



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

6 November 2020

The Foxes have recently welcomed a new family member with the birth of our first grandson. The whole thing was very cool, and also amazing was watching the way his birth immediately changed his parents. This little guy instantly became the most important thing in their lives, and his care and well-being was suddenly their absolute focus.

It was good for me to have had this experience, because when we welcomed our Prep classes for 2021 on Monday, I was reminded of just how precious these little guys are to their parents. The parents needed to know that we would protect, care for and educate their children in a way that reflected the preciousness of each child entrusted to us. It is an awesome privilege to be afforded such trust, and a reminder to each one of us of the responsibilities we have as a school community.

The other great thing was the chance to see school through the eyes of our new students. There was that mixture of excitement, perhaps a little fear, wonder and anticipation of what is to come next year. We really do have a terrific school community which continues to attract so many wonderful families - something we will never take for granted.

An integral part of keeping our school such a great learning community is leadership. We are all in no doubt that Mrs. Wilson leaving us to pursue a career in medicine will leave a big hole in leadership. Trying to find a suitable replacement certainly cost me some sleep and by far the best news I have received of late was that Mrs. Tracey Cook, was prepared to take on the Assistant to the Principal Curriculum role for 2021. Tracey of course knows our school, staff, students, routines and priorities. She is well respected by staff, students and parents and her expertise in teaching and learning is widely acknowledged within our school. She will do a tremendous job for us in curriculum next year.

Following Tracey's appointment, we sought a staff member to act in the position of Assistant to the Principal Religious Education next year. We were delighted when Mrs. Clare Clarke accepted this role for 2021. Clare too is very well respected as a leader within our community and has previously served as the APRE in our school. Clare will certainly complement and enhance our Leadership Team next year, and we greatly look forward to working with her in her new role.

Filling these roles so successfully makes for a much easier transition and has certainly assisted our staffing profile for next year. We are hopeful of having our full complement of teachers for 2021 in place over the next couple of weeks. While we haven't fully completed appointments to our school for next year, some of you will be aware of those who won't be with us in 2021. After many years of service to our school, Miss Cameron has accepted a transfer and both Mrs. Lindeman and Mrs. Donovan will take maternity leave for 2021. We look forward to opportunities before the year concludes to thank and farewell the staff who will leave us, and once appointments at our school are finalized, they too will be communicated.

*Mark Fox*

## KEY DATES FOR WEEK 6

<b>MONDAY</b>	NAIDOC Week Junior Strings Ensemble 7.30am PSDE Parent Sessions 4.30—6.00pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Cultural Recording Day—Junior & Senior Strings/Year 3 Strings and Year 6 Guitar Ensemble Courtyard Prayer 5C 8.40am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am Courtyard Prayer Remembrance Day 5P 8.40am
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Courtyard Prayer 5M 8.40am
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Sausage Sizzle Last Day for Interschool Sport Years 5 & 6 -



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Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

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Due to the unprecedented year that we've had, the conditions placed on us for gatherings, and the uncertainty for 2021, the Parish Sacramental Team has decided NOT to proceed with an intake of children ready for the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation next year. The preparation program will begin in Term 4, 2021. Those children whose Confirmation and First Communion was cancelled this year will celebrate their sacraments in Term 2 next year. Enquiries to Anne at the Parish Office, 41516666.



# END YEAR ACTIVITIES 2020

<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 10</p> <p><b>CULTURAL DAY AT SHALOM</b></p> <p>Junior &amp; Senior Strings. Year 3 Strings and Year 6 Guitar Ensemble</p> <p>Will be recorded - no family members to attend</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 20</p> <p><b>NATIVITY PLAY YEAR 1</b></p> <p>9.00am</p> <p>Only two family members to attend</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 24</p> <p><b>YEAR 6 GRADUATION</b></p> <p>9.00am</p> <p>Up to six family members to attend</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 27</p> <p><b>SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL</b></p> <p>Year 3 &amp; 4 - 9 to 11am Year 5 &amp; 6 - 11 to 1pm No family members to attend</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 2</p> <p><b>CELEBRATION DAY</b></p> <p>Free Dress Day</p> <p>No family members to attend</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 04</p> <p><b>END YEAR LITURGY</b></p> <p>9.30am</p> <p><b>YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY</b></p> <p>11.30am</p> <p>Only two family members per Yr 6 student to attend</p>

## 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 6	Year 2	2 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 1	1 Volunteer Required

## AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION 2020

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Australian Maths Competition last term. We're really proud of all of the students who were willing to challenge themselves to complete such a difficult mathematics competition. They were among hundreds of thousands of students who entered this competition in 2020. It's been a bit of a wait but the certificates are finally here! Many of our students received proficiency awards, eleven of our students received a Credit certificate and six achieved a Distinction award! Congratulations to all of these students.

### Distinction Awards Top 10% of the competition

Student	Year Level
Darius Shield	3
Cadel Driver	3
Joel Xavier	4
Mary Stelmack	5
Donal Xavier	5
Ruby Wilson	5



### Credit Awards Top 30% of the competition

Student	Year Level
Gus Pearson	3
Cameron Lawley	3
Leah Stuart	3
Sophie Cullinan	3
Cara McMahon	4
Isaac Tardent	4
Connor Findlay	4
Oliver Martin	5
Ronald Machekera	6
Donald Machekera	6
Rhiannon Lamb	6



### Proficiency Awards

Student	Year Level
Noah Alex	4
Elliot Hall	4
Jack Dever	4
Priyanka Singh	5
Virgil Willett	5
Keira Hawe	5
Lillian King-Siem	5
Bella Lyons	6
Oliver Lawley	6
Waylen Hu	6

**AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST**

## FINANCE NEWS

### **Please Finalise 2020 Fees**

A reminder that fees have been issued and are due 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Student Banking**

The last date for redeeming tokens for prizes is 23rd November.

## POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS ONLINE WORKSHOP



positive partnerships  
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

### ONLINE WORKSHOP SOUTH BURNETT REGION



Join us for our new online workshop for those in the South Burnett Region where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support individuals on the autism spectrum.

This online workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents. Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- the diversity of autism, including sensory processing
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school.

**Location:**  
SOUTH BURNETT REGION  
via zoom online

**Date:**  
Thursday 12 November 2020

**Time:**  
Thu 9:15 AM - 2:30 PM (AEST)

[http://](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au)  For more information and what is happening in your state and territory, click here [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au)



# OUT AND ABOUT

## SHALOM ROWING COME & TRY

**Monday 23 November**  
 3:30pm to 5:15pm  
**Thursday 26 November**  
 3:30pm to 5:15pm  
**Saturday 28 November**  
 7:00am to 8:30am | 8:30am to 9:30am

Bundaberg Rowing Club, Quay St

Please bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, thongs, fairly tight fitting clothes

**REGISTER FOR THE COME & TRY SESSIONS  
CLICK LINK BELOW**

*"Friendships are built that can last a lifetime"*  
- Grace Pashley



*"Your crew becomes your family"*

*"Rowing is the ultimate team sport"*



**PLAYERS AND COACHES WANTED**

S.C. Corinthians Softball Inc. (the newest softball club in Bundaberg) is looking for players and coaches to participate in the Bundaberg Softball Association season from October 2020 to March 2021. Games are played on a Saturday morning at the Bundaberg Softball Association grounds.

Age Divisions are:

- Junior Tee ball: 4 and 5 years
- Senior Tee Ball: 6 and 7 years
- U11: 8, 9, 10 years
- U13: 11 – 12 years
- U15: 13 – 14 years
- U17: 15 – 16 years

Please contact Jim Cairney on 0467 523 696 or email the softball secretary at [softball-secretary@corinthians.com.au](mailto:softball-secretary@corinthians.com.au) for further information.

**'Family, Friendly, Fun'**

**Bargara Softball**

For more information, contact:  
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### Why join Bargara

The Bargara Softball club is a family friendly club and are always looking to welcome new members. We will treat everyone with fairness, respect & dignity at all times. If you are interested in playing for a Club that emphasizes mateship and fun over politics then we are the Club for you.

**Are you looking for a family orientated sport to play in Summer?**

**Why not Try Softball?**

Everyone welcome from 5 years of age and older.  
New and Old Players Welcome

Our Divisions include:  
T-Ball, U12, U14 & U16, Senior Men & Women (A grade and B grade)

We play Saturdays at the Brothers AFL Grounds, Faircloth Ave, Bundaberg.

### Bring a Friend and Have some Fun!

**T-Ball Players**  
Ages 5 - 9 Years Boys & Girls  
Faircloth Cres  
(Brothers AFL Sports Ground)

**Join the Club**

- » Become a Player
- » Become a Coach
- » Become an Umpire
- » Become a Sponsor

**LOOKING FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS**

All School Children Welcome

Taking players from 10 years of age and older

Divisions: U12, U14 & U16

Queensland Government  
**Kindergarten**  
Approved Program

**Cuddle Bugs**  
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66 Boundary Street Bundaberg QLD

Now taking enrolments for 2021 and beyond.

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Providing care for children 15 months to school age

Open 6am to 6pm in air conditioned comfort

- Open 6am - 6pm
- Fully Air Conditioned
- CCS Rebates Apply to eligible families
- Approved Kindergarten Funded Service (additional Pre-Prep rebates apply)
- Specialised Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Pre-Prep Service
- Tertiary Qualified Pre-Prep Teachers
- The most popular and sort after Kindergarten & Pre-Prep in town
- Rated EXCEEDING National Quality Standards in all seven areas
- Business Awards - nominated in the Business of Excellence Awards in 2016 & 2019 and the HESTA Childcare Awards 2019
- Privately owned business for over 11 years.

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**Cuddle Bugs Kindergarten where your children can spread their wings**

Approved Providers  
Andrea Jullerist and Nicole James