



Important Dates for Week 5

- Monday—Parish Mass
9am—5W and 1N
- Tuesday -Thursday
Morning Prayer
8.45am—4C
- Friday—Assembly
Awards only 10.45am
- Friday—Walk to School
Day

Principal's News

I saw an interview during the week with a man named Ryan Jon who was using a Facebook post about Mothers' Day, as a means of trying to locate his birth mother. It was great. I loved the way this guy thanked the birth mother whom he has never known for the gift of his life. He was absolutely grateful to her for the opportunity she had given him to live. He also expressed his gratitude to the parents who adopted him, assuring everyone that no matter what, they would remain his Mum and Dad. After listening to Ryan, you couldn't help but reflect on the role of parents. In our school,

we all deal extensively with parents, and the best thing for me, is that I know that the kids here have people who love them. When I have to make calls because children have been hurt, in trouble, needing support and so on, I have absolute faith that the person I call will drop everything else, to support their child. Oprah Winfrey wrote that, 'Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother', and I think she's right. Surely it's love. We do welcome the opportunity to celebrate Mothers and Grandmothers at our school. It really is the celebration of a love like no other.

Mark Fox

APRE News

Last term we have the wonderful NETeam coming to St Patrick's working with classes across the school. They were getting to know the children, helping out in the classroom and even joining in a game of handball or two at lunchtimes. This term they will be sharing the story of our founding sisters with each of our classes. This is a great opportunity for our students to connect with the story

of the Sisters of Mercy and learn how we came to have the wonderful school that is St Patrick's. The NETeam are a group of young Catholics who travel to different parts of the country ministering to our youth. They work closely with Fr Andrew and the 4 Catholic schools here in Bundaberg. The children look forward to the NETeam visits every week.

Tracey Cook



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Centacare

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Federal Government changes create uncertainty for school funding

You may have seen or heard recent media coverage about the Federal Government's Quality Schools website which purports to show what federal funding flows to our school.

The model used to generate the figures does not accurately show actual funding received by our school. The 2017 figures for our school have been generated using projections and assumptions which the Government has not fully disclosed to Catholic School Authorities. The projections must therefore be viewed with considerable caution. Furthermore, the Government's projections do not take into account the way Catholic schools operate as a system. The Government recognises the benefit of local knowledge and allows the Catholic sector to redirect funding to ensure that these locally identified areas of particular need for students and schools are most appropriately supported. This enables our Catholic systems to most effectively provide students in all our schools with the best possible opportunities for success.

Information about actual funding received by schools from all sources is available on the My School website.

Please click [here](#) to view the Q&A regarding these changes.

Walk Safely to School Day



This Friday, May 19 is the National Walk Safely to School Day for 2017. Each year our school participates. Staff and our Year Six leaders kindly volunteer to meet students at different places in Bundaberg and walk to school with them. Our meeting points are: Alexandra Park Quay St (near the croquet club), Railway pedestrian overpass Burrum St, West Leagues Club Avoca St and Killer St Park Norville. Meeting time is 8am and parents and loved ones are very welcome to join us. Fruit will be supplied for participating students on their arrival at school. National Walk Safely to School Day is now in its 18th year and is an opportunity for schools and councils around the country to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Year six students will take this opportunity to educate and promote key messages about all of these important issues. Please refer to <http://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/> for more information about the initiative.

Please click the word MAP below the street you wish to depart from for a map of the route.



Your invitation...



RSVP

Dr Debbie Pushor is returning to our Queensland Dioceses to build on our Parent Engagement knowledge

Debbie is a Professor of Curriculum Studies, University of Saskatchewan, Canada. In this role she is undertaking extensive research into parent engagement. Debbie is a teacher, consultant and principal and she brings a wealth of relevant information and exciting opportunities for parents to engage.

Parents, Teachers, Staff and Principals are invited to attend this **free event**.

Debbie will widen her conversation about Parent Engagement in your school community. 2 sessions have been organised for you. Your investment of time will be well worth it.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Monday 22 May

LOCATION: Shalom College

9 Fitzgerald St, Bundaberg

TIME: Principals/Staff session 3.45pm

Parent Session 7.30pm

DURATION: Approximately 1 hour

Please RSVP today to in-fo@pandf.org.au or ph. 07 33369242

(Light refreshments will be served)





SHALOM CATHOLIC COLLEGE presents

SCREEN AGERS

MON 12th JUN at 7:00PM

SHALOM CATHOLIC COLLEGE
PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE, QLD



MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

FAN-FORCE SCREENINGS ARE RUN BY REAL FANS. THEY ONLY HAPPEN IF ENOUGH TICKETS ARE SOLD. DONT WORRY-WE ONLY CHARGE YOU IF IT GOES AHEAD. JOIN THE CONVERSATION AT PARENTECH.COM.AU

Screenagers

There will be a screening of the documentary type film “Screenagers” at Shalom College on Monday the 12th of June at 7pm. The cost will be \$5 per adult and a gold coin donation for children.

This is an issue that faces us all and we would encourage parents to make themselves and their children available for such an informative event.

Bookings can be made at the Shalom office either in person or by phoning 41558100.

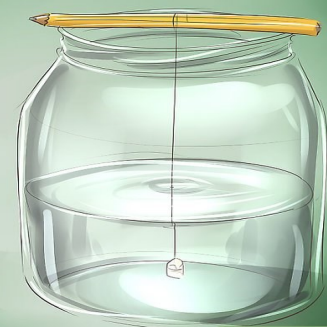
Please note all bookings should be made through Shalom College and not FanForce.

The link to the trailer is – <http://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

Glass Jars Required

Some of our classes are learning more about science by growing crystals in the classroom. We require clean, unlabelled 300ml glass jars. Please send any suitable jars, labels removed please, to the office.
Thank you!

Cathy Wilson



wild How to Grow Crystals

Sport News

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Wide Bay at the State Championships in their chosen sport. We wish these students an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



FOOTBALL

Lucy Hamilton



HOCKEY

Sam Aitkenhead



BUNDABERG DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

Seven students from St Patrick's competed at the Bundaberg District Cross Country Trials held at St Luke's last Thursday. Each race included the top two runners from each school in the Bundaberg District with students competing in a race of over 40 competitors. The following results are outstanding and I congratulate each student on their individual performances while representing St Patrick's.

10yrs

Olivia Klowss	15 th	Chaleese Monsen	26 th
Kaelan Meech	8 th	Evan Wallace	14 th

11yrs

Annie Harris	15 th		
Lachlan Scott	5 th	Benjamin Rudd	16 th

12yrs

Toby Kelly	21 st
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Congratulations **Lachlan Scott** who has been selected to represent **Bundaberg District** at the Wide Bay Cross Country Trials to be held in Gympie on the 30th May. The school community wishes Lachlan an enjoyable and successful carnival.



TENNIS

The Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Assocn Inc. together with Bundaberg Tennis Academy coach, Kevin Banner, will be holding:

1. "Red & Orange Ball" Challenge Day, Sunday, 28th May 2017 - this is open to children who have had lessons with either Red and/or Orange Ball and can rally a ball over the net. Enquiries Kevin & Suzie: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753
2. DEVELOPMENT DAY: Sunday, 4th June 2017 - this is open to children who have had lessons to further their skills using Green and Yellow Balls. Enquiries Kevin: 0409 520 753 or Murray 0407 639 824



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 1, 2017



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$33/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by **31 May 2017**.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

NCCD notice for parents

All schools in Australia are required to participate in the 2017 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. Please click the image below for further information.



**Nationally Consistent
Collection of Data**
School Students with Disability