



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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Term 2, Week 9

10 June 2016

Special Points of Interest



Report Cards will be available to our families via Parent Lounge during the first week of Term 3.

Important Dates for Week 9

- Monday morning Parish Mass—Yr 5 and Yr 1
- Monday 10.45 Athletics Carnival Field Events.
- Tuesday 11.30 Athletics Heats 100m/200m
- Wednesday 2.15pm P&F Meeting (Library)
- Courtyard Prayer 6W Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Wednesday Disco
Prep-Year 2 4-5pm Year 3-6 5.30-7pm



Principal's News

Along with many other parents, I attended the workshop last night around anxiety in children. I was pleased that it attracted a large crowd and it did so because parents are always looking for ways to support their children. We all worry about our kids. When I discuss new Prep students with their parents, most are a little worried about some aspect of their child. Fears include that they are too young, too small, too quiet, too loud, too bossy, not too good at sitting still, counting, drawing or writing their own name. As parents, we inevitably compare our kids with other children, and convince ourselves, that if our own child isn't somehow 'up to standard' that we are doing something terribly wrong as parents. It's a nonsense. Most of us who are lucky enough to have more than one child, know that despite the same womb, diet, parenting style, kindy and school, our children are completely different from each other. Parents like me who have twins are even more acutely aware that children achieve in different ways, progress at different rates, have different strengths and weaknesses and so on... and that's OK. Among our 450 students, there are absolutely no two who are even close to being exactly the same – yet we love them all for who they are. Today I had the pleasure of reading Jed Morley's latest book, *You're Different, Jemima*. I loved it and if you have young children I would recommend it to you. It's all about parents and educators celebrating individual difference - seeing those unique, special qualities that we all have as a strength, both for the individual them-

selves, and more broadly for us as a community. If as parents and educators, we communicated to each of the children in our care that we appreciate who they are, then each of those individual children will have the confidence to grow and change into their best self. Just because they are not there yet, doesn't mean they are not going to arrive. They simply need parents and educators who do their best to challenge, support, guide and appreciate them, and we have those people here in our St. Patrick's community. Next week we say a sad farewell to the Holthouse family. We wish Amanda, Adam, Dexter and Zander all the best as they begin another stage of their lives together in Port Macquarie.

Mark Fox



Click our school crest below to go our school website calendar.

Click the facebook icon to go to our school facebook page.



Click the Parish logo below to go the Group Programs Calendar.

Click the Centacare logo below to go the Group Programs Calendar.



You're Different Jemima
by Jedidah Morley

Book Launch
Wednesday 29th June
3:30-5:00pm
Face painting
Ice creams
Balloons
Lots of family fun at the
Windmill, Bargara

PICCOLLAGE

Sports News

Click the logo for a full program of events.



2016 ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

Dates & Venues:

- (Students born 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006)
Field Events Carnival: Monday, 13th June – St Patrick's
100m & 200m Heats: Tuesday, 14th June – Bundaberg West SS
- (Students born 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007)
Senior School Carnival: Wednesday, 22nd June – Shalom College
- (Students born 2008, 2009, 2010 & 2011)
Junior School Carnival: Thursday, 23rd June – St Patrick's Senior Oval.

A warm invitation is extended to all parents & grandparents who wish to attend and support their child/children on the days of competition. Limited shade will be available for parents and I would encourage you to bring a folding chair.

Organising the school Athletic Carnivals brings many challenges. We are a large school with a current enrolment of over 450 students and our school facilities are limited when organising athletic events. It is impossible to hold the senior events on our school oval as we are unable to run a 100m, 200m & 800m under correct and safe conditions. It is important that students who are 9 years and older, compete using the correct facilities and distances so that fair and accurate judging can take place as this carnival is used to select students to compete at a higher level.

Our school oval is able to accommodate the junior events. While we have considered other options the cost of transporting the whole school and hiring a venue such as the Bundaberg Athletics Club is extremely costly, especially when Shalom has kindly offered the use of their amazing facilities. St Patrick's is unlike any other school due to its size and facilities. We make the best possible decisions based on the needs and welfare of our students. Click the above logo for a full list of program events.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS for children born 2003,2004,2005 and 2006

Monday - Normal sports uniform with a coloured house shirt (black shoes, white socks, black shorts, school hat, coloured shirt)

Tuesday - Full sports uniform (black shoes, white socks, black shorts, school hat, school sports shirt)

WIDE BAY FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations ZALI HASTER who has been called into the Wide Bay Football team to compete at the Queensland Football Championships. We wish Zali an enjoyable and rewarding state carnival!

Winter Uniform

Our school has a very presentable uniform. It is very important to our school community that our presentation remains an aspect of our school in which we all take pride.



With the school holidays fast approaching it is a great opportunity for you to make sure your child's uniform complies with our school's uniform policy.

Does your child's bottle green jumper have the school logo?

It is also asked that hair is to be cut no shorter than gauge 2, conservative in style and natural in colour, with no tracks or rat's tails.

The support that our staff receive from parents is tremendous, and it is this ongoing alignment between school and home that will allow us to continue to make St Patrick's a school we can be so very proud to be part of.

Please click the school uniforms button to view our full uniform policy.



ICAS

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

At St Patrick's School we offer the ICAS English and Mathematics tests to students in Years 3 – 6. To enrol your child in ICAS, please login to Parent Lounge and pay your entry fees by Friday 17th June.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.

Subject	School Years	Official Sitting Date	School Sitting Date
English	3 – 6	2 August 2016	1 st August (due to clash with Music Eisteddfod on 2 August)
Mathematics	3 – 6	16 August 2016	

Student of the Week

