



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

20 November 2020

Earlier in the year I had met with a young mother about enrolling her children. She had worked hard to secure employment here, and after many months apart, her family were soon to fly out from overseas and join her. After our interview I had assured her that that her family would be welcome in our community upon their arrival.

Soon after however, the pandemic struck. Flights were cancelled, international borders were closed and this young woman was left isolated and alone in Australia while her family remained overseas. I must admit, with all that was going on at school at the time, I had not thought further about the family, simply assuming that they could no longer come to Australia.

This week the same lady came to see me. She was almost in tears with excitement. The borders had opened. Her family had received permission to enter Australia and they had managed to secure flights. After almost a year apart, they were to be reunited. As I sat across from the young mother, I was conflicted. I shared her joy, but since our interview, some of the spaces available for her children had been filled, and I informed her of this. She gently explained more about her circumstances, and after some further consideration, I accepted her family's enrolment.

If I am honest, my decision was in part at least, influenced by the Year One Nativity Play. Parents who joined us today, saw Year One portraying the plight of a weary Joseph and a heavily pregnant Mary, as time and time again they are turned away from accommodation. In the story, you felt their desperation grow as these strangers in a strange land, sought refuge and safety for the child who is about to be born. No one was willing to put themselves out to help them, until finally a space is found in a stable.

I love everything about the Year One Nativity Play. Large cardboard boxes are turned into inns, the plywood donkey is dusted off, the manger is retrieved from storage and children are transformed into dancing angels and shepherds. The performance is always amazing – but it is more than that. In a beautiful way, it reminds us how to live. The Nativity story is all about compassion and caring deeply for others – particularly those who most need our help. Like so many stories of our Christian faith, the Nativity story can make us uncomfortable as we reflect on our own values, yet it is as relevant today as it was 2 000 years ago. It simply challenges us to be the best version of ourselves.

### Staffing 2020

We are very pleased to welcome, and to welcome back, a number of staff for next year. Mrs. Redgard and Mrs. Gallagher are joining us from St Mary's. Ms. Grohn is joining us from Springsure and Mrs. Salmond and Mrs. Brimelow will return to us from maternity leave to work in part time roles.

*Mark For*

### KEY DATES FOR WEEK 8

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Year 6 Graduation 9.00am Courtyard Prayer 2C 8.40am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Courtyard Prayer 2C 8.40am
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Courtyard Prayer 2C 8.40am
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Senior Swimming Carnival Years 3 & 4 9.00-11.00am Senior Swimming Carnival Years 5& 6 11.00-1.00pm



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Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.

## ENROLMENTS 2021

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Almost daily, we are receiving enrolment applications for 2021. At this point, we are pretty much at capacity in almost every year level. That is very affirming however it leaves us the unenviable task of having to decline a large number of applications from some very lovely families. Every year we have families in our school community who make the decision to leave Bundaberg and our school which, potentially, opens up a place for another family. Could I please ask that if you have made the decision to leave the school at the end of the year, that you communicate that to us as soon as is practicable. Thanks for your understanding.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

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Due to the unprecedented year that we've had, the conditions placed on us for gatherings, and the uncertainty for 2021, the Parish Sacramental Team has decided NOT to proceed with an intake of children ready for the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist or Reconciliation next year. The preparation program will begin in Term 4, 2021. Those children whose Confirmation and First Communion was cancelled this year will celebrate their sacraments in Term 2 next year. Enquiries to Anne at the Parish Office, 41516666.



## END YEAR ACTIVITIES 2020

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**FRIDAY** 20

### NATIVITY PLAY YEAR 1

9.00am

Only two family members to attend

**TUESDAY** 24

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

9.00am

Up to six family members to attend

**FRIDAY** 27

### SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Year 3 & 4 - 9 to 11am  
Year 5 & 6 - 11 to 1pm  
No family members to attend

**WEDNESDAY** 2

### CELEBRATION DAY

Free Dress Day

No family members to attend

**FRIDAY** 04

### END YEAR LITURGY

9.30am

Only two family members per Yr 6 student to attend

**FRIDAY** 04

### YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

11.30am

Only two family members per Yr 6 student to attend

## CHRISTMAS TREATS

At this time of year students like to exchange Christmas cards and treats such as candy canes to other students. We ask that children do not give gifts of candy canes to the other children. It is wonderful that children wish to give things to others, however we ask people to give non food gifts. Unfortunately candy canes can cause issues with a number of children on particular diets, children with allergies to some of the additives, not to mention the high sugar content. Cards, stickers and other small items can give the message that they are thinking of others.



## MINI VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

# Mini Vinnies' Christmas Appeal

**Prep: Christmas decorations**

**Year 1: New (unused) toys and books**

**Year 2: Pet food (dry and tinned)**

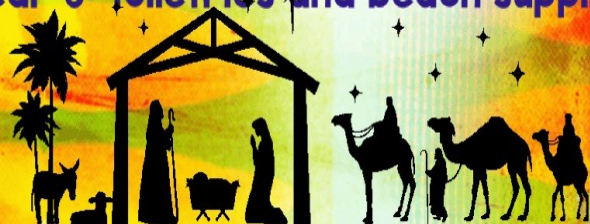
**Year 3: Games and sport equipment**

**Year 4: Christmas food**

**Year 5: School and art supplies**

**Year 6: Toiletries and beach supplies**

Our Mini Vinnies Team  
need your help to make  
Christmas special for those  
in need. We would love your  
help with these donations:



WIDE BAY AQUATHLON TRIALS



Congratulations Mitchell McInnes who competed at the Wide Bay School Aquathlon Trials held in Hervey Bay on Saturday. Mitchell represented himself and the school most admirably. His performance in the 1km run, 200m swim and 1km run event exceeded his expectations against some very talented athletes. Well done, Mitchell, you should be very proud of your performance.

# HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our 2020 School House Captains who were selected by their year level peers and staff to lead our House groups at the upcoming Swimming Carnival. Our school's traditions continue and are in good hands. Well done to these very capable and worthy leaders. Many students in our Year 6 cohort missed out on selection and are equally worthy of this recognition and have shown outstanding leadership in day to day routines as well as representing the school in a variety of extra-curricular activities. The Year 6 cohort is to be congratulated for the leadership shown in a year where many of the normal Year 6 activities have been restricted due to COVID restrictions.

The names of our teams reflect our school's Catholic identity. Each House is named after a prominent leader, missionary or symbol related to our Catholic faith. COOLOCK (Yellow) – HOPE – named after the home of Catherine McAuley who provided shelter to many young orphaned girls in Ireland. MacKILLOP (Blue) – JUSTICE – named after Mary MacKillop who fought for poor young Australians to receive a quality education. MCAULEY (Green) – MERCY – named after Catherine McAuley who showed mercy to orphaned young girls, providing them with shelter and an education. XAVIER (Red) – SERVICE – named after Francis Xavier, a Catholic priest and missionary who dedicated his life to serving the poor and those in need.



# FINANCE NEWS

## 2021 Confirmation of Enrolment Form

As the year draws to a close, now is the time to consider payment option plans for 2021. With this in mind the Confirmation of Enrolment Form has been added to Parent Lounge. If your family is returning to St Patrick's in 2021 please login to Parent Lounge and complete by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Confirmation of Enrolment Form is used to ensure your children a place at St Patrick's and ensure you will receive discounts if you have more than one child at a Catholic School or College in the Diocese of Rockhampton. It also directs your payment plan selections and any concessional allowance.

This is the first year this form has been digitalised for your convenience as will also be the case with several other payment and concessional forms and as we progress in this area, feedback is most welcome.

Instructions on completing the Confirmation of Enrolment form online are as follows:-

Login into Parent Lounge and Step 1, under Tours and Excursions click here...



Step 2. Tick accept, click on the globe to complete the form then save...



## Please Finalise 2020 Fees

A reminder that fees have been issued and are due 12<sup>th</sup> November unless you have a payment plan in place in which case this merely serves as a statement of account. Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies if you have any queries or should you wish to setup a payment plan. Please check your junk box if you haven't received your statement.

In response to COVID-19 virus, Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton has extended the 100% discount on tuition fees for Concession Card holders in an effort to eliminate financial stress.

If you have been fortunate enough to have returned to work, please advise Finance Secretary that you no longer require this concession.

## Student Banking

The last date for redeeming tokens for prizes is 23rd November.

# BOOKLIST AND APPS LIST 2021

Booklist and iPad Apps Lists have been sent home with your child and have also been added to the St Patrick's Primary School website under [Booklist and iPad Specifications](#).

If you wish for AASTAT to compile your order please note the booklist needs to be lodged to them by Monday 21st December. On any lists submitted by this date, AASTAT will donate a percentage of sales back to the school which is always greatly appreciated.

Any queries, please contact the school office on 4152 1380.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School iPad App List for Year 1 2021			
Bluebirds	Free	Maths 500-Add & Subtract	Free
Book Creator	\$7.99	Maths 500 > 100	Free
Calculator	Free	Phone Maths	Free
Chrome Browser	Free	Pod and About - USB Sound	Free
Eggy 500-Word	Free	100 College CD's - College Maker	Free
EPIC	Free	Reading Eggs Subscription (changed to school book)	Free
Fairy Readers 1-10	\$14.99	SeaQuest	Free
Fairy Readers 11-20	\$14.99	Targeting Maths 1	\$9.99
Flora	Free	Apple Java Kids Challenge	Free
Soundboard	Free	MiddleQuest - Nature Discs	Free

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## Senior School Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)

### *Friday 27th November*

Bundaberg Swim Academy, Fitzgerald Street

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am  
Years 5 & 6: 11:00am – 1:00pm  
Presentations: 2:00 pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2008-2010)

Children will travel by bus to the Bundaberg Swim Academy with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Students may wear their school sports uniform and House coloured shirt to school on this day. Year 3 & 4 students are asked to wear their swimming togs under their uniform upon arrival to school. Year 5 & 6 students will change into their swimming gear, sun-shirt and thongs/sandals prior to leaving the school grounds. Underwear, uniform, shoes and socks will remain at school and children will change into their uniforms upon returning to school after the carnival. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

All students are required to wear a sun-shirt as this meets with sun-safety regulations. The school will provide sunscreen for students. The only items that students will take with them to the pool are goggles, towel/s, water bottle and a bag to carry their belongings. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school with the Year 5 & 6 students eating before leaving the school.

**Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions parents/grandparents are not permitted to spectate at this event. We love having our extended school community enjoy this event and it saddens us that this cannot occur in 2020.**

***If your child suffers from any medical conditions which may affect your child's participation in the carnival, please advise the office of these details. All students are expected to participate unless there is a health matter that prevents their involvement on the day.***



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY



As the school year is coming to a close our Catholic Schools Race Day Committee is commencing its preparation for our 16<sup>th</sup> annual event to be held on Saturday March 13, 2021.

For those new to Bundaberg, this annual event is held at the Bundaberg Race Club, Thabeban Park. Our three Primary Schools, St Marys, St Josephs and St Patricks, combine with Shalom College for a community fundraising event that is seen as one of the highlights on the Bundaberg Events calendar.

This year's Race Day held in March 2020, was lucky to be one of the last events conducted in Bundaberg before the Covid restrictions were put in to place on the Monday after our Saturday Race Day, and was again a great success.

Planning for our 2021 Race Day is continuing with the optimistic view that Covid restrictions related to events will continue to ease and we will hopefully be holding our Race Day in close to the same format as previous years. Tickets will go on sale early in the new year using the same on-line ticket booking system as this year.

Any queries in relation to next year's event regarding Tickets, Sponsorships, volunteering etc, can be directed to me using the number below or to Teresa Cameron at Shalom College.

**Mr Peter O'Beirne**  
Catholic Schools Race Day Committee  
0419 787 279

## OUT AND ABOUT

### SHALOM ROWING COME & TRY

Monday 23 November  
3:30pm to 5:15pm

Thursday 26 November  
3:30pm to 5:15pm

Saturday 28 November  
7:00am to 8:30am | 8:30am to 9:30am

Bundaberg Rowing Club, Quay St

Please bring a hat, water bottle,  
sunscreen, thongs, fairly tight fitting clothes

REGISTER FOR THE COME & TRY SESSIONS  
- SCAN HERE!

"Your crew becomes your family"

"Friendships are built that can last a lifetime"  
- Grace Pashley

SHALOM ROWING

"Rowing is the ultimate team sport"

## BUNDABERG CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Bundaberg Chess Club is holding a Junior Chess Tournament on 29/11/2020. All enquiries to be sent to mobile:- 0418686497 or email [presidentjohn@live.com.au](mailto:presidentjohn@live.com.au).

Cost will be \$8.00/day. A maximum cost of \$16.00 per family, for three or more players. A player who brings a new friend to chess only pays \$7.00. The cost includes 6 rounds of competitive chess each tournament plus an expert chess lesson from Mr John Harris an ex-QLD Champion. First round to commence promptly at 9.00 am at the U3A Building (upstairs) next to Improvements Gym on Woongarra St. Could players please arrive 15 minutes early to register for the tournament. It is anticipated the session should finish approximately 12.20-12.30 pm. All children need to bring a water bottle plus sufficient morning tea.

Prizes are given on each day for 1st to 5th place depending on number of players, with a prize for the 2 players with the most interesting chess game, plus 2 lucky door prizes. Children can accrue Grand Prix points through regular attendance at these Sunday tournaments towards Grand Prix prizes that are awarded at the last Sunday Junior Chess Tournament of the year. Grand prix prizes will be awarded on 29/11/2020.