



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

6th September 2019

I attend weekend Mass at Bargara each week - something I quite enjoy. Last week however was a little different in that I was asked to fill in as a Reader at the liturgy. Sounds silly I know, but I really don't love speaking in public.

Giving myself the same advice I'd give our students, when the time came to read, I had a quick chat to myself about stepping up, took a deep breath, and launched into the reading.

According to my wife, Mason from Prep who was seated near us, got quite the surprise when he heard Mr Fox's voice across the PA at church when we were so far from school. He quickly pointed out his principal to his mum and listened to the reading.

I returned to my seat, glad the ordeal was over. I had just found my seat, when Mason turned towards me, looked me in the eye, and said, "Well done Mr Fox!"

It was pretty special for a number of reasons, but what really impressed me was that at five years of age, Mason had already learned to positively affirm people when the opportunity presents. It is an amazing skill.

You see, conversations form culture. From your own experiences, you know that in families where there are constant 'put downs' and blame, the family culture quickly becomes toxic. It is equally as evident in schools or in any workplace.

I love experiences like school camps, where students face challenges and do numerous team building experiences. Students learn very quickly the power of affirmation and being supportive in order to achieve any form of success, and they get opportunities to practice this skill.

If you wish to improve the culture and performance of any group be it family, sporting team, school or workplace, start with conversations. Affirm publicly at every opportunity. Correct privately and sensitively. Refuse to join in conversations where persons who are not present, are put down or gossiped about. Call out poor behaviour when you see it - don't walk past. It's not easy, yet I have seen a five year old who is well on the way. It is a responsibility we all share if we want to enjoy the benefits.

### Fathers Day Liturgy

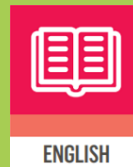
Thanks so much for the support. It was awesome to see so many families represented and it reminded us all of the amazing community that we have.

*Mark Fox*

## KEY INFORMATION FOR WEEK 9

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| Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am</li> <li>Morning Parade 8.40am</li> </ul>  |
| Tuesday   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am</li> <li>Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 4L</li> <li>Prep Excursion to Tinaberries 8.45am</li> </ul> |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am</li> <li>Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 4L</li> </ul>   |
| Thursday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 4L</li> </ul>  |
| Friday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sausage Sizzle</li> <li>Classroom Liturgy Prep W 8.45am</li> <li>ICAS English Test 1.30pm</li> </ul>                       |

**Prep Excursion**  
Tina Berries Strawberry Farm  
Tuesday 10th September 2019  
8:45am-11:00am



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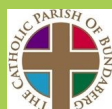
**ICAS**  
International Competitions  
and Assessments for Schools



Click the logo to access the school website and school calendar



Click the logo to access our school Facebook page



Click the logo to access the Parish News-letter



Click the logo to access Parent Lounge

## STUDENT ABSENCES



4994 8336 [spb\\_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au)

# CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children who are baptised and 8+ years old are able to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (First Communion).



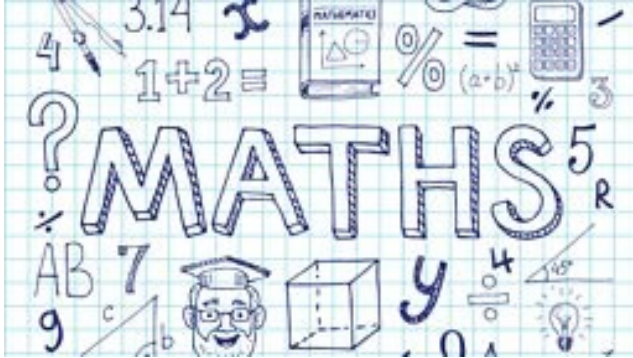
*The Parish preparation program will begin in Term 4. An Information morning is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th, 10.30-11.30am, in the Parish Office, Level 1/66 Woongarra Street.*

This session is especially for new parents to the program. Registration forms are available at the school or parish office beforehand. For more information, please contact Anne Sheehan, Sacramental co-ordinator, 41516666.



## BUNDABERG TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our St Patrick's Maths Team who competed in the Bundaberg Maths Team Challenge. They are pictured here demonstrating their knowledge of triangular numbers! This was a great opportunity for our students to work as a team to solve a range of challenging mathematical problems. This year over 50 teams from Bundaberg and district schools competed and it was great to be part of such a well-run competition. We are very grateful to Mrs Pole and Miss Forey for transporting and supervising students - we really appreciate their time and support!



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## VACATION CARE

Please click on the links to access Vacation Care for St Joseph's or St Mary's Primary School for the September school holidays.





# Softball

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

**Thursday 26th & Friday 27th September**  
**9am - 12:30 \$10 a Day or \$15 for 2 Days**

Morning Tea Provided  
Brothers AFL Grounds, Faircloth Cres Kensington

**Drills & Skills Sessions conducted by experienced coaches and players followed by games for all levels. Each participant will receive a Free Water Bottle.**

**BRING A FRIEND AND HAVE SOME FUN!!**  
Contact Club for more information

Brothers United Softball Club Ph 0438597086	The Waves Softball Club Ph 0414425860	Bargara Softball Club Ph 0438592808
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## SEASON 2019-20

SIGN ON DAYS  
SEPT 8 AND  
SEPT 15 2019

@ BUNDABERG SWIM ACADEMY  
FITZGERALD ST  
BUNDABERG  
9AM-10AM  
ALL WELCOME

# BUNDABERG SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB SIGN ON DAYS

Come and join in the fun of surf life saving and nippers. More info on facebook 'Bundaberg Surf Life Saving Club' Open to all ages: 5 Years through to Adults. Nippers is for under 6 to 14 years and then youth 'cadets' from 15 years.

[www.bundabergslsc.com.au](http://www.bundabergslsc.com.au)



## VETERAN CAR Gaslight PARADE

FREE event

View the vehicles at **Buss Park** after the parade



**Thursday 19 September 2019**  
Parade starts at 6.30pm

Experience a time when all vehicles required a man carrying a red flag and a lantern at night! Over 100 veteran vehicles will fill up the CBD on Bourbong Street

*See history come to life!*

1300 893 699 [bundaberg.qld.gov.au](http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au)



# THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND

## In Concert

Proceeds support Legacy and RSL

**ALL TICKETS \$20**  
**FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 7.30 PM**  
*Moncrieff Entertainment Centre*


07 4130 4100  
[moncrieff-bundaberg.com.au](http://moncrieff-bundaberg.com.au)



## TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 9	Week 9th September - 13th September		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4L
Friday	ICAS English Test	1.30pm	
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	Prep W
WEEK 10	Week 16th September - 20th September		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards		
Monday	ICAS Mathematics Test	1.30pm	
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4C
Tuesday-Thursday	Year 6 Camp	All day	Hervey Bay
Friday	 Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3K

## TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 7th October - 11th October		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEENS BIRTHDAY		
Tuesday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mini Vinnies
WEEK 2	Week 14th October-18th October		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Reef Guardians
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3B
WEEK 3	Week 21st October-25th October		
Monday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
Tuesday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5W
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3C
WEEK 4	Week 28th October-1st November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4C
WEEK 5	Week 11th November-15th November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4L
WEEK 6	Week 12th-16th November		
Monday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8.40am	Year 5
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2B
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4W
WEEK 7	Week 18th November-22nd November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 5
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
Wednesday	Cultural Night - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar	TBA	
Friday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9.00am	Year 1
WEEK 8	Week 25th November-29th November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Monday	Senior Strings to Retirement Homes		Senior Strings
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation Night	5.30pm	Shalom Sports Centre
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2H
Thursday	Senior Swimming Carnival		Years 3-6
Friday	Music Assembly - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar	10.00am	
WEEK 9	Week 2nd December - 6th December		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday	Celebration Night	5.00-7.30pm	
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9.30am	
	 Year 6 Assembly	11.00am	Year 6
	School Dismissal	12.00pm	