



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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I've spent some time in Year 6 this week, and I've really enjoyed it. I'm looking at kids, most of whom I've known since Prep. I love seeing how much they know, how much they have matured and how proud I am of the people they continue to become.

This week I've watched them design and use electrical circuits in a practical way and learn about persuasion and techniques that can be used to influence others. Soon they will commence secondary school. Some will be drawn towards a more academic future, others will follow a more practical or hands-on path. Either way, they will take the foundations of learning we have offered, and they will apply these skills in whichever way they determine to go forward.

I guess the same will apply with Religion. We will have provided our students with a strong foundation in Catholic faith and as they continue to mature, they will make their own determinations as to how they live their faith. You and I have both made the same decisions, and all of us understand and practise our faith in a different way.

The prayer at our Board meeting last night, led to a short discussion about the nature of prayer. I think it is a bit like love - it defies any sort of restrictive definition. If prayer leads you to act with love, wisdom and compassion, concern for the environment and for each other - you can be assured you're on the right track. Stick with it and either you'll find God or God will find you.

Staffing

Our beautiful Deb Handley finishes with us today to have surgery and recovery. We wish her all the best and look forward to her return in 2021. Mrs Leanne Krebs will be joining us to cover Deb's role. Mr Woodland too has had to take leave for the remainder of this year due to health concerns. We wish him too all the best during his recovery and in doing so welcome Kaylah Fox to teach Year 6. We really appreciate having Mel Doyle with us in Year 4 as a very capable Prac Teacher and we also welcome other student teachers Miss Courtney Green and Mr Kristopher Cobbin as they too commence a placement with us.

End of Year Events

We have emailed all parents a summary of the main events for this term. It lets you know those that are cancelled, those that will go ahead and the modifications in place because of Covid restrictions. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to make the most of the opportunities available to us.

Proposed Development Signs

Please be neither excited nor alarmed about the development signs placed around the school. We have purchased another house on Powers street which we will amalgamate into the school grounds in time, and the signage is simply a council requirement. We have no immediate plans for further building or development on this block.

Mark Fox

KEY DATES FOR WEEK 3

MONDAY	Junior Strings Ensemble 7.30am Musical Rehearsal Multi 1.30pm
TUESDAY	Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am Courtyard Prayer Reef Guardians 8.40am St Patrick's School Musical—Prep to Yr 2
WEDNESDAY	Courtyard Prayer Reef Guardians 8.40am St Patrick's School Musical—Yr 3-6
THURSDAY	Courtyard Prayer Reef Guardians 8.40am
FRIDAY	Sausage Sizzle Interscholar Sport Years 5 & 6

NOTE CHANGES DUE TO SCHOOL MUSICAL

- ◆ No Senior Strings on Wednesday
- ◆ No Tuckshop Afternoon Tea on Tuesday for the entire school
- ◆ No Tuckshop Lunch for 3C, 3K, and Year 4 -Year 6 on Wednesday



Click our school crest to go our school website calendar.



Click the facebook icon to go to our school facebook page.



Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.

OUTLINE OF TERM 4 EVENTS

The Musical

This will be held in Shalom's Performing Arts Complex. On Tuesday October 20th we will take all of Prep, 1, 2 and some Year 3 classes to see a performance. On Wednesday October 21st we will take the remainder of Year 3, along with students from Year 4, 5, and 6. On the Wednesday performance, one parent of a musical cast member can attend the performance. The performance will be recorded.

Interschool Sport

Commences this week. All children had the opportunity to nominate. We have both boys and girls competing in Touch and Table Tennis against other schools and there is also a mixed basketball team. At school we have cricket and craft available to both boys and girls. We are not able to have parents at sport. There are no athletic carnivals for our district and no school house athletic carnivals.

Prep Orientation

This will Proceed on Monday November 2nd. Only one parent from each family will be able to attend.

Cultural Night

We are unable to proceed with Cultural Night. We will offer our students the opportunity to perform during the day on November 10th at Shalom's Performing Arts complex. This will include our Junior and Senior choirs, Junior and Senior Ensembles, Year 3 Strings group and the Year 6 Guitar Ensemble. The event will be recorded and no parents will be able to attend. We are unable to take our Strings to perform at Aged Care facilities this year.

Nativity Play

This will proceed on the morning of November 20 at 9:00am. All students will attend and each Year One student can have a maximum of two family members attend.

Year 6 Graduation

This will proceed on Tuesday November 24th at 9:00am in our Covered Area. No other classes will attend and each Year 6 student is permitted a maximum of six adult guests.

Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6

This will proceed on November 26th. Sadly again no parents will be able to attend. We will have House Captains from Year 6. All students from Year 6 will be eligible, and votes from Year 6 students will be used when we consider the positions. There won't be campaigns or speeches for this.

Music Assembly

We will hold our Music assembly on November 27th at 10:00. Sorry – once again we are unable to invite parents and the children will perform for children in Years 3-6. Our choirs, string ensembles and guitar ensemble/s (number of guitar ensembles to perform will be confirmed) will perform for the students.

End of Year Excursions

These will proceed as usual. Parents do not attend these.

Celebration Night

We are unable to hold Celebration Night. On Wednesday December 2nd children will be able to wear free dress with a Christmas Theme. During last session on the Wednesday, each year level will perform a Christmas song. No parents are able to attend.

Last Day

We will have a whole of school liturgy on Friday December 4th. This will begin at 9:30 and we will invite two parents for each Year 6 student to attend. We are unable to invite any other parents.

At about 11:30, we will have a final assembly to farewell Year 6. Again two parents for each Year 6 student will be invited to attend and again, we are unable to invite other parents. School will conclude at 12:00 and parents are invited to collect their children at that time.



Recurrent Funding for Catholic schools

Recurrent funding means Catholic schools can continue to support Queensland families by providing quality education and learning opportunities to more than 150,000 students across the State, including in regional and remote areas. This allows parents to choose a school they believe is best for their child and consistent with their personal values or faith.



Through the Education Bilateral Agreement with the Federal Government, the State Government has committed to transition funding for non-government schools to 20 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) by 2024. In real terms this results in a reduction in State funding to Catholic schools.

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed unprecedented economic pressures on Queensland families and Catholic school communities. Catholic schools are calling on the next State Government to maintain recurrent funding at the current level of 22.45 per cent of the SRS for the next four years, in recognition of these unprecedented challenges.

Schools that are not resourced properly cannot operate effectively which will put more financial pressure on Queensland families and disadvantage one in five students in Queensland. By maintaining the level of recurrent funding at the levels proposed, the next State Government will be supporting Queensland families who choose a Catholic school.



196 Catholic schools with state recurrent funding at <20% SRS



State recurrent funding growth <1% p.a. to 2024



Catholic schools

Call on the next State Government to maintain recurrent funding at 22.45% of SRS over the next four years to support all schools through unprecedented challenges.

Ensuring recurrent funding is maintained at 22.45 per cent of the SRS for the next four years for Queensland Catholic schools will ensure they can offer a quality education to students without the need to increase pressure on Queensland families by increasing school fees. This will provide greater equity across all schools.


SPORTS NEWS

Bundaberg District CRICKET Representatives

Congratulations **THOMAS ELPHINSTONE** and **CORIN DRIVER** who represented Bundaberg District at the Wide Bay School Sports Cricket Trials held on Monday, 12 October. The boys represented the school and themselves admirably, displaying wonderful sportsmanship. Well done Tom & Corin!



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATE SCHEME



Student Travel Rebates

Semester 2

Bus Fare Assistance

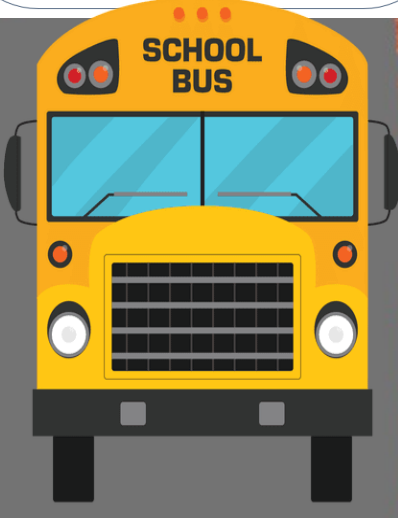
- Does your child attend a school **outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$30/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

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 October.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st October.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday Sausage Sizzle is held each and every Friday for the remainder of term. Each week we require volunteers to assist with the serving and clean up of the sizzle. If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.



Week	Year Level	Number of Volunteers Required
Week 3	Year 5	3 Volunteers Required
Week 4	Year 4	3 Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 3	3 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 2	3 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 1	3 Volunteers Required
Week 8	Prep	1 Volunteer Required

FINANCE NEWS

Fees have been issued and are due 12th November unless you have a payment plan in place in which case this merely serves as a statement of account. Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies if you have any queries or should you wish to setup a payment plan. Please check your junk box if you haven't received your statement.

In response to COVID-19 virus, Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton has extended the 100% discount on tuition fees for Concession Card holders in an effort to eliminate financial stress.

If you have been fortunate enough to have returned to work, please advise Finance Secretary that you no longer require this concession.

Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school however if you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact school finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

School Fee Payment Options

Payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Direct Deposit

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

Recurring Credit Card Billing

If you wish to make regular recurring payments as you would normally from a bank account but prefer to use a Credit Card so as to gain advantages of frequent flyer points etc., it is as simple as completing a form. This form is available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab, titled Direct Debit by Credit Card Form. Otherwise please contact St Patrick's School Finance Secretary Maria Davies at maria_davies@rok.catholic.edu.au to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

BPay

BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A BPay logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement, if you choose to pay this way.

Parent Lounge

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

Direct Debit

If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Maria Davies for assistance or simply download, complete and return the form titled Direct Debit by Bank Account Form available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab.

Centrepay

Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments.

Our CRN is 555 053 656K and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

Student Banking

This term student banking resumed each Monday. Click on this link to register your child <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> for student banking. Term 4 Rewards are now available to order.

Snakes & Ladders Game is a fun way for children to learn to count and follow instructions and is printed on FSC approved paper. Even the game pieces were made out of wood (and not plastic). The Emoji wallet is a great way for students to practice using money in shops and counting change. A perfect time in the lead up to Christmas..!

Last day to order rewards... Before we know it the school year will fast come to an end. So you can be prepared, the last date for redeeming tokens for prizes is 23rd November.

