



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

23rd February 2024

Galatians 6:9 reminds us that we **should 'not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up'**. This quote caught my eye, as we find ourselves deeply entrenched in Lent which is often aligned with the 'season' for 'doing good'. However, **'will reap, if we do not give up'** grew even more relevant for this community as we finally received the green light from the Department of Education and CCMS to announce that we will be commencing Vacation Care from this Easter (Tuesday 2nd April).

Last year, in response to parent feedback, we began the long application process to extend St. Patrick's OSHC to be afforded its own Vacation Care Program. This involved many meetings, school and regional surveys and a long array of paperwork. It was a direct response to a collective parent voice, as we didn't want our families to be disadvantaged. Our OSHC co-ordinator, Claire O'Connell and her team, run a comprehensive program and an outline of Easter Vacation Care activities will be included in next week's newsletter. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Claire for the preparation she has already started in anticipation to this 'good news' and to all those busy parents who took the time to express their need for this service. The program will be released next week and bookings open in Week 7 with hours of operation from 7am -6pm. Fees will be \$59 per day (*childcare subsidy is calculated from the Vacation care daily fee \$59 - CCS% = Gap fee paid by parent*). *This will not benefit the school largely other than ensuring parents have access to quality care over their holiday period, when in need. In my opinion, this is significant and a wonderful gain for our community.*

This week we also enjoyed our yearly visit from magician Mr. Fye. We welcomed local kindergartens to enjoy the show, then encouraged and welcomed parents to meet the Principal and enjoy a tour of our wonderful school. We had over 30 parents join us. They were afforded a taste of what we have to offer, along with some shared wisdom from Year 1 students, who had recently graduated from Prep and all it has to offer the youngest in our community. They really stole the show! Please see below for some photos.



Kim O'Shea-Hard



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Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish website



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Absentees

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VACATION CARE OPENING SOON



St Patrick's
Catholic Primary School

St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is excited to announce the launch of our Vacation Care program in 2024 during the Easter School Holidays.

The program will be operational from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and will cost \$59 per day.

The Vacation Care program will be published through Xplor Comms function in week 7 of each school term. Once released, families can commence booking through the Xplor Parents App. In week 8, the program opens to the wider school community and other schools.

Assistance is available through Centrelink to help you with the cost of childcare. To receive the subsidy*, you must care for a child 13 or younger who's not attending secondary school, unless an exemption applies. You must also use an approved childcare service, be responsible for paying the childcare fees, and meet residency and immunisation requirements.

**Childcare subsidy is calculated from the Vacation care daily fee \$59 - CCS% = Gap fee paid by parent*



**HOW TO CLAIM
CHILDCARE SUBSIDY**

To get Childcare Subsidy (CCS), create a myGov account and link it to Centrelink. Here are the steps to create a myGov account:

1. Go to **myGov** and select **Create account**.
2. Select **Continue with email**.
3. Read the privacy notice and Terms of use.
If you understand and agree to the Terms of use, select **Next**.
4. Enter an **Email address** and select **Next**.
5. Enter the **Code** sent to your email, then select **Next**.
6. Enter your **Mobile number** (optional) and select **Next**.
7. Enter the **Code** sent to your mobile phone and select **Next**.
8. Enter a **Password** and then **Re-enter password**.
9. Create your 3 **Secret questions and answers**. Choose from the list or create your own.



**CREATE A MYGOV
ACCOUNT**



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ENROL TODAY

MEET THE MINI VINNIES TEAM

The Mini Vinnies Team is a group of our Year 6 Leaders who give up their time to help others. What they do is Social Justice in action. These students meet weekly and have already led us in Pancakes for People, promoted our 'Helping Hands' challenges and given up at least 8 break times to do good for others. Our Mini Vinnies Team are all about living faith through action. The actions of our Mini Vinnies group generally involve three components:



See

Education and Awareness. 'Seeing' means becoming aware of some of the community's social ills and knowing that, whilst there are many beautiful things in this world, it can always be made a little better by good works. It is an opportunity for members of the Mini Vinnies Team to develop empathy for those in need. *"Be good, keep your feet dry, your eyes open, your heart at peace and your soul in the joy of Christ."* – Thomas Merton

Think

Formation. 'Thinking' is an opportunity for Mini Vinnies members to share their thoughts, to engage in thoughtful discussion and to consider and form their relationships with their peers, those in need and Christ. *"Small is the number of people who see with their eyes and think with their minds."* – Albert Einstein

Do

Community service and Fundraising. 'Doing' is an opportunity for the Team to do something about the issues they have seen, thought about, and discussed. *"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do."* – Pope John XXIII

SECOND WEEK OF LENT—PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION

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Written by Michael McGirr



Genesis 22:1–2, 9–13, 15–18 | Romans 8:31–34 | Mark 9:2–10

When Jesus took his closest friends to the top of a high mountain, they experienced something quite extraordinary. The transfiguration gave them a glimpse of what it meant for Jesus to be the son of God. It is hardly surprising that Peter said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here.' The Gospel also tells us that Jesus' friends were frightened, and this is also easy to understand. They were overwhelmed. Nevertheless, it's not long before Jesus reminds them that he is destined to die. His friends must come down from the mountain and walk with Jesus through all the ordinary and arduous days and weeks that lie ahead.

We can all say 'it is wonderful for us to be here' no matter where that happens to be. Life is full of wonder. That doesn't mean it is always easy. We live in the arms of a very deep mystery. God's love enfolds us.

Throughout Lent, we are called to support Project Compassion, an initiative of Caritas Australia. This year, Project Compassion celebrates 60 years of partnership with some of the most marginal communities in the world. With your help, we have walked alongside literally millions of people in dozens of countries.

This week we encounter the story of Ronita who lives in Quezon City, part of metro Manila in the Philippines. Becoming a mother at a young age meant that her schooling was cut short. Her husband, Lean, leaves for work at 3am and returns at 9pm, earning less than \$US10 per day in a demanding job in waste disposal. On such a small income, Ronita and Lean, along with two young children, are able to rent a room of about 10 square metres.

With your help through Project Compassion, Caritas Australia has been able to support the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to run the Alternative Learning System program. This program has meant that Ronita has been able to continue her education. The FCJ sisters provide a safe space for many young people such as Ronita to finish school and find better jobs. Ronita has had the opportunity to change her life.

Caritas Australia believes that the world can be transfigured to become more like the kingdom of God of which Jesus spoke. We can encounter people whom others choose to ignore. When we do so, we discover that here too are children of God. We are asked to listen to them.



Ronita holds her sons in their small home in Quezon City, Philippines. Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

PRAYER

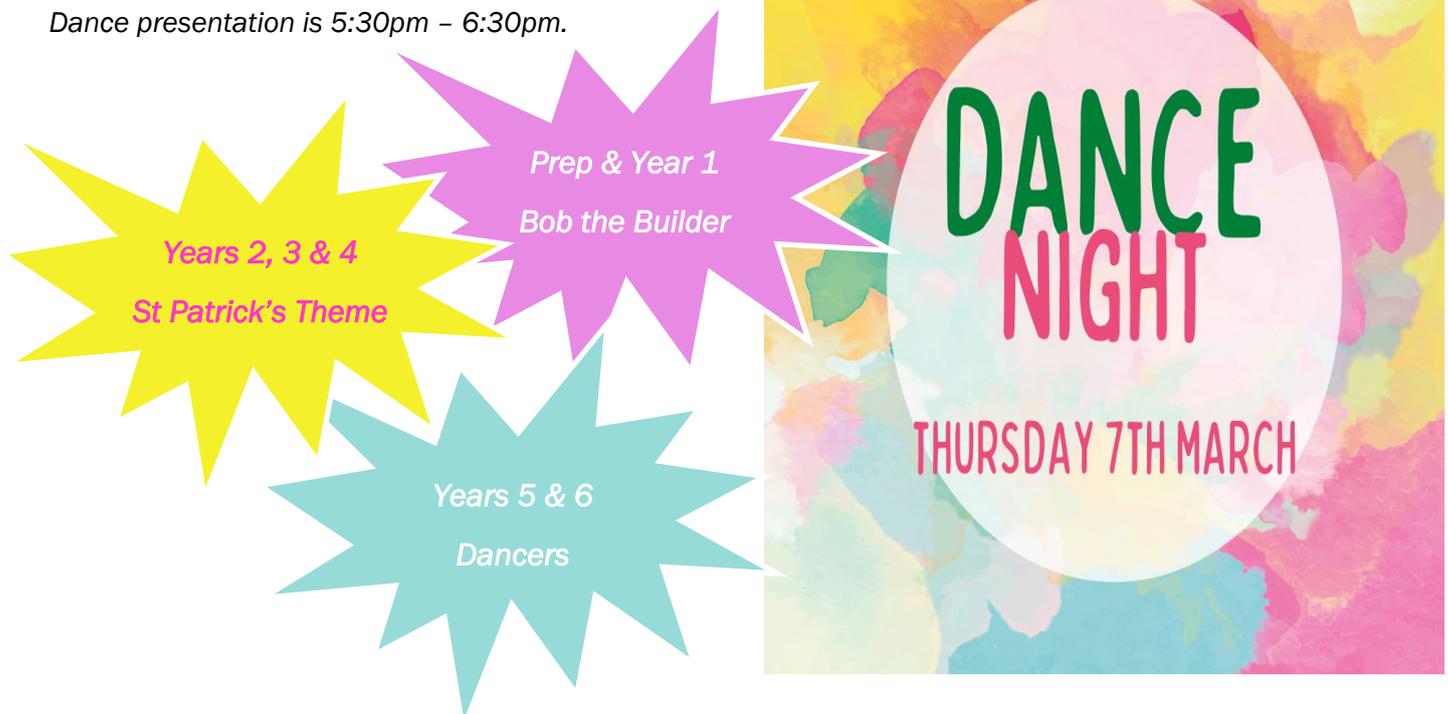
We pray for gratitude for the wonder of faith in God and the beauty of life. May our vision be broad and deep as we embrace people in great need through our support of Project Compassion, organised by Caritas Australia.
Amen

DANCE NIGHT

Welcome Dance Night will be held Thursday 7th 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.

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 and suggested costume themes for each year level is outlined below. Our students have worked very hard to learn their dances and are looking forward to this performance to showcase their skills.

Gates Open—5:00pm Parents are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with your family on the oval. Dance presentation is 5:30pm – 6:30pm.



BOOKCLUB



Book club catalogues have been sent home with your child this week.

All orders need to be made **ONLINE via LOOP payment** on the Scholastic website, as no cash orders can be accepted.

Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. All orders are due by **SUNDAY 3rd March**.

As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.

SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2024

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter each week detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events. Gaining selection in a Bundaberg District Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg District, students must be born 2012, 2013 & 2014 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March. Please be aware of the following points:

- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects students in U10, U11 and U12 categories due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg District trials are not 'have a go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb, Ms Gollshewsky or Annette Hammermeister. Students will not be able to participate in the trials without a **Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form**.
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aquathlon are the exceptions - Wide Bay School Sport are responsible for the selection of these teams.

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Netball	Girls	10-11 years	Thursday 29 February	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
		12 years Plus 10-11 year call backs	Thursday 7 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
	Boys	10-12 years Plus 12 year call backs	Thursday 14 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
Softball	Girls & Boys	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 26 February Monday 4th March	Bundaberg Softball Grounds	3:30 to 5:00pm
AFL	Girls & Boys	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Monday 26 February Monday 4th March	ATW AFL Grounds	3:45 to 5:15pm
Touch Football	Girls	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Friday 23 February Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45 to 5:30pm
	Boys	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Thursday 29 February Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45 to 5:30pm
Rugby League	Boys	2012, 2013, 2014 and exceptional 2015 players	Monday 11 March Monday 18 March Monday 25 March	Waves Sporting Complex (park at western end)	3:30 to 5:30pm
Golf	Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close on Friday 1 March. A golf handicap will be required for nomination purposes. Please see Annette Hammermeister if interested or for more information.				

SHALOM SAVE THE DATE

Open Day - Tuesday 5 March 2024 - REGISTER NOW >

<https://enrol.scbgroc.catholic.edu.au/open-day>

Applications Close - Friday 19 April 2024 - ONLINE ENROLMENT >

<https://enrol.scbgroc.catholic.edu.au/secondary-school-enrolment/start>



Save the Dates YEAR 7 2025



INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 21 February 2024

7.00pm-8:30pm

Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

REGISTER at www.shalomcollege.com



COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5 March 2024

9.15am - 11.30am

Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

REGISTER at www.shalomcollege.com



APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 19 April 2024

Online Enrolment

www.shalomcollege.com



May-June 2024

Appointments for interviews allocated & interviews commence

By 31 July 2024

Notification sent to advise of acceptance outcome

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE
BUNDABERG

Catholic Schools

RACE DAY 2024
CELESTIAL CELEBRATION



OVER
18
EVENT

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN AT 11:30AM

Limited tickets available!
on sale 5 February

Admission \$80

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE MARQUEE
PARTY, 2 FREE DRINK TICKETS,
FINGER FOOD & A BUS TO THE CBD



*Tickets go on sale
Monday 5 February via the link*

[https://www.trybooking.com/
COQMY](https://www.trybooking.com/COQMY)

★ FASHION PARADE
★ HUGE RAFFLE

TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 6	Week 26th February—1st March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6K
WEEK 7	Week 4th March—8th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2N
Thursday	Dance Night	5:00pm	Whole School
WEEK 8	Week 11th March—15th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2L
Thursday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Whole School
WEEK 9	Week 18th March—22nd March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 2
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
WEEK 10	Week 25th March - 29th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4M & 4K
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4F
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	5G
Thursday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:15am	Whole School

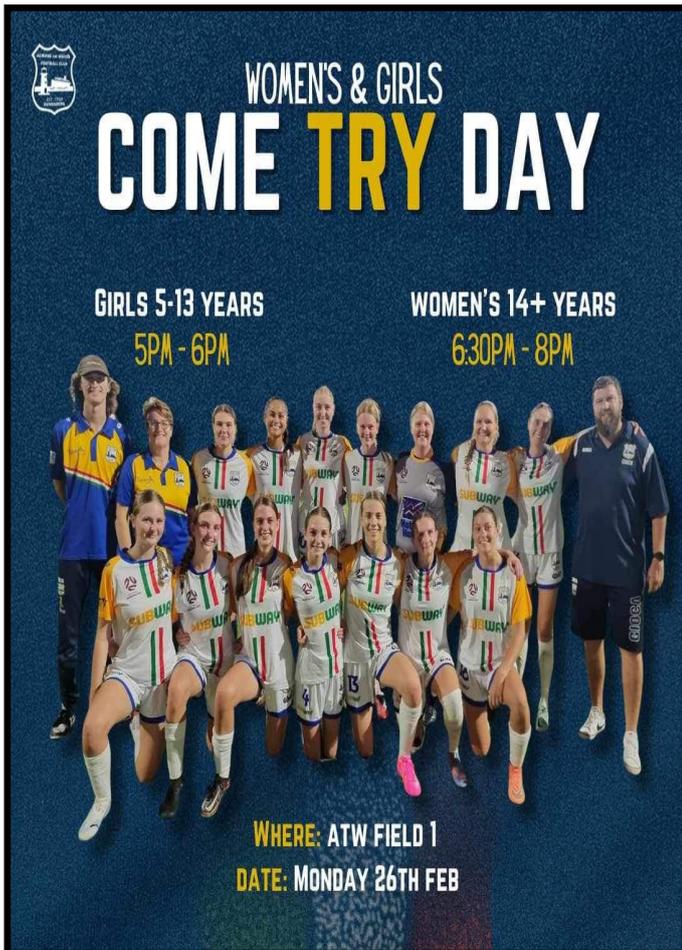
2024 TERM DATES

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

2024 SPORT DATES

Friday 26th April	Junior Obstacle Course	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
Monday 29th April	Cross Country	Years 3 to 6	Shalom College
Friday 14th June	Senior Athletics Day	Students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	Shalom College
Friday 21st June	Junior Athletics Day	Students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	St Patrick's
Friday 29th November	Swimming Carnival	Years 3 to 6	Bundaberg

OUT AND ABOUT



**WOMEN'S & GIRLS
COME TRY DAY**

GIRLS 5-13 YEARS
5PM - 6PM

WOMEN'S 14+ YEARS
6:30PM - 8PM

WHERE: ATW FIELD 1
DATE: MONDAY 26TH FEB

The poster features a group photo of a women's and girls' hockey team in white and blue uniforms, standing on a blue field. A coach in a blue polo shirt stands to the right. The background is a dark blue gradient.



2024 Season
Sundays from 9am

Bargara
LITTLE ATHLETICS

Season Start Sun 7 April
Come 'n' Try Sun 7 & 14 April
**BARGARA SPORTS
COMPLEX**

..Family...Fun...Fitness..

Tiny Tots (3 & 4 yr olds) \$70
U6-17 Athletes \$150
Seniors \$50 + QA fee

LAQ Online Registrations
open in February

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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McDONALD'S PROUDLY SUPPORTS We're a FairPlay activity provider

The poster is red and white. It features three circular images: a child running on a track, two children sitting on the grass in red hoodies, and a child running on a track. The text is in various fonts and colors, including white, black, and red.

GIVE HOCKEY A GO

Come along and enjoy a FREE 5-week program for All kids 4-13 years old to "Give Hockey A Go!"

FRIDAY NIGHTS
23 February – 22 March 2024
4:45pm – 6:30pm
Bundaberg Hockey Fields, North Bundaberg

FREE - FUN - FITNESS



READY-SET-CONNECT KIDS

Does your child have a developmental delay, diagnosis, or an NDIS plan? Come and meet service providers in your area who can help.

BUNDABERG READY-SET-CONNECT KIDS

WHAT?

An informative and free networking event connecting Parents, Carers and Teachers with disability providers offering services for children with a disability or developmental delay.

You will be moving from table to table meeting disability providers and organisations in your area who offer a range of child-relevant services.

Gather information. Ask questions. Make meaningful contacts to assist with your child's development.

WHO?

Parents, Carers and Teachers of children with disability or developmental delay. Support coordinators who support children also welcome.

WHEN?

7 March 2024
10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

WHERE?

Bundaberg Multiplex Sport & Convention Centre
1 Civic Avenue, Bundaberg West QLD

FREE EVENT

TO REGISTER VISIT:

onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

Interested in becoming a Table Host? Visit our website to register.

info@onecommunity.net.au onecommunity.net.au/ready-set-connect