We have awesome priests in Bundaberg. Each Sunday I look forward to their homilies because they seem always to be able to connect the Gospel for the week with life.

Last week Father Andrew spoke about the tax collector. You probably know the story where at prayer, the tax collector looked around and expressed his pride that he himself was so much more righteous than all those at prayer with him. He seemed to have that not uncommon gift, of being able to see, and perfectly name the faults of all those around him, loudly, and with great precision. I have no doubt he was able to list off his own numerous strengths and abilities with equal ease. Certainly it’s something we are all guilty of on occasion.

From time to time, people kindly acknowledge some of the successes we have at school, and ask why we don’t put more in papers, on television and so on. It’s a good question. For myself, I like to affirm our achievements within our own community. You will see it communicated in newsletters, on Facebook, Parade and so on so that people within our community can see what’s happening. Further than that, I prefer humble. Humble doesn’t mean you’re not proud of your achievements, but humble does acknowledge that you know no matter what you have achieved, you are still far from perfect, and you can still do better.

If we are successful in sport, you will note that we are the first to thank opponents and shake hands. You won’t see us running around with shirts over our heads, or posing in photos as if we are somehow Number 1. We give it our best shot, and we measure success in our efforts, not our trophies. We have the best teachers and staff I have ever seen, and yet I have never heard a single staff member boast of their personal achievements or communicate in any way just how good they are. They do however praise their students and colleagues often. Staff here love their work, and what they do, and that’s enough.

Father Andrew used a tongue in cheek phrase I liked. ‘Humble and proud of it’. I love all that we have achieved, but like everyone else here, I know we are on a journey, and we’ve still a long way to go. Thankfully for us all, we have excellent travelling companions.

Mark Fox
Principal’s News

Sausage sizzle for Week 5 onwards will help our Wide Bay Sports Representatives

Important Dates for Week 5
- Monday—Parish Mass 9am—Year 2
- Prep 2017 Orientation Day
- Tuesday-Thursday Morning Prayer 8.40am—1N
- Thursday—Swimming begins Prep—Year 2
- Friday Assembly 10.40am—Awards
- Friday Interschool Sports.
- Friday Sausage Sizzle for Wide Bay Sports Reps.

St Patrick’s CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Presents
Cultural Night 2016
Wednesday, 9th November 5.30pm
Shalom Performing Arts Precinct
TICKETS ON SALE NOW $8 EACH
Dental Van Visit

The school dental van will be arriving at St Patrick’s on Wednesday 26.10.16. The school dental service offers a free dental examination and recommended treatment for all students whilst the dental van is at the school. Medical consent forms will be sent home to Grades 3-6 initially, then Prep-2 in coming weeks. Preps enrolling in 2017 will also be offered treatment. The one exception to this is for our two families who use our designated Disabled Parks in the staff carpark.

- The Pick Up Zone can only be accessed by cars travelling north on Mulgrave Street, turning left into the Pick Up Zone. Cars are not permitted to cross traffic on Mulgrave Street to enter the Pick Up Zone from 3.05pm until 3.20pm. When exiting the Pick Up Zone, please consider turning left on to Mulgrave Street to assist with traffic congestion. A map is attached for your attention.
- Parking in the Mulgrave Street Carpark is for staff only. Parents are not to park in this area before 9am and between 3:00 – 3:20pm, as it severely disrupts the Pick Up and Drop Off process. The exception to this is for our two families who use our designated Disabled Parks in the staff carpark.
- If you park on Mulgrave St and walk into the school to wait for your child please avoid walking across the car park driveway. We have two pedestrian paths either side of the carpark, so that no-one needs to walk across the busy driveway.
- You may continue to collect your children at the George and Powers Street gates. There is a teacher on duty at all gates until 3:20pm. Any child not collected from Powers and George Streets at 3:20pm will be directed to Ms Nicole in the Administration block.

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