



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

12th May 2023

One of my favourite subjects to teach at Shalom College, was Christian Ministry and Theology. It is a Certificate III course, which prepares students to work in community centred organisations including Catholic schools, hospitals and more. It is a practical course which engages students in learning creative ways of applying theology to life and encourages group participation, as a way, to develop strong communication skills. It was exciting for me to welcome Shalom Year 12 Students studying this course, into St Patrick's this week. They were accompanied by Mrs Van Dalen and worked with 4K.

Visiting students developed a practical and meaningful lesson, to teach students about one of the Seven Catholic Social Teachings, Human Dignity. Human Rights Careers (2023) describe this Catholic Social teaching, as 'the belief that all people hold a special value that's tied solely to their humanity. It has nothing to do with their class, race, gender, religion, abilities, or any other factor other than them being human. This is something we value and strive for in our community.

Mr McMahon recently invited Jeff Horn into Shalom College to engage students in a conversation around the age-old challenge of bullying. Dan made an excellent point when he suggested that whenever you put people together, there will be some wishing to exert power (bullying) over others. He then went on to say that, if we take Jesus seriously there should be no place for disrespect or bullying in our communities. Not an easy task, but as teachers and parents we work hard to develop within our students, skills to encourage them not to be 'bystanders' in the process.

It works best when we can have two sides of an argument heard in a safe, open and supportive environment, where students can learn something about themselves, if their interactions have been less than desirable. I believe when students can come forward, this breaks down the impact of bullying. It also helps us educate students to understand how sometimes people may choose to be unkind, disagree with their point of view, challenge their thinking or provide constructive feedback that might be difficult to hear, but this is quite different to the repetitive, personal and disrespectful tones of bullying.

I would suspect that the Shalom student's lessons would have been inspired by these recent conversations and experiences. Next week, we welcome two more Shalom groups to work with 4M and 4C. Please read some of the feedback I received from 4K below, along with some pictures of 'Human Dignity' in action.

'Forgive people when they make a mistake and always treat others the way you want to be treated' (Giorgi). 'Be a good friend through words and actions' (Gus) . 'Never judge people by their appearance' (Stephanie). 'Be nice to people and fix problems when they happen. Take deep breaths when someone is being unkind' (Mason). 'Trust each other and think of good things and people if someone is being unkind' (Mahlia).



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This morning we celebrated a Mother's Day liturgy. A big thank you to Father Don, Mrs. Tracey Cook and the Year 2 Teachers and Students, who lead us throughout today's celebration of all of the beautiful women in our lives who have helped us 'shine'. It has been so heart warming this week to see students abuzz as they have busily prepared for Mother's Day and their love for you has been very evident. Mums, enjoy your special day!

Next week, we celebrate National Road Safety Week, as advertised in last week's newsletter. If your child/ren are taking part in our Tuesday morning activity, please find details further down this newsletter and click on the **Walk Safely to School Day Registration** link to register. We will meet on the corner of Powers and Crofton Street, leaving at 8am. Students will be served a fruit snack when they arrive at school. Senior Constable Britt Duncan will also speak on assembly and visit classes to explore how we can all be safer citizens.

Kim O'Shea-Hard



Shalom Students visit 4K



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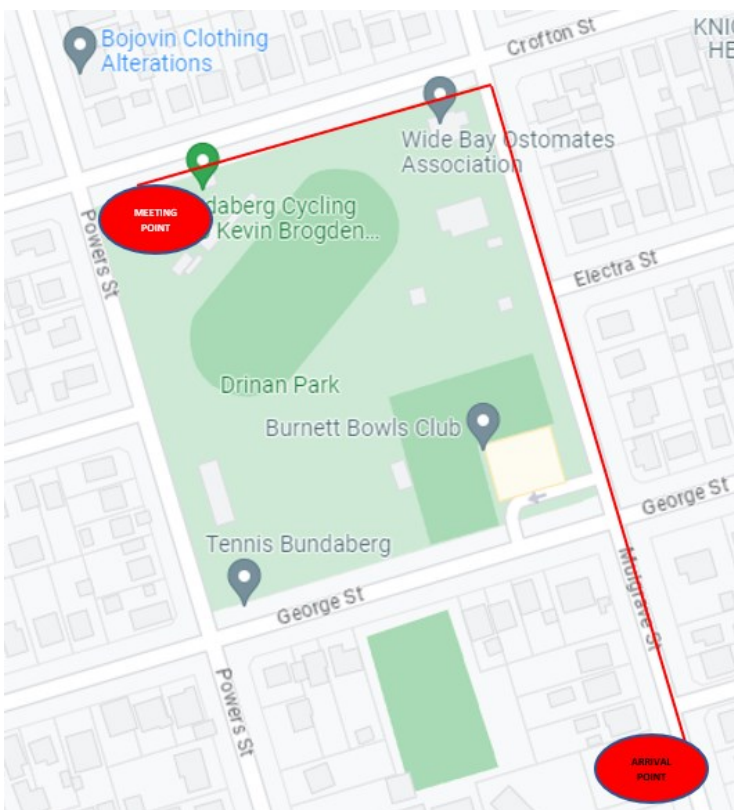
- SHEETS
- CURTAINS
- TOWELS
- TEA TOWELS
- BLANKETS
- CUTLERY (ESPECIALLY FORKS AND SPOONS)
- FOOTY BOOTS (NO SCHOOL SHOES OR JOGGERS PLEASE)

Donate by **WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY!**

If you are able to donate any of the items above, or money to purchase them, please deliver them to your APRE.

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NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY—REGISTRATION



We are looking forward to National Walk Safely to School Day next Tuesday 16th May. If you are planning on joining us please register via this link

[Walk Safely to School Day Registration](#)

We will meet on the corner of Power and Crofton Street, at 8am and will provide a nice fruit treat for those participating in this event upon arrival back at school. Parents and loved ones are very welcome to join us.

National Walk Safely to School Day is now in its 24th year and we thank Maree Shepherd (Road Safety Officer) and Senior Constable Britt Duncan for working with us to get this back on our calendar after a break due to COVID in past years.

Please refer to <http://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/> for more information about the initiative.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations **SOPHIE A** and **DARIUS S** who have been selected to represent **Wide Bay** in their respective sports.

Sophie A—Hockey

Darius S—Football

Well done to these students and we wish you all the best of luck at the upcoming state trials.



BUS FARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Student Travel Rebates



Semester 1



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your **family** spend more than **\$35/week*** on bus/ferry fares to and from school (*\$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during May.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st May.

The Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme assists eligible families with the cost of traveling to school.

Applications for Semester 1 2023 are now open online and close on 31 May.

Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2.

Please visit Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS)

[Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme \(NSSTAS\) \(\[schooltransport.com.au\]\(http://schooltransport.com.au\)\)](http://Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) (schooltransport.com.au)) to check if you are eligible and ensure to get your application in before 31 May.

TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 5	Week 15th May - 19th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1C
WEEK 6	Week 22nd May - 26th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1M
WEEK 7	Week 29th May - 2nd June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 2
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1N
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
WEEK 8	Week 5th June - 9th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4C
Friday	Music Camp	All Day	Year 4-6 Strings
WEEK 9	Week 12th June - 16th June		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
WEEK 10	Week 19th June - 23rd June		
Monday	Field Events Day (Born 2011-2013 only)	All Day	9:00am-1:40pm
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (Born 2011-2014)	All Day	8:30am-2:30pm
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (Born 2015-2018)	All Day	9:00am-12:30pm

OUT AND ABOUT

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

Come Holy Spirit - Fill the Hearts of the Faithful

The faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton are invited to gather as we celebrate the launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Friday 26 May (12 noon) – Saturday 27 May (1pm)
 St Joseph's Cathedral and The Cathedral College, Rockhampton
 No cost to attend gathering!
 Most meals and materials provided.
 Sponsorship (up to \$120) for accommodation for those who have to travel to attend.

Any questions please email dpc@rok.catholic.net.au

Registration - simply use the link or the QR code

<https://app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/DioFest>




Register Here



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