



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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This week I listened to this podcast with Gabbie Stroud - <https://www.mamamia.com.au/podcasts/no-filter/gabbie-stroud-broke-up-with-teaching/> and I'd suggest if you'd like to gain an informed and articulate insight into what it is like to be a teacher, this is a good place to start. You see, when you become a teacher, you almost take on another family. You are given custody of some 25 little people whom you grow to love. You care about whether they are sick or well. You worry when they're sad and you smile with them when they succeed. If there are issues at home, you try to provide support and comfort at school. At times we've all supplied stationery, food, clothing and funds from our own pocket to make sure kids don't go without the things they need. When they are being unfair you correct them, and when they are treated unfairly, you defend and support them.

You take this 25 member cohort, from a myriad of backgrounds and abilities, and you turn them into a community who values each other, treats each other with respect and who works and achieves together. Governments and many organizations never achieve it, but teachers do it every day. You build relations with and between students, and no matter what the rhetoric, those relationships are very personal. You care about each and every one of those relationships.

You form relationships with parents, because we have to be on the same page and we are united in our desire to the very best for each child. It's big stuff – but then there's the rest. Rolls marked twice a day, tuckshop in on time, planning up to date, marking and assessment across 8 Key Learning Areas, moderation, Reporting, Interviews, Planning Meetings, Data analysis and reflection, NAPLAN, sports days, liturgies, excursions and camps ....somewhere in there, we also find time to teach.

Sadly, Gabbie Stroud's story is about her 'break-up' with teaching, and her story is very common. Teachers try to do all of these things perfectly, and it takes a toll on them emotionally and sometimes physically. Each year our profession loses large numbers of good teachers to other careers which are not as personally demanding. For the same reasons, fewer people are enrolling in teaching degrees while the numbers of students in schools continues to rise.

I don't have any easy fixes, but I think we start with conversations, like the ones Gabbie Stroud has created. We do take so many of our caring professions for granted. At the moment we are looking at the sheer selflessness of our firefighters. I am in awe of Police, Paramedics and health professionals who do things every day that I could not. We should thank these guys at every opportunity, and be very slow to criticise. It is absolutely the same with school personnel. If we don't support, acknowledge and thank these great people in their amazing work, we will lose some of the most inspiring and important people in the lives of our children.

This is the last newsletter for this term. Thanks for another great term, and we will see you on October 8<sup>th</sup> to begin a very busy Term 4.

**Farewell**—Hyeyong and Jinny Jo leave us tomorrow as they relocate to Toowoomba with their parents Changsook and Jinseok. They are the most beautiful family and we wish them all the best for the future.

*Mark For*

## KEY INFORMATION FOR WEEK 10

- Monday**
  - Junior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am
  - Morning Parade 8.40am
  - ICAS Mathematics 1.30pm
- Tuesday**
  - Year 6 Camp Tuesday-Thursday
  - Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am
  - Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 4C
- Wednesday**
  - Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am
  - Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 4C
- Thursday**
  - Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 4C
- Friday**
  - Classroom Liturgy 3K 8.45am



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## STUDENT ABSENCES



4994 8336 [spb\\_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au)

# CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children who are baptised and 8+ years old are able to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (First Communion).



The Parish preparation program will begin in Term 4. An Information morning is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th, 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Office, Level 1/66 Woongarra Street.

This session is especially for new parents to the program. Registration forms are available at the school or parish office beforehand. For more information, please contact Anne Sheehan, Sacramental co-ordinator, 41516666.



## 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 1	Friday 11/10	Year 1
Week 2	Friday 18/10	Prep
Week 3	Friday 25/10	Year 6
Week 4	Friday 1/11	Year 5
Week 5	Friday 8/11	Year 4
Week 6	Friday 15/11	Year 3
Week 7	Friday 22/11	Year 2

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## DEVELOPMENT CUP RUGBY LEAGUE

Last Wednesday night the St Patrick's Grade 6A Rugby League team played Avoca in the Bundaberg Primary Schools Grand Final. In a terrific game the boys won 22-10 after the scores were locked 10 all at half time. We are so proud of the effort shown by the team against a very strong opposition. Thanks to the many boys who played for the 6A team throughout the season (about 20) who were unable to play in the Grand Final. Most of the team has been together for 2 years and have shown tremendous improvement through team spirit and dedication to training. The boys are proudly wearing new shorts sponsored by Bundaberg Toyota. We thank this company for their generous support. Thanks to Mr Peebles for his effort with the team throughout the season. Thanks to all parents who attended the game as it really added to a great atmosphere at ATW. Finally thanks to the team. The game didn't come easy and we had to maintain our effort and patience for the full 40 minutes. What a game. I will remember that one for a long time to come.

*Matt Plumb*



## FINANCE NEWS

By now, payment of Term 3 fees should be finalised in full **unless you have a payment plan in place**. Reminder statements have been issued 11/09/19 and are due payable within 7 days. With our most recent system update creating issues with emails heading to junk boxes, a reminder to please check your junk box if you think you are not receiving statements.

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](mailto: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

Student banking will continue each Monday. Click on this link to register your child <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> for student banking.

## VACATION CARE

Please click on the links to access Vacation Care for St Joseph's or St Mary's Primary School for the September school holidays.





# Softball

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

**Thursday 26th & Friday 27th September**  
**9am - 12:30 \$10 a Day or \$15 for 2 Days**

Morning Tea Provided  
Brothers AFL Grounds, Faircloth Cres Kensington

**Drills & Skills Sessions conducted by experienced coaches and players followed by games for all levels. Each participant will receive a Free Water Bottle.**

**BRING A FRIEND AND HAVE SOME FUN!!**  
**Contact Club for more information**

Brothers United Softball Club Ph 0438597086	The Waves Softball Club Ph 0414425860	Bargara Softball Club Ph 0438592808
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## BUNDABERG BASKETBALL

New summer season starts Friday October 11, 2019.

Fun for all ages and for both Boys and Girls a real family sport for ages 5-105.

Check out the Bundy basketball website – [bundybasketball.com.au](http://bundybasketball.com.au)

For enquiries email: [secretary@bundybasketball.com.au](mailto:secretary@bundybasketball.com.au)



## Are you interested in playing Junior Cricket in Bundaberg this season?

These are our local Clubs and Associations that will soon be holding sign-ons and calling for registrations for the 2019/2020 season.



Register at [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) or contact your chosen club for more information

**Bundaberg Cricket Association**



**JUNIOR BLASTERS**  
AGES UNDER 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Contact Shannan via email: [shannangfh@gmail.com](mailto:shannangfh@gmail.com)  
Bundaberg Cricket Association [www.bundabergca.qld.cricket.com.au](http://www.bundabergca.qld.cricket.com.au)

**North Bundaberg Cricket Club**



Welcoming enquiries from all ages 8 to 16 and all-girls aged 13 to 16  
Contact - Gail M:0400258343  
North Bundaberg Cricket Club  
[www.northsscclub.qld.cricket.com.au](http://www.northsscclub.qld.cricket.com.au)

**YMCA Junior Cricket Club**



Welcoming enquiries from all ages 8 to 16  
Contact - Brett M:0447255288  
YMCA Bundaberg Junior Cricket  
[www.bundaberg.ymca.org.au](http://www.bundaberg.ymca.org.au)

**Brothers Cricket Club**



Welcoming enquiries from all ages 8 to 16  
Contact - Anthony M:0416 155 399  
Brothers Cricket Club Bundaberg  
[www.brothersbundaberg.qld.cricket.com.au](http://www.brothersbundaberg.qld.cricket.com.au)

**Across the Waves Cricket Club**



Welcoming enquiries from all ages 8 to 16  
Contact - Rhys M:0421654957  
Across the Waves Cricket Club  
Email: [atwcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:atwcricketclub@gmail.com)

**Isis Cricket Club**



Welcoming enquiries from all ages 8 to 16  
Contact - Scott M:0437045265  
Isis Cricket Club

**Past Highs Cricket Club**



Welcoming enquiries from all ages 8 to 16  
Contact - Greg M:0409529299  
Past Highs Cricket Club




## TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINIC

Holiday Clinic with Fun & Games for boys & girls to be held at Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69B George Street, South Bundaberg by Tennis Professionals Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner.

Times: 8.30am - 10am for Beginners (5-12 years of age) and 2.00pm - 4.30pm (Advanced & High School players)

Further information & to Register, please Kevin: 0409 520753

## TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 10	Week 16th September - 20th September		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards		
Monday	ICAS Mathematics Test	1.30pm	
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4C
Tuesday-Thursday	Year 6 Camp	All day	Hervey Bay
Friday	 Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3K

## 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	