash orders can be accepted**. Book orders will be sent to the school and distributed as normal.

[BOOKCLUB WEBSITE](#)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday Sausage Sizzle will be held each and every Friday this term. Each week we require up to 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 3	Year 3	2 Volunteers Required
Week 4	Year 2	No Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 1	3 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Prep	2 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 6	No Volunteers Required
Week 8	Year 5	3 Volunteers Required
Week 9	Year 4	No Volunteers Required

SPORTS NEWS

BUNDEBERG DISTRICT SPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to **Toby Buckland and Zye Stanley (U12)** and **Lachlan Rae (U11)** who have been selected to represent Bundaberg District in the sport of Rugby League at the Wide Bay Trials to be held at Hervey Bay on 6-7 May. We wish all students an enjoyable and rewarding experience at these trials.

WIDE BAY SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to **Jordan Galea** who recently represented Bundaberg in the sport of Touch Football and based on his performance has made the Wide Bay School Sports Touch team. Well done Jordan and we wish you all the best representing Wide Bay when you travel to for the State Championships in August.



CHAOS YOUTH GROUP

BUNDABERG CATHOLIC PARISH



To Register please click on the following link
<https://forms.gle/IEHPJYTSRcCsdoGs6>

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
3PM - 5PM**

70 Barolin Street
(Holy Rosary Church Carpark)
Phone or text Lizzie 0456 635 542
or Maddie 0434 991 623

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RESONATE

*A youth band for all ages and all people
who enjoy singing and playing beautiful
music*

**PRACTISE EVERY TUESDAY AT
5:30PM**

LOCATION: ST PATRICKS CHURCH

Contact Elizabeth for more info!
#: 0456 635 542
Email: Elizabeth.Kelly@rok.catholic.net.au



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SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY WEEK 4
8.00-8.30AM AND 2.45-3.15PM
\$5 per item or 3 for \$10**

TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 19th April - Friday 23rd April		
Monday	Start Term 2 2021		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
Friday	Anzac Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 6
WEEK 2	Week 26th April - 30th April		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
WEEK 3	Week 3rd May - 7th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6A
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 2
WEEK 4	Week 10th May - 14th May		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2H
WEEK 5	Week 17th May - 21st May		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1G
WEEK 6	Week 24th May - 28th May		
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
WEEK 7	Week 31st May - 4th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1M
WEEK 8	Week 7th June - 11th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3S
WEEK 9	Week 14th June - 18th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3Z
WEEK 10	Week 21st June - 25th June		
Monday	Senior Field Events (students born 2009, 2010 & 2011)	TBA	St Patrick's
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (students born 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012)	TBA	Shalom
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (students born 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016)	TBA	St Patrick's

2021 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Wednesday 27 January – Thursday 1 April
TERM 2	Monday 19 April - Friday 25 June
TERM 3	Monday 12 July - Friday 17 September
	PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 3rd September
TERM 4	Tuesday 5 October - Friday 3 December

2021 SPORTS DATE CLAIMER

TERM 4	Senior Swimming Carnival - Friday 26 November 2021	Years 3-6	BSA
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