



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

16th February 2018

Last Friday night, after some convincing by Fr Andrew, I went (a little reluctantly I admit) to a talk by a Canossian Sister, Mel Dwyer. Fr Andrew's recommendation was a very good one, and I loved what she had to say. Some of Sr. Mel's talk is reflected below. I am convinced that God does not have a magic wand, for if God did, I'm sure we would see it used far more regularly. Fortunately however, neither you nor I are absolutely hopeless. It is well within our capabilities to do something to improve things, and perhaps that is what the season of Lent is about. Each of us has to ask what we can do to make ourselves a better person who is both more capable, and more disposed to helping others. More importantly again, we have to act to make this a reality. We have to ask ourselves whether we are simply fans of Jesus, or whether we are his followers. Being a fan of Jesus is pretty easy - clearly a good man who did great things. To be a follower though, now that's a challenge, but it is a challenge we all need to take on. Our Church and our community, definitely do not need any more mediocrity. If we always do what we've always done, nothing will change. We need people who strive to be extraordinary. Change starts with you and I. It doesn't start with others. There are a thousand ideas for self-improvement. Give up something destructive and take up something good. Be a person of gratitude. Try something new. Be credible and consistent in your words and actions. Lent is not about making ourselves better in order to earn God's love. Nothing we can do makes God love us more or less. Lent is simply about us making the changes needed, so that we live in a way we can be proud of - making that move from fan to follower.

Staff Changes

Mark Fox will be taking Leave from February 26 to spend some time with family and then attend a Religious Education Course. He will be away for five weeks and Annette Hammermeister has kindly agreed to take on the role of Acting Principal for that time. Michelle Halpin is unwell and will have an extended absence from school. Kim Werchon is taking on the Library Assistant role for the next few weeks while Michelle takes care of her health. Andrea Wust is teaching Year 1N for the remainder of this term to allow Cath Nash time for a medical procedure and recovery.

Mark Fox

KEY DATES FOR WEEK 5



- Monday—No Parish Mass
- Monday—Swimming commences Year 3-6
- Tuesday-Thursday –Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 5W
- Wednesday—P&F Meeting 7pm (All welcome)
- Friday—3K Liturgy 8.45am



SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS

PLEASE NOTE BELOW CORRECT DATES



- Senior Swim Carnival (Years 3-6) – Bundaberg Swim Academy – Monday 26th March
- Junior Inter-House Obstacle Course (Prep - Year 2): Junior Oval, St Patrick's – Friday 20th April
- Inter-House Cross Country (Years 3 - 6): Shalom College – Monday 23rd April
- Field Athletics – St Patrick's – Monday 18th June (Students born 2006, 2007, 2008)
- Senior Athletics Day – Shalom College – Wed 20th June (Students born 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009)
- Junior Athletics Day – St Patrick's – Thursday 21st June (Students born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013)
- Challenge Cup – Yeppoon 18th-20th July



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SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2018

Please note the following date claimers for sports trials. Further information regarding eligibility can be found in previous newsletters, and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to see Mrs Annette Hammermeister for clarification.



AFL Boys Trials: 19 February, ATW Grounds, Claytons Rd, 4:00 – 5:30pm.

Softball Girls & Boys Trials: 20 February, Bundaberg Softball Grounds, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Tennis Boys & Girls Trials: 15 March; Rotary Tennis Courts, George St; 8:45am – 3:00pm

Touch Boys & Girls Trials: March 2/9; Bundaberg Touch Association Fields; 3:45 pm – 5:30 p.m.

Basketball Boys & Girls Trials: Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 1st March; Bundaberg Basketball Stadium, Bundaberg; 3.45 – 5.00pm

Golf Boys & Girls to Dean Pickup at dpick42@eq.edu.au or fax to Gin Gin State School 41332325. NOMINATIONS Close: 2 March. HANDICAP & GOLFLINK NUMBER required on nomination form.

Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb or Annette Hammermeister. Students will not be able to participate in the trials without a **Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form**.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

This Monday all children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will participate in a five week Swimming unit as part of their Physical Education Program. A timetable showing classes and times is tabled below. **Please ensure you login to Parent Lounge prior to Monday to accept your child's participation in the activity.** **REMINDER**—Please do not order tuckshop in first break for **Year 5** students as they will not return to school until 12:15pm. Year 5 students are able to order tuckshop for Afternoon Tea on their swimming day.

Dates	Year	Times
Monday 19 Feb – 19 Mar	3	9:00am – 10:00am
	4	10:00am – 11:00am
	5	11:00am – 12:00pm
	6	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Weeks 5 - 9		
Senior School Swim Carnival Week 10 Monday 26th March	3-6	Year 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am Year 5 & 6: 11:00am – 12:30pm



WELCOME DANCE NIGHT

Welcome Dance Night will be held on Thursday 1st 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 for a Sausage Sizzle (\$2 sausage on bread catered by P&F) or you are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with your family on the oval.

Dance presentation begins 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

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.

To create a great atmosphere we encourage the children to dress in the themes to complement their performances, although this is not a compulsory requirement.



COSTUME THEMES

Prep & Year 1 – Bright Colours

Years 2, 3 & 4 – Cowboys/Cowgirls

Years 5 & 6 – Swag and cool

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROMOTION

St Patrick's is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools Promotion, so please bring your vouchers to the designated box in the office that will go directly towards the school receiving new sporting equipment.



How does it work?



Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

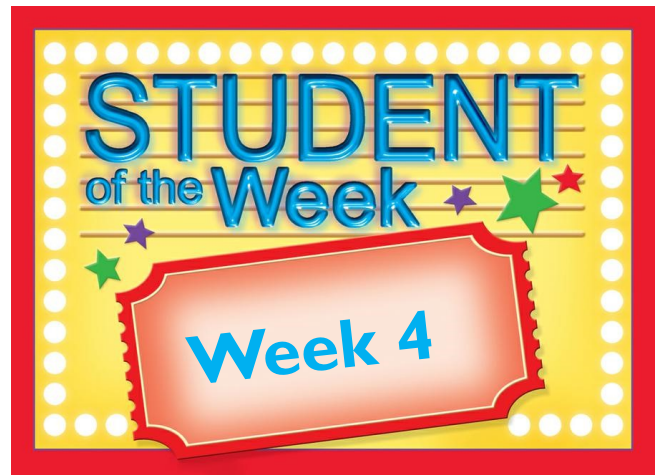
Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**Each and every Friday
up to and including
Week 9**

\$2 per sausage to classroom teacher



Read with Me

parent volunteers

If you are interested in assisting students with classroom reading, we would love your help.

Please contact Mrs Terry Whan in Learning Support on

terry_whan@rok.catholic.edu.au



OUT AND ABOUT

Bundaberg BMX Club is hosting a RIDE IN2 BMX DAY on **Sunday 25th February, 2018 from 9.00 - 11.30am**

What is a RIDE IN2 BMX Day?

Want to see what all the fuss is about? BMX is one of Australia's fastest growing sports, and the annual RIDE IN2 BMX Day is YOUR opportunity to come and try out this thrilling sport, free of charge! BMX is a sport that caters for everyone in the family, and we have members of all skill levels ranging from two-year-old mini-wheelers through to 60+ veterans riding on tracks around Australia every weekend.

What happens at the Bundaberg RIDE IN2 BMX day?

Once you arrive at the track, you will meet with your hosts and sign all applicable forms before organizers do a safety check on your bike. From there you can watch demonstrations and then participate in activities including:

- A basic warm up
- Basic BMX technique activities
- Learn how to negotiate jumps, corners and the start hill
- Games on track
- Learning about BMX racing
- Participate in a mini BMX race

What do I need to bring?

First of all, you need to bring a bike. Otherwise please arrive with the following attire to ensure you can make the most of the day: Long sleeve top, long pants, gloves, socks, shoes and full face helmet

No bike or helmet?

No worries! Just make sure you contact Bundaberg BMX club prior to the RIDE IN2 BMX Day as they may have spares you can use. Alternatively, they may also be holding other activities you can participate in without these items!

OVER 18 EVENT

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE BUNDABERG Catholic Schools RACE DAY 2018

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN AT 11.30am

Tickets on Sale at
 Shalom College and St Patrick's,
 St Mary's & St Joseph's Primary Schools

» Fashion Parade by **HOTLINE BOUTIQUE**
 » FASHIONS OF THE FIELD
 » HUGE RAFFLE

Limited Tickets Available!
ADMISSION \$60!
 Includes entrance to the Marquee Party, 2 Free Drinks, Finger food and Bus to the CBD

TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 22nd January—26th January		
Monday	First Day of Term		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday— Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	
Friday	AUSTRALIA DAY		
WEEK 2	Week 29th January—2nd February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday— Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5B
Friday	Opening School Liturgy and Year 6 Induction	9.00am	6L
	No Assembly and No Awards		
WEEK 3	Week 5th February—9th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year3 - Year 5
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday— Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5B
	Awards Only	10.45am	
WEEK 4	Week 12th February—16th February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8.40am	6R
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	
Friday	No Liturgy		
	Awards Only	10.45am	
WEEK 5	Week 19th February—23rd February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5W
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3K
	Project Compassion and Caritas (Mini Vinnies)		
WEEK 6	Week 26th February—2nd March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3ST
Thursday	Welcome Dance Night	5.00pm	
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3C
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	5P
WEEK 7	Week 5th March—9th March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3K
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5W
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	3ST
WEEK 8	Week 12th March—16th March		
Monday	Parish Mass - St Patrick's Day	9.00am	Whole school
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Friday	St Patrick's Day Mass	9.00am	6B
	No Assembly or Awards		
WEEK 9	Week 19th March—23rd March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6R
Friday	No Liturgy		
	Palm Sunday	10.25am	4C & 4W
WEEK 10	Week 26th March - 30th March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming Carnival - Yr 3/4 9-11am and Yr 5/6 11-12:30pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4L
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	Yr 5
Thursday	Easter Liturgy	9.00am	Yr 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10.15am	Prep to Yr 3
	Mini Fair	11.00am - 12.15pm	
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY		