



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

27th May 2022

Earlier this week we did our final wrap up of the paperwork associated with NAPLAN. Student progress is always of interest to us and our results in terms of progress are typically affirming of our learning programs. Our parent community would be very aware that we do not however place undue emphasis on these tests or apply pressure upon our students regarding their results. Also during this week, I was fortunate enough to engage with the mother of our student from the Ukraine. She was kind enough and brave enough to share with me a little of what it is like to be a resident of the Ukraine at the moment.

Both experiences caused me to reflect on the importance of education. In a Catholic School like ours, we are very clear that values, respect and character are every bit as important to us as our academic successes. I am also very proud that when I talk to parents seeking enrolment for their children here, they feel the same way. We educate students here. We don't just teach a curriculum.

I'm pleased other Principals in our Catholic Schools feel the same way. I found the following reflection in Shalom's newsletter for this week and I note that Mr McMahon found it in St Joseph's newsletter. It is not new – but it is timely and relevant.

Some years ago I visited a high school in Boston in the United States. The headmistress was reading poems she had written when, at the age of eleven (in Nazi Germany), she had been forcibly separated from her mother and her twin sister. The students listened attentively to her description of what it felt like to be parted, in most terrible circumstances, from those she loved.

With many new teachers each year, this same headmistress undertook to inform the new arrivals of what the main driving force behind the school should be. She wrote to each this letter:

*"Dear Teacher, I am the victim of a concentration camp. My eyes saw what no-one should witness: gas chambers built by learned engineers; children poisoned by educated physicians; infants killed by trained nurses; women and babies shot and burned by high school and college graduates. So, I am suspicious of education.*

*My request is: help your students become human. Your efforts must never produce learned monsters, skilled psychopaths, educated Eichmanns. Reading, writing and arithmetic are important only if they serve to make our children more human."*

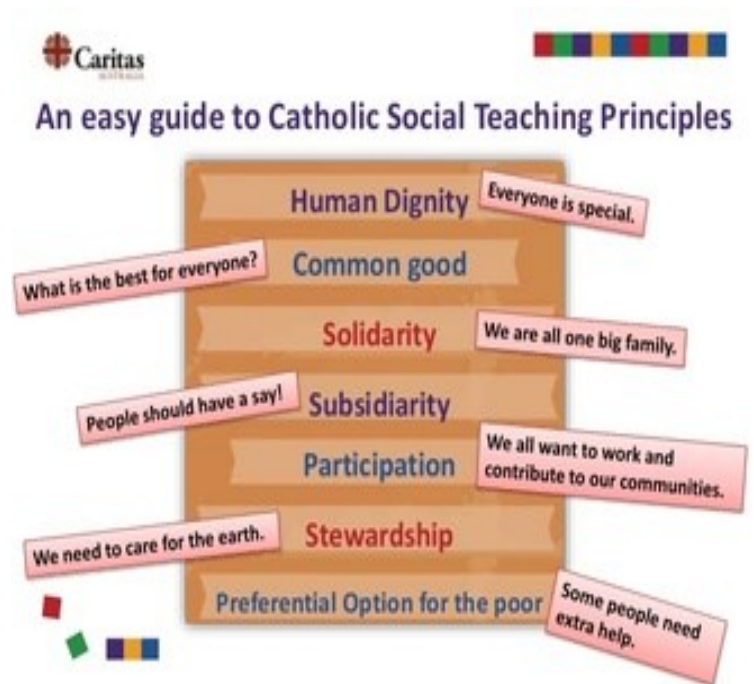
**Richard Pring**

*Mark Fox*

Principal

## Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching or CST are principles we just love at St Patrick's. Once you know them you will see that they underpin all we do at St Patrick's. CST principles are about developing the whole person and our place in society. They are founded on the message of the prophets of Jesus and the leaders of our Church. CST is about standing together with the most vulnerable members of our society and giving them a voice. Catholic Social Teaching is embedded throughout the Curriculum and within the Religious Life of our School.



## BUS TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Semester 1 2022 applications for the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme is available for eligible families to assist with the cost of travelling to school.

Applications close 31 May.

Please login to [Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme \(NSSTAS\) \(schooltransport.com.au\)](https://schooltransport.com.au) to check eligibility and make an application.



### 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 **\$45/week\*** on bus/ferry fares to and from school (\*\$35/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](https://SchoolTransport.com.au) during May.**

**Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

## COVID-19 UPDATE

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School wishes to advise you that, during the past week, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School regularly consults with the Catholic Education Office and relevant authorities and continues to follow the advice of Queensland Health regarding cleaning requirements.

Queensland Health has advised that no quarantine of students or staff is required as a result of school based contact.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/ children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/children at home
- Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results.
- Follow the advice of Queensland Health

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:

- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow and dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.
- practice social distancing from others where possible
- wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

## FLU AND INFLUENZA ADVICE

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. Qld Health has advised that it has recorded an increase in the number of influenza notifications. Therefore, is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about the flu.

Flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.



The school requests that anyone displaying flu-like symptoms stay at home until such symptoms have passed. Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above. Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.



# OUT AND ABOUT

## AUSTRALIA PLAYER ID CAMP WEST HAM UNITED FOUNDATION







**2 COACHES FROM THE CLUB IN LONDON WILL ATTEND THIS CAMP TO CONDUCT COACHING SESSIONS AND OVERSEE THE SELECTION PROCESS.**

**CAMP HOST:** ELITE ELEVEN, HERVEY BAY

**LOCATION:** HERVEY BAY SPORTS CLUB  
133-149 TAVISTOCK ST, TORQUAY QLD 4655

**DATES:** SATURDAY 2ND & SUNDAY 3RD JULY, 2022

**COST:** \$210 INC GST & CAMP SHIRT  
(ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS \$110)

**WHO:** OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGES 7-16 YEARS OLD

**SESSION TIMES:** 10.00AM - 2.00PM BOTH DAYS

**WHAT TO BRING:** PACKED LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE, SHIN PADS AND SUNSCREEN

- SELECTED PLAYERS INVITED TO WEST HAM UNITED AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CAMP (GOLD COAST, 18TH - 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2022)
- PLAYERS SELECTED AT NATIONAL CAMP WILL BE INVITED TO VISIT THE CLUB IN LONDON AND TAKE PART IN A WEST HAM UNITED DEVELOPMENT TOUR

**Register Now!**  
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# Flourish

# Family Fun day

2022

**FREE EVENT**

**THURSDAY 30 JUNE  
9am - 1pm**

**BOREHAM PARK  
AVENELL STREET**

**Theme: TRASH AND TREASURE**  
Dress up in your best RECYCLED costume!

**TEDDY BEAR PARADE**  
includes PRIZES!  
Plus NINJA OBSTACLE COURSE!

2022 Flourish Family Fun Day provides an opportunity to connect with a wide range of community organisations, government and business stall holders, who are ready to share their information, handouts, and activities for you and the children.

Stallholders **SCAN** to register or go to [trybooking.com/BYLCJ](http://trybooking.com/BYLCJ)



An integral part of the Fun Day is the **WELCOME BABY CELEBRATION** whereby each participating baby will receive a 'Baby Loves Bundaberg Region Pack', an acknowledgement Certificate signed by the Mayor and a small gift.










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[bundaberg.qld.gov.au](http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au)



# Out and About



Registrations close 5pm, Friday 17 June 2022

**The Welcome Baby Celebration held on Thursday 30 June from 9 - 10.30am at Boreham Park is an opportunity to formally introduce and welcome your baby as a valued member of the Bundaberg Region community.**

Each participating baby will receive a 'Baby Loves Bundaberg Region' pack, a Certificate signed by the Mayor, a small gift, and their very own Welcome Baby Teddy.

Key information for parents or expecting parents wanting to register:

- Participating babies are limited to 150
- Your child must be 15 months or younger on the day of the event
- You must be a resident of the Bundaberg Region

To register your baby, complete the Welcome Baby Registration form available at [bundaberg.qld.gov.au/welcome-baby](http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au/welcome-baby). Registrations close 5pm, Friday 17 June 2022.

For information, please contact:

<b>Bundaberg</b> 4130 4149 <a href="mailto:comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au">comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au</a>	<b>Gin Gin</b> 4130 4630 <a href="mailto:ggnc@bundaberg.qld.gov.au">ggnc@bundaberg.qld.gov.au</a>	<b>Childers</b> 4130 4690 <a href="mailto:cnc@bundaberg.qld.gov.au">cnc@bundaberg.qld.gov.au</a>
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# TERM TWO PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 19th April - Friday 22nd April</b>		
Monday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY</b>		
Tuesday	School returns on Tuesday 19 April		
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
Friday	Anzac Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 5
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 25th April - 29th April</b>		
Monday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY</b>		
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 2nd May - 6th May</b>		
Monday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY</b>		
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 2
Friday-Saturday	Music Camp - Junior & Senior Strings		Chaverim
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 9th May - 13th May</b>		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1C
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 16th May - 20th May</b>		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1M
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 23rd May - 27th May</b>		
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mrs Cook
Thursday	<b>BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY</b>		
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 30th May - 3rd June</b>		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 6th June - 10th June</b>		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 13th June - 17th June</b>		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3L
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 20th June - 24th June</b>		
Monday	Senior Field Events (students born 2010, 2011 & 2012)	TBA	St Patrick's
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3S
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (students born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013)	TBA	Shalom
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (students born 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017)	TBA	St Patrick's

2022 TERM DATES	
<b>TERM 2</b>	Tuesday 19 April - Friday 24 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September
	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 2nd September</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 4 October - Friday 2 December

2022 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS			
<b>TERM 2</b>	District Cross County	13-May	Avoca SS
<b>TERM 3</b>	District Athletics Carnival	3/4 August	St Luke's
<b>TERM 4</b>	Years 3-6 Senior Swimming Carnival	25-Nov	BSA