



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

1st March 2024

Schools are some days messy regardless of 'culture' but across the board this is what we all value and strive to achieve. Year 6's said it best in Courtyard Prayer this week, suggesting that in this community we aim to do what Jesus did, reminding us to use our energy in a good way not to waste it on negativity. This was a great message for their little Prep buddies to hear, who have been front and centre for them over recent weeks. Prep-pies have so much to learn in their first year of formal education and sometimes we forget some are only 4 years old. They are still so very young! Socialisation, routine and how to regulate their emotions are paramount and skills that take time, understanding and often a whole lot of patience. However, in turn, we have much to learn from the youngest ones as well. In watching our Prep students go about their business this week, I have learnt quite a lot from them and about them. Here are two examples of how they have added to our culture without even realising this week;

Life and Dignity of the Human Person and Solidarity

A group of young men were crouched down worried about their friend who had left his hat at home. They'd already checked in with class teacher, but the spare class hat had yet to be returned. Rather than go off and play without their little friend, they continued to problem solve. They felt empathy for their friend and wanted to see him happy. They put their heads together and decided I might be able to assist. I was able to find a tattered, badly fitting, yet well-received hat, which got this young man back on track with the support of his friends. I am sure he would not have forgotten his hat today but relationships were bolstered in this one simple incident.

Stewardship

Then a group of young ladies who stopped to admire the flowers growing from weeds, which in their eyes were a beautiful gift from God to be used to show appreciation and love of a teacher passing by.

These are very small acts of kindness, but this is where culture begins and it was lovely to witness in only their 6th week of learning. Young people don't always get it right, but then us adults often struggle too. Young people rely on us to forge the lens that they will see the world through. They are watching and listening to every word and hanging on our every action. However, they are often naturally more forgiving and resilient than our own adult selves. It is my guess that the parents of the children mentioned above are doing a fine job modelling and sharing positive, proactive solutions to problems.

Last year we heard from Justin Coulson (2018) and his message about how every human in a relationship will inevitably encounter conflict. He suggests this to be an important part of development, as conflict allows us to examine our behaviour and grow in empathy. The child psychologist explains how in creating an environment which allows students to see the impact they have on others, empathy is developed and can make longer lasting changes in behaviour.

Year 6 in their Courtyard Prayer said 'Let's thank God for the beautiful people in our classes'. This sings so true. We have so many amazing students, but they are all learning and developing. Great humans are often a result of great parenting and a great education. It is important that we work together as a community to always use a positive lens when speaking and encouraging students to work through inevitable complications. This builds strong relationships and bolsters a sense of community which is so important to the 'culture' encouraged at St. Patrick's.



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS CONTINUED

It takes a village....and we all have a part in building a safe, happy and productive community. Thanks for being such an integral part of what we do for the betterment of our young people.

Next week we will celebrate Dance Night at the culmination of their unit of work in Physical Education. I'd like to thank Taryn Gollshewsky for preparing classes for their routines. I for one am very much looking forward to watching their performances.

Some weeks ago I mentioned our Diocesan Primary Mathematics Consultant, John Campbell, will run two practical, hands-on sessions with parents on Monday 11th March. For those parents interested, please click below to register your interest. I am very much looking forward to catching up with any parents able to make what should be an informative and worthwhile time to connect.

5:15 pm-P-2 Parent session – Maths games, Conversations and Activities

6:15 pm-Yr 3-6 Parent session – Engaging the Young Mathematical Brains

[CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER](#)

Below you will see the timetable for our first ever Easter Vacation Care. Registrations open to St. Patrick's families next week. Make sure you get in before we release places to others.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

ST PATRICK'S VACATION CARE PROGRAM – EASTER/APRIL 2024

MONDAY 1 ST APRIL	TUESDAY 2 ND APRIL	WEDNESDAY 3 RD APRIL	THURSDAY 4 TH APRIL	FRIDAY 5 TH APRIL
 <p>EASTER MONDAY SERVICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>Once Designs Art -INCURSION-</p> <p>Discover your inner "artiste" during an awesome art workshop with Amy</p> 	<p>TIE DYED DAY</p> <p>Please Bring A White T-shirt Or Hat Or Sandshoes Or Socks and we'll DYE it!</p>  	<p>GIANT GAMES DAY -INCURSION-</p> <p>Test your skills at GIANT versions of all your favourite board games!</p>  	<p>MOVIES @ SCHOOL with home-made popcorn</p> <p>Enter our very own movie theatre to watch a 3D movie & eat MYO (make your own) popcorn</p> 
MONDAY 8 TH APRIL	TUESDAY 9 TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY 10 TH APRIL	THURSDAY 11 TH APRIL	FRIDAY 12 TH APRIL
<p>SOCCER WORKSHOP WITH CUBE SPORTS -INCURSION-</p> <p>Learn some new ball skills or fine tune your existing skills!</p> 	<p>NERF GUN BATTLE</p> <p>Includes organised battle zone, safety goggles & pre-war safety chat. BYO nerf gun if you have one (standard x-shot bullets supplied)</p> 	<p>GYMFINITY -INCURSION -</p> <p>Learn some new skills, improve other skills and have some FUN!</p> 	<p>LIFE LONG AGO FOSSIL WORKSHOP -INCURSION -</p> <p>Learn all about DINOSAURS during this wonderful dino experience</p> 	<p>SENSORY & WELLBEING DAY</p> <p>Soap Slime, Kinetic Sand, Playdoh, Clay, beauty Spa, hair dressing, yoga.</p>  

VACATION CARE OPENING SOON



St Patrick's
Catholic Primary School

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is excited to announce the launch of our Vacation Care program in 2024 during the Easter School Holidays.

The program will be operational from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and will cost \$59 per day.

The Vacation Care program will be published through Xplor Comms function in week 7 of each school term. Once released, families can commence booking through the Xplor Parents App. In week 8, the program opens to the wider school community and other schools.

Assistance is available through Centrelink to help you with the cost of childcare. To receive the subsidy*, you must care for a child 13 or younger who's not attending secondary school, unless an exemption applies. You must also use an approved childcare service, be responsible for paying the childcare fees, and meet residency and immunisation requirements.

**Childcare subsidy is calculated from the Vacation care daily fee \$59 - CCS% = Gap fee paid by parent*



**HOW TO CLAIM
CHILDCARE SUBSIDY**

To get Childcare Subsidy (CCS), create a myGov account and link it to Centrelink. Here are the steps to create a myGov account:

1. Go to **myGov** and select **Create account**.
2. Select **Continue with email**.
3. Read the privacy notice and Terms of use.
If you understand and agree to the Terms of use, select **Next**.
4. Enter an **Email address** and select **Next**.
5. Enter the **Code** sent to your email, then select **Next**.
6. Enter your **Mobile number** (optional) and select **Next**.
7. Enter the **Code** sent to your mobile phone and select **Next**.
8. Enter a **Password** and then **Re-enter password**.
9. Create your 3 **Secret questions and answers**. Choose from the list or create your own.



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OUR MERCY CHARISM

A charism is a divine spiritual gift given to an individual or group for the good of the community. It helps us to express the Catholic identity and the assumptions, beliefs and values that the school community shares. We are a school founded by the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy were founded by Catherine McAuley, an amazing woman, who worked hard for the poor, uneducated and needy people in her community. This year we will continue to explore our Mercy Charism. I will be sharing more about this amazing woman with you throughout the year. As a first step I would encourage you to watch this story of her life: <https://www.mercyworld.org/film-in-god-alone/>



THIRD WEEK OF LENT—PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Written by Michael McGirr



Exodus 20:1–17 | 1 Corinthians 1:22–25 | John 2:13–25

If the world is one great classroom, then God is a fantastic teacher. We have all had experience of this: the firm and gentle way that God opens our minds and helps us to understand.

Today's readings show three different ways that God tries to get through to us. In the first reading, God sets some clear expectations for behaviour. They are all based around respect, both for the teacher and for those with whom we share the class! At the same time, God reminds us 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.' In other words, these are not random rules. They are designed to protect our deepest freedom. Disregarding them sends us back into captivity.

In the Gospel, Jesus is annoyed by people who think they know everything but who have not properly understood the basic lesson about justice and reverence. 'Stop turning my father's house into a market.' Finally, St Paul speaks about wisdom. 'God's weakness is stronger than human strength.' This is another style again: inviting us into a mystery, almost using riddles to get us to think outside the box.

It is no surprise that the Catholic community has always valued education and done a great deal to make it accessible for people around the world. Just as God teaches us, so too do we try to share the wonderful gift of learning with others.

This week, Project Compassion brings us the story of Leaia, who lives in Samoa. With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed in Leaia's home to harvest rainwater. This means that her family can now have access to clean water to drink and bathe. The time that was previously spent walking to collect water in buckets from a neighbour down the street can now be used for other essential tasks and, most importantly, her children don't have to miss out on school. School is a doorway that opens onto a better world.

The Gospel today says that Jesus knew what a person had in them. We should try to be the same: to see the potential, not just the surface.



Leaia stands with four of her children with containers they have filled with water. Photo: Laura Womersley/ Caritas Australia

PRAYER

We pray that we will deepen our faith over the whole of our lives. May we be open to the many lessons God wants to teach us. Through Project Compassion, may we support the journey of all to fullness of life.

Amen

DANCE NIGHT

Welcome Dance Night will be held Thursday 7th March. Our annual dance night is a wonderful way to welcome new families to the school and for our students to showcase their dancing talents they have developed through their Physical Education lessons.

The dance presentation will be held on the senior oval. Students will be seated in designated areas and supervised by teachers in their respective year levels during the performances. Students will remain with their classmates in their designated areas for the duration of the performances, with parents sitting in an area behind the children. Folding chairs are recommended for parents. Each student will be involved in three dances and suggested costume themes for each year level is outlined below. Our students have worked very hard to learn their dances and are looking forward to this performance to showcase their skills.

Gates Open—5:00pm Parents are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with your family on the oval. Dance presentation is 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

The graphic features three starburst callouts on the left and a central poster on the right. The yellow starburst contains the text 'Years 2, 3 & 4' and 'St Patrick's Theme'. The purple starburst contains 'Prep & Year 1' and 'Bob the Builder'. The teal starburst contains 'Years 5 & 6' and 'Dancers'. The central poster has a colorful watercolor background and a white circle containing the text 'DANCE NIGHT' in green and pink, and 'THURSDAY 7TH MARCH' in pink below it.

BOOKCLUB

The advertisement has a red background. At the top, it says 'PARENTS & KIDS' in white. Below this, there is a white rounded rectangle with the text 'ORDER NOW' in black. On the left, a cartoon woman with brown hair is looking at a laptop. On the right, a cartoon boy with brown hair is holding a 'Book Club' catalog.

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.

All orders are due by this **SUNDAY 3rd March**.

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

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STARTS NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 8:00—8:30am and 3:00-3:15pm

SPORTS NEWS—BUNDABERG DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



Congratulations **ZAHLIA H** who has been selected to represent the Bundaberg District in the sport of **BASKETBALL** at the upcoming Wide Bay selection trials.

We wish you an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the Wide Bay trials in Gympie next month Zahlia!



SPORTS NEWS—SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY YEARS 3-6

WHEN: Monday, 29 April 2024

WHERE: Shalom College

Event Times:

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| 1. | 9:10am: | Boys & Girls Born 2013 & 2012 (11 & 12yrs) | 3km – A Division |
| 2. | 9:40am: | Boys & Girls Born 2014 (10yrs) | 2km – A Division |
| 3. | 10:10am: | Boys & Girls Born 2016 (8yrs) | 1km – A Division |
| 4. | 10:20am: | Boys & Girls Born 2015 (9yrs) | 1km – A Division |
| 5. | 10:30am: | Boys & Girls Born 2014, 2013 & 2012 (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 17th 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 1st-10th 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.

Children will travel by bus to Shalom College with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school.

HOW TO NOMINATE YOUR CHILD

2015-2016 Born Competitors - Individual nominations are not required as all students in these age groups participate in a 1km event. Action Required - Login into [Parent Lounge](#) to approve their participation in the 1km event only.

2012, 2013 & 2014 Born Competitors – Nominations need to be made for students born in these age groups for either the competitive 3km/2km OR 1km Fun Run event. All students are expected to participate unless there is a health matter that may preclude their involvement in this carnival. Please discuss the course options with your child to ensure they are aware of their nominated event on carnival day. Action Required – Login to [Parent Lounge](#) to nominate your child in **either** the competitive (2km/3km) event or the Fun Run (1km) by Thursday 28th March.

SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2024

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter each week detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events. Gaining selection in a Bundaberg District Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg District, students must be born 2012, 2013 & 2014 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March. Please be aware of the following points:

- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects students in U10, U11 and U12 categories due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg District trials are not 'have a go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb, Ms Gollshewsky or Annette Hammermeister. Students will not be able to participate in the trials without a **Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form**.
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aquathlon are the exceptions - Wide Bay School Sport are responsible for the selection of these teams.

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Netball	Girls	12 years Plus 10-11 year call backs	Thursday 7 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
	Boys	10-12 years Plus 12 year call backs	Thursday 14 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
Softball	Girls & Boys	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 4th March	Bundaberg Softball Grounds	3:30 to 5:00pm
AFL	Girls	2012, 2013 & 2014 girls with a good all round sporting ability are invited to trial.	Monday 4th March	ATW AFL Grounds	3:45 to 5:15pm
	Boys	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Monday 4th March	ATW AFL Grounds	3:45 to 5:15pm
Touch Football	Girls	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45 to 5:30pm
	Boys	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45 to 5:30pm
Rugby League	Boys	2012, 2013, 2014 and exceptional 2015 players	Monday 11 March Monday 18 March Monday 25 March	Waves Sporting Complex (park at western end)	3:30 to 5:30pm
Football	Boys	2012, 2013 and exceptional 2014 players	Tuesday 12 March (2012 born) Thursday 14 March (2013 & 2014 born) Tuesday 19 March (all boys invited back from previous week)	North Bundaberg High School	4:00 to 5:30pm
	Girls	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 11 March Monday 18 March	North Bundaberg High School	4:00 to 5:30pm

TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 7	Week 4th March—8th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Thursday	Dance Night	5:00pm	Whole School
WEEK 8	Week 11th March—15th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2L
Thursday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School
WEEK 9	Week 18th March—22nd March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
WEEK 10	Week 25th March - 29th March		
Monday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4M & 4K
Tuesday	Last Supper	8:40am	4F
Wednesday	Good Friday	8:40am	5M
Thursday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:15am	Whole School

2024 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Monday 22 January - Thursday 28 March
TERM 2	Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
TERM 3	Monday 8 July - Friday 13 September
TERM 4	Monday 30 September - Friday 6 December

2024 SPORT DATES

Friday 26th April	Junior Obstacle Course	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
Monday 29th April	Cross Country	Years 3 to 6	Shalom College
Friday 14th June	Senior Athletics Day	Students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	Shalom College
Friday 21st June	Junior Athletics Day	Students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	St Patrick's
Friday 29th November	Swimming Carnival	Years 3 to 6	Bundaberg

OUT AND ABOUT



Save the Dates YEAR 7 2025



INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 21 February 2024
7.00pm-8:30pm
Performing Arts Precinct
Parents & Students Welcome
REGISTER at www.shalomcollege.com



COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5 March 2024
9.15am - 11.30am
Performing Arts Precinct
Parents & Students Welcome
REGISTER at www.shalomcollege.com



APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 19 April 2024
Online Enrolment
www.shalomcollege.com

May-June 2024

Appointments for interviews allocated & interviews commence

By 31 July 2024

Notification sent to advise of acceptance outcome



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Come along and enjoy a FREE 5-week program for All kids 4-13 years old to "Give Hockey A Go!"

FRIDAY NIGHTS

23 February – 22 March 2024

4:45pm – 6:30pm

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**2 DAY
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1 Day - \$49
2 Days - \$99

9 - 10 March 2024
9am - 12pm

Boys & Girls

- 6 - 9 Years
- 10 - 12 Years
- 13 - 16 Years



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Does your child have a developmental delay, diagnosis, or an NDIS plan? Come and meet service providers in your area who can help.

BUNDABERG READY-SET-CONNECT KIDS

WHAT?

An informative and free networking event connecting Parents, Carers and Teachers with disability providers offering services for children with a disability or developmental delay.

You will be moving from table to table meeting disability providers and organisations in your area who offer a range of child-relevant services.

Gather information. Ask questions. Make meaningful contacts to assist with your child's development.

WHO?

Parents, Carers and Teachers of children with disability or developmental delay. Support coordinators who support children also welcome.

WHEN?
7 March 2024
10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

WHERE?
Bundaberg Multiplex Sport & Convention Centre
1 Civic Avenue, Bundaberg West QLD

FREE EVENT

TO REGISTER VISIT:
oncommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

Interested in becoming a Table Host? Visit our website to register.
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