



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

29th November 2019

Have you ever had the experience of putting important things off because you're busy, and then suddenly realize it's too late to do or say those important things. The end of the year is like that for me. I suddenly accept that there's only a week to go and I haven't gotten to know some students as well as I would have liked, or found the time to thank different parents for all they have done, or spent more time in classrooms watching teachers guide learning....the list is a long one.

Graduation Night on Tuesday really brought that home. When we recognize the senior students on the night, you realize how important each one has been to each other, their buddies and to our staff. We always feel like we will have more time with them, and then realize this is the end of their journey with us. Along with them we must farewell their parents who have been long term Board Members, worked at sausage sizzles, cheered at sports days, shared their concerns, expressed their thanks and have simply been good people who we're proud to have in our community. They too will be greatly missed along with their children.

Staff make all the difference, and I never feel like their efforts are sufficiently recognised. Ros Davies from After School Care leaves us. She has been absolutely amazing in the work she does and the care she shows. We wish her all the best as she begins her new role teaching Kindy. Ange Robinson who championed Project Based Learning and many of the initiatives developed in Year 6 moves with her family to Emerald where she will be warmly welcomed at St Brigid's. Michelle Pacey joined us in Year 4 when Leah Walton took on the Learning Support role. She has been a wonderful asset to our staff and a great teacher for our students and we wish her all the best for the future. Claire Baillie from Year 3 and Christina Brimelow from Year 1 are both taking Maternity Leave in 2020. As much as we will miss them, having children is the most wonderful gift and we wish them all the best for their time with family. Christine Penny has been asked to join the staff at St Mary's next year and I'm sure they will appreciate having Christine on staff as we have. Lace Davies completes her gap year with us and we are proud to say that she will go on to study teaching next year. We thank Lace for her time with us and wish her well. Donna Bonus. Fifteen great years with us – what can you say. She has brought positivity and happiness to the students in the classroom and to the staff in the staffroom. She has been a wonderful gift to us. Donna will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best as she moves with her family to the Sunshine Coast.

I hope to see many of you at our Celebration Night next Wednesday and at our 9:30 Liturgy and Farewell Assembly at 11:00 on Friday December 6th. We will conclude school at 12:00, when parents may collect their children.

Thank you for the best year ever. Please take great care of yourselves and your family over the Christmas holidays. All the best to those who will leave us – to the rest we look forward to seeing you again in 2020.

Last Day of School Arrangements

On our last day, Friday 6 December at 9:30, we have a Whole of School Liturgy in the Covered Area. At 11:00 we have the Year 6 Farewell. At 11:50 students leave the Covered Area with their teacher. They are dismissed from their classroom by their teacher at 12:00. Students may leave with their parents – collected outside of classrooms. Children who use the pick-up-zone will be allowed to go to their pick-up area. From 12:00, teachers will be on Gate Duties and our Pick-Up –Zone will begin operation. **Any student walking or riding home, must have a note from their parents.** There will be a crossing supervisor on Mulgrave Street, but not on Walker Street. There will be staff available to supervise any children who cannot be collected at 12:00.

2020 Class Lists & Academic Report Cards

Class Lists for 2020 will be distributed electronically next Friday. Student Academic Reports will become available on Parent Lounge next Friday afternoon and a text will be sent to advise they are available for viewing. If you have any problems accessing Parent Lounge or have misplaced your login, please contact the office before Friday.

2020 Enrolments

Sincere thanks to those families who have advised that their child won't be back at St Patrick's next year. We wish those young people well and hope that they enjoyed their time with us. Please, if your circumstances change and your child is not returning in 2020, please let us know as soon as possible as enrolments look to grow fairly significantly next year.

Mark For

PLEASE NOTE

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

SCHOOL FINISHES 12PM

For all absences next week please email the absentee line on
spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au
Or advise the absence via Parent Lounge.

spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au



LAST WEEK OF TERM

Tuesday	Prep Excursion—Chipmunks Year 3 Excursion—Gymfinity
Wednesday	Year 1 Excursion—Chipmunks Year 2 Excursion—Chipmunks Year 5 Excursion—Bundy Bowl Year 6 Excursion—Readings Cinemas Celebration Night 5.00pm
Thursday	Year 4 Excursion—Moncrieff Theatre
Friday	End Year Liturgy 9.30am Year 6 Farewell Assembly 11.00am School Dismissal 12.00 noon

NO



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APRE NEWS

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.

FINANCE NEWS

Fees

As the year draws to a close, a timely reminder to all families to finalise 2019 fees as well as consider payment plans and options for 2020.

To assist in readiness for 2020 fees, Confirmation of Enrolment forms have been sent home last week with the youngest child in the family. This form ensures you will receive discounts if you have more than one child at a Catholic School or College in the Diocese of Rockhampton. Please complete and return to the School Office by Friday 6th December 2019 so as eligible discounts/exemptions can be prepared and applied.

Student Banking

Final student banking day will be Monday 2nd December and no further prizes are redeemable this year.

CHRISTMAS TREATS



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.

MONDAY PE TIMETABLE

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the swimming carnival on Thursday, PE lessons for Year 1 and Year 3 have been rescheduled to this coming Monday 2nd December. All Year 1 and Year 3 students are to wear their PE uniform to school on Monday.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



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ICAS ASSESSMENTS



ICAS
International Competitions
and Assessments for Schools

ICAS English and Maths Competition Results

We are proud of all the St Patrick's students who were willing to challenge themselves by entering the 2019 ICAS English and Maths competition. These students worked hard to prepare for the competition, many giving up play time and their own time at home to complete practice papers. Congratulations to these students who received a Merit, Credit or Distinction award!

2019 ICAS ENGLISH

Year 3	
Joseph Monsour	Credit
Joel Xavier	Credit
Year 4	
Emily Cullinan	Credit
Sithuki De Silva	Credit
Donal Xavier	Credit
Turhan Zaeem	Distinction
Year 6	
Talen Chalker	Merit
Lily Esposito	Credit
Kodee Pole	Merit

2019 ICAS MATHS

Year 3	
Beyon Bijicherian	Merit
Connor Findlay	Credit
Isaac Tardent	Credit
Joel Xavier	Distinction
Year 4	
Oliver Martin	Distinction
Donal Xavier	Distinction
Turhan Zaeem	Distinction
Year 6	
Will Martin	Merit
Kodee Pole	Credit



OSHC VACATION CARE

To access holiday vacation care at St Mary's or St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, please click on the respective logo's.



SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

2019 Swimming Carnival

The Senior Swimming Carnival was excellent. There were opportunities for accomplished swimmers to compete at a high level, as well as opportunities for developing swimmers to participate fully. Parents and grandparents were there to support – and were actively encouraged to join in the Salmon Run. The behaviour and the high level of participation from our students was outstanding. A very enjoyable day for all involved!

FINAL RESULTS	House	Points
1st Place	Xavier	492 points
2nd Place	Coolock	434 points
3rd Place	Mackillop	433 points
4th Place	McAuley	331 points



Salmon Run
Mackillop



AGE CHAMPION RESULTS		
Age Division	Name	House
10yrs Boys 2009	Zye Stanley	Xavier
10yrs Girls 2009	Lucy Lewis	McAuley
11yrs Boys 2008	Thomas Elphinstone	Coolock
11yrs Girls 2008	Ava McCaig	Xavier
12yrs Boys 2007	Chris Rudd	Mackillop
12yrs Girls 2007	Addison Lyons	Xavier



Catholic Schools Race Day 14 March 2020

Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets are now on sale for the 2020 Catholic Schools Race Day, please click on the link below to purchase your tickets online.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BGNQO>

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 15th. 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

Mr Peter O'Beirne

Catholic School Race Day Committee

Mobile 0419787279





Accessing the NDIS – Bundaberg

Do you have a disability that impacts your daily life, or do you know someone who does?

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) invites people with disability, families and carers to attend a workshop with a focus on access to the Scheme.

The workshop will cover:

- NDIS eligibility criteria
- how to request access
- what information to provide
- where to go for more information.

Brothers Sports Club Bundaberg

Room: Leprechaun Room
Date: Monday, 16 December 2019
Time: 10.30 am – 12.00 pm
Address: 130 Takalvan Street, Kensington, QLD 4670
RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/accessing-the-ndis-bundaberg-tickets-93112899321>

Attendees who haven't registered are welcome

Please advise us if you have any accessibility or other requirements upon your registration. *Please note we require a minimum of five (5) business days' notice to book Auslan interpreters.

For more information, please email us at: community_engagement_cld@ndis.gov.au

ndis.gov.au

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
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 Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th Dec 9:00am to 11:30am
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 Register @ playcricket.com.au "Bundaberg Indoor Sports"

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