



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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Term 2, Week 6

20 May 2016

## Special points of interest:

- 9th June Parent Education Session entitled *Anxiety — Understandings and Strategies to Reduce Anxiety in Children.*
- Show Holiday Thursday

## Important Dates for Week 7

- Monday morning Parish Mass—Year 3T & 3S
- Courtyard Prayer ICN Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Friday Assembly Awards only at 10.45am.
- Friday Sausage Sizzle

## Principal's News

"We're going to need more seats!" These are without doubt my favourite words at any school event. For all of our events, we always allow seating based on the last similar event and then add a few just in case. Our recent Mothers' Day liturgy was over-subscribed, and on Tuesday night we had the same problem. This 'issue' is happening with increasing regularity now at school – and I love it. It means that our school community is supportive, engaged and willing to go the extra mile in order to support both the academic progress and the digital citizenship awareness, which is so important to today's learners.

The large number of parents who came, engaged in our learning process. They shared their perceptions about how students were learning. They gave insight into the challenges faced by parents and students. They offered ideas of what the future might

look like and really importantly these parents showed their children by their presence and example, that learning is important – even to adults.

Here's the thing. The children in our classes are among the first generation of learners who grew up with the internet, touch screens and the ability to connect globally in an instant. We've all seen the two year olds who grab Mum's phone or iPad, scroll through screens, open their favourite app, and begin playing a game. Technology is here to stay. It's not going anywhere and it's going to become more prevalent.


Victor Frankl said, "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." He's right, and the parents who came along Tuesday night showed they too are aware of it. If we want to

remain in touch with, and relevant to our children and students, we have to learn and change. It's a little confronting. It's quite challenging and no one finds it easy. We are however all heavily invested in our children and in their learning now, and into the future. If we are to help direct that future for and with our children, we too have to be learners who change and learn to change.

We really appreciate the interest and support. On June 9 at 7:00, we are offering a Parent Session at Shalom entitled *Anxiety – Understandings and Strategies to Reduce Anxiety in Children.* I'm sure parents will also recognize the importance of this issue, and I look forward to seeing you there.


Mark Fox

## Student Travel Rebates



### STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 1, 2016



<h4 style="text-align: center;">Bus Fare Assistance</h4> <p>Does your child attend a <b>school outside the Brisbane City Council</b> boundary?</p> <p>Does your family spend more than <b>\$33/week*</b> on fares to and from school (* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?</p> <p>Does your child travel on a <b>publicly available bus</b> not owned or associated with the school?</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Students With Disability</h4> <p>Does your child have a <b>verified disability</b> that requires <b>transport assistance</b> to and from school?</p> <p>Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's <b>travel capability rating</b> as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?</p>
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Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by **31 May 2016**.  
Late applications cannot be accepted.

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## Walk Safely to School Day



Today's Walk Safely to School Day was a huge success. Many thanks to the parents who made the extra effort to get their children ready that little bit earlier for school this morning, the teachers for all of their organisation and being here bright and early preparing and Avoca IGA for the generous donation of breakfast items to feed our hungry walkers.



**ACTIVE KIDS  
ARE HEALTHY KIDS**

## Student of the Week



## Tuckshop

Please make sure you are using the correct Menu. Each day there are several orders that have the incorrect prices written on them. This only applies if you write out a paper bag and include cash. QKR orders have correct prices set.

Please click the tuckshop logo to be taken to the tuckshop page on the school website. Here you will find the current Tuckshop Menu, the Cupcake Order form and the Sticky Beak Tuckshop Bags information.

