



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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A childhood lesson came back to me last week when I heard a story that brought me to tears. My mother's voice echoed as I listened, 'one good deed leads to another'. The following story is an example of what we are trying to instill in our students through the Resilience Project. **Feeling empathy for others leads to action.**

The story was broadcast on digital radio early one morning last week. A caller rang to publicly thank the anonymous person who assisted her that week. She was in a medical centre carpark waiting in her car for an appointment. She was approached by a gentleman and his two young sons. He asked if she was aware of the very poor condition of her front tyres. She said she was, and that she could not afford to replace them. He asked her to follow him to a local tyre store where he arranged for payment of two new tyres, rotation and wheel alignment. He said he could not let a young girl drive any further with the tyres in the condition they were in. Wanting to know how she could repay him, he asked her that when she was in a better financial position to do a kind deed for another in need.

What a powerful story. Why aren't similar stories not the first news broadcast or front page newspaper articles? It made my day! By the way this lady told the story with such emotion, I am positive she will indeed do as the Good Samaritan asked. It also got me thinking about the bystanders in this story and its effect on them: the gentleman's sons; the workers at the tyre store; and the ABC listeners. It certainly was thought provoking for me. I know I went to work that morning a better person for hearing it.

Not many of us are able to give financial assistance as this gentleman did in this story...but we can all feel empathy for others and try to understand what they need at a particular time. I am fortunate to witness each and everyday how a child's smile, laughter and greeting me by name changes my day and its outlook. It's that simple!

Dance Night

There was no one more disappointed than myself when I had to cancel Dance Night due to the oval being waterlogged and not suitable for dance or audience. I truly value the unique community spirit we have here at St Patrick's and the large number of parents and grandparents that would have gathered on our oval for this annual event. The students simply love it and look forward to showcasing their work and the night is enjoyed by all who attend. Please understand and be assured that a decision to cancel a much loved event is never taken lightly.

Watching our students perform their dances today with the support of such a large parent audience was just wonderful. Thankyou to the many families who were able to attend. We really appreciate the support and involvement of our St Patrick's families.

KEY DATES FOR WEEK 7



- Monday—No Parish Mass
- Monday—Swimming Lessons Year 3-6
- Tuesday-Thursday –Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 3K
- Friday—5W Liturgy 8.45am
- Friday—Assembly 3ST and Awards 10.25am



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

FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS

Flashing lights now active at St Patrick's

This week flashing light school zone signs were installed on George St.

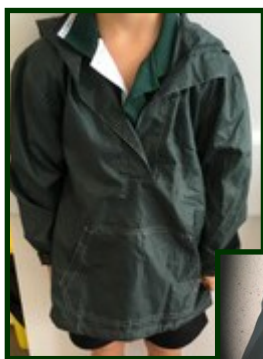
St Patrick's was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.

You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

Next time you're dropping off or picking up your child, keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.



RAINJACKETS



Raincoats

Over the last couple of weeks of wet weather, we have found that the use of umbrellas on our paths around the school, especially at high traffic times, causes a hazard for other students. We are encouraging students to wear this type of raincoat which can be purchased locally. Please contact the office for more information.



SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2018

Please note the following date claimers for sports trials. Further information regarding eligibility can be found in previous newsletters, and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to see Mrs Annette Hammermeister for clarification.



Tennis Boys & Girls Trials: 15 March; Rotary Tennis Courts, George St; 8:45am – 3:00pm

Touch Boys & Girls Trials: March 2/9; Bundaberg Touch Association Fields; 3:45 pm – 5:30 p.m.

Golf Boys & Girls to Dean Pickup at dpick42@eg.edu.au or fax to Gin Gin State School 41332325. NOMINATIONS Close: 2 March. HANDICAP & GOLFLINK NUMBER required on nomination form.

Football BOYS U/12 - Tuesday 13 March (**ONLY BOYS BORN 2006**); Wednesday 14 March (**ONLY BOYS BORN 2007 & 2008**); Tuesday 20 March - **ALL BOYS INVITED BACK FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEKS**); Bundaberg North State High School; 4:00pm – 5:30 pm.

Football GIRLS U/12 - Monday 12 March & Monday 19 March (**must attend both days**); Bundaberg North State High School; 4:00pm – 5:30 pm.

Netball Girls: 14 & 21 March (must attend both days); Norville State School; 4:00 - 5:00pm.

Rugby League (10 yrs - Born 2008; 11yrs - Born 2007; 12yrs - Born 2006): 15, 20, 22 & 27(if needed) March; Salter Oval; 3:30 - 5:00pm. All players must wear a mouth guard when trialling / playing.

If you require vacation care over the school holidays, both St Mary's and St Joseph's are offering programs. Please click on the opposite link for further information and booking forms.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.



TRIPLE P

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM



Don't let parenting worries keep you up at night!

The results from Triple P's annual parenting survey are in! Encouraging kids to be healthy, managing screen time and dealing with kids' emotions are the three biggest worries keeping Queensland parents up at night right now. Triple P founder Professor Matt Sanders says the best thing parents can do to encourage positive behaviour is to lead by example. Kids who grow up with positive parenting do better at school and in life. Parents who do Triple P are also less stressed and depressed. Triple P is free in Queensland – do it [online](#), in [seminars or groups](#), or [one-on-one](#). Visit www.triplep-parenting.net.

FINANCE NEWS

Fees have been issued and are due payable today 23rd February **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. Statements/invoices are emailed so please ensure correct and up to date addresses or any changes are advised straightaway.

Information for new families and a reminder to existing families...

Fees

Invoice/Statements are emailed to families by end of second week of each term and are payable within 14 days unless you have a regular payment plan in place. In order to keep St Patrick's Catholic Primary School fees to a minimum, it is imperative that all of our accounts are paid on time. Contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies to establish a payment plan and/or confirm whether you have a direct debit plan you wish to amend and/or continue. **A DIRECT DEBIT PLAN IS NOT NECESSARILY AUTOMATICALLY CARRIED FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR.** For payment by direct debit or credit card, please complete the appropriate forms on the website.

Other payment options are outlined in the attached document.

If you have a valid government concession card, please present this to the finance secretary to receive your entitlement of 70% discount on tuition fees.

Should you have any queries regarding your account, please contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies at spbg_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au or on 4152 1380 or call into the office at any time.

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROMOTION

St Patrick's is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools Promotion, so please bring your vouchers to the designated box in the office that will go directly towards the school receiving new sporting equipment.



How does it work?



Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.



OUT AND ABOUT



Family fun with more than 80 years of success.

Come and Try Days

We are seeking new players aged 6 - 16 years. Come along and learn some skills from our club coaches, concluding with a sausage sizzle.

When: Saturday, 17th March 9 - 10:30am
Tuesday, 20th March 4 - 5:30pm

Where: Hinkler Park
Cnr Thornhill St and Hinkler Ave
(Just off the northern end of the Tallon Bridge)

What to Bring: Hat, long socks and water bottle
(Hockey sticks and shin pads supplied)

For more information:

President: Peter McLennan 0428 576238
Secretary: Karen Lindsay 0432 688099
or email: citieshockey@hotmail.com
Facebook: [The Waves Cities Hockey Club](https://www.facebook.com/TheWavesCitiesHockeyClub)



OVER 18 EVENT

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE
BUNDABERG
Catholic Schools
RACE DAY 2018

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN AT 11.30am

Tickets on Sale at
Shalom College and St Patrick's,
St Mary's & St Joseph's Primary Schools

- » Fashion Parade by **HOTLINE BOUTIQUE**
- » **FASHIONS OF THE FIELD**
- » **HUGE RAFFLE**

Limited Tickets Available!
ADMISSION \$60!
Includes entrance to the Marquee Party, 2 Free Drinks, Finger food and Bus to the CBD

TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 22nd January—26th January		
Monday	First Day of Term		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday— Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	
Friday	AUSTRALIA DAY		
WEEK 2	Week 29th January—2nd February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday— Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5B
Friday	Opening School Liturgy and Year 6 Induction	9.00am	6L
	No Assembly and No Awards		
WEEK 3	Week 5th February—9th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year3 - Year 5
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday— Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5B
	Awards Only	10.45am	
WEEK 4	Week 12th February—16th February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8.40am	6R
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	
Friday	No Liturgy		
	Awards Only	10.45am	
WEEK 5	Week 19th February—23rd February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5W
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3K
	Project Compassion and Caritas (Mini Vinnies)		
WEEK 6	Week 26th February—2nd March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3ST
Thursday	Welcome Dance Night	5.00pm	
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3C
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	5P
WEEK 7	Week 5th March—9th March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3K
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5W
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	3ST
WEEK 8	Week 12th March—16th March		
Monday	Parish Mass - St Patrick's Day	9.00am	Whole school
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Friday	St Patrick's Day Mass	9.00am	6B
	No Assembly or Awards		
WEEK 9	Week 19th March—23rd March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6R
Friday	No Liturgy		
	Palm Sunday	10.25am	4C & 4W
WEEK 10	Week 26th March - 30th March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming Carnival - Yr 3/4 9-11am and Yr 5/6 11-12:30pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4L
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	Yr 5
Thursday	Easter Liturgy	9.00am	Yr 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10.15am	Prep to Yr 3
	Mini Fair	11.00am - 12.15pm	
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY		