



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## Important Dates for Week 4

- Monday— Parish Mass Year 5 & Year 1
- Tuesday-Thursday—Morning Prayer 8.40am 4L
- Wednesday—P&F 7pm
- Friday— 2B Liturgy 8.45am
- Friday— 4A Assembly and Awards 10.25am
- Friday—Day for Daniel



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Term 4, Week 3

20th October 2017

## Principal's News

I love school and how involved we are in the lives of our students and their families. In my walks through the school, and while on duty, I hear about upcoming birthdays, and involvement in family weddings. I am shown where teeth have fallen out. I learn about new family puppies. I hear about new jobs, moving house, Mum and Dad expecting a baby and holiday plans. We hear of sporting triumphs and progress in dance and music, and I love all those discussions.

Through our involvement with families we also learn of the sadder things in lives. We are made aware of the passing of family members, separations, serious illnesses, and the many similar issues which are a part of life.

Not surprisingly, it has been suggested that within all the influences on children - parents, media, peers and so on, school accounts for about 30%. At our school, we are very aware of this awesome responsibility.

I am very proud that we explicitly teach, mod-

el, affirm and promote things like respect, resilience, giving your best, including others, working collaboratively and personal responsibility. I like that our education is broad and that curriculum aspects like the Arts and Physical Education have a high profile within our school. I am proud that our school is well known and widely regarded for its community. I don't know of any school which enjoys more parent support than do we.

I am sometimes saddened to hear of schools who judge their success or failure on things like Standardized Testing. Whilst such things have a place, Education simply must be valued much more highly than that. We judge ourselves here, on the qualities of the students whom we graduate. We want to graduate students who love learning, and we want them to have Faith, a good attitude, good character, integrity, resilience and honesty. We really must educate students for life, and it is a privilege to work with the families of our school to do so together.

*Mark Fox*



Lucy Hamilton, St. Patrick's Bundaberg Year 5 student has been selected to be part of the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. She will be a baton-bearer in Bundaberg on Relay day 89.

Lucy is a very talented sportsperson making the Queensland U12 Soccer team and Wide Bay Touch and Cricket teams this year. She competes at the Queensland U12 Cricket Championships later this month and we are very excited about her prospects of making a second Queensland team this year as an 11 year old.

Lucy is a determined competitor who always displays absolute respect for her team mates, opponents and officials. We are pleased that she has been acknowledged for her determination to achieve at her very best level, and hope that this will encourage her to continue to strive to realize her full potential as a sportsperson.



## Student of the Week—Week 3



## Bus Rebate Assistance



### STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 2, 2017



#### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school **outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$25/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$20/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

#### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by **31 October 2017**.

Late applications will not be accepted.

## RE News

Celebrating the Sacraments of our Church is an exciting and special time for our students. This weekend Aaron Tom will be confirmed by Bishop Michael, at the 6pm Mass at St Patrick's Church on Saturday. We wish Aaron all the very best for this special occasion.

We are very lucky to have our Bishop visiting us on Monday. Bishop Michael McCarthy will visit St Patrick's from 10am – 11am on Monday. He will visit some classrooms to see the amazing learning happening there and we will be holding a special Assembly for him at 10.40am. Parents are most welcome to come to this Assembly.



## Day for Daniel



Next Friday 27th October is Day for Daniel.

In support of this special day, children can elect to wear one item of red such as red socks, hairband or wristband. **All** students are required to wear sports uniform.

Our Year 5 and 6 students will also be participating in the PCYC Day for Daniel event at the new PCYC Multiplex from 9am—12pm. As students will be walking to the event, they are required to wear their hat, bring their water bottle and apply sunscreen.

## Reminders



- ◇ **P & F Meeting Wednesday 26th October 7.00pm in staffroom**
- ◇ **Class allocation requests for 2018 are due back by Wednesday 26th October.**
- ◇ **Day for Daniel—wear ribbon, socks, headband or wristband on Friday 27th October.**

## Finance News



Term 4 fees were issued 16th October and are payable 30th October unless you have a payment plan in place. In order to keep St Patrick's Catholic Primary School fees to a minimum, it is imperative that all of our accounts are paid on time. If you do not have a payment plan in place or have not yet made payment, please settle your account by due date or contact the finance secretary if you are unable to make payment at this time and to establish a payment plan.

Statements serve as a tax invoice payable by a due date if you do not have a payment plan in place or merely as a statement if you do have a payment plan in place which then reflects what payments are being receipted and what charges you have incurred. Please take time to check your statements when they are issued to ensure your account is correct and query any discrepancies you may have. Contact the finance secretary at [spbg\\_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spbg_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au) if you have not received your statement or if you have any queries regarding your account. Remember to ensure all contact details for receiving statements are up to date – you can make changes or update your contact details via parent lounge.

A reminder that if you hold an eligible means tested Health Care or Pensioner card you are entitled to a discount on tuition fees. If you are an eligible cardholder, please present your card to the Finance Secretary in the office for processing. Further details on the concession card discount eligibility criteria are available on the Catholic Education website [www.rok.catholic.edu.au](http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au) If you are unsure if you are eligible or if you have any queries, please contact me.

### **2018 FEES**

Now is the time to establish a payment plan for 2018 fees. For your information and convenience, the 2018 Fee Schedule and Direct Debit forms can be found on the school's website. If you would like assistance in establishing a payment plan for 2018, please drop into the office and see Finance Secretary Maria. A reminder that direct debit plans do not carry forward automatically – you are required to complete a new form.

## Curriculum News


### Booklists and Apps Lists

Booklists and App lists will be sent home in the next few weeks. Please note that our iPad requirements for 2018 have changed. iPads are an optional device for Prep to Year 2. Children in Year 3 – 6 must bring a **5<sup>th</sup> Gen or newer iOS compatible iPad with a minimum of 32Gb storage**. Ideally children will have **64Gb** storage or more to ensure longevity of the device. Extra storage means there is space for non-school related Apps and games that parents may allow children to download. School Apps and school work must take priority over games and other Apps. If storage space for school work becomes limited, children will be asked to delete these extra Apps.

We have again worked with JB Hi-Fi to set up a school portal through which you can purchase an iPad. This has been personalised for our school and provides a way for you to purchase an iPad and case online with pick up from the local JB Hi-Fi store. We have set up this portal to offer only the iPads preferred for use at St Patrick's school. There is the option of an interest free payment plan and the opportunity to purchase an additional warranty. Please note that this is an **entirely optional** way for parents to purchase an iPad. Other companies in Bundaberg that sell iPads include Queensland Computers, Bundaberg Technology Solutions, Office Works, The Good Guys, Harvey Norman and Big W. We recommend you investigate the best solution to suit your family circumstances.

A reminder that minimum specifications for BYOD iPads are available on our website: [www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au](http://www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au)

## Bring Your Own Device – iPad Specifications 2018

Equipment	Minimum requirements
iPad model	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12.9-inch iPad Pro (2nd generation)</li> <li>12.9-inch iPad Pro (1st generation)</li> <li>10.5-inch iPad Pro</li> <li>9.7-inch iPad Pro</li> <li>iPad Air 2</li> <li>iPad Air</li> <li>iPad (5th generation)</li> </ul> <p>While not recommended, an iPad mini 2, 3, or 4 is suitable for class use but not for NAPLAN online.</p>
Software	The iPad must be compatible with <b>iOS 11</b> (current operating system) see list above
Screen	Screen display should measure at least 24.6 cm (9.5 inches) diagonally. <b>The iPad mini is NOT large enough for NAPLAN online – which students will do in Year 3 and Year 5. However they are suitable for class use. Loan iPads can be made available for NAPLAN.</b>
Headphones, earbuds	Headphones, earphones or earbuds <b>must</b> be provided – see booklist for requirements
Keyboard	Physical keyboard (wired or wireless) is <b>optional</b> for iPads.
Capacity	Minimum 32Gb storage. To ensure longevity of devices it is recommended that devices have at least 64Gb storage. Storage of 128Gb is ideal.
Cases	Must be a 'ruggedized' case. Suitable cases include Otterbox or Lifeproof, Griffin, Gumdrops etc.

## Curriculum News

### Purchasing a New Ipad?



#### JB Hi-Fi iPad portal option

In the next few weeks you will receive more information from JB Hi-Fi regarding a service they offer that you may like to consider if you are purchasing a new iPad for your child. This year, we have again worked with JB Hi-Fi to set up a school portal through which you can purchase an iPad. This has been personalised for our school and provides a way for you to purchase an iPad and case online with pick up from the local JB Hi-Fi store. We have set up this portal to offer only the iPads preferred for use at St Patrick's school. There is the option of an interest free payment plan and the opportunity to purchase an additional warranty.

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## Cultural News



**St Patrick's Cultural Night - Wednesday, 8th November 6pm, Shalom Performing Arts Precinct**  
**TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER. \$7 per head, includes a light supper.**

**Performing students will not require a ticket**

We are so excited to be getting ready for our annual Cultural Night. All groups will perform - Junior and Senior Choirs, Junior and Senior Strings and Guitar Ensemble. As well, all Year 3 students will make their string playing debut, a letter has been sent to Year 3 parents about this event.

Children need to be in the correct performance uniform and arrive by 5.30pm dressed and ready to go. Children will stay in their performance uniform, children will not get changed during the evening.


Group	Performance uniform
Year 3	Year 3 Strings performance uniform White dress shirt – long sleeve button up with collar long black dress pants black socks, school shoes
Junior Choir	Prep: school uniform Years 1-2: Formal school uniform or Year 3: strings performance uniform (see above)
Senior Choir Junior Strings Senior Strings	Performance Uniform Black shirt – long sleeve button up with collar long black dress pants black socks, school shoes * Year 3 students in Junior Strings will wear Year 3 Strings performance uniform
Guitar Ensemble	Formal School uniform

- Following the performance, children will sit together in one of the classrooms close to the Performing Arts block, or backstage, under teacher supervision, where they will be able to watch the rest of the concert on screen. If you wish to collect your child before the end of the night please come to these areas.
- All students will travel by bus to Shalom with other performing groups at 11.30 on Wednesday 8th November for a rehearsal on stage at the Performing Arts Precinct. Students will return to school by approximately 2.30pm. Please do not order tuckshop for afternoon tea on that day.
- Performing students do not require a ticket.

# Dementia Workshop

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

**SESSION 1**  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2017



**SESSION 2**  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**DEMENTIA**  
The Journey  
(Denise Hodder)  
*Oscare*

**Session Times**  
5.30pm - 7pm

**SESSION 3**  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

**SESSION 4**  
26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**WHERE TO**  
**FROM HERE?**

~ Registrations Close: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GET in2 FUN**  
**GET in2 CRICKET**

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport.  
 It's great fun, kids learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities.



**All kids receive a BONUS PLAYER PACK when they register!**

**Bundaberg Cricket Association**  
 In2Cricket Centre  
 When: 5:00-6:00pm  
 Thursday 26th October  
 Where: 39 Takalvan Street, Bundaberg, 4670  
 Contact: Noel Stitt - ph 0413180272

Visit [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU) to find out more



**PLAY TOUCH FOOTBALL**  
 A Place on the Field for Everyone

- Touch Football is a fun game providing a great social environment for both boys and girls, competitions for all ages and skill levels
- Tiny Touchdowns to Under 17 years
- Touch Football is a great, minimal contact sport to get kids active and meet new friends
- Friday night games will leave your weekends free
- Join the NRL Family - develop skills that support other sporting interests
- Representative pathways that lead to club, state or even national honors
- Catering for individuals or as a team - A place on the field for everyone!



**Free Playing Shirt!**

**JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION (Friday Nights)**  
 Bundaberg Touch Grounds - University Drive, Bundaberg  
 Competition dates 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 (Break for School Holidays)

Registrations Open 21 August at [www.bundytouch.com](http://www.bundytouch.com)

## 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	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday—Assembly Wednesday and Thursday—Courtyard Prayer 8.40am	3K
Friday	Liturgy 8.45am	5B
Friday	Awards 10.25am—Sausage Sizzle	
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
	Assembly and Awards 10.25am—Sausage Sizzle	3M
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	

