



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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Important Dates for Week 2

- Monday— Year 6 and Prep
- Tuesday -Thursday Morning Prayer 8.40am— 3T
- Tuesday—Year 1 Botanical Gardens Excursion
- Friday— 4L Liturgy 8.45am
- Friday— 4C Assembly and Awards 10.20am



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Term 4, Week 1

6th October 2017

Principal's News

The following is an article published over the recent holidays by the Australian. It is based on an interview with the Director of Parramatta Diocese, Mr Greg Whitby.

'The national literacy and numeracy tests are the "most severely misused instrument in education" and have spawned a teach-to-the-test cottage industry, NSW's -higher school certificate is "dead but won't fall over" and the curriculum is "not fit for purpose".

These are some of the stinging assessments from NSW's educator of the year, Greg Whitby, who is leading the push for Australia's education system to modernise and be responsive to the constantly changing lifestyles and needs of students and parents.

The executive director of Catholic Education in the Parramatta diocese points to the customer evolution in business where industries such as banking are now less about bricks and mortar and more about harnessing technology to fit around people's lives, becoming nimble and agile in the process.

Schools, however, still "largely operate like the world hasn't changed", based on a factory model.

"The lifestyle hasn't hit," Mr Whitby said. "You still have to sit down and do as you're told when you're told. We've got generations of kids being brought up not even experiencing that sort of thing at home. The challenge is to make the schooling experience contemporary and that's the single message I have. We need to make it match the world ... and how that world operates."

He said the injection of \$23.5 billion extra from the Gonski 2.0 school funding changes presented the opportunity to transform the system, moving from back-to-basics to producing "future-ready" students.

Mr Whitby argued the NSW curriculum did not fit any more in a contemporary world. Rather, it was designed in the late 1950s when school-leavers went to work in the coalmines, the banks, or a few went off to university.

The curriculum is a rigid framework and instead of ideological battles over subjects whenever the government changed hands, schooling must be relevant, engaging and give students the chance to solve really complex problems and work in teams.

Learning, he said, was about being "able to express your point and it doesn't matter whether that point is about indigenous culture or European invasion — that's not the point". "We're still providing this rigid framework that assumes that learning happens sequentially." He said the priority had to be on the "engine" driving the education system.

"This engine needs to be what I call an inquiry model driven by actual inquiry, deep thought, deep research, collaboration, co-operation — all the things we know work for learning," he said.

Mr Whitby was awarded the Australian College of Educators NSW branch Sir Harold Wyndham Medal earlier this year for his outstanding contribution to the education of young people.

He also took issue with the way the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy had morphed from its original intention of being a diagnostic test. "While ever it remains high-stakes it will always be misused," he said. "NAPLAN is the most severely misused instrument in education." NAPLAN had been hijacked from being an instrument for schools to look and reflect on the progress of students to an entire industry with NAPLAN coaching and books on "how to pass your NAPLAN". "It distorts and diverts, that's my issue with NAPLAN. It shifts the whole focus so that you do get some schools that will teach to the test," he said. Mr Whitby also questioned the longevity of final-year external exams.

"The HSC is dead. It's dead and it won't fall over," he said. Just over 20 per cent of students relied on their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank to gain entry into university, he said, with many tertiary institutions now widening their enrolment net to look at other attributes, including life experience and aptitude.'

Mr Whitby makes a number of very good points that are equally valid in any state. Schooling must be contemporary, or it risks becoming irrelevant. We must have a major rethink about how we gauge success in education, both for individual students, and for schooling systems.

Mark Fox

RE News—Sacramental Program



Celebrating the Sacraments of our Church is an exciting and special time for our students. It is once again time for the next group of students to begin their sacramental journey. Please see the below note from our Parish Office regarding the 2017/18 Sacramental Program.

A Parent Information session will be held on **Sunday, 15 October, 10.30am** in the Catholic Parish Office, Level 1, 66 Wongarra Street for all parents who wish their child/ren to prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist (First Communion) and Reconciliation.

Children who are 8 + years old are able to prepare. Registration forms, dates and timetable, expectations and process will be explained, and questions answered. The preparation program begins this year and concludes May 2018. For further information please contact Anne Sheehan on 41516666.

Welcome Julie Chaplin



Hi, my name is Julie Chaplin. For the first four weeks of this term, I will be filling in for Sonya McCall as the School Counsellor at St Patrick's. I will work here each Tuesday and am really excited to have this opportunity and hope to meet as many children, parents and staff members as possible during my short time at St Pat's.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself. I am a parent of two school-aged children. Most of my working life has been split between counselling roles at Kids Help Line, Parentline and Centacare. Most recently, I have been the School Chaplain (yes, like my name) at Branyan State School since 2012. This year I have also been working part-time as a School Counsellor at Shalom.

I see my role as an opportunity to support children and families when life's inevitable challenges come their way. For kids this may include the chance to talk through worries or problems, share and explore feelings, practice skills, be creative, or just "chill out". You are welcome to request that I spend time with your child or yourself. If you would like to make contact with me, please let the school office know and we'll make arrangements. Where a child approaches me for support or a teacher suggests that a child may benefit from some counselling intervention, I will seek guardians' permission before having further ongoing contact with that child.

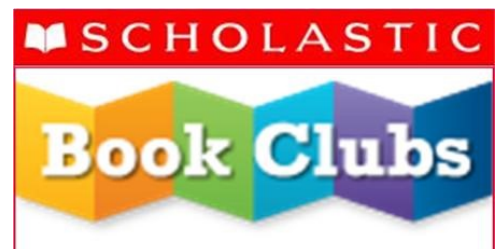
During my time at St Patrick's, I will be accompanied by my Seeing Eye Dog—Oodie. Oodie is very used to being in schools. I will speak to children about how they can help Oodie by not paying him too much attention, i.e. not patting, feeding or talking to him. However, I have learned from experience how difficult it is to keep up self-restraint where endearing animals are concerned - actually, I think adults find it harder than kids sometimes! Please don't hesitate to approach if you see Oodie and I around the school as I am always delighted to have people come up and say hello to me or ask questions.

Welcome Taryn Gollshewsky

This term we are also delighted to welcome Taryn Gollshewsky, our new Physical Education teacher for Years 2-6. Taryn is a professional athlete specialising in discus, and has a number of accolades from Junior and National Athletics Championships. Taryn achieved an outstanding ninth place at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games and also participated in the 2017 IAAF World Championships. Taryn will be a wonderful addition to our staff and will be an amazing role model for our children in terms of self-discipline and dedication.



Bookclub



Just to advise Book club brochures will be sent home today. Please note all book club orders must be returned by 9.00am Tuesday 17th October to ensure timely processing. Online orders are also a preferred way of ordering.

Student of the Week—Week 10



Student of the Week—Week 1



Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures

BEFORE SCHOOL

The school provides supervision from 8:15 each day. Students who arrive before this time are to gather on the terraced area behind Administration and to sit quietly. Play is not permitted before 8:15. Students are only allowed at school before 8:15 on the understanding that they comply with these expectations. Teachers on Before School duty collect students from this area at 8:15am. Students in Years 4-6 place their bags in the port racks, put their iPads in classrooms and then move to the Covered Area. Students in P-3 place their bags into port racks, put their iPads in classrooms and then move to the Junior Playground. Hand ball is allowed. No other ball games are permitted and sporting equipment is not to be used at this time. Outside of the classroom is an Out of Bounds area before school. Parents and students are asked to move to the Junior Playground or Covered Area where supervision is provided.

AFTER SCHOOL

Students are dismissed at 3:00 and they are to move directly to one of the three supervised collection points: Mulgrave St (beside K Block), Powers St or George St. There is a teacher on supervision duty at these three gates until 3:20pm. Any child not collected by 3:20pm will be directed to the Administration Block.

Parents may collect students from the classroom. Parents are not to congregate directly outside their child's classroom before 3:00pm so that students and teachers are not distracted. Students are under the supervision of the parent once they leave the supervised area or classroom with their parents. Children who are not students of our school and who are brought onto the school grounds are the responsibility of the supervising parent. These children must be supervised by that parent while on site. **No play on any school equipment is permitted after school.** The playground structures become part of the licensed area for the Out of Hours School Care program (OHSC). We are not permitted to have children who are not enrolled in our OHSC program on this equipment. Your cooperation with this issue is much appreciated.

Curriculum News

PARENTAL RESTRICTIONS ON IPAD'S

Technology is an amazing tool for learning but it can also present challenges in terms of protecting your child from inappropriate content. We highly recommend that iPad use at home is always supervised by parents, especially when children are able to access the internet.

In addition to physical supervision there are features in the iPad Restrictions menu that help parents to restrict the content that children can access.

Click on the link to learn more about how to use the Restrictions menu on your child's iPad.



Sports News

WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT 11-12 YEARS AQUATHLON 2017 REGIONAL TRIAL

Wide Bay School Sport will be nominating a team of 10 Boys and 10 Girls in the 11 & 12 Years age group to compete in the Queensland School Sport Aquathlon State Championships being held at Hervey Bay on Saturday 17 February 2018.

The Aquathlon State Championships will be held in conjunction with the Queensland School Sport 13 – 19 Years Triathlon State Championships at the same venue on 15-17 February 2018.

The Hervey Bay Triathlon Club "Hundy Kids" Triathlon is being held at Scarness, Hervey Bay, on Saturday 18th November will be used as the Regional Trial. Students must register for this event online at <http://tinyurl.com/SuperSat2017>

There will be no specific Wide Bay Regional Nomination Form. When students nominate online at the Hervey Bay 100 "Hundy Kids" website, they will be required to indicate then whether they want to be considered for selection in the Regional team. Students must indicate this when they nominate to be eligible. The Region is able to nominate 10 male and 10 female competitors per age division to compete at the State Championships.



Note: Only students who will attain the ages of 11 or 12 years in 2018 (i.e. born 2006 or 2007 are eligible for selection in the Regional Team). Entries close on Wednesday 15th November.



WIDE BAY CRICKET REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations **Lucy Hamilton** who has been selected to represent Wide Bay at the Queensland Cricket Championships and selection trials to be held in Mackay from 29 October – 1 November. We wish Lucy an enjoyable and rewarding experience at this carnival.



SPORTING SIGN-ON SESSIONS

Swing into T-BALL

Friday afternoons

Season Starts the 6th of October

Ages: 5-9 Years Boys and Girls

Time: 4:15-5:30

Cost: \$65.00 for season

Where: Faircloth Av
(Brothers AFL Sport Grounds)

Calling All Schools

ENTER A TEAM OR A PLAYER IN OUR

Saturday Junior Softball Competition

Benefits of Softball

- *Players learn teamwork
- *Make new friends
- *Have lots of fun
- *Games in the fresh air & sunshine
- *Learn to throw, catch & hit
- *Established pathways to rep, state & national competition

Coaches Supplied

"For each team that joins our junior competition for 2017/2018 season"

Where: Faircloth Av
(Brothers AFL Sports Grounds)

Season Starting Saturday 7th October 2017

Age groups:

U/12,
U/14 & U/17

All abilities
Girls and Boys

Finance News—Student Banking

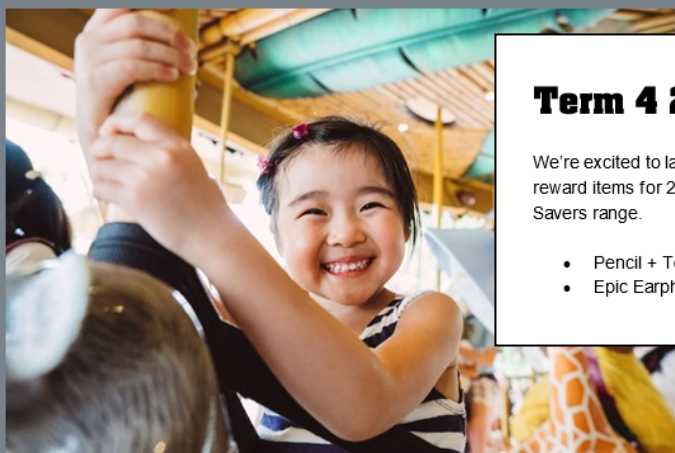


Get ready for the **Future Savers app**

As part of the Future Games competition, students can download and play the new Future Savers app from the App Store or Google Play from **Monday 16 October 2017**. The Future Savers app features augmented reality, letting students explore the future world, play games and learn about money with the Dollarmites in 3D.

Students who play the Future Savers app and complete the online entry form during the competition period will get a chance to win one of 50 Nintendo Switch Neon Console Packs. They will also need to make three or more School Banking deposits during the competition period, which gives them a chance to win one of the High Tech Prizes as well, including racing robots, activity trackers and 3D pen sets.

Tokyo Disneyland **Grand Prize Winner**



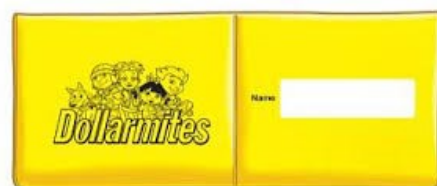
Term 4 2017 **Future Savers Rewards**

We're excited to launch the Term 4 reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones




It's almost time to discover the winner of this year's Future Savers Grand Prize competition. The winner of this unforgettable family trip to Tokyo, Disneyland will be announced on Tuesday 17 October 2017. Winner's details will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Dementia Workshop

CREATING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH
Where: Rossolini Place / Level 1 / 66 Woongarra Street
When: Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th October 2017

SESSION 1
5th October 2017



SESSION 2
12th October 2017

DEMENTIA
The Journey
(Denise Hodder)
Care

Session Times
5.30pm - 7pm

SESSION 3
19th October 2017

TOWARDS
SPIRITUALITY OF CARING
(Vince & Lorrae O'Rourke)

SESSION 4
26th October 2017

WHERE TO
FROM HERE?

~ Registrations Close: Wednesday, 27th September 2017 ~
For more information or to register, please contact the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg on telephone no.: 4151 6666 or via email: sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Service



Pregnancy & Infant Loss
Memorial Service

For the parents of babies who died too soon
before, during, or after birth.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Monday 16th October 2017
7.00pm

*For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.*

Psalm 139

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NDIS and Carer Information Session



NDIS Participant & Carer Information Session

What to expect:

- Understand what the NDIS is and your eligibility
- Learn about preplanning and what to expect from your NDIA planning meeting
- What to do after you have an NDIS Plan
- The services CentacareCQ can provide to NDIS Participants and Carers



Who should attend?

Parents / Participants / Carers / Public

Dates and location/s:

Tuesday 10th October 2017 9.30am – 10.30am & 5.30pm -6.30pm
Thursday 12th October 2017 9.30am – 10.30am

Name of Venue: Centacare CQ – Conference Room
79 Woongarra Street, Bundaberg

Cost: **Free**, includes light refreshments

To register or for more information:

Call 1300 523 985
Email joannek@centacare.net

Presenter:

Joanne Kenzler – NDIS Plan Facilitator

www.centacare.net

1300 523 985



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Celebrating the awesome possibilities of STEAM

Participate in a wide range of creative experiences and hands on activities that combine the power of new technology and the wisdom of traditional methods.

Discover • Build • Create

Saturday 14th October
9:00am - 3:00pm

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Ashfield Ad, Halkie

All activities are free. All ages welcome. No bookings required.
Visit www.crushfestivalqld.com.au or phone CLS: 4155 6181

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2017 TERM 4 CALENDER

| WEEK 1 | Week 2nd October—6th October | |
|------------------|--|-------------------|
| Monday | Public Holiday | |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Tuesday—Assembly Wednesday and Thursday—Courtyard Prayer 8.40am | 3M |
| Friday | No Liturgy—Awards only 10.45am—Sausage Sizzle | |
| WEEK 2 | Week 9th October—13th October | |
| Monday | Parish Mass 9am | Year 6 and Prep |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Courtyard Prayer 8.40am | 3T |
| Friday | Liturgy 8.45am | 4L |
| | Assembly and Awards 10.25am—Sausage Sizzle | 4C |
| WEEK 3 | Week 16th October—20th October | |
| Monday | PUPIL FREE DAY | |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Tuesday—Assembly Wednesday and Thursday—Courtyard Prayer 8.40am | 3K |
| Friday | Liturgy 8.45am | 5B |
| Friday | Assembly and Awards 10.25am—Sausage Sizzle | 3M |
| WEEK 4 | Week 23rd October—27th October | |
| Monday | Parish Mass 9am | Year 5 and Year 1 |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Courtyard Prayer 8.40am | 4L |
| Friday | Liturgy 8.45am | 2B |
| Friday | DAY FOR DANIEL Assembly and Awards 10.25am—Sausage Sizzle | 4A |
| WEEK 5 | Week 30th October—3rd November | |
| Monday | Parish Mass 9am | Year 2 |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Courtyard Prayer 8.40am | 4C |
| Friday | Liturgy 8.45am | 5W |
| | Awards Only 10.45am—Sausage Sizzle | |
| WEEK 6 | Week 6th November—10th November | |
| Monday | Parish Mass 9am | Year 4 |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Courtyard Prayer 8.40am | 2M |
| Wednesday | Cultural Night | |
| Friday | Remembrance Day Memorial 10.40am | 5P |
| WEEK 7 | Week 13th November—17th November | |
| Monday | Parish Mass 9am | Year 3 |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Courtyard Prayer 8.40am | 2C |
| Friday | No Liturgy | |
| | Year 1 Nativity Assembly 9.00am (No Awards) | |
| WEEK 8 | Week 20th November—24th November | |
| Monday | No Parish Mass | |
| Tuesday—Thursday | Courtyard Prayer 8.40am | 2B |
| Wednesday | Celebration Night | |
| Friday | Liturgy 8.45am | 2M |
| | Music Assembly—No Awards | |
| WEEK 9 | Week 27th November—1st December | |
| Monday | No Parish Mass | |
| Tuesday—Thursday | No Courtyard Prayer | |
| Tuesday | Year 6 Graduation | |
| Friday | End of Year Liturgy 9.45am Morning Tea 10.30am | |

