



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

11th March 2022

Dear Parents

Some forty years ago, as a very young teacher, I was asked to change schools early in Term One to take on a Year One class. It was a surprise. I had majored in PE and had no Early Childhood training or experience. There was simply no one else available and they thought I'd be OK.

Out of my comfort zone, yet determined to give this my best, I settled on the teacher's chair at the front of the room, faced the class, opened a big, shared book and launched into the story. I had not completed the first lines of the story before a little girl ran from her desk to the front of the room, launched herself into my arms and began sobbing into my shoulder that she missed her mum.

I was frozen. I really had no clue what to do when I noticed a little girl from the second row quietly open her desk. She removed a teddy bear, which she had secretly smuggled into school for her first day, brought it out to the front of the room, and said to the little girl, "Would you like to cuddle my teddy?"

With tears still in her eyes, the student nodded, and they returned to their places together, with the little girl hugging the teddy for reassurance.

I have never forgotten, and I always think of it as what I like to call a Teddy Bear Moment. Today, as we induct our Year Sixes as leaders, I want them to understand that leadership is all about Teddy Bear moments – those everyday small acts of kindness which improve the lives of others.

We've all had the benefit of Teddy Bear moments, and so as we grow up we need to create, acknowledge and pay forward Teddy Bear moments in the lives of others. It is this desire to consider others and help where we can, that is at the heart of our Catholic School and our understanding of leadership.

Mark Fox

TERM 1 EVENT PLANNER

WEEK 8	Week 14th March–18th March		
Monday	Magic Show	9:30am	Prep–Year 2
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
Wednesday	Shalom Year 7 2023 Open Day	9:15am–11:30am	Year 6
Thursday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 6
	Dance Night	Gates open 5:00pm for 5:30pm start	Whole School
	Musical Rehearsals	3:15pm–4:15pm	Musical Cast
Friday	Sausage Sizzle	11:15am	Year 5
WEEK 9	Week 21st March–25th March		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2B
Thursday	Musical Rehearsals	3:15pm–4:15pm	Musical Cast
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course	9:00am-9:40am-Prep	9:40-10:20am-Year 1
	Sausage Sizzle	11:15am	10:20-11:00am-Year 2
			Year 4
WEEK 10	Week 28th March - 1st April		
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Shalom College	9:00am	Year 3 to Year 6
	Palm Sunday	2:00pm	Year 4
Tuesday	Holy Thursday	9:00am	Year 4
Wednesday	Good Friday	9:00am	Year 5
	Easter Liturgy	9:00am	Year 6 and Prep
Thursday	Easter Hat Parade	10:15am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:00am - 12:15pm	Whole School
	School Dismissed	12:30pm	Whole School
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY	All Day	Whole School

ST PATRICK'S DAY 2022



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IN THE MULTI

HOUSE
CAPTAINS
ANNOUNCED
AFTER THE
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DANCE NIGHT - GREEN
THEME OR THEME SET
BY MISS G
5.30PM ON
THE OVAL

CLASSES MAY EVEN BE CHALLENGED WITH A TREASURE HUNT...

COVID-19 UPDATE

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School wishes to advise that during the past week, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community.

St Patrick's regularly consults with the Catholic Education Office and relevant authorities, and continues to follow the advice of Queensland Health regarding cleaning requirements.

Queensland Health has advised that no quarantine of students or staff is required.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/children at home
- Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results. Please be aware, a negative COVID test does not change the requirement to be symptom free to attend school.
- Follow the advice of Queensland Health

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:

- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow and dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.
- practice social distancing from others where possible
- wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

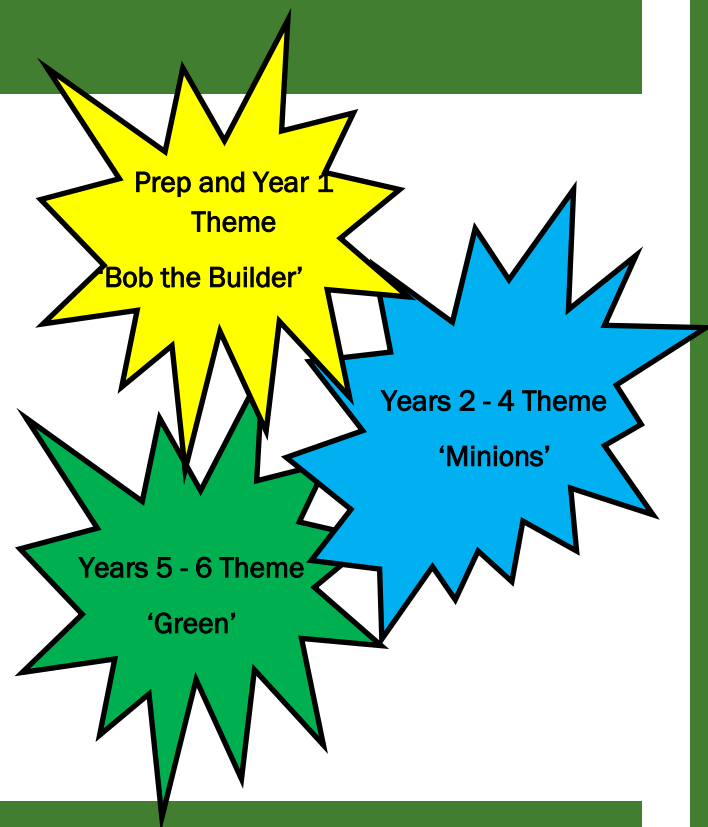
DANCE NIGHT

Welcome Dance Night will be held NEXT Thursday 17th 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.

Gates Open—5:00pm Parents are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with your family on the oval.

Dance presentation begins 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

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.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 8	Year 5	1 Volunteer Required
Week 9	Year 4	2 Volunteers Required
Week 10		NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday Sausage Sizzle will operate for the next two weeks. 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.

SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2022

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 2010, 2011 & 2012 (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 Mrs 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

Sport	Age Group	Date	Venue	Time	
Touch	Boys & Girls	U12	Friday 11 March	Bundaberg Touch Association	3:45-5:30pm
Tennis	Boys & Girls	U12	Friday 18 March	Rotary Tennis Courts	8:45-3:00pm
Netball Two teams selected 10-11 years and 11-12 years	Girls	Born 2011 and exceptional 2012 (must attend both days) Born 2010 (must attend both days)	Tuesday 8 March and Thursday 10 March Monday 15 March and Thursday 17 March	St Luke's Anglican School Multi-Purpose Court	3:30-5:00pm
Football	Boys	Boys Born 2010 Boys Born 2011 & 2012 All boys invited back from the previous week	Tuesday 15 March	North Bundaberg State High School	4:00-5:30pm
	Girls	Players expected to attend both trials	Monday 14 March	North Bundaberg State High School	4:00-5:30pm
Rugby League (All players must wear mouthguard)	Boys	10 years Born 2012 11 years Born 2011 12 years Born 2010 In consultation with Mr Plumb, exceptional 9 year olds born 2013 may trial for the 10 years team.	Monday 14 March Monday 21 March Monday 28 March	Waves Sporting Complex - Thabeban Rd	3:30-5:30pm

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SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS

- Prep-Year 2 Obstacle Course: Friday, 25 March (Week 9, Term 1) – St Patrick’s Junior Oval
- Year 3 – 6 Cross Country: Monday 28 March (Week 10, Term 1) – Shalom College, 9 – 11 am
- Senior (students born 2010, 2011 & 2012) Field Events: Monday, 20 June (Week 10, Term 2) – St Patrick’s
- Senior (students born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013) Athletics: Wednesday, 22 June (Week 10, Term 2) – Shalom College
- Junior (students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013) Athletics: Friday, 25 June (Week 10, Term 2) – St Patrick’s Senior Oval
- District Athletics: 3 & 4 August – St Luke’s
- District Cross County Friday, 13 May–Avoca State School, 12:00pm
- Year 3-6 Interhouse Swimming Carnival: Friday, 26 November (Week 8, Term 4)

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The St Patrick’s Inter-House Cross Country Carnival will be held at Shalom College on Monday, 28 March. A detailed information letter has been emailed to parents of students in Years 3-6 today. Please follow the instructions in this letter to nominate your child in their chosen event. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are expected to compete unless there is a medical condition that precludes their participation. Expected event times are as follows:-

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| 1. | 9:10am: | Boys & Girls Born 2011 & 2010 (11 & 12yrs) | 3km – A Division |
| 2. | 9:40am: | Boys & Girls Born 2012 (10yrs) | 2km – A Division |
| 3. | 10:10am: | Boys & Girls Born 2014 (8yrs) | 1km – A Division |
| 4. | 10:20am: | Boys & Girls Born 2013 (9yrs) | 1km – A Division |
| 5. | 10:30am: | Boys & Girls Born 2012, 2011 & 2010 (10-12yrs) | 1km – Fun Run |

We look forward to an enjoyable and supportive event for all competitors.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING—YEARS 3-6

Training has already begun in PE lessons and extra training sessions will be offered each Tuesday and Thursday morning beginning next week commencing 8:00 am. Students are to meet Ms G or Mrs H 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.



BUNDABERG REPRESENTATIVES



Congratulations to the following students that have been selected to represent the Bundaberg District at their respective Wide Bay Trials in coming weeks.

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| AFL | Eli Martin |
| NETBALL | Lilianah-Rose Mullins and
Indi Hodge |
| BASKETBALL | Mia Ashmore |

We wish all students an enjoyable and rewarding time away at their carnivals.

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YOUTH**

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TO FILL IN THE
REGISTRATION
FORM

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**CHAOS
YOUTH**

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WEDNESDAY - 3 PM - 5 PM - AGES 8-12

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