



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

19th April 2024

Welcome back to a brand-new term! It has been a glorious week and the weather, text-book perfect!

Year 3T led us in prayer this week reminding us to 'shine' for the good of others in our community. For almost a decade, I was involved in co-ordinating and chaperoning enthusiastic, called to action Shalom senior students who gave of their September holidays to help run Edmund Rice Camps at Chaverim. These camps aren't widely advertised, as primary age students are chosen from the Bundaberg community, who need a holiday due to a myriad of reasons. Shalom students were trained and prepared to be the best 'Big Buddies' for these little campers and it certainly was an opportunity for them to 'shine' for the good of our local Bundaberg community. They were excellent role models for these young boys and girls, who were often experiencing hardship. Happily, Shalom students went on to volunteer for these camps long after they left the College in leadership roles and a few are on St. Patrick's staff, as educators, today. These camps were named after Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, who was a Roman Catholic missionary and educationalist who first looked out one of the early Catholic foundational schools and pondered how he could use the facilities for the poor, whilst not being utilised. He then built on this idea and welcomed those born into poverty by dressing, feeding and educating them, alongside the privileged for the growth and benefit of all in the community. I visited his first school, when in Ireland and it had a bakery and tailor's room to ensure no one was disadvantaged.

Over the holidays, St. Patrick's experienced its first Vacation Care which was an absolute success. It reminded me of the Edmund Rice Story. Schools are soulless places during holiday periods and it was wonderful to hear young children laughing, exploring and making the most of our beautiful grounds and facilities. We had convincing numbers each day and I'd like to congratulate Team OSHC for an excellent start, for what I expect to be a long affiliation, for the good of our working families.

We are equally as blessed to have the Church on our campus. We utilise this connectedness to attend Class Masses and our students make up the largest portion of children presently preparing to make their Sacraments in the Bundaberg region. I really enjoy seeing so many little St. Patty's faces at the 9am Sunday Mass, especially when I am on Children's Liturgy. **On Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> April at 9am**, Fr. Don has invited us to be involved in the first **Children's Mass** for 2024 at our very own slice of the parish in **Power's Street**. If you haven't yet been to explore this part of our campus, we very much welcome St. Patrick's families to join us for Mass and a shared morning tea will follow. It will be wonderful to see some of our own students taking on ministries that weekend.

For the above-mentioned reasons, I am grateful for the opportunity for us to make the most of all St. Patrick's has to offer in recent times. Edmund Rice reminds us that children are our best investment for a bright future when he suggests **'Have courage; the good seed will grow up in the children's hearts later on'** and Luke (18:16) reminds us of Jesus' directive to welcome and **'let the children come'** so I hope to see as many students as possible there.



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## SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Next week is a busy one! Please see advertisements further in the newsletter to ensure you have all details necessary to partake in the Junior Obstacle Course and of course ANZAC DAY festivities. You would have received an e-mail today for students wishing to participate in the Thursday ANZAC Day march in town. Last year, I was so proud and impressed by the large number of well presented and beautifully behaved St. Patrick's students, who joined many staff to stand and march in solidarity for those who sacrificed so much for the wonderful life we enjoy today...lest we forget!



### Term 2 Staffing Updates

This week Bishop Michael announced a new Diocesan Director in Mr. Michael McCusker. Michael has been a long standing, significant employee of Catholic Education in both the Diocese of Rockhampton and Brisbane. Michael is presently serving as an Assistant Director of Schools (Northern Region) and we look forward to the strong leadership he will provide our Diocese from July when we farewell Miss Leesa Jeffcoat. Leesa has been a passionate and strong ambassador for Catholic Education, Queensland wide and has been a well-celebrated leader of Catholic Education for our Rockhampton Diocese for 23 years. We thank Leesa for her unwavering leadership and wish her well for her next chapter.

Locally, **Lucy Storey** has been appointed as **Acting Assistant Principal Administration (APA)** for the month that Annette Hammermeister will be on leave and **Amanda Modolo** has been appointed as **Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE)** as Tracey Cook takes well-deserved Long Service Leave in May, to explore Ireland and walk in the steps of Catherine McAuley. Lucy and Amanda will both be a great support to the community as they bring their own flavour to these integral Leadership positions.

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*

## BOOKCLUB



Book club catalogues were sent home with your child last week.

A reminder that all orders need to be made **ONLINE** via **LOOP** payment on the Scholastic website via [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

All orders are due by **Wednesday 1st May**.

As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.



## MASS WITH CHILDREN

All of our school community are invited to join with the Bundaberg Parish for a Mass with Children on Sunday, April 28 at 9.00am here at St Patrick's Church. This is always such a lovely way to connect with our Parish and have the students involved in the Mass. If your child would like to be involved in the Mass please make contact with me during next week. We would love to see you all there and there will be a light morning tea after the Mass too, feel free to bring a plate to share.

## MOTHER'S DAY

On Friday, May 10 we will once again be holding our Mother's Day Prayer Celebration. We really value the mothers in our community and would love for you all to join us in celebrating them at our Liturgy on May 10, at 9.00am in the Multi. Please ensure you send one photo per family of mum and the kids to [spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au) no later than Wednesday May 8 to be included in the presentation. We look forward to celebrating with all of the special ladies in our community.



## JUNIOR OBSTACLE COURSE

# Junior OBSTACLE COURSE

next  
**Friday 26th April**

**9:00AM PREP**

**9:40AM YEAR 1**

**10:20AM YEAR 2**



## INVITATION

We would like to invite our Prep to Year 2 families to our annual Junior Obstacle Course next Friday.

### Important Information

- Students to wear their school sports uniform with their house coloured shirt
- Tuckshop Sausage Sizzle will be operating as normal on this day.

## BUNDABERG SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Bundaberg district in their respective sports.

Well done everyone and we wish you all an enjoyable and rewarding experience at your Wide Bay trials in coming months.

- **10-12 YEARS HOCKEY—Daniella H**
- **U11 BOYS FOOTBALL—Riley F**
- **U12 GIRLS FOOTBALL—Alyse B**
- **U10 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE—William E**
- **U11 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE—Oliver B**
- **U12 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE—Zane M & Christian R**



Daniella H



William E, Oliver B, Zane M & Christian R



Riley F & Alyse B

# Important Information

- **Walk the Course for interested students at Shalom College next Wednesday 24th April at 3:45pm.**
- **Buses depart to Shalom College at 8.30am**
- **Students to wear sports uniform with house coloured shirt. Alternative athletic shoes are permitted.**
- **Students must take hat and water bottle.**
- **St Patrick's tuckshop can be ordered and will be supplied upon the students return to school.**

**WHEN:** Monday, 29 April 2024

**WHERE:** Shalom College

### **Event Times:**

1.	9:10am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2013 &amp; 2012</b> (11 & 12yrs)	3km – A Division
2.	9:40am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2014</b> (10yrs)	2km – A Division
3.	10:10am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2016</b> (8yrs)	1km – A Division
4.	10:20am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2015</b> (9yrs)	1km – A Division
5.	10:30am:	Boys & Girls Born <b>2014, 2013 &amp; 2012</b> (10-12yrs)	1km – Fun Run

Boys in each age group will start first, with the girls starting 30 seconds later.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Age Champions (10-12yrs) and Overall Champion House will be presented immediately after the event at Shalom.

### **ALL STUDENTS**

**MUST** run in school sports uniform with house coloured shirt.

**MUST** run in footwear. The course will be clearly marked and supervised.

**MUST** bring their school hat and water bottle. Sunscreen will be provided by the school upon leaving the school grounds on the morning of the carnival.

**Students placed first and second in A Division Born 2012, 2013 & 2014 will be considered for selection to compete at the Bundaberg District Cross Country trials to be held at Avoca State School on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Qualifying times need to be met to participate in the District carnival.**

'A' Division students are invited to attend a 'Walk the Course' afternoon at Shalom on Wednesday, 24th April at 3:45 pm. This is a great opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with their respective events. There will be no changes to the 1km, 2km and 3km courses that were run in 2023.

All students finishing 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> place and competing in A Division races will receive a ribbon for their place in the event. All other students will be advised of their final position in the race on the day. A warm invitation is open to all interested parents to support their child/children during this event. Approximate times have been outlined above, although please understand that there may be a need for flexibility with these times. Parking will only be made available in the Arts Precinct carpark (the first carpark to the left off Brother Hogan Drive). Please note the Staff toilets in the Shalom Sports Centre will be available to adults on the day. The toilet facilities in the 'Hangar' Sports Shed are for student use. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

# TERM TWO PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 15th April - Friday 19th April</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 22nd April - 26th April</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	5P
Wednesday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	8:40am	5G
Thursday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY</b>		
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course - Prep to Year 2	9:00am	St Patrick's
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 29th April - 3rd May</b>		
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Years 3 to 6	9:00am	Shalom
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 6th May - 10th May</b>		
Monday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY</b>		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 13th May - 17th May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	District Cross Country - no interschool sport	All Day	Avoca SS
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 20th May - 24th May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 27th May - 31st May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Thursday	<b>BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY</b>		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 3rd June - 7th June</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1M
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 10th June - 14th June</b>		
Monday	Field Events Day - students born 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1H
Friday	Senior Athletics Carnival - students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	Shalom
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 17th June - 21st June</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1Z
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	All Day	St Patrick's

St Joseph's Catholic  
Kindergarten

Open Day

Wednesday 29 May 2024

3.30pm–5.30pm

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