



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

3 March 2023

Last week we launched the Lenten season, and my newsletter article delved into theology around the symbolic nature of this most significant event in the Christian calendar. We often use this time to try and animate more closely, Jesus, in our relationships and dealings with others. This week 3C carried this idea further, by introducing us to song 'Jesus Is Our Friend'. Lyrics such as *'Jesus is our friend...Jesus shows the way...to reach out in love in what we do and say...a heart of forgiveness when we lose our way'* really helped to contextualise how to be better in the relational realm, as we prepare for Easter.

To flesh out these ideas further, I visited some very deep-thinking Preppies and sought their advice by asking the following questions;

***Why did we get ashes on our foreheads last week?***

***What can we do to be the type of friend Jesus would want us to be?***

Our youngest impressed me with their response to this task and gave me permission to share their wisdom;

### **Prep W-Peyton L/Koa J**

*'Ash Wednesday celebrates Jesus'*

*'We can be good friends by having happy hands, friendly feet and using kind words'*

*'By giving people personal space and sharing toys'*

### **Prep L-Briella G, Isla M and Eliana K**

*'We got ashes because it was Ash Wednesday of course'*

*'To be a friend like Jesus we should help people when they fall over, especially if a car hits them'*

*'Don't hurt people, that's not being a very good friend'*

*'Be nice to people and they will be nice to you' 'Be responsible' 'Be safe' 'No put downs'*

### **Prep S-Hunter S, Carter U and Max D**

*'We got ashes to remind us of Jesus. It was pretty tough for Jesus. Did you know people were trying to hunt and kill him just before Easter?'*

*'Yes, then he died, then he went up and that's when we get easter eggs to celebrate'*

*'Be a good friend by helping people find things'*

*'Care for people and the whole world'*

Only half the way through their first term at St. Patrick's and already these students were able to articulate some of the vocabulary associated with class and school-wide approaches. I was so impressed at the tools that these young people have already added to their 'how to get along' toolboxes.

Speaking of Prep, enrolment applications for children commencing Prep in 2024 are now being considered. It is important for **all current families** to ensure that they have enrolled their child/ren via the new Rockhampton Catholic Education, online process to avoid disappointment. We obviously want to make you a priority. Please also feel free to share this link with those interested in attending St. Patrick's into the future.

To submit an application for enrolment, please click on the following link [Online Enrolment](#). If you have any queries, or experience any difficulty with the online enrolment process, please contact the school office staff for assistance.

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*



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### Our Mercy Charism

A charism is a divine spiritual gift given to an individual or group for the good of the community. It helps us to express the Catholic identity and the assumptions, beliefs and values that the school community shares. We are a school founded by the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy were founded by Catherine McAuley, an amazing woman, who worked hard for the poor, uneducated and needy people in her community. One of our whole school improvement goals for 2023 is to explore our Mercy Charism. I will be sharing more about this journey with you throughout the year. As a first step I would encourage you to watch this story of her life: <https://www.mercyworld.org/film-in-god-alone/>

### Catholic Identity – We Need Your Input

One of the most important things about being a Catholic school in the 21st century is knowing who we are and what purpose we serve. We need to have a clear understanding of our role as a Catholic school. To assist with this and as an important part of our School Improvement process, St Patrick's will shortly participate in a Catholic Identity survey which is conducted by Leuven University in Belgium. The research project is aimed at assisting us with understanding how our Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice as well as supporting plans to further enhance our Catholic Identity for the future.

All staff, along with our students from years 5 and 6 will participate in the survey at school. We would also like to give parents a voice by inviting and encouraging you to take part in the survey, which will be conducted online and is not identifiable.



**Go to the Survey Site:**

[www.ecsi.site/au/user/](http://www.ecsi.site/au/user/) Ghj654

Your school Group code: i1289

Your school Survey Access Code: j7346x

## DANCE NIGHT

Welcome Dance Night will be held Thursday 16th March. Our annual dance night is a wonderful way to welcome new families to the school and for our students to showcase their dancing talents they have developed through their Physical Education lessons.

The dance presentation will be held on the senior oval. Students will be seated in designated areas and supervised by teachers in their respective year levels during the performances. Students will remain with their classmates in their designated areas for the duration of the performances, with parents sitting in an area behind the children. Folding chairs are recommended for parents. Each student will be involved in three dances. Our students have worked very hard to learn their dances and are looking forward to this performance to showcase their skills.



**Gates Open—4:30pm** Parents are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with your family on the oval. Dance presentation is 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

#### Costume Themes

- **Prep & Year 1—Superheroes**
- **Years 2, 3 & 4—Sailors OR Irish (Green)**
- **Years 5 & 6—Free Dress (Green Accessories)**

## CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Cross Country training will commence next Tuesday 7th March at 7:45am in readiness for our Cross Country carnival early next term.

Interested students are to meet Miss G in the multi-purpose shelter. Students are to wear comfortable training clothes and can change into their school uniform at the end of the training session.

The training sessions will be offered to all students in Years 3-6 and cater to all ability levels.



## OHSC and PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A gentle reminder to all families attending Parent Teacher Interviews in the coming weeks, please ensure students and siblings remain in your company and not in the school grounds or with OHSC.

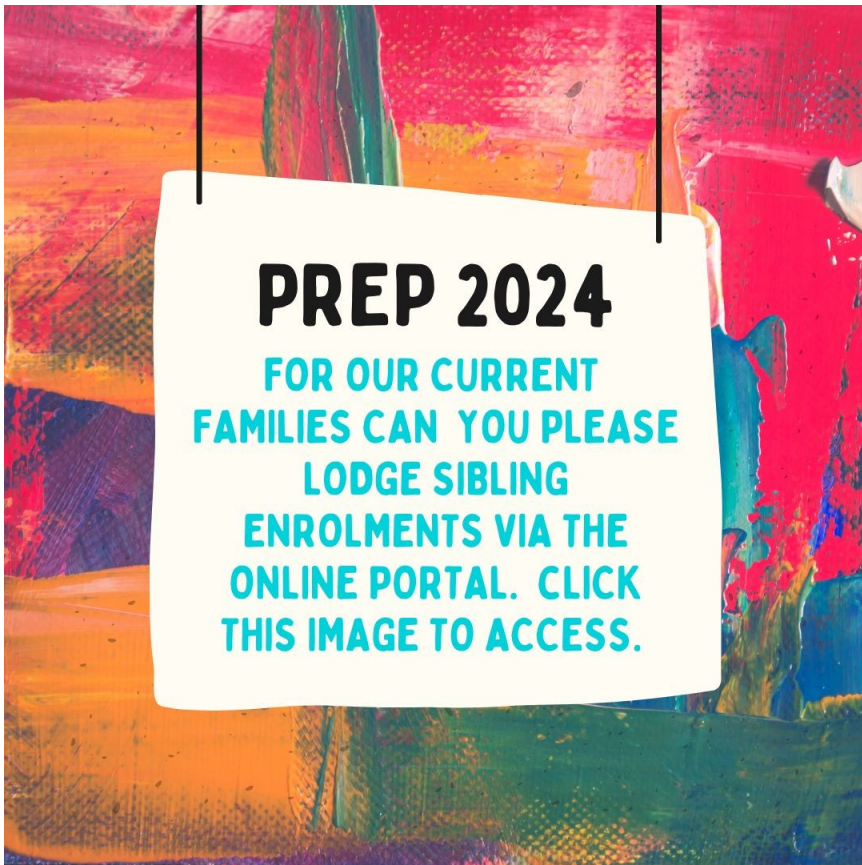
Your assistance in keeping your children supervised during this time is very much appreciated.

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE UNDER PARENTAL SUPERVISION DURING PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

## SPORTS NEWS

### BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
AFL	Boys & Girls	Born 2011 or 2012	Monday 27 February	Across the Waves Grounds <i>Please ensure mouthguard is taken to the trials along with your Mouthguard Consent Form.</i>	3:45-5:15pm
		Exceptional 2013 players	Monday 6 March		
Softball	Boys & Girls	Born 2011, 2012 & 2010	Tuesday 28 February Tuesday 7 March	Bundaberg Softball Grounds	3:30-5:00pm
Netball	Girls	Born 2012 Exceptional 2013 players	Tuesday 7 March Thursday 9 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30—5:00pm
		Born 2011	Tuesday 14 March Thursday 16 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30—5:00pm
Soccer	Boys	Born 2011 & 2012 Exceptional 2013 players	Tuesday 14 March (Boys born 2009) Wednesday 15 March (Boys born 2010 & 2011) Tuesday 21 March (all boys invited from previous week)	North Bundaberg High School	4:00-5:30pm
	Girls	Born 2011, 2012 and 2013	Monday 13 March Monday 20 March	North Bundaberg High School	4:00-5:30pm



Book club catalogues have been sent home with your child today. All orders need to be made **ONLINE via LOOP payment** on the Scholastic website, as no cash orders can be accepted. Please go to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). All orders are due by **Thursday 9 March**. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.



## DATE CLAIMERS—SHALOM COLLEGE



Save the Date  
YEAR 7 **2024**

College Open Day - Wednesday 15 March 2023 9.15am - 11.30am

Shalom College Performing Arts Precinct

For prospective parents and students for 2024 enrolments.

The College Principal Dan McMahon will introduce the morning, then you will receive a personalised tour of the school from Shalom College's Year 10 students. All students will receive a complimentary goodie bag on arrival. The morning will conclude with a sausage sizzle for all guests.

Register NOW to attend this event – REGISTER HERE (<https://enrol.scbgroc.catholic.edu.au/open-day>)

Year 7 2024 Applications Close Friday 21 April 2023

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2024 are **OPEN!**

For more information on the enrolment process please see link HERE (<https://www.shalomcollege.com/enrolment/enrolment-information/>)

All applications receive an interview

May - June 2023 - Appointments for interviews allocated & interviews commence.

By 31 July 2023 - Notification sent to advise of acceptance outcome.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

The Catholic Race Day tickets are now SOLD OUT!!

The Catholic Schools Race Day Marquee tickets have SOLD OUT! However, guests can still attend by purchasing General Admission Tickets directly from the Bundaberg Race Club, which are available [HERE](#)

We would like to thank all our sponsors and service providers for their ongoing support for our Race Day.



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EVENT



## BUNDABERG Catholic Schools RACE DAY CITRUS SPRITZ

SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2023

THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE MARQUEE GATES OPEN AT 11:30AM

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## OUT AND ABOUT

You're Invited to:

# FREE Bowling Blastoff

**JUNIOR TENPIN BOWLING BLAST OFF SESSION**

Sat 11th or 18th  
MARCH  
11am - 12.30pm

At: Bundy Bowl & Leisure Complex  
17 Lester St, Bundaberg.  
PHONE 41524334 TO REGISTER.



Come LEARN HOW TO BOWL WITH BOWLING COACHES FOR JUNIORS AGED 5-13 YEARS

3 X DIVISIONS: **PREP DIVISION** (Gr 1 students aged 5-7yrs),  
**A DIVISION** (Gr2&3 students aged 8-10 yrs),  
**B DIVISION** (Gr 4,5,6 students aged 11-13 yrs)

### FREE Coaching provided

- Learn Tenpin Bowling—Coaching provided
- No experience necessary—Everyone welcome
- All Equipment provided
- Starts from \$10.70/week
- Aust Tenpin Sports Regn fee \$35.00
- Includes: Bowling Shirt - Sponsored by Junior Tenpin Bowling club
- Primary aged students
- All students shall be individually monitored with their progress in the Sport.
- All ages \* All abilities \* Sunsafe
- Make Friends, Get Fit & Join a Sport

**Limited Spots  
REGISTER  
NOW!**



Sat 11th or 18th MARCH - Taking Names Now!

## Arrows Athletics Hockey Club

AGE GROUPS:  
UNDER 7, 9, 11, 13, 16  
SENIOR MEN AND WOMEN.



## 2023 Season

COME AND TRY WEDNESDAYS, 5PM @  
HINKLER PARK



### Contact details

LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK.  
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BRANCH MANAGER: GENENE BRAYSHER  
0418 799 874

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# PLAYERS WANTED

Interested in Playing Rugby League?

Eastern Suburbs Magpies JRLC

are looking for players in

Under 6, Under 7, Under 8 & Under 10

You can register at: [playrugbyleague.com](http://playrugbyleague.com)

For any enquiries call Kelly on:

0428 247 979

## 2023 SPORTING CALENDAR

CROSS COUNTRY			
Obstacle Course P-2	Friday 21 April	9:00-11:00am	St Patrick's Jnr Oval
Cross Country 3-6	Monday 24 April	9:00-11:00am	Shalom College
District Cross Country	Friday 12 May	12:00-2:30pm	Avoca State School
ATHLETICS CARNIVALS			
Athletics—Field Event (born 2011-2013)	Monday 19 June	9:00-2:30pm	St Patrick's
Senior Athletics (born 2011-2014)	Wednesday 21 June	9:00-2:30pm	Shalom College
Junior Athletics (born 2015-2018)	Friday 23 June	9:00-12:00pm	St Patrick's Snr Oval
District Athletics	10 & 11 August	9:00-3:00pm	St Luke's Anglican School
1500m Trials	18 August	9:00am	St Luke's Anglican School
SWIMMING CARNIVALS			
Junior Swimming Carnival	Friday 24 November	9:00-11:00am	Bundaberg Swim Academy
Senior Swimming Carnival	Friday 24 November	11:00-1:00pm	Bundaberg Swim Academy

## TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 4	Week 13th February—17th February		
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		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
Thursday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy (Year 6)	9.00am	Whole School
Thursday	Dance Night	5.00pm-6.00pm	Whole School
Friday	Sausage Sizzle		Year 2
WEEK 9	Week 20th March—24th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
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