



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

15th November 2019

This Friday, we celebrate one of my favourite annual events – the Year 1 Nativity Play. Having now seen quite a few at different schools and over many years, I love it because you're never exactly sure how it might come out on the day. When you have 6 year olds acting, singing, dancing and narrating – no two plays are ever exactly the same.

Fr Richard Leonard shared the following story.

*Last week I was invited to a nativity play at a Catholic Primary school. All the parents of third-graders were there. The sister who organised the play told me that she had trouble with the boy who was playing the innkeeper because he had his heart set on playing St Joseph. Rehearsals had not gone well, but she was sure everything would be fine in the performance.*

*As Mary and Joseph knocked at the inn, the innkeeper gruffly yelled out, "Who's there?" "Joseph, and my wife Mary," came the reply. The innkeeper did not budge, so Joseph knocked again. The innkeeper barked, "Who's there?" "Joseph, and my wife Mary," came the reply. The little innkeeper put his head around the door and blurted out, "Mary and the baby can come in, but Joseph, you go to hell."*

*With that, Joseph burst into tears, the shepherds bashed up the innkeeper and the three wise men started attacking the children who were inside the camel costume. Sister turned to me and said, "This wasn't the way it was supposed to go," and it took ten minutes to restore peace.*

Fr Richard reflected...

*I thought it was great. And the thing I liked most about it was that it was human and real. For long enough we have cleaned up Christmas too much. The original Christmas must have been a terribly messy affair. After travelling for days in the last month of her pregnancy, the nineteen-year-old Joseph has to help his fifteen-year-old wife have a child in a cave where the smell of animals must have been shocking. This is far from the sanitised image we have on our cards or that we sing in our carols.*

He's right. I like that God meets us where we are in life. I love that in the Gospel narrative about Jesus, God chose a pregnant and unmarried 15 year old girl to be the mother of Jesus. I like that as a Catholic school community, we too welcome people whoever they are, and however they are situated. The Christmas story that Year One tells so well, is all about kindness. I love it.

*Mark Fox*

### Monday

- Spelling Bee commences this week
- Junior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am
- Parish Mass Year 5 9.00am

### Tuesday

- Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am
- Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 2C

### Wednesday

- Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am
- Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 2C
- Cultural Night Rehearsal 12-3pm

### Thursday

- Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 2C

### Friday

- Classroom Liturgy 4W 8.45am
- Year 1 Nativity Assembly 9.00am



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 7	Wednesday 20/11	Cultural Night
Week 7	Friday 22/11	Year 1 Nativity Assembly
Week 8	Monday 25/11	Senior Strings to Retirement Homes
Week 8	Tuesday 26/11	Year 6 Graduation & Supper
Week 8	Thursday 28/11	Swimming Carnival
Week 8	Friday 29/11	Music Assembly
Week 9	Wednesday 4/12	Celebration Night



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## STUDENT ABSENCES



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

## Mini Vinnies' CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019

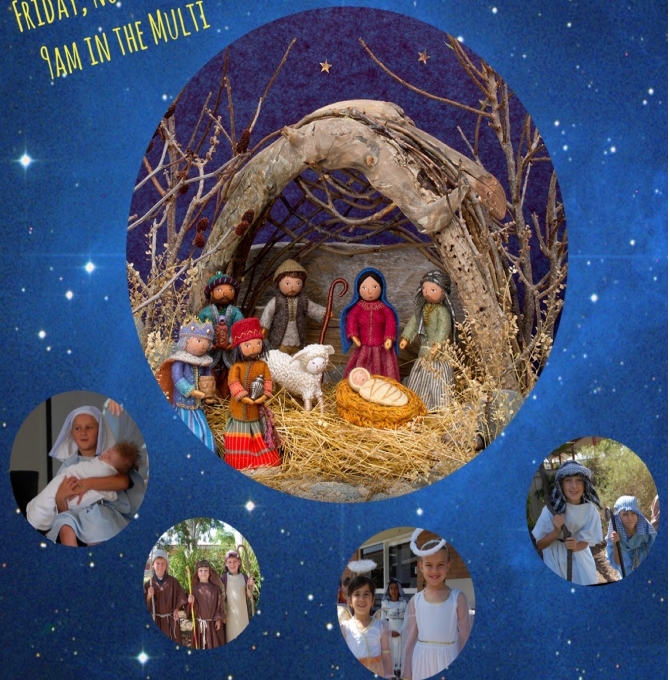


- Prep: Christmas decorations
- Year 1: New (unused) toys and books
- Year 2: Pet food - dry and tinned
- Year 3: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 4: Card games, board games, sport equipment
- Year 5: School and Art supplies
- Year 6: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks

COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE THE REASON FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...

## Year 1 Nativity Play

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22  
9AM IN THE MULTI



## Celebration NIGHT

Wednesday 4th December

Our annual Celebration Night will be held on Wednesday 4th December, which is a wonderfully relaxed evening spent on our oval watching our children perform Christmas Carols. We also take the opportunity to farewell any staff that may be leaving us. Please note the following information:-

- Gates will open at 5pm
- All families are welcome to bring a BYO dinner and drinks. Students to wear Christmas colours and Prep to wear the prepared tie-dyed Christmas shirt.
- Performances begin at 6pm with our Prep classes
- We may even get a visit from the man in red at the end of the evening.
- Toilets—all adults and toddlers are to use the toilets at the back of the Parish Hall as student toilets are strictly for student use only.

### Parents please note:

Parents should be aware that school staff are not supervising students during this evening. All students attending should be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for their supervision, and this includes high school age children.

## CULTURAL NIGHT

# St Patrick's Annual Cultural Night Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 6pm

at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

**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!

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>
Guitar Ensemble	Formal School uniform

Following their performance, children will sit together in the band room at the rear of 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.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL



### Senior School Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)

*Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November*

**Bundaberg Swim Academy, Fitzgerald Street**

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am      Years 5 & 6: 11:00am – 12:30pm

Presentations: 2:30 pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2007-2009 ).

Children will travel by bus to the Bundaberg Swim Academy with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Students may wear their school sports uniform and House coloured shirt to school on this day. Year 3 & 4 students are asked to wear their swimming togs under their uniform upon arrival to school. Year 5 & 6 students will change into their swimming gear, sun-shirt and thongs/sandals prior to leaving the school grounds. Underwear, uniform, shoes and socks will remain at school and children will change into their uniforms upon returning to school after the carnival. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

All students are required to wear a sun-shirt as this meets with sun-safety regulations. The school will provide sunscreen for students. The only items that students will take with them to the pool are goggles, towel/s, water bottle and a bag to carry their belongings. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school with the Year 5 & 6 students eating before leaving the school.

***If your child suffers from any medical conditions which may affect your child's participation in the carnival, please advise the office of these details. All students are expected to participate unless there is a health matter that prevents their involvement on the day.***

## ST MARY'S VACATION CARE OSHC

## CHRISTMAS TREATS

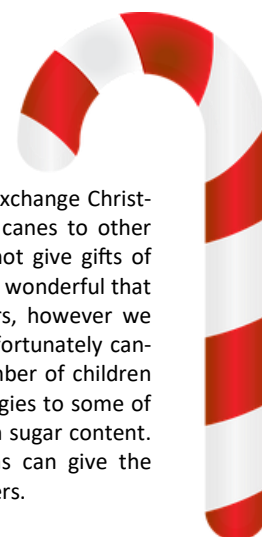
To access the Easter Vacation Care holiday program at St Mary's Primary School please **CLICK** the logo.



**ST MARY'S**  
Catholic Primary School  
Bundaberg

### Christmas Treats

At this time of year students like to exchange Christmas cards and treats such as candy canes to other students. We ask that children do not give gifts of candy canes to the other children. It is wonderful that children wish to give things to others, however we ask people to give non food gifts. Unfortunately candy canes can cause issues with a number of children on particular diets, children with allergies to some of the additives, not to mention the high sugar content. Cards, stickers and other small items can give the message that they are thinking of others.



## ST PATRICK'S INAUGURAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Over the past few weeks 18 St Patrick's Bishops Chess Club members have been competing in the inaugural St Patrick's Knockout Chess Tournament. The tournament consisted of 5 rounds and after each round the losing opponents were eliminated. The Grand Final was held on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> November and consisted of George Stelmack vs Oliver Martin. The deserving winner of the tournament was Oliver.

Overall, it was a great tournament and we are looking forward to having another one next year. Thank you Mr Woodland for the opportunity to compete and for all your help and time that went into organising this tournament.



## OSHC CO-ORDINATOR POSITION VACANT

Expressions of interest are invited for the position of OSHC Co-Ordinator at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg. This position will be 29 hours per week. Expressions of interest (no more than 2-3 pages) providing details of experience and qualifications should be emailed to [employment@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:employment@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Expressions of Interest close **5pm Friday, 22 November 2019.**



### Coordinator - Outside School Hours Care (29 HPW) St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and enthusiastic persons for the following position of Coordinator - Outside School Hours Care (29 HPW), term time, at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg.

The successful applicant will have relevant experience and an understanding of, and a commitment to, the ethos of Catholic Education. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) and eligibility for a Suitability Notice will also be required. In addition, you will have excellent time management skills, well developed interpersonal skills and a high proficiency of computer skills.

It is a requirement of the position that the successful applicants undertake a *National Crime Check* (Police Check) or provide details of a Police Check that is not more than six months old.

Tertiary requirements, at Diploma in Children's Services or equivalent, knowledge, qualifications and experience relevant to the position of Coordinator are required ([www.aecoa.gov.au/qualifications/check](http://www.aecoa.gov.au/qualifications/check)).

For further information and to apply for this position, please visit our website: -

[www.rok.catholic.edu.au](http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au)

Applications are to be forwarded to:-

Mr Mark Fox  
Principal  
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School  
35 Mulgrave Street  
BUNDABERG QLD 4670

Email: [employment@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:employment@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Applications close 5pm 22 November 2019.

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# POSITION VACANT

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

# Catholic Schools Race Day 14 March 2020

As the year is coming to a close it is time to start putting in Event Dates for next year, the start of a new decade. Our 2020 Race Day event will be our 15<sup>th</sup>. How time flies. For those who are new to our Schools and aren't aware of our annual event, a committee of past and present Parents and Teacher representatives from our three Catholic Primary Schools and Shalom College combine to organise a relaxed and classy get together at Thabeban Park Racecourse.

The day is full of activity with the running of five local Races, Fashion Parade, Fashions of the Field competition, a huge Raffle with a bundle of excellent prizes, all under the comfort of our Private Marquee area with two bars catering for our 500 guests. Food supplied throughout the day is catered for by students, staff and volunteers from Shalom and the Bars and Gate are manned by volunteers from all four Catholic Schools. It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends from the past and present of our Catholic School community and all money raised on the day is donated directly to the four schools for special projects of their choice. We have many very generous sponsors, some who have been supporting our event for its entire 14 years, and without them, along with our many volunteers, the day would not be the success it is.

At our upcoming event, the past students from Shalom, the 2010 and 2000 Year 12 cohorts are celebrating their 10 and 20 Year Reunions. Past students from the 1990 cohort are celebrating their 30 Year Reunion a week later here in Bundaberg, but also are welcome to double up on their celebration and join us at Thabeban Park.

I can be contacted on my Mobile 0419787279, or alternatively Mrs Teresa Cameron at Shalom College On 41558137 if there are any enquiries in relation to our Race Day regarding sponsorships, volunteering or ticket sales. Any past students looking for information in relation to their 10, 20 or 30 year reunions can contact the following representatives through the Facebook pages set up for their event or phone:



2010 Kurt Dempsey 0498 066 555  
2000 Nadine Zunker 0409 060 366  
1990 Claire Lawrence (nee Woods) 0418 147 035

**Peter O'Beirne**  
Catholic School Race Day Committee  
Mobile 0419787279



## OUT AND ABOUT



**BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
2019  
**Pageant of LIGHTS**  
5.30 - 9 pm  
Thursday 5 December • Bundaberg CBD  
Parade commences at 7pm  
Live performances  
Turning on the Christmas lights in Buss Park  
Santa comes to town  
Bring your own chair  
Christmas markets & food

For further information  
Please visit Council's website  
or phone the Call Centre  
1300 883 699  
whatsonbundaberg.com.au

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## CHESS TOURNAMENT

The final Sunday Junior Chess Tournament run by the Bundaberg Chess Club Inc is scheduled for Sunday 24th November 2019 at 9.00 am.

Cost will be \$8.00/day. A maximum of \$16.00 per family, for 3 or more players. The day consists of 6 rounds of competitive chess plus an interesting chess lesson from Mr John Harris. The day will commence promptly at 9.00 am, please arrive 15 minutes early to register. These junior chess tournaments are rated. The tournaments are held at the U3A Building upstairs next to Improvements Gym on Woongarra St. All children need to bring a water bottle and morning tea. The day should conclude approximately 12.20-12.30 pm.

Prizes are given for 1st to 5th place, plus 2 lucky door prizes and 2 prizes for the most interesting chess game. Grand Prix prizes for 2019 will be awarded at this tournament.

All enquiries for Junior Chess can be sent to mobile:- 0418686497 or email:- [president-john@live.com.au](mailto:president-john@live.com.au).

## SHALOM COLLEGE—YEAR 7 UNIFORM FITTING REMINDER



**SHALOM  
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PROVIDING OUTSTANDING FUTURES



If you have a student commencing Year 7 at Shalom College in 2020 please ensure that you have made an appointment for a uniform fitting prior to the completion of the school year.

Bookings can be made online via the link <https://shalomcollege.youcanbook.me/>

Uniforms do not need to be purchased on the day of fitting, the Uniform Shop does provide a Lay –By service.

Payment options include: - Cash, Eftpos or Credit Card via phone. All enquiries please call Leanne on 41 558 121 at the Uniform Shop.

## TERM FOUR PLANNER

<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	