



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

27th January 2023

Our first courtyard prayer for 2023, explored the concept of us journeying together, with the presence of Christ. This theme resonated with me as St. Patrick's marked the beginning of my own Catholic education journey, back in 1977. Little did I know, it would consume around 83% of my life, so far. I explained to the students how I have now travelled 'full circle' and feel privileged to have rejoined them on their own Catholic education journey.

It was wonderful to see so many happy, excited students bounce through the school gates this week. It was equally as pleasing to see mums, dads, grandparents and guardians accompanying their children, sharing the same sense of hope and optimism, for where the year may take them and their families.

The media has worked tirelessly to remind us daily, of an increase in interest rates and living expenses. The photo featured, is a picture of my original first day at St. Patrick's. I love this photo for three reasons. Firstly, the firm grip of my port shows how enthusiastic and ready for business I was that day. I have never lost that passion for school and education. Secondly, it reminds me of how far the St. Patrick's uniform has come, but most significantly, it is reminiscent of the sacrifices my parents made for me to be part of this Catholic community. My father went on to be a successful businessman and retired comfortably at a young age, but I understand this to be the toughest of times for my parents and this may resonate with many young families in the present financial climate. I love that dad is wearing his overalls, as it reminds me of how he sustained three jobs, to meet the rising cost of living at a time when interest rates were well in to double figures.



Interestingly, it was never a question as to where I would attend school. It was always going to be St. Patrick's. All of my cousins attended Catholic schools (5/6 of us St. Patrick's) and my father was educated by the Christian Brothers. It may have been because we were of the Catholic tradition or because my grandmother 'Kitty O'Shea' wouldn't have had it any other way. Either way, I am enormously grateful that my parents always made my education a priority, even at a time in their lives where it would have resulted in personal sacrifice. An added pressure to the weekly budget which for me, resulted in lifelong friendships, a strong sense of identity and an extraordinary role model in the shape of Jesus, which provided essential life-skills for the journey.

St. Patrick's and Shalom might not be as expensive as the private school sector in metropolitan areas, but I am aware of the extra commitment you continue to make, as you prioritise your children's education. It is one of the greatest investments you will make as parents, with the dividends sometimes taking years to be realised.

Yesterday we enjoyed Australia Day. I use 'enjoy' loosely as in more recent times it has raised alternative emotions for many. This day recalls the arrival of the First Fleet under Governor Phillip in 1778. The story shared of my family, is what many traditionally aligned with celebrating Australia Day. A country where a 'fair go' and 'mateship' were afforded to anyone with an appetite for hard work and a desire to make a difference. However, as our country has matured and developed, so have the complexities. We now acknowledge how this date also unearths sorrow and hurt, as it not only represents the beginning of European settlement, but the displacement of our First Nations people. Malcolm Turnbull posted on his Face Book feed in 2018, how a free country debates its history—it doesn't deny it. Thankfully, the Australian curriculum dictates the inclusion of a history which extends far beyond colonisation. Consequently, students working their way through our present educational institutions should graduate as well informed citizens that will grow in their knowledge of our Australian story, in order to 'debate' the issues openly, thoughtfully, inclusively and constructively. Whatever emotion this public holiday arouses in you, let us take solace in the fact that all Australia Day ceremonies, would have begun with a 'Welcome to Country', to recognize our First Nations people and the 65 000 years of civilization that came before colonization.

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Citizenship ceremonies, welcoming our newest Australians, would have followed and I guess the rest of us would have sat somewhere in the middle. Genesis 1:26-27 highlights how we are all made in God's image and Australia Day is the perfect time for us to reflect on the importance of Human Dignity and how we are all united in our will to continue to make this great island nation, better for all indigenous and non-indigenous Australians and this, in my opinion, is worth celebrating.

Thanks again for being such a welcoming community. I have had the most wonderful start to the year and feel blessed to have journeyed back to this very special little place, in our Australian space.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

APRE NEWS

*Please come and join us for our Opening Liturgy and
the commissioning of our year 6 leaders.*

2023 Opening School Liturgy & Leadership Induction



Friday, February 3 2023

9am in the multi

Hello and welcome to 2023. It has been very exciting watching our newest members of the school begin their journey this week. You will be able to see some snaps of their happy faces on our school Facebook Page.

We jump straight into school celebrations with our **Opening School Liturgy and Leadership Induction** being held on Friday, February 3 (Week 2) at 9.00am. During this prayer celebration we will be acknowledging and inducting our student leaders for 2023. This is always an important day in the lives of our Year 6 students, as they take on leadership responsibilities within the school. You are all most welcome to attend and support our student leaders.

It is also a time of change within our Parish. Fr Don joins the Bundaberg Parish after serving the Mackay parishes for many years and Fr Peter has moved to Rockhampton to assist the Bishop as Vicar General. We wish both of these dedicated Priests the very best.

COUNSELLOR NEWS

Hello Wonderful St Patrick's Community.

I'm very excited to be the new School Counsellor at St Patricks and I very much look forward to getting to know the students, parents and staff members here!

I was previously working within the Brisbane Catholic Education system, and have 10 years experience as a School Counsellor.

We recently bought our first property and moved up here from the Sunshine Coast region. I enjoy spending my spare time outdoors with the dogs, horses and in the garden.

I will be at St Patricks from Monday to Thursday. If you would like to refer your child for counselling, please find the new referral form attached and return it to reception. Alternatively, visit the school office to fill in a referral/consent form. If your child was previously accessing counselling and you would like this to continue, could I kindly ask you to complete the new referral/consent form attached.

I wish everyone a wonderful year ahead.



Counselling Information for Parents/Carers

ADMINISTRATION NEWS



ADMINISTRATION CARPARK

Parking in the Mulgrave Street Administration Carpark is for staff only. This carpark has been specifically designed for a Pick Up and Drop Off Zone and Parents are not to park in this area from 7:45am – 8:45am and 2:45pm – 3:30pm, as parking and reversing severely disrupts the Pick Up and Drop Off process during these times. The only exception to this is for our families who use our designated Disabled Parks in the staff carpark.

ADULT TOILETS

Visiting adults and toddlers **ARE NOT TO USE** student toilets within St Patrick's during school hours or while attending school functions after school hours (e.g. Welcome Dance Night). If you require toilet facilities while on campus during school hours, then please seek direction from Administration staff to use the staff toilets in A Block. If attending a school function after school hours, then the Church Hall toilet facilities will be made available for adult and toddler use. Your cooperation and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated to ensure and enhance the safety of our students.



SCHOOL ACCESS

External pedestrian gates on George Street, Powers Street and Mulgrave Street will be locked at 9.00am and opened at 2.50pm. School access between these times is only via through the school office on Mulgrave Street. Your cooperation and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated to ensure and enhance the safety of all our students.



ABSENTEES

Any student absentees should be notified to the office by 9am each day. Students arriving later than 8.40am should enter through the office to collect a late slip for the classroom teacher. If no notification has been received, an absentee text message will be sent out to parents each morning to advise the student absence.

Absentees can be emailed to spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au or by phoning 4994 8336.

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

Please make note of the days indicated in which each class is required to wear the school's sports uniform. All students will wear the school's sports uniform on Friday as well as their allocated PE day. On all other days of the week the school's formal uniform is to be worn. The exception is PREP who will wear the sports uniform every day.

Years 5 & 6 :	Tuesday & Friday
Years 2 & 3:	Wednesday & Friday
Years 1 & 4:	Thursday & Friday

PUPIL FREE DAY

Pupil Free Day

Please note the Pupil Free Day this term is Friday 17th February 2023.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY—HATS

A reminder to all families that the formal hat is to be worn with either the formal uniform and/or sports uniform.

The optional sports cap is only to be worn with the sports uniform. Thank you for your ongoing support with our school uniform expectations.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday Sausage Sizzles are held each and every Friday commencing in **Week 3**. Monies raised from the sizzle are directed towards charity organisations or to subsidise extra-curricular events held throughout the year. If your child wishes to participate, please send the appropriate money (\$2 per sausage) with your child to give their classroom teacher. They will then receive the required amount of sausages at first break lunchtime.

Seeking Volunteers—Each week we require volunteers to assist with the serving and clean up of the sizzle. If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.

Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 3	Year 6	2 Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 5	2 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 4	3 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 3	2 Volunteers Required
Week 8	Year 2	3 Volunteers Required
Week 9	Year 1	2 Volunteers Required



BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2023

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter each week detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events.

Gaining selection in a Bundaberg District Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg District, students must be born 2011, 2012 & 2013 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March.

Please be aware of the following points:

- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects students in U10, U11 and U12 categories due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg District trials are not 'have a go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb, Ms Gollshewsky or Annette Hammermeister. Students will not be able to participate in the trials without a ***Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form***.
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aquathlon are the exceptions – Wide Bay School Sport are responsible for the selection of these teams.



BUNDABERG DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS

GOLF

Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close on Friday 3 February. A golf handicap will be required for nomination purposes. Please see Annette Hammermeister if interested or for more information.



WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT

SWIMMING

Swimmers must be born 2013, 2012 & 2011. The 2023 Queensland 10-12 Years Schools Swimming Championships will be held at Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane over 26 – 28 March.

Nominations close on Friday 17 February. Nominations to be returned to Ms. Gollshewsky via the school office.

Selection in the Wide Bay Regional Team is gained by submitting times swum in the 50 metre pool in a QSA sanctioned meet. When times are submitted, they must be verified by printouts from Meet Manager and then stamped and signed by the club's secretary or record keeper. If this procedure is not followed, times will not be accepted.



BUNDABERG DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Boys & Girls Trials: Born 2011 or 2012. Trial dates are Tuesday February 7 and Thursday February 9 from 3:45-5:30pm at the Bundaberg Touch Association grounds. Please see Annette Hammermeister if interested or for more information.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS 2023

Instrumental music lessons commence next week (Week 2). Please check your inbox as information has been sent out outlining individual/group lesson times and your allocation of music tutor.

Rehearsals for Junior and Senior string ensembles will commence in Week 3. Please check the information sent out from our musical tutors Mrs Bernadette Connolly, Mrs Kate Hardisty and Mr Michael Goodall if your child is required for ensemble rehearsal.

Junior & Senior Choir rehearsals will also begin in Week 3. Both Senior Choir and Junior Choir will be held before school every Tuesday morning as noted below. New students are most welcome to join a choir, no auditions are held and everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions about the music program please enquire with the front office.

Ensemble and Choir Rehearsals Timetable

Junior Strings Ensemble	Monday	7.30am-8.30am
Senior Choir Ensemble Years 4-6	Tuesday	7.30am-8.10am
Junior Choir Ensemble Years 1-4	Tuesday	8.15am-8.35am
Senior Strings Ensemble	Thursday	7.30am-8.30am

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

DATE CLAIMER



WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, 11th MARCH 2023

THEME: "CITRUS SPRITZ"

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE ONLINE AT THE START OF THE 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Looking forward to your continued support of this annual fun day out for the Catholic Schools Community. Further enquiries please contact Peter O'Beirne on 0419 787 279

DONATE NOW

We are seeking donations from any of our families that can be put towards prizes and raffles for this year's event.

If you are able to help, please let us know at spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au or alternatively call into the office.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

**Click NOW
For More Info!**

School tuckshop opens Monday to Thursday as of next week. Please see the menu for the full list of options available for 2023. Orders can also be placed via QKR app on mobile devices before 8.15am each day.

Follow the [St. Patrick's School Tuckshop Bundaberg](#) Facebook page for up-to-date information.

OUT AND ABOUT

THAT'S MY GAME

Pop-Up Blast

St Patrick's Bundaberg
Wednesdays, 22nd Feb - 15th Mar
3:15pm - 4:15pm

Girls Only Event!



www.playhq.com

That's My Game Wide Bay



Join us for our annual Come & Try
Netball Day for 7-10 year olds!!

LET'S PLAY NETBALL!



NET SET GO PROGRAM IS A STARTER PROGRAM FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 7 TO 10 IN 2023. IT'S A CHANCE TO LEARN THE NETBALL BASICS, GET OUTSIDE AND MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS. IT'S A LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND LOTS OF FUN!!

9:00AM - 10:00AM

28 JANUARY 2023

BUNDABERG NETBALL ASSOC. GROUNDS
ENID ETHEL DRIVE, KENSINGTON

ALLOWAY
NETBALL CLUB



Any questions please contact Lyn on 0407 408 966
or email allowaynetballclub@outlook.com



PACIFIQUE SURFRIDERS

Come and try day
January 29th
@ Kelly's Beach

- Regular coaching sessions
- Social Events
- Movie Nights

Monthly competitions for:

- Shortboards
- Longboards
- Boogieboards
- Stand Up Paddleboards



Australia's second oldest Surfriders club. Established in 1963. Members enjoy free use of club boards at competitions and development days, as well as drawing on the vast knowledge of our Australian qualified club coaches. Fun for the whole family. Come along and join us as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary in 2023!



Be part of an exciting community of likeminded individuals and families. With fortnightly events, there's something for everyone.

Terrific membership deals from as little as \$30.00 per year. Why not sign up today?



Find out more!



Visit us on facebook or Instagram @pacifique.surfriders

Or email us at pacifiquesurfriders63@gmail.com

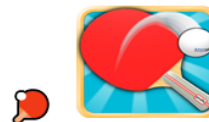


BUNDABERG & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

2023 JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

FREE COME & TRY NIGHTS

*** Friday 27th January 7.00 - 9.00pm
and
Friday 3rd February 7.00 - 9.00pm***



It's Free, Every Player Receives a Free Drink & Ice Block

Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre
Kendalls Rd, West Bundaberg (Opposite Airport)

Term 1 Junior Season Starting Soon in February 4.30 - 6.30 p.m.
Junior Coaching Every Friday 7.00 - 9.00 p.m., starting in February
PLUS Every Monday & Tuesday 4.00 - 6.00 pm
Starting from Monday 23rd January

Contact Dave Delpratt (0418 526 968)
or bundytt@bigpond.com to nominate, or for more information.

Bundaberg & District TTA Inc acknowledges the support given by:



TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 2	Week 30th January-3rd February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Opening School Liturgy and Year 6 Induction	9.00am	Whole School
WEEK 3	Week 6th February–10th February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5T
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 6
WEEK 4	Week 13th February–17th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 5	Week 20th February–24th February		
Tuesday & Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3B
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8.40am	Year 6
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 5
WEEK 6	Week 27th February–3rd March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 4
WEEK 7	Week 6th March–10th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 5
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3L
Friday	Sausage Sizzle	9.00am	Year 3
WEEK 8	Week 13th March–17th March		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
Thursday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy (Year 6)	9.00am	Whole School
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 2
WEEK 9	Week 20th March–24th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2L
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 1
WEEK 10	Week 27th March - 31st March		
Tuesday	Palm Sunday	8.40am	4M & 4K
Wednesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4C
Thursday	Good Friday	8.40am	Year 5
Friday	Easter Liturgy	9.00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10.15am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11.00am-12.15pm	Whole School

2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March
TERM 2	Tuesday 17 April - Friday 23 June
TERM 3	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September
TERM 4	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December