



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

3rd May 2024

Australians certainly do love to celebrate a long weekend and Labour Day is the annual holiday warmly welcomed to celebrate the achievements of workers. Labour Day originated in the labour union movement, which advocated eight hours of work, rest and play. I guess this represents the 'life-balance' model which many of us aspire to, but few realise. Even God gave himself a day off in the creation story, featured in the opening credits of Genesis, recognising the importance for human reflection and contemplation.

I feel as though it was much easier to 'disconnect' before the introduction of Sunday trading, mobile phones, ipads and email which have the power to reach us anywhere, at any time. Recently, an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement was passed on behalf of teachers in this Diocese, forging a right to disconnect from their devices. I have included an excerpt from the agreement below for your information as it has now been negotiated and implemented by employer and employees at the Rockhampton Diocese of Catholic Education;

Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) recognises and respects the right of employees to disconnect from work and not respond to work-related electronic communications outside designated hours.

The protocols apply to all forms of electronic communication originating from the employer, other staff, parents / carers, students or other members of the school community, including emails, texts, telephone calls, messages, video calls or sending or reviewing other messages.

*CEDR has an expectation that staff replies to electronic communication from the employer, students, parents, colleagues or others will occur within the hours of **8am-4pm** at St. Patrick's School.*

Where contact is made by the employer, students, parents, colleagues or others outside the span of hours outlined in clause 2.1 above, employees will respond on the employee's next designated working day.

Employees may be required to connect and/or respond outside the designated span of hours as provided in clause 9.1.2(c) of the Agreement in circumstances such as: public emergencies, critical incidents, receiving information about expectations for start of school terms and leave, where potential harm to others may otherwise result; or where it may be necessary to comply with legal obligations.

Today, Year 3L led us in prayer asking us to exercise our God given gifts in turning them in to talents. St. Patrick's is blessed with teachers that will often go above and beyond to enable this to occur. You don't have to go far to witness this generosity of spirit this term with Obstacle Course, Cross Country, Musical rehearsals, Instrumental Music, Choir, Challenge Cup Rugby League and Netball. These are such important activities for our students as they value-add, building culture and community. For this reason, we have always provided teachers a 24 hour window to respond to the communication highlighted in the agreement, as many are engaged in activities of this kind of a morning or afternoon. This week I heard the following mantra 'there's no vacation from a vocation' and this is so true of education which is student focused. Many will reach out in their own time for this reason, which we know is acknowledged and appreciated. I thought it relevant sharing this outcome as we embark on the 'Labour Day' weekend. I am very much aware that so many of our parents will '**work**' this long weekend. I hope you will be rewarded with '**rest**' and '**play**' in another way, on another day, as we all have to work a little harder to find such time in the busy world we live. We have a large number of parents working to keep us happy, well and safe from the emergency services, health, retail and hospitality sectors which this will resonate, so THANKS for all you do!

Kim O'Shea-Hard

2024 SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY & JUNIOR OBSTACLE COURSE

The school community congratulates and applauds all students on their individual performances, sportsmanship and team spirit at the Inter-house Cross Country held on Monday and the Junior Obstacle Course held last Friday. All students showed their determination to finish and gain valuable points for their team.

Congratulations to McAuley for winning the Senior Trophy for our Interhouse Cross Country and to our 2024 School Cross Country team who will represent St Patrick's at the upcoming District Cross Country trials at Avoca State School on Friday 17th May. The team consists of Essie M, Kelan E, Reeve L, Lily P, Sophia L, Riley F, Hayden S, Matilda K, Giorgi P, Jayden S, Jace R, Flo L and Indigo B. We wish all competitors the very best at this upcoming event.

Congratulations to Xavier for winning the Junior Trophy for the Junior Obstacle Course. Based on the efforts displayed by our Prep to Year 2 students on Friday, we certainly look forward to seeing them in future years as they take on the longer distances involved with the Senior Cross Country.

Also a huge thank you to Shalom College for the use of their amazing grounds for the Senior Cross Country carnival. Their support of this event is very much appreciated.

SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Place	House	Points
1st	McAuley	284
2nd	Mackillop	258
3rd	Xavier	239
4th	Coolock	236

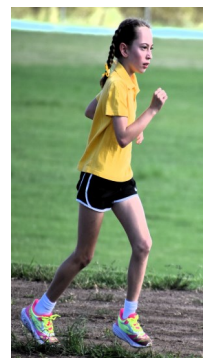


2024 SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Age Division	Name	House
8yrs Boys – Born 2016	Ashton S	McAuley
8yrs Girls – Born 2016	Sophia K	Xavier
9yrs Boys – Born 2015	Chase L	Xavier
9yrs Girls – Born 2015	Imogen K	McAuley
10yrs Boys – Born 2014	Kelan E	Coolock
10yrs Girls – Born 2014	Lily P	Coolock
11yrs Boys – Born 2013	Riley F	Coolock
11yrs Girls – Born 2013	Matilda K	McAuley
11yrs Girls Multi-class	Essie M	Coolock
12yrs Boys – Born 2012	Jayden S	Xavier
12yrs Girls – Born 2012	Flo L	McAuley

JUNIOR OBSTACLE COURSE RESULTS

Place	House	Points
1st	Xavier	101
2nd	Coolock	91
3rd	McAuley	90
4th	Mackillop	82



MOTHER'S DAY

On Friday, May 10 we will once again be holding our Mother's Day Prayer Celebration. We really value the mothers in our community and would love for you all to join us in celebrating them at our Liturgy on May 10, at 9.00am in the Multi. Please ensure you send one photo per family of mum and the kids to spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au no later than Wednesday May 8 to be included in the presentation. We look forward to celebrating with all of the special ladies in our community.



St Patrick's Mother's Day Liturgy

Friday 10th May

@ 9am in the Multi



We would love to include a 'mum and me' photo in our liturgy. Please send in one photo per family to spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au no later than Wed 8th of May.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

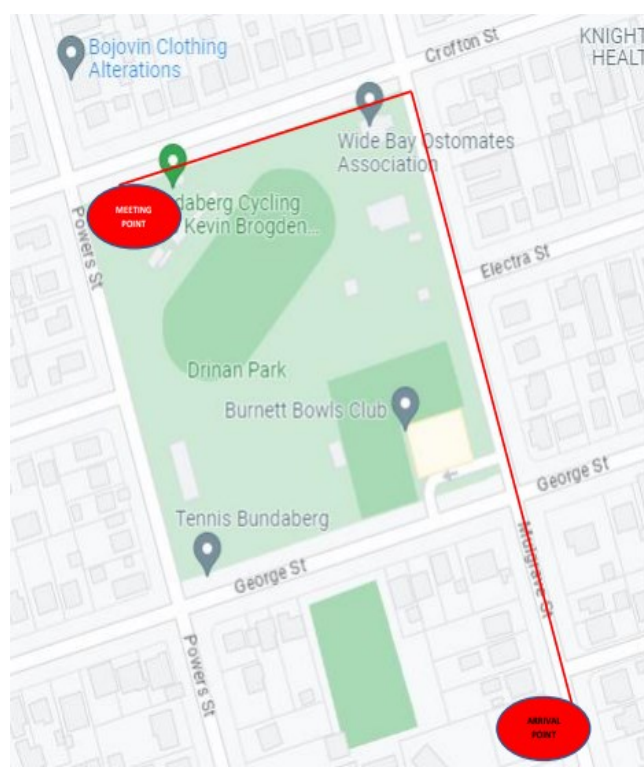
We are looking forward to National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 10th May. To assist with planning, can you please register via the below link by this afternoon.

[Walk Safely to School Day Registration](#)

We will meet on the corner of Power and Crofton Street, at 8am and will provide a fruit treat for those participating in this event upon arrival back at school. A map of the walk is attached for your reference. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us.



SAVE THE DATE
Friday 10 May 2024
National Walk Safely to School Day



FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 10th May** unless you have a payment plan in place, in which case this merely serves as a statement for your records.

Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary, Brooke, if you have any queries or wish to setup a



Please make sure to check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools, your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of our school. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

Please see below school fee payment options that are available. Alternatively, payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Direct Deposit

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

Recurring Credit Card Billing

If you wish to make regular recurring payments as you would normally from a bank account but prefer to use a Credit Card so as to gain advantages of frequent flyer points etc., it is as simple as completing a form. This form is available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab, titled Direct Debit by Credit Card Form. Otherwise please contact St Patrick's School Finance Secretary Brooke Bone at brooke_bone@rok.catholic.edu.au to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

BPay

BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast, and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A BPAY logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement, if you choose to pay this way.

Parent Lounge

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

Direct Debit

If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Brooke Bone for assistance or simply download, complete and return the form titled Direct Debit by Bank Account Form available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab.

Centrepay

Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments. Our CRN is 555 053 656K and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

EMPOWERING WOMEN'S EVENING—SHALOM COLLEGE



ALL WELCOME: After the success of last year's 'Empowering Women - Breakfast', we are looking to go bigger and better this year with an Empowering Women's Evening, held on Monday 13 May (the day after Mother's Day) with special guest Libby Trickett!

6:00-8:30pm, Shalom College Performing Arts Precinct

TICKETS: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRGCD>

The evening will feature a one-on-one interview with Libby Trickett, one of Australia's Swimming Golden Girls, and interviewer Scott Lamond (Chief of Staff at ABC Wide Bay).

Libby collected 24 gold medals on the international stage across Olympic, Commonwealth Games and World Championships events. This included eight long course and seven short course world titles, five Commonwealth Games and four Olympic gold medals which were won at three consecutive Olympic Games. Since retiring from swimming, she has become a passionate mental health advocate, written her memoir, *Beneath the Surface*, become a TEDx Speaker, and is the host of multiple podcasts, talking about sport in different ways – from how to keep kids in sport to elite athletes transitioning into life after their sporting career, and another podcast on the Mamamia media network called *This Glorious Mess*. Most importantly, she has her hands full, running after her four young children, Poppy, Edwina, Bronte, and Alfie.

A perfect gift for Mother's Day, or a chance to attend this event with friends, all welcome, male or female.

Tickets \$35-45pp + booking fees. The evening will include drinks and canapés in the Foyer from 6pm, then from 7pm guests will move into the Theatre to see keynote speaker, Libby Trickett. Tickets include a drink on arrival and canapés.

This is public event - all members of the community are welcome to attend.

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TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 15th April - Friday 19th April		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
WEEK 2	Week 22nd April - 26th April		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	5P
Wednesday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	8:40am	5G
Thursday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY		
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course - Prep to Year 2	9:00am	St Patrick's
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 3	Week 29th April - 3rd May		
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Years 3 to 6	9:00am	Shalom
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 4	Week 6th May - 10th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 5	Week 13th May - 17th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	District Cross Country - no interschool sport	All Day	Avoca SS
WEEK 6	Week 20th May - 24th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 27th May - 31st May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 8	Week 3rd June - 7th June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1M
WEEK 9	Week 10th June - 14th June		
Monday	Field Events Day - students born 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1H
Friday	Senior Athletics Carnival - students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	Shalom
WEEK 10	Week 17th June - 21st June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1Z
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	All Day	St Patrick's

OUT AND ABOUT

PLAY

St. Patrick's Catholic School

FOR the KICKS

Parents please note there is no school supervision at this weekly clinic and parental supervision is required.

FIRST SESSION | Thursday 9th May

TIME | 3:15pm - 4:15pm

DURATION | 6 Weeks



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St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten

Open Day

Wednesday 29 May 2024
3.30pm–5.30pm

Fun activities for children
Come and take a tour and explore our Centre.
Meet our dedicated team!

Contact Us
Ph 0436 114 480
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Early Learning & Care







HOT SHOTS

TENNIS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Our qualified coaches will provide personalised instruction to help your child to develop technically and tactically in a fun and nurturing environment. The program will foster sportsmanship and enhance their coordination, speed, strength, and agility.

Costs
Term Fee : \$70
Annual Club Membership : \$20

All equipment provided!



When :
Tuesday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm
Thursday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 9.45 am
*One session may be attended by your child each week.

Where :
6C Powers St, Bundaberg West

[tennis.bundaberg](http://tennis.bundaberg.qld.gov.au)

For bookings and additional information
Phone : 0434345048

Does your 8-14 year old child struggle with reading?



GRIFF LINC READING RESEARCH



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FREE ONLINE TUTORING FOR 6 MONTHS

Students must be available 2 -3 times per week for 30 mins

The Griff Linc Reading Research team has developed a new tutoring method for middle years students struggling with reading. The tutors use artificial intelligence to write short texts specific to your child's interests and reading level, and use a six-step teaching method during each tutoring session. The researchers collect data on your child's reading assessments at the beginning and end of the project, as well as video recordings of the tutoring sessions. This data will be used to evaluate the impact of the project on middle years students struggling with reading.

RESEARCHERS:
Professor Beryl Exley & Dr Frances Hoyte

TO APPLY:
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GU Ethics Reference Number: 2024/201