



**PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

**27 October 2023**

Year 2L lead us in Courtyard Prayer this week. The lyrics shared included **'spread peace, love and joy like a river'** which took my thoughts back to my own personal encounter of the River Jordan in the Middle East. A river that has strong connections to Christian and Jewish faiths. A river that sourced the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:10) and a river I had the privilege to visit several years ago. My experience brought me much peace, joy, wonder and awe. However, today, it forms the geographical back drop for a region confronted by turmoil. Communities divided by a large brick wall, wound up with so many layers of historical hurt and complexity. Hearing **'like a river to my soul'** sung out of the mouths of our effervescent Year Two students, reminded me of the young I encountered during my travels in this region. The one thing that adolescents from both sides of the wall, had in common, was a desire for a peaceful future. They were university aged students and had even initiated cross-cultural meetings on the border, in the hope of a more united future. They identified education as their weapon in going forward. In watching conflict escalate once more in this region, I pray that such setbacks have not altered their desire or dampened their spirit, as I left this experience with a sense of hope for future generations.

The River Jordan is also well known for splintering in to two other well-renowned bodies of water, the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. The differences between the two are extraordinary, despite the same source and conditions. I remembered reading about a suggestion for why this was, many years ago. Inspired by the Year Two co-hort, I went looking for this piece, as I often collect and keep clippings of stories that resonate. In delving back through my folder, I found the excerpt. It was ironically a St. Patrick's Newsletter written by Mr. Stephen Dale on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, 2005. The only St. Patrick's newsletter I had collected and I am not even sure how it came in to my possession, but here we are today, full circle! Stephen had shared how the Sea of Galilee is full of life, a source of rich foods, clean water and in my experience engulfed in much peace, love, laughter, joy and prosperity. The Dead Sea in comparison is exactly that...dead! Nothing can survive in this body of water, despite sharing the same source. The difference highlighted was that the Dead Sea receives but doesn't give. Conversely, The Sea of Galilee 'gives' a drop of water for each one received from the River Jordan. This is a great analogy for life, and one expressed by Saint Francis of Assisi in his words "For it is in giving that we receive".

This story gave a whole new layer of context this week, when our Mini Vinnie's students launched the St. Patrick's Christmas Appeal. Starting Monday, students have been welcomed to donate items as outlined further in this newsletter, providing the perfect opportunity for us, as a community, to **'spread peace, love and joy like a river'** which is so very good for the soul.

**Kim O'Shea-Hard**



Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	
		1	2	3	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
					Remembrance Day Memorial 8:40am
6	7	8	9	10	Cultural Night 5:30pm
13	14	15	16	17	Senior Swimming Carnival
20	21	22	23	24	Year 1 Nativity Play 9:00am
27	28	29	30		Year 6 Graduation Liturgy 9:00am
					Celebration Night
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	
				1	<b>DECEMBER</b>
					End of Year Liturgy 9:00am
					Year 6 Farewell Assembly 11:15am
					School Dismissed 12:00pm



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**ABSENTEES**

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## APRE NEWS

This year our Mini Vinnies Team has certainly carried out St Vincent de Paul's words: "Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows." A wonderful team of young people who ask for no accolades, but are willing to give of their time for others. They will finish their year with one more major work of mercy.

### Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Every year the St Patrick's school community, led by our Mini Vinnies Team, donates items to assist those less fortunate at Christmas. St Vincent de Paul collects these donations from us and distributes them to families in need. We are asking each year level to donate specific items for our Christmas Appeal. By each year level donating something different we will be able to make Christmas hampers for local families in need.

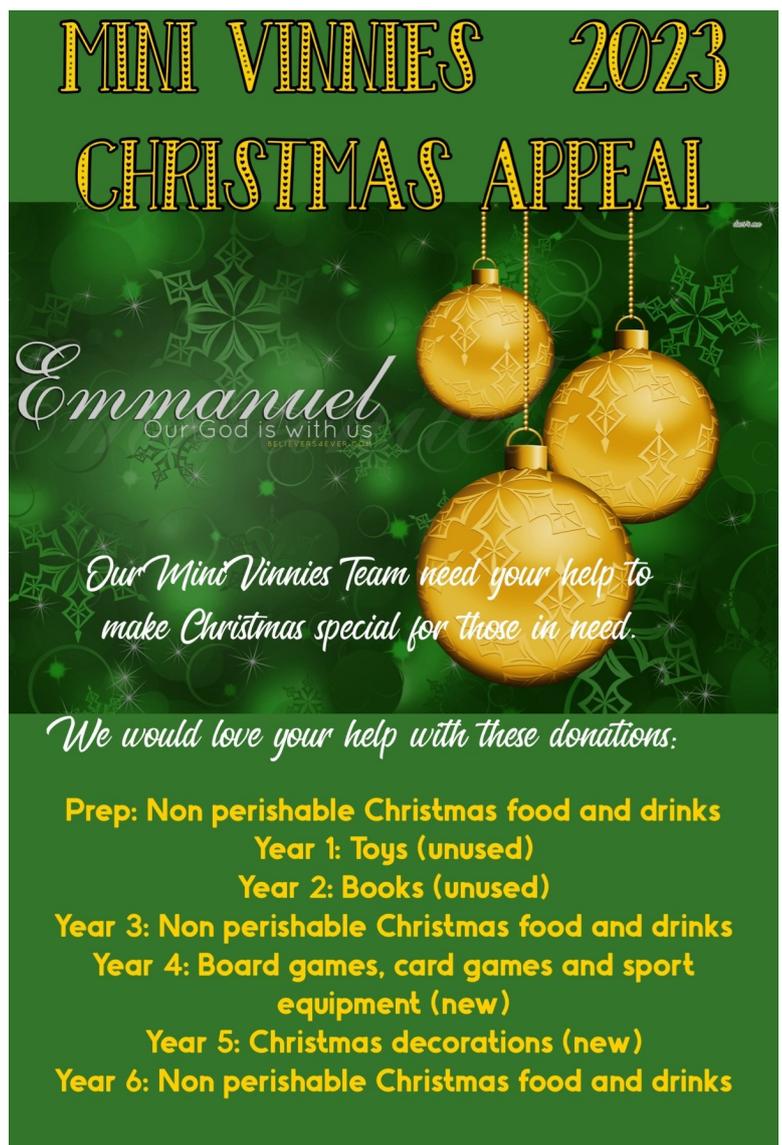
We are asking each year level to donate the following:

- Prep: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 1: New (unused) toys
- Year 2: New (unused) books
- Year 3: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 4: New (unused) Board games, card games and sport equipment
- Year 5: New (unused) Christmas decorations
- Year 6: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks

As of Monday, October 30, a basket will be located outside each year level for the donations to be collected. Please open your hearts to those in our community who need our help this Christmas.



**Please  
Donate**



**MINI VINNIES 2023  
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

*Emmanuel*  
Our God is with us

*Our Mini Vinnies Team need your help to  
make Christmas special for those in need.*

*We would love your help with these donations:*

- Prep: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks**
- Year 1: Toys (unused)**
- Year 2: Books (unused)**
- Year 3: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks**
- Year 4: Board games, card games and sport equipment (new)**
- Year 5: Christmas decorations (new)**
- Year 6: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks**

## SPORTS NEWS—SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held **on Friday 24th November at the Bundaberg Swim Academy, Fitzgerald Street.**

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am

Years 5 & 6: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Presentations: 2:00 pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2011-2013)

All students are encouraged to nominate for an A/B/C division race in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke events. Students must nominate in at least one event. Novelty events will be included in the program. The carnival will involve all students and the aim is to make the day enjoyable for all students with an emphasis on maximum participation.

**'A' DIVISION RACES** (Age Champion Event) – 50m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 50m events need to be able to swim correctly and confidently the entire 50m. **Please note that all children born 2015 are not eligible to enter A Division races and must nominate for either B or C Division only.**

**'B' DIVISION RACES** – 25m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 25m events will be starting in the pool and swim correctly and confidently the entire 25m.

**'C' DIVISION RACES** – 12m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 12m events will be starting in the pool and swim with or without the assistance of a kickboard to a half-way rope.

Children will travel by bus to the Bundaberg Swim Academy with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Students may wear their school sports uniform and House coloured shirt to school on this day. Year 3 & 4 students are required to wear their swimming togs under their uniform upon arrival to school. Year 5 & 6 students can elect to do the same, or alternatively change into their swimming gear, sun-shirt and thongs/sandals prior to leaving the school grounds. Underwear, uniform, shoes and socks will remain at school and children will change into their uniforms upon returning to school after the carnival. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

All students are required to wear a sun-shirt as this meets with sun-safety regulations. The school will provide sunscreen for students. The only items that students will take with them to the pool are goggles, towel/s, water bottle and a bag to carry their belongings. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school with the Year 5 & 6 students eating before leaving the school.

### **HOW TO NOMINATE YOUR CHILD**

Please login to [Parent Lounge](#) to indicate your child's race preferences by Friday 3rd November. **Please choose only one option for Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke.** Students must nominate in at least one event in the program. All students are expected to participate in at least one event unless there is a health matter that prevents their involvement in this carnival.

## PARENTAL CONSENTS

As part of Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton, St Patrick's has as its highest priority the safety and well-being of our students. One of our key processes for upholding student protection is seeking up-to-date parental consents to inform how we share student images and information in accordance with parent directives. In order to achieve this we have introduced an online consent system via Parent Lounge to enable parents to update consents at any time.

Some parents may have received an email this week asking to login to [Parent Lounge](#) and update consents for your child/ren. Note if you have more than one child, this update will need to be completed for each child.

Please note the following descriptions for the five consent areas:-

**Promo, Website, Ext Display** – refers to external displays, website and promotional material for the school, CEDR and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

**Social Media** – refers to Facebook for the school, CEDR and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

**In local, regional, state, and national media** – refers to outlets representing the school.

**Sharing my/our personal information** (limited to name, address, telephone numbers, occupation) – refers to sharing information to its associated supporting groups such as the P&F, sporting and cultural support groups.

**Disclosing data with ACARA** – refers to the school disclosing information to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) such as gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation, and parental education. The information provided is anonymous and will be used in formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance and assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters. CEDR encourages parents to provide this information as the exclusion of data could result in reduced funding for St Patrick's.

Thank you in advance for assisting us in enhancing our student protection processes. Please contact the office if you require any assistance.

### HOW TO GUIDE

From the Parent Lounge home page, simply click on the **Student Details** heading, then **General Details** and scroll down to the **Consents** section. Click on the blue **Update** button and enter **Y** or **N** for each consent listed.

Update Consents

* Promo, Website, Ext Display	<input type="text"/>
* Social Media	<input type="text"/>
* In local, regional, state media	<input type="text"/>
* Sharing my/our personal inform	<input type="text"/>
* Disclosing data with ACARA	<input type="text"/>

Enter Y or N for each consent listed and then click **Submit Changes**.

Cancel Submit Changes

## CULTURAL NIGHT



**St Patrick's Annual Cultural Night Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 5:30pm**

**at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct**

**TICKETS ON SALE from 9am Friday 3rd November via the Trybooking website**

**Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMOXD>**

**Tickets \$5 per head and performing students will not require a ticket.**

**STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 5:00PM FOR A 5:30PM START**

Students performing at the 2023 Cultural night include Year 3 students, Junior and Senior Choir and Junior and Senior Strings. All students will be required to wear the following uniforms for performances:

Group	Performance uniform
Year 3	Year 3 Strings performance uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White dress shirt – long sleeve button up with collar (supplied by school)</li><li>• long black dress pants</li><li>• black socks, school shoes</li></ul>
Junior Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prep: school uniform</li><li>• Years 1-2: Formal school uniform</li><li>• Year 3: strings performance uniform (see above)</li></ul>
Senior Choir Junior Strings Senior Strings	Performance Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black shirt – long sleeve button up with collar</li><li>• long black dress pants</li><li>• black socks, school shoes</li></ul> * Year 3 students in Junior Strings will wear Year 3 Strings performance uniform

Following the performance, Year 3 children (who are not in other performance groups) will sit together at the front of the PAP to watch other performances, under teacher supervision. They will be released to parents at the conclusion of the evening and their instruments will be available for collection at the left side of the foyer area of the PAP. All other students will sit together in the Performing Arts block, under teacher supervision.

All performing students will travel by bus to Shalom from 11.30am onwards on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November for a rehearsal on stage at the Performing Arts Precinct. Students will return to school by approximately 2.00pm. If your child is required to catch a bus at 2.45pm please inform the office or make alternative pick up arrangements on that day in the event that the returning buses are delayed.

## OSHC SURVEY

Co-ordinator Claire O'Connell and team, run an excellent OSHC program under our St. Patrick's and Catholic Education banner. Traditionally, our students have accessed Vacation Care via our brother and sister Catholic schools. In recent times it would seem there has been a growth in the number of our parents wanting to access Vacation Care and Before School Care.

If you use or would like to access OSHC in any shape or form, could you please use the QR code to assist DCEO to reassess the needs of this service, not only for St. Patrick's, but the Bundaberg Region. In the meantime, please continue to book your Vacation Care via the other two schools.

**CLICK HERE**



**Bundaberg Catholic Primary School Family Survey**

Please scan the QR code below to complete a short survey regarding the utilisation of Outside School Hours Care.

The survey is open to all families enrolled at Catholic Education Primary Schools in the Bundaberg region, whether or not your family currently accesses OSHC services.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

Early Learning & Care

## NON STATE SCHOOLS TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

**Are you eligible?**

[schooltransport.com.au](http://schooltransport.com.au)

### ELIGIBILITY

The Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme provides financial assistance for families transporting students to non-state schools in Queensland. To find out more about eligibility requirements click here: <https://www.schooltransport.com.au/>

The Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme provides financial assistance for families transporting students to non-state schools in Queensland. To find out more about eligibility requirements for Students with Disability click here: <https://www.schooltransport.com.au/>

**Applications close 31 October**

[schooltransport.com.au](http://schooltransport.com.au)

### WHAT IS THE NSSTA SCHEME?

Would you like to know more about the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme and eligibility requirements? Click on the link to view the short introductory video here: <https://youtu.be/ogWpq7tVaio>

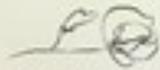
### APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31 October

Applications for the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme will close on Tuesday 31 October. Don't miss your chance to apply here: <https://www.schooltransport.com.au/>

## OUT AND ABOUT

Shalom College Chamber Strings  
Presents

# An Afternoon of Beautiful Music



Holy Rosary Church  
2pm Sunday October 22nd  
Entry by Donation

## SCHOOL SAVVY IS BACK FOR 2024

Bundaberg region residents can look forward to the School Savvy pop-up shops returning in 2024, with shops in Bundaberg, Childers and Gin Gin once again set to open.

From January 8, students from families facing financial struggles will be able to access quality second-hand uniforms and essential booklist stationery supplies at extremely affordable prices.

Uniform donations are now being accepted through donation locations across the area. For a current list of donation points, please visit [www.catholiccarecq.com/donations](http://www.catholiccarecq.com/donations) points

Support your local community and make a difference in a school student's life. The School Savvy CQ team is looking forward to seeing you.



## SHALOM ROWING COME & TRY

**OPEN TO ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS  
GOING INTO YEAR 7 AT SHALOM IN 2024**

**MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER  
3.30PM TO 5.30PM**

**WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER  
3.30PM TO 5.30PM**

**SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER  
7AM TO 9AM**

**Bundaberg Rowing Club, Quay St  
(at the back of the Rowers on the River Restaurant)**

Please bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, thongs, fairly tight fitting clothes

REGISTER NOW



**ALL WELCOME!**

Your crew  
becomes your  
family



Rowing is the  
ultimate team  
sport



## POP-UP SHOP

*Bundaberg*

**January 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Bundaberg Recreational Precinct Exhibition Room  
(Off Main Pavillion), Douglas Lane**



# TERM FOUR PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 2nd October - 6th October</b>		
Monday	<b>KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Tuesday	First Day Term 4		
Wednesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Mini Vinnies
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 9th October - 13th October</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 16th October - 20th October</b>		
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2024
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6
Tuesday - Wednesday	Prep Vision Screening	All Day	Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 23rd October - 27th October</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2L
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 30th October - 3rd November</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 6th November - 10th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4C
Thursday	Shalom Instrumental Music Day–Year 7 2024	8:30am	Year 6 Strings
Friday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8:40am	Year 5
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 13th November - 17th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	5:30pm	Music
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 20th November - Friday 24th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am 11:00-12:30pm	Years 3 & 4 Years 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 27th November - Friday 1st December</b>		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
Wednesday	Celebration Night	6:00pm	Whole School
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:15am	Whole School
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	Whole School

## 2024 TERM DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 22 January - Thursday 28 March
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 8 July - Friday 13 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Monday 30 September - Friday 6 December