



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

25th October 2019

A couple of years back, my son began dating Anna, a teacher. I was impressed with her from the moment he introduced her to us. Anna was engaging and confident in who she was. She spoke of the importance of family, values and caring for others. She had a sense of humour, not taking herself too seriously. As we got to know Anna better, her integrity was obvious and by far her best feature, was that through their relationship, and out of his respect for her, she challenged my son to be a better person. They've been married just over a year now, and I couldn't be happier for them or for our family.

I'm sure Anna brings these personal attributes to her profession. I'm equally sure that the people she works with, help her to develop these personal qualities, as do the challenges of her profession.

These qualities, which I obviously admire, abound within the staff of our school. A walk through any classroom will reveal the efforts staff go to in order to engage children in their learning. Our teachers are for the most part confident, and if they are not, they portray confidence because we only learn from people who believe in themselves.

Only people who love family, really understand how important children are to their parents. Our teachers get this and engage often and readily with parents. Teachers have to operate out of values and with integrity. Kids sense bull-dust very quickly, and teachers who don't walk their talk are judged very quickly and astutely. It is good that we are held accountable for this – it makes us better people.

The absolute best thing though, is the respectful relationships we see. Out of that respect, children here do try to improve both their learning and their character. Staff here do challenge students to be the best version of themselves, and because of the quality of the relationships, they respond.

Our staff is far from perfect, and as with all humans there are flaws. That said, I have never worked with finer people. We are so well placed to celebrate World Teachers' Day.

*Mark Fox*

## KEY INFORMATION FOR WEEK 4

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| Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Parade 8.40am</li> <li>• Year 3 Excursion CQU</li> </ul>                  |
| Tuesday   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am</li> <li>• Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 5P</li> </ul>    |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am</li> <li>• Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 5P</li> </ul>  |
| Thursday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 5P</li> </ul>   |
| Friday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom Liturgy 4C 8.45am</li> <li>• Interschool Sport Years 5&amp;6</li> </ul> |



**CULTURAL NIGHT**

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
8AM FRIDAY  
1ST NOVEMBER

*Wednesday 20th November*



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## STUDENT ABSENCES



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### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation begins soon for children 8+ years old who are baptised. Registrations are being taken for the 2019-20 Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist group. Registration forms are available from the parish office, Level 1/66 Woongarra Street, or from Tracey Cook. The first session for children and parents is on Wednesday, 30 October, at 5.30pm **OR** Sunday, 3 November, at 10.30am. All sessions are held at the parish office. Contact Anne Sheehan, 41516666, or Tracey Cook for more information.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



### STUDENT TRAVEL REBATE SCHEME



#### STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 2, 2019



##### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$20/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** 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 financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) by 31 October 2019.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Online applications for the Student Travel Rebate Scheme are now open until 31st October.

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

Visit the School Transport website (click on the logo below) to check if you are eligible or to apply online.

*Applications close 31st October*



**Non State Schools**  
TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

## CULTURAL NIGHT

### St Patrick's Annual Cultural Night Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 6pm at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

**TICKETS ON SALE from 8am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November via the Trybooking website**

Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BGIZO>



**No tickets will be sold at the school office**

**STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 5.30PM FOR A 6PM START**

St Patrick's annual Cultural Night will be held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 6pm at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct. Our Senior Strings, Senior Choir, Junior Strings, Junior Choir, Guitar Ensembles and Year 3 students will perform. This is the first time the Year 3 students will perform for such a large audience so it is a very exciting occasion!

**TICKETS ON SALE 8am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November \$7 per head, includes a light supper.  
Performing students will not require a ticket**

All students will be required to wear the following uniforms for performances:

Group	Performance uniform
Year 3	Year 3 Strings performance uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White dress shirt – long sleeve button up with collar</li><li>• long black dress pants</li><li>• black socks, school shoes</li></ul>
Junior Choir	Prep: school uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Years 1-2: Formal school uniform</li><li>• Year 3: strings performance uniform (see above)</li></ul>
Senior Choir Junior Strings Senior Strings	Performance Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black shirt – long sleeve button up with collar</li><li>• long black dress pants</li><li>• black socks, school shoes</li></ul> ◇ Year 3 students in Junior Strings will wear Year 3 Strings performance uniform
Guitar Ensemble	Formal School uniform

Following their performance, children will sit together in one of the classrooms close to the Performing Arts block, under teacher supervision. If you wish to collect your child before the end of the night please come to this area.

All performing students will travel by bus to Shalom with other performing groups from 11.30 onwards on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November for a rehearsal on stage at the Performing Arts Precinct. Students will return to school by approximately 2.40pm. If your child is required to catch a bus at 2.45pm please inform the office or make alternative pick up arrangements on that day in the event that the returning buses are delayed.



## FINANCE NEWS

Fees were issued 17<sup>th</sup> October and are due for payment 31<sup>st</sup> October **unless you have a payment plan in place**. If you have a regular payment plan in place this merely serves as a statement for your records. Take time to review your statement and make immediate payment of any outstanding fees if necessary. A reminder to please check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school. Any shortfall in assessed fees for the year has to be met from the general school account which could mean less in our budget to meet our commitments. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the 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](mailto: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**

Student banking will continue each Monday. Click on this link to register your child <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> for student banking.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE—TERM FOUR

If you are able to help out with serving and clean up for our weekly Friday Sausage Sizzle from 10.45-11.45 please see roster below for the Year Level we require assistance for and contact the office.

Week 4	Friday 1/11	Year 5
Week 5	Friday 8/11	Year 4
Week 6	Friday 15/11	Year 3
Week 7	Friday 22/11	Year 2

# TERM FOUR PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 7th October - 11th October</b>		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEENS BIRTHDAY		
Tuesday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mini Vinnies
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 14th October-18th October</b>		
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
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 21st October-25th October</b>		
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
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 28th October-1st November</b>		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4C
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 4th November-8th November</b>		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4L
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 11th-15th November</b>		
Monday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8.40am	Year 5
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2B
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4W
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 18th November-22nd November</b>		
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	5.30pm	
Friday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9.00am	Year 1
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 25th November-29th November</b>		
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	
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 2nd December - 6th December</b>		
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	