



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

23rd November 2018

A busy and exciting time of year for us all. Cultural night was amazing, and the Year One Nativity play is always very special.

It is also the time of year when we acknowledge those staff who won't be with us in 2019. Angela Brand who joined us from Biloela will take leave for 2019. Angela has done a great job with her Year 6 class this year. Justine Blinco is moving across to Shalom where her expertise and professionalism will be very welcome. Luke Grosjean has accepted a position at another catholic school next year and they will appreciate the many great qualities Luke will bring to their school. Jess Cullinan has been very generous in accepting a contract with us during this year, and worked very well with her class. Jess is taking on some other projects next year but happily will still be with us for relief work. We are thankful to have had this time with all of our departing staff, and wish them all the best for next year and beyond.

We are looking forward to Mrs Zana Baker and Mrs Jess Clarey returning to us from Maternity Leave for next year. Claire Baillie is an experienced teacher who was Principal at Barcaldine before taking Maternity Leave this year, and we look forward to Claire joining our staff. We will finalize one final teaching contract during next week to complete our complement of full-time teachers.

We are so very fortunate to have such a great staff and a great community. We are looking forward to catching up with all of you as we celebrate the end of our year together.

Mark Fox

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 8 NEXT WEEK

- Monday Aged Care Visits Senior Strings
- Tuesday Courtyard Prayer 2B 8.40am
- Wednesday Courtyard Prayer 2B 8.40am
Celebration Night 5.00-7.30pm
- Thursday Courtyard Prayer 2B 8.40am
LAST DAY Swimming Prep to Year 2
- Friday School Music Assembly 10.00am
Milo Girl's T20 Cricket Blast Qld Final



WEEK 9 LAST WEEK of TERM

- Tuesday Prep Excursion—Chipmunks
Year 1 Excursion—Chipmunks
Year 6 Graduation Night 5.30pm
- Wednesday Year 3 Excursion—Gymfinity
Year 2 Excursion—Chipmunks
Year 6 Excursion—Readings Cinemas
- Thursday Year 4 Excursion—Readings Cinemas
Year 5 Excursion—Bundy Bowl
- Friday End Year Liturgy 9.30am
Year 6 Farewell Assembly 11.00am
School Dismissal 12.00 noon



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Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.

RE NEWS

Children's Christmas Mass

If you'd like to have a particular role in this year's Christmas Mass for Children, Christmas Eve, 5.00pm in Holy Rosary Church, then come along to Novakoski Centre, behind Holy Rosary Church, on **Wednesday, 5th December, 3.30-4.00pm**. Parts include Mary, Joseph, donkey, shepherds, sheep, cattle, innkeepers, angels, readers and singers. If unable to attend but still interested, contact Anne Sheehan at the Parish Office, 41516666

Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Every year the St Patrick's school community, led by our Mini Vinnies Team, donates items to assist those less fortunate than themselves at Christmas. St Vincent de Paul collects these donations from us and distributes them to families in need. We are asking each year level to donate specific items for our Christmas Appeal. By each year level donating something different we will be able to make Christmas hampers for local families in need.

We are asking each year level to donate the following:

- 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: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 5: School and Art supplies
- Year 6: Toiletries Beach supplies (towels, sunglasses, sunscreen, hats, goggles etc)

As of Monday, November 5, a basket will be located outside each year level for the donations to be collected. Please open your hearts to those in our community who need our help this Christmas.

CELEBRATION NIGHT

Next Wednesday is our annual Celebration Night 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 open at 5pm
- All families are welcome to bring a BYO dinner
- 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.
- P&F will draw the P&F Christmas Raffle—tickets will be on sale at the gates.
- 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.

NO

***P&F BBQ will be held.
Please BYO dinner.
Drinks/light snacks
will be for sale.***

FINANCE NEWS

FEES

As Term 4 and the year draws to a close, please ensure your school fee account has been paid to date and/or you have a payment plan in place to clear outstanding arrears.

Also a reminder that now is the time to set up a direct debit payment plan for next year. A **DIRECT DEBIT PLAN IS NOT NECESSARILY AUTOMATICALLY CARRY FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR.** Contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies to establish a plan and/or confirm whether you have a direct debit plan you wish to amend and/or continue.

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

Invoice/Statements are emailed to families generally 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. For payment by direct debit or credit card, relevant forms are also available on the website along with current year schedule of fees and document advising all payment options <http://www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/enrolment/fees-charges/>

As statements/invoices are emailed, please ensure correct and up to date addresses or any changes are advised straightaway. You can also update contact information yourself through Parent Lounge any time.

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. Remember, if you have received a replacement card with a new expiry date, this will need to be sighted, copied and scanned at the office in order to ensure you continue to receive this entitlement.

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

Please note that student banking for 2018 ends Week 8 so last bank will be 26th November so any prizes redeemed can be ordered and delivered on time to be distributed to students.

Well done to all our consistent savers and keep up the good work when student banking resumes first Monday back being 4th February 2019.

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

ST MARY'S HOLIDAY VACATION CARE



Please click on the St Mary's logo to access their Holiday Vacation Care for the December/January holidays.



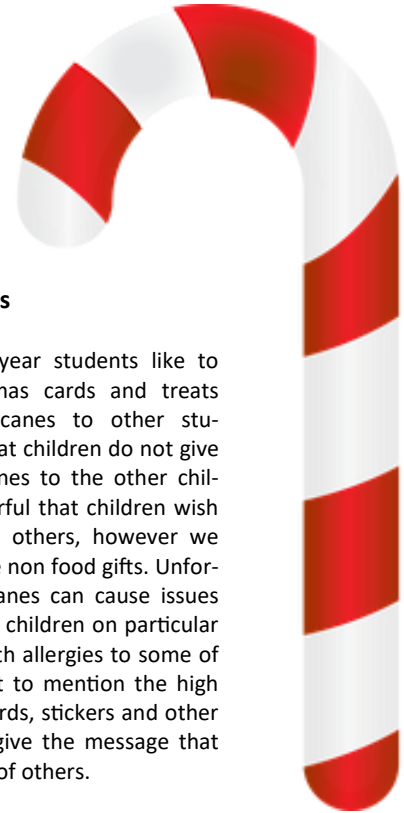
MULGRAVE ST PARKING

One of our neighbours contacted us this week to request that parents waiting on the eastern side of Mulgrave Street, park nose in rather than reversing in. He is concerned about the amount of petrol fumes coming towards his house when parents reverse in and leave their cars idling. Thank you for your consideration.



WIDE BAY AQUATHLON REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations Christopher Rudd who has been selected in the Wide Bay Aquathlon Team after placing 5th in the recent trials held in Hervey Bay. Chris will represent Wide Bay at the State Championships to be held in Hervey Bay from 15-17 February, 2019. We wish him an enjoyable and rewarding experience at this event.

**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.

JUNIOR CHESS COMPETITION

The 8th and final Sunday Junior Chess Competition for 2018 will be hosted by the Bundaberg Chess Club on Sunday 25th November 2018 at the U3A Building on Woongarra St next to Improvements Gym. This is the final tournament hosted by the Bundaberg Chess Club this year. Junior players who have regularly attended these tournaments during the year may win a Grand Prix prize. Regular attendance helps you accrue points towards the Grand Prix prizes.

The Sunday Junior Chess Competition will commence promptly at 9.00 am. The morning will consist of 6 rounds of competitive chess plus an expert chess lesson given by Mr John Harris. Cost will be \$7.00 per player. Families of 3 or more players for \$15.00. The competition should conclude at approximately 12.00 pm. All players need to bring a water bottle plus morning tea.

Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place plus 2 x lucky door prizes and 2 x prizes for the most interesting chess game.

Could you please include this information in your school newsletter. For further information please contact John Harris - 4152 0311 or Elizabeth Harris - 0418686497.





A Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Initiative



How to be a Reef Guardian and #lovethereef during the school holidays

- Dispose of rubbish properly and #take3forthesea whenever you go to the beach
 - Follow the zoning rules when out fishing, and #protectyourpatch
- Reduce your carbon footprint and set your air-conditioners to 25 degrees
 - Follow our [responsible Reef practices](#)

2018 Pageant of LIGHTS

Thursday 6 December • Bundaberg CBD • 6 pm - 9 pm

- Parade commences at 7 pm
- Live Performances by City of Bundaberg Drum Corps - Bundy Binz, Orpheus Singers, Rhythms of the Reef and more!
- Larrikin Puppets Christmas Show
- Turning on the Christmas lights Buss Park
- Life size Christmas snow globes
- Bring your own chair
- Christmas markets & food
- Santa comes to town

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

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10 Year Anniversary

Saturday 8 December | 9 am to 12 pm

Celebrate with us!

Cake cutting at 10am | Face painting | Balloon artist
Inflatable jumping castle and slide | Captain Daring
Music | Games | Sno Cones

FREE event

Special anniversary entry rate into Hinkler Hall of Aviation on day
(\$5 per adult and \$5 per child - children must be accompanied by an adult into the Hall)

Fun Fact
Bert Hinkler's birth date is December 8, 1892

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