



St Patrick's
Catholic Primary School

Catholic Education Week

23-29
July
2023

COMMUNITIES OF
**FAITH
HOPE
LOVE**

35 Mulgrave St
Bundaberg West, QLD

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

28 July 2023

Queensland's Catholic Education Week was celebrated this week under the theme of **Communities of Faith, Hope and Love**. In reading a media release from Director Ms. Leesa Jeffcoat, I learnt that the Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) includes 20 000 students, staff and volunteers in regional, rural and remote centres from Mackay to Bundaberg and west to Longreach. This reminded me of the Paul Kelly song **'From Little Things Big Things Grow'** inspired by the personal sacrifice made by Vincent Lingiari, for a better tomorrow for First Nations People. Similarly, Catherine McAuley generously gave of an inheritance left to her, to build one 'small' Catholic school in Baggot Street, Ireland. This one **'little thing'** certainly spread and grew into our own amazing little Catholic Education, place in space, Saint Patrick's.

This week students spread the Catholic Education Week magic, out to significant others in our community. Students made cards and deliveries, to the staff and students at Shalom College, St Mary's and St Joseph's, Patients, Doctors, and Nurses throughout the local hospitals, our friends at Carinbundi, Fr Don White and the staff at the Bundaberg Catholic Parish Office, Local Police Officers, Ambulance Officers and Local SES Volunteers, as well as the lovely neighbours that surround our school grounds.

Catholic Education Week also brought a straight flush in 'First Place' silverware for all four amazing routines performed by our musically inclined students. Kate Hardisty and Jed Morley did an amazing job of preparing our students not only in their level of skill but also in the way they represented St. Patrick's. It was so wonderful to witness, firsthand, how impressive these students were, and they are not only a credit to our school community but to their parents who support them all the way. Read on for more exciting details of these events and how they unfolded this week.

Please remember to save the date (**Tuesday 15th August**) for Dr. Justin Coulson's upcoming Parent Session, as outlined below. Refer back to last week's newsletter to access links to Justin's session summary, which promises to deliver practical advice for our parent body.



Kim O'Shea-Hard

The Parenting Revolution

Parent Night with Justin Coulson

TUESDAY AUGUST 15
7 PM - 8:30 PM

SHALOM COLLEGE
PERFORMING ARTS PRECINCT
ALL WELCOME, NO RSVP REQUIRED

Justin is the co-host and parenting expert on Channel 9's **Parental Guidance**, the founder of happyfamilies.com.au, and one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts. He holds a PhD in Positive Psychology.

Justin
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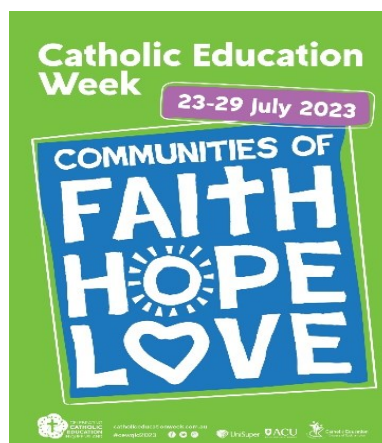
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What an exciting week we have had celebrating Catholic Education Week. The week began with a special message from Sr Mary who set some acts of kindness challenges. We were lead in a beautiful Courtyard Prayer by 3C who highlighted how amazing Catholic schools are and how blessed we are to be involved in our wonderful, friendly St Patrick's community. Our Mini Vinnies Team have been sensational, working hard selling Kindness Cupcakes and organising special little thankyou's for the entire staff. The Team sold over 700 Kindness cupcakes! A cheeky leprechaun has been hiding joy gems around the school in an effort for us to realise that when we work together we can achieve great things. Sr Mary joined us for a fleeting visit before prayer on Thursday to also remind us to work together to keep our school strong. There has been a certain energy and electricity in the air this week and it has been just lovely to see so many happy and excited faces. I just love how our school creates a sense of community.



Senior & Junior Choir



The Junior choir were the first group from St Patrick's to compete in this year's Eisteddfod. This amazing group of smiley, happy children, some who are only in Prep, definitely took their A Game onto the stage. They sang energetically, with emotion and control, demonstrating the beautiful tone that they are developing with their voices. They watched me the whole time and were so super focused for such a young group. I couldn't be any prouder of their achievement.



The Senior Choir had to wait until the next day for their turn to shine, and shine they did. It is such an honour to watch these students develop vocally over their primary years, many of them joining the choir when they were in Prep. Our Senior Choir nailed their harmonies and sang so beautifully. I'm proud of their constant commitment to singing and their enthusiasm. I am also proud of the way the Senior Choir conducted themselves at the Eisteddfod, congratulating and praising other groups on their performances. I appreciate every single one of them and am so grateful to get to work with such a lovely group of children.

Both groups received First Place. They were amazing!

Mrs Morley

Senior & Junior Strings

As the Junior String students arrived at school Monday morning they were filled with excitement, anticipation and for some, nerves for their performance at the Bundaberg Eisteddfod. Proudly wearing their performance uniforms for the first time and instruments in hand, they engaged the audience from the moment they were on the stage of the Moncrieff Theatre. Their performance as described by the adjudicator was 'well balanced with a lovely strong tone, full of energy and advanced for a group at this level'. I couldn't be more proud of their performance both on and off the stage.

When the Senior Strings arrived for their performance after lunch on Monday, they were focused and eager to get on the stage of the Moncrieff Theatre. From the very first note they played, they were confident and committed to their outstanding performance. This group plays to a standard far beyond their years and this because of their dedication, love and enjoyment of playing their instrument. The adjudicator was incredibly impressed with their stage presence, advanced bowing abilities and secure intonation (playing in tune). Like the students, I was beaming after their fantastic performance.

Both groups received 1st place with 93/100. Congratulations.

Mrs Hardisty, Mrs Connolly & Mr Goodall



2023 NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS CENSUS



The annual Non-Government Schools Census occurs on Friday 4 August 2023.

Please click on the image which explains what information the department is collecting in this census, why it is collected and how they use the data.

2023 Non-Government Schools Census collection notice

FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 4th August** unless you have a payment plan in place, in which case this merely serves as a statement for your records.

Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary, Brooke, if you have any queries or you wish to setup a payment plan.

Please make sure to check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools, your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of our school. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

Please see below school fee payment options that are available. Alternatively, payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Direct Deposit If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

Recurring Credit Card Billing If you wish to make regular recurring payments as you would normally from a bank account but prefer to use a Credit Card so as to gain advantages of frequent flyer points etc., it is as simple as completing a form. This form is available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab, titled Direct Debit by Credit Card Form. Otherwise please contact St Patrick's School Finance Secretary Brooke Bone at brooke_bone@rok.catholic.edu.au to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

BPay BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A BPay logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement, if you choose to pay this way.

Parent Lounge Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

Direct Debit If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Brooke Bone for assistance or simply download, complete and return the form titled Direct Debit by Bank Account Form available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab.

Centrepay Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments. Our CRN is 555 053 656K and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 4	Week 31st July - 4th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep S
Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep L
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep W
WEEK 5	Week 7th August - 11th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
WEEK 6	Week 14th August - 18th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Years 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
WEEK 7	Week 21st August - 25th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5T
WEEK 8	Week 28th August - 1st September		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Monday - Wednesday	Year 5 Camp - Chaverim	All Day	Year 5
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 9	Week 4th September - 8th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 10	Week 11th September - 15th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay	All Day	Year 6

2023 TERM DATES	
TERM 1	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March
TERM 2	Monday 17 April - Friday 23 June
TERM 3	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September
	PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 1st September
TERM 4	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December

2023 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS			
TERM 3	District Athletics Carnival	10-11 August	St Luke's
TERM 4	Years 3-6 Senior Swimming Carnival	24-Nov	BSA

CATHOLIC PARISH JOB VACANCY

Vacant Position 2024

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg is recruiting for a Liturgy/Music/Sacraments/R.C.I.A. Coordinator.

The position provides support to the Parish Priests in the liturgical, music, sacramental, evangelising life of the Parish by ensuring that the needs of the community in these four areas are met through careful planning and administration. The position is full time and would be suitable for someone with experience in liturgical/music/sacramental/R.C.I.A. ministry and/or education, particularly in areas concerned with developing and strengthening the faith and spirituality of people in our Catholic community.

To obtain a copy of the position description, please email bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au. Applications close on Monday, 4th September 2023. For more information about the position, contact the parish office on 4151 6666 and speak to the Executive Officer.



JOB VACANCY

Passionist Family Group Renewal

The Passionist Family Group Movement has been active in Bundaberg for twenty-three years.

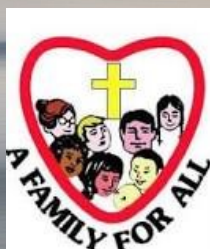
The motto of the Movement is "A Family for All".

The aim of the Movement is "To love one another."

The Bundaberg Groups (MacKillop and Bargara) warmly welcome you to join them on the weekend of July 29 and 30 when there will be a renewal of the Movement in our Parish.

Fr Ray Sanchez CP and Mrs Celine Bowman, Coordinator of the Northern Region, will be joined by local members at all Masses on the weekend and will speak of the benefits and joys of being part of the Movement.

For further information, please contact Helen Mackie (0490 361 406) or Judy Erle (0407 346 476)



OUT AND ABOUT



West Bundaberg Little Athletics

Bundaberg Super Park Complex, Enid Ethel Drive
2023 / 2024 season starts August



How can you join in?
Programs for athletes aged 3 to Masters
Online registration opens Monday 4th July



Come & Try Nights at the Centre
Friday 4th August: 5.45pm to 7.30pm
Friday 11th August: 5.45pm to 7.30pm



**Registration / Sign on Days
at our clubhouse**
Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th August 1pm to 3pm



First Competition Night
Friday 18th August: 5.45pm

Fees: U6-U17 \$220, Tiny Tots 3-5yrs \$65

Want to volunteer?
Come along and help us!
This year we will be introducing our
Volunteers U13 to U17





For further information:
Email: bundabergathleticclub@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/West-Bundaberg-Little-Athletics-Club-Bundaberg-Athletic-Club>



Queensland Oztag
THE SAFEST & MOST EXHILARATING SPORT
You Could Ever Enjoy!

Queensland Oztag

St Patrick's are about to Get tagged and love it because the guys from Queensland Oztag are coming out to run FREE Oztag School Clinics. In the clinics with the Development Officers the kids will learn the basics of Oztag including the evasive manoeuvres of Twisting and Spinning along with how to make the perfect Tag. Queensland Oztag are looking forward to seeing the Kids again this term.

Looking for more information on Qld Oztag?
Qld Oztag Website:
<http://www.queenslandoztag.com.au/>

Qld Oztag State Cup promo video:
<https://youtu.be/n-1NWiepAHc>

Qld Oztag Youtube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@OZTAGQUEENSLAND>



HAVE A BLAST



Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast
It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

Term 3 All Girls Pop Up Blast Program
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Sign up to a FREE Pop Up Blast program happening at your school this term!
Years P-6 | 4-week Program | Wednesdays after school
Starting Wednesday 25th July 3:15pm-4:15pm at the school oval.
*To receive the participant pack, you will have to register via Play HQ once the program is live on the website.
For more info contact Daniel: daniel.szabo@qldcricket.com.au



Scan the QR Code to register!



COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 9th September
COME CELEBRATE BUNDABERG SOFTBALL
50TH ANNIVERSARY

**ENTRY
FEE APPLIES**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Rides •
- Softball Activities •
- Old MacDonalds Farm •
- Photo Booth •
- Stalls •
- Entertainment •
- Yummy food •



Stallholders welcome
For more information contact - Natalie 0408 011 192