I love Prep. It is the most amazing time of learning, and in every way, it is the foundation of our whole school community. It’s where we start to learn how sounds and letters and words all work. We learn about numbers and what they mean. We learn about nature and about technology. We learn about colours and textures, singing and dancing, running, throwing, catching and swimming. We learn about ourselves, our friends, our families and our God. We question, we wonder, we explore, we risk, we fall and we get back up.

In Prep, we introduce our foundational expectations about One Voice, Being Responsible, Being Positive and Giving your Best. Prep sets you up for your whole Primary School experience with us, and I sincerely hope that that experience, sets our children up for Secondary School, and more importantly, for life. We aim to graduate students who value the importance of respecting themselves, and respecting others. We want them to go on to be good friends, good students, good workers, good people, good partners and good parents — and it works.

If you were fortunate enough to be among the huge number of parents at Courtyard Prayer this week, you’d understand. Prep led the whole of Courtyard Prayer all week and they were amazing. The whole school from Prep to Year Six listened respectfully, joined in with their songs and prayers, and affirmed our Preps with enthusiasm for their efforts. Among the parents, there were former students of our school — successful adults, who have now brought their own children to St Patrick’s, because this is where they themselves learned about the important things in life. Some of them are even teachers — at our own school and at other schools.

It’s a fantastic privilege for me to see what a great education can do, and where it can lead. We should be rightly proud of our school.

Mark Fox

Friday, September 2nd
9am in the Multi
Email your “Daddy and Me” Photos (1 per family) to nicole_cooper@rok.catholic.edu.au

Parent Session: 5pm Tues
In the School Library
How Cyber Smart R U?

Australians are increasingly using technologies & the internet in their daily lives... The results are staggering... At June 2015, 82% of teens had been online in the previous 4 weeks. 64% were streaming video — do you know the content? 54% were social networking — do you know who with? 49% ACCESSED ONLINE CONTENT between 3pm and 4:59pm and 28% between 10pm and midnight.

Your child has never known a world without the INTERNET...
WHAT DO YOU KNOW???
Spelling Bee Champions 2016

**Junior School (P-3)**
- Champion: Lily Esposito
- 2nd Place: George Fisher
- 3rd Place: Marek Cooper

**Senior School (4-6)**
- Champion: Lili Haster
- 2nd Place: Vinuka De Silva
- 3rd Place: Kay Hu

Finance News

Term 3 Fees were due payable Wednesday 10th August 2016, if you do not already have a payment plan in place. Please be aware that 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 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. If you have any queries regarding your school account, please do not hesitate to contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies.

In Term 3, two new reward items become available to redeem!
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Backtrack Eraser Pen

A reminder due to popular demand, Commonwealth Bank have exhausted all stock of the FLYING SNAKE TAIL and MUD SPLAT BALL and will no longer be available to order.

Dollarmites are giving those who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes. Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes including 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras and 200 magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making their three deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting [commbank.com.au/prizelights](http://commbank.com.au/prizelights).

Interested in Cricket?

North Bundaberg Cricket Club is currently seeking players for the upcoming season in U10’s, U12’s, U14’s and Seniors which commences soon. U10’s are on Thursday nights under lights at Salter Oval, U12’s and U14’s are on Saturday at Kendalls Flat, Seniors are on Saturday afternoon and Sunday mornings depending on grades. Training held at Norths Training Complex (next to Bundaberg Hockey Grounds)

Please contact Shaun Rose for more details. Email: shaun.rose@westnet.com.au

Mobile: 0411 637 003

Brothers United Softball Club

**SIGN-ON / SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST 2016 / FROM 10AM TO 12PM**

At Bundaberg Softball Association Grounds, Clayton Road, Thabeban.

A Grade Women & Men, B Grade Women, U15 Mixed, U13 Mixed, T Ball Mixed

Season runs from 8/10/2016—10/12/2016 and then recommences 21/01/2017 finishing with Grand Finals 25/03/2017
Student of the Week

NEW SEASON STARTING 4th October, Kepnock State High School Pool
Gate 3, Baird Street.
10 wk term (4th state school term 2016),
4 wk BLOCK LESSONS (Summer holidays)
10 wk term (1st state school term 2017)
We use a shared facility which allows us to pass
the savings onto you, lessons starting for as little
as $10!!! Big enough to offer great value, small enough to provide individual attention for
EVERY student! Infant program (from 6 months), Learn to Swim, SHARKS development
program, DNA Aqua Aerobics & KickFit.

Professional friendly service - Highly skilled caring Instructors - Beautiful outdoor pool
www.dnaaquatics.net Fill in enquiry page to secure a place. 0466 034 503

Optiminds 2016

Best of Luck to our 3 Teams competing at Shalom College this weekend.

Optiminds 2016

Smart Cookies

Learn to Swim

Legends of Awesomeness

Optiminds 2016

Dramatic Unicorns

BUNDABERG LITTLE ATHLETICS
AT THEBEBAN
COME & TRY DAY
28TH AUGUST 2016
10AM - 12PM @ THEBEBAN STATE SCHOOL
0476205857
OR LIKE US ON FACEBOOK