



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

26 March 2021

A book I'm working through suggests that life for the most part is a series of problems to be solved. From a small child where we must learn to walk, talk and tie our shoes through to passing school requirements, finding a job, a partner, managing our finance and so on. I'm sure if you think about your own family or work life, you'd realise there is certainly some merit in his premise. We spend a lot of our time solving one problem or another. He would suggest we are programmed this way. That's how we survive as individuals and as a species. Those who solve problems successfully flourish, those who do not, perish.

The author would also suggest that one of the keys to success, is determining which problems are worth devoting our time and energies to, and which we should simply ignore. How many people have you heard whining for hours about the fish and chips that were cold, the slow line up at the shopping centre or people's failure to negotiate roundabouts correctly. A quick look on any local Facebook page and you'll understand what I mean.

Successful people don't waste their time or energy on such trivial things. They just let the little stuff go, so they can focus upon things that genuinely matter.

As Easter approaches, we are reminded of the life of Jesus. I don't recall reading anywhere about Jesus finding the bread stale, his accommodation not up to expectations or issues with the quality of the wine. We do read about a man who advocated for the poor, stood up to Religious bigotry and who put his life on the line for the things he knew to be important.

Lent and Easter are times for reflection. Make sure you're putting your time and energy into things of importance that really do matter. Start by making Easter a safe and happy time with your family. We look forward to seeing you for next term.

Staff

Andrew, Arna and Amanda Modolo are greatly looking forward to the latest addition to their beautiful family, and Amanda will commence maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her all the best and welcome Kaylah Fox who will take over 6M next term. Sadly Gemma Zielke, who has been wonderful in Year 3, leaves us due to family circumstances. We hope to see Gemma back with us doing Relief at times and thank her for her work. Amanda Norcott joins us in Year 3 for the remainder of this year, and we are greatly looking forward to having Amanda work with us.

REMINDER LAST DAY OF TERM ONE —Thursday 1 April

Next Thursday is a day of celebrations at St Patrick's. We begin with the Easter Liturgy at 9:00am, Easter Hat Parade at 9:45am, then the Mini Fair will begin at 11:00am. A warm invitation is extended to all parents to attend the celebrations. The Mini fair will conclude at 12:00pm. At this time, all students will be directed back to classrooms. You are welcome to collect your child from their classroom at 12:00pm. The Pickup Zones at both the Mulgrave St and Powers St Carpark will be in operation at midday if you are not able to collect your child from their classroom. Supervision will continue for remaining students until 3:00pm. For those students remaining they will need to be collected from the OSHC in operation outside the rear of the library.

Mark Fox

KEY DATES FOR WEEK 10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Junior Strings Ensemble 7.30am	Senior Choir Ensemble 7.30am	Senior Strings Ensemble 7.30am	Easter Liturgy 9.00am Year 6 & Prep
Senior Cross Country 9.00am - 11.00am	Junior Choir Ensemble 8.10am	Stations of the Cross 8.40am Year 5	Easter Hat Parade 9.45am Prep - Year 3
Palm Sunday 2.00pm Year 4T & 4K	Last Supper 8.40am Year 4L		Mini Fair 11.00-12.00pm
Senior Cross Country Presentations 2.30pm			School Dismissed 12.00pm

REMINDERS

**No tuckshop
next Thursday**

**No Sausage
Sizzle last
week of term**



QUICK LINKS



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ABSENTEES

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4994 8336

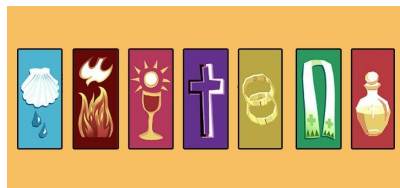
Email

spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au

APRE NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We continue to pray for the children within our school community who are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.



[Rehearsal afternoon](#)

Wednesday 21st April 4pm at Holy Rosary

[Confirmation/First Communion Masses](#)

Tuesday 27th April 6pm Holy Rosary

Thursday 29th April 6pm Holy Rosary

PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISING NEWS

With only one week left of the school term it would be wonderful to continue the generosity and support of our fundraising project 'buckets for a better future' The stories of the last six week have highlighted that our efforts do really make the future of people across the world better.

"However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew" - Pope Francis



Halima is raising two children under seven in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at just 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter and cooking equipment so that she could feed her family. She participated in hygiene and sanitation training and took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima's training became all the more invaluable as the COVID-19 pandemic struck - when safe hygiene and preventative measures suddenly became lifesaving.

Halima is proud that she is able to earn a small income, while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. Her children are adapting to life in the camp and are now at school.

Halima aspired to 'Be More' for her family and for the community around her.

"My hope is that our children will be able to do a job, to live with pleasure, they will find their happiness - that will bring wellbeing for them," Halima says.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2022

2022 Prep Enrolments

A REMINDER TO EXISTING FAMILIES TO ENROL SIBLINGS FOR PREP 2022.

Please click on this image to complete an online application



WEEK 10 EASTER WEEK

Our school community warmly invites you to our Holy Week liturgies.

Palm Sunday
Lead by Year 4K & 4T
Monday 2pm



Last Supper
Led by Year 4L
Tuesday 8.40 am



Stations of the Cross
Led by Year 5
Wednesday 8.40 am



Easter Sunday
Led by Year 6
Thursday 9 am



THURSDAY 1 APRIL

**Whole School
Liturgy
9:00AM**

Thursday

Prep - 3

Easter

Hat Parade

9 :45



Thursday

Mini Fair

Support our
amazing
fundraising
event

From 11 am

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Date: Monday 29 March

Venue: Shalom College

Event Times:

9:00am: Boys & Girls Born 2010 & 2009 (11 & 12yrs) 3km – A Division

9:30am: Boys & Girls Born 2011 (10yrs) 2km – A Division

10:00am: Boys & Girls Born 2013 (8yrs) 1km – A Division

10:15am: Boys & Girls Born 2012 (9yrs) 1km – A Division

10:30am: Boys & Girls Born 2011, 2010 & 2009 (10-12yrs) 1km – Fun Run.

All Students

MUST run in school sports uniform with house coloured shirt.

MUST run in footwear. The course will be clearly marked and supervised.

MUST bring their school hat or cap and water bottle. Sunscreen will be provided by the school upon leaving the school grounds on the morning of the carnival.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our 2021 School House Captains who were selected by their year level peers and staff to lead our House groups at this year's sporting events. Our school's traditions continue and are in good hands. Well done to these capable and worthy leaders. Many students in our Year 6 cohort missed out on selection and are equally worthy of this recognition and have shown outstanding leadership in day to day routines as well as representing the school in a variety of extra-curricular activities. The Year 6 cohort will have many opportunities throughout 2021 to demonstrate leadership within the school and wider community.



The names of our teams reflect our school's Catholic identity. Each House is named after a prominent leader, missionary or symbol related to our Catholic faith. COOLOCK (Yellow) – HOPE – named after the home of Catherine McAuley who provided shelter to many young orphaned girls in Ireland. MacKILLOP (Blue) – JUSTICE – named after Mary MacKillop who fought for poor young Australians to receive a quality education. McAULEY (Green) – MERCY – named after Catherine McAuley who showed mercy to orphaned young girls, providing them with shelter and an education. XAVIER (Red) – SERVICE – named after Francis Xavier, a Catholic priest and missionary who dedicated his life to serving the poor and those in need.

BUNDABERG DISTRICT SPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations **Lucas Cunningham, Corin Driver and Cruz Kemps** who have been selected to represent Bundaberg District in the sport of Football at the Wide Bay trials to be held at Hervey Bay on 6-7 May. Well done Lucas, Corin and Cruz on this achievement and we wish you all the best when competing in this upcoming event.

WIDE BAY SPORT REPRESENTATIVE

CHARLI POLLOCK represented Wide Bay at the 2021 Queensland School's Swimming Championships held at the Chandler Aquatic Centre in Brisbane last week. Charli had an amazing meet, recording personal best times in all her events. The highlight of her carnival was making the final of the 50m Backstroke. This places her in the top 8 backstroke swimmers in Queensland. What an amazing achievement for a 10 year old. Well done Charli on a successful carnival. The school community is so very proud of your achievements.



FINANCE NEWS

School Fees

As Term 1 draws to a close, a reminder to finalise any overdue fees. By now, payment plans should be well established however if you wish to consider starting a regular payment plan at any time, please phone or email Finance Officer Maria Davies at spbg_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au.

School Fee Assistance

Families may be eligible for school fee assistance under the Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount and /or the Principals' Concession Scheme.

Government Concession Card Fee Discount

A 70% Tuition Fee Discount is available for 'means tested' government Health Care and Pensioner Concession cards. The Concession Card information and FAQs are available on the Catholic Education website. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply and must be presented to the Finance Officer.

Principal's Concession Scheme

Total or partial exemption from the payment of fees and levies is available on application to the Principal based on individual basis and circumstances. If required, contact the Finance Officer to discuss your circumstances and make an appointment to meet with the Principal. Under this scheme, assistance is relative to the year for which you apply only. It is not carried forward to subsequent years so if you require ongoing concession you are required undertake the application process again every year.

Please ensure you take time to review your statement and do not hesitate to contact Maria at any time if you have any queries.

Student Banking

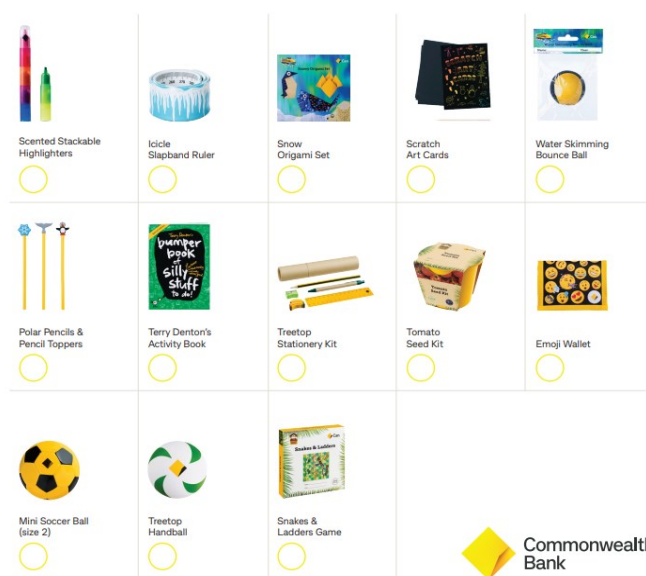
Student banking continues every Monday.

Click on this link to register your child for student banking:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>

Click this link to view rewards available:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/youth/docs/k878-digital-rewards-slip.pdf>



SHALOM YEAR 7 2022



Year 7 2022 Applications Close

MONDAY, 19 APRIL 2021

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PROCESS FOR ENROLMENT

1. **Completing an Expression of Interest** via > <https://bit.ly/2ZjGvaE>
2. **Enrolment Interviews**

All students applying for enrolment will be required to attend the enrolment application interview at the discretion of our College. These will take place at our College and at least one parent/carer will be required to attend the interview with the student.



BUNDABERG JUNIORS COME & TRY

SHALOM COLLEGE

SUNDAY MARCH 28TH 9AM

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Introduction of cane toads to Queensland

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- ★ life **before cane toads**
- ★ scientist **research**
- ★ the **breeding and release program**
- ★ the **results**

View this interesting display as part of your tour of the **Fairymead House Sugar History Museum!**

*this exhibition is included in the normal ticket entry price to the museum.

This is a Queensland State Archives touring exhibition.

1300 823 699
bundaberg.qld.gov.au



BUNDABERG CHESS TOURNAMENT

The 2nd Children's Sunday Chess Tournament run by the Bundaberg Chess Club is being conducted on 28 March.

Cost is \$8.00/child. A maximum cost of \$16.00/family for three or more players. The cost includes six rounds of competitive chess plus a chess lesson from Mr John Harris who is a top-rated chess player in Bundaberg.

1st round commences promptly at 9.00 am at the U3A building (upstairs) next to Improvements Gym on Woongarra St, Bundaberg.

Could players please arrive 15 mins early to register for the tournament. The session should finish approximately 12.20-12.30 pm. All children need to bring a water bottle and sufficient morning tea.

Prizes are given on each Sunday for 1st to 3rd place, with 2 lucky door prizes and 2 prizes for most interesting game. Children can accrue points through regular attendance at the Sunday Tournaments towards Grand Prix prizes at the end of the year.

All enquiries about Bundaberg Chess Club Junior Chess should be sent to mobile:- 0418686497 or email presidentjohn@live.com.au.

TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 19th April - Friday 23rd April		
Monday	Start Term 2 2021		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
Friday	Anzac Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 6
WEEK 2	Week 26th April - 30th April		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
WEEK 3	Week 3rd May - 7th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6A
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 2
WEEK 4	Week 10th May - 14th May		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2H
WEEK 5	Week 17th May - 21st May		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1G
WEEK 6	Week 24th May - 28th May		
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
WEEK 7	Week 31st May - 4th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1M
WEEK 8	Week 7th June - 11th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3S
WEEK 9	Week 14th June - 18th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3Z
WEEK 10	Week 21st June - 25th June		
Monday	Senior Field Events (students born 2009, 2010 & 2011)	TBA	St Patrick's
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (students born 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012)	TBA	Shalom
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (students born 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016)	TBA	St Patrick's

2021 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Wednesday 27 January – Thursday 1 April
TERM 2	Monday 19 April - Friday 25 June
TERM 3	Monday 12 July - Friday 17 September
	PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 3rd September
TERM 4	Tuesday 5 October - Friday 3 December

2021 SPORTS DATE CLAIMER

TERM 4	Senior Swimming Carnival - Friday 26 November 2021	Years 3-6	BSA
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