



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

30th November 2018

Celebration Night is an excellent way to finish our year. In so many ways it reflects the community we see every day at our school. The commitment of teachers, the beautiful community, happy excited children who love school, wonderful support from our Parents' and Friends' and great parent support. We have all enjoyed another fantastic year together.

Sadly we farewell our Year Six Leaders and with them, families who have been very much a part of our school community over many years. It is with deep gratitude that we say 'thank-you' and we wish you all the very best for the future. We look forward to acknowledging our students on Tuesday Night at 5:30 with their Graduation Liturgy.

On Friday at 9:30 we have a Whole of School Liturgy in the Covered Area. At 11:00 we have the Year 6 Farewell. At 11:50 students leave the Covered Area with their teacher. They are dismissed from their classroom by their teacher at 12:00. Students may leave with their parents – collected outside of classrooms. Children who use the pick-up-zone will be allowed to go to their pick-up area. From 12:00, teachers will be on Gate Duties and our Pick-Up –Zone will begin operation. **Any student walking or riding home, must have a note from their parents.** There will be a crossing supervisor on Mulgrave Street, but not on Walker Street. There will be staff available to supervise any children who cannot be collected at 12:00.

Thank you again for another wonderful year. Stay safe on the holidays and we look forward to seeing you again in 2019.

Mark For

WEEK 9 — FINAL WEEK

- Tuesday** Prep Excursion—Chipmunks
Year 1 Excursion—Chipmunks
Year 6 Graduation Night 5.30pm
- Wednesday** Year 3 Excursion—Gymfinity
Year 2 Excursion—Chipmunks
Year 6 Excursion—Readings Cinemas
- Thursday** Year 4 Excursion—Readings Cinemas
Year 5 Excursion—Bundy Bowl
- Friday** End Year Liturgy 9.30am
Year 6 Farewell Assembly 11.00am
School Dismissal 12.00 noon

PLEASE NOTE
FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER
SCHOOL FINISHES 12PM



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Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



Click the Centacare logo to go to the Group Programs Calendar.

RE NEWS

Children's Christmas Mass

If you'd like to have a particular role in this year's Christmas Mass for Children, Christmas Eve, 5.00pm in Holy Rosary Church, then come along to Novakoski Centre, behind Holy Rosary Church, on **Wednesday, 5th December, 3.30-4.00pm**. Parts include Mary, Joseph, donkey, shepherds, sheep, cattle, innkeepers, angels, readers and singers. If unable to attend but still interested, contact Anne Sheehan at the Parish Office, 41516666

CHANGES FOR 2019

As a part of our annual review and school improvement processes, we've had a look at how well we are using our learning time. Two areas were clearly identified in Swimming and Class Assemblies.

At the moment, the amount of time we devote to swimming, is disproportionate to the benefit. With the time it takes to prepare 75 children at a time for swimming, travel to the venue by bus, move the children into their groups, return to school and change, we are spending between two and three hours of core learning time for well less than an hour in the pool. If we want children to be safe and proficient at swimming, five lessons in large groups will do very little to progress them. They really need to go every week, and many families from our school already do this. We believe we must do better with our time, and so swimming lessons in their current format won't continue in 2019. We will however look to include some aquatic activities, including a modified swimming carnival for Years 3-6 as the year progresses.

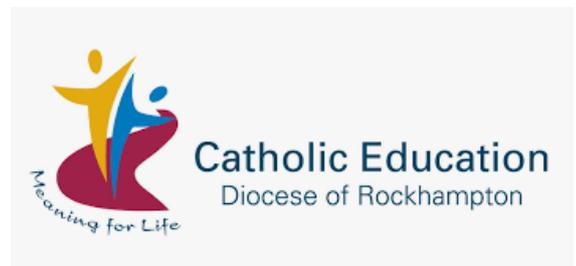
Next year, we will continue with Courtyard Prayer, class liturgies, whole-school liturgies and major assemblies, ensuring our children get plenty of opportunities to develop confidence in their public speaking. We will however not continue with class assemblies. Once again, the time it takes from core learning for a class to prepare an Assembly, coupled with taking 500 children away from their learning to be an audience, doesn't measure up when we consider the time and effort involved in relation to the benefit to students.

We are always looking at ways of improving our school, and decisions like these are never made without consultation and careful consideration. Making sure we spend learning time well will always remain a focus for our school, and we are looking forward to improvements in this area next year.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION TEACHER VACANCIES

Catholic Education is seeking applications for full time contract teaching vacancies within the Diocese of Rockhampton. These cover a range of year levels at a variety of schools across the diocese. We offer a number of generous incentives including subsidised housing, area allowances, relocation assistance and travel subsidies. To apply for a position please visit our website at www.rok.catholic.edu.au.

Applications close 7 December 2018.



MILO T20 BLAST SCHOOL CUP—SOUTH EAST QLD FINAL



Absolutely proud of the effort and sportsmanship of our Girls' T20 Cricket Team. They were unbeaten today in Brisbane and are the Queensland champions for 2018. Congratulations to the girls, their coach Mr Plumb, their families who travelled with them and their manager Mrs Hammermeister. All can be very proud of their efforts.



FINANCE NEWS

FEES

As Term 4 and the year draws to a close, please ensure your school fee account has been paid to date and/or you have a payment plan in place to clear outstanding arrears.

Also a reminder that now is the time to set up a direct debit payment plan for next year. A **DIRECT DEBIT PLAN IS NOT NECESSARILY AUTOMATICALLY CARRY FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR.** Contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies to establish a plan and/or confirm whether you have a direct debit plan you wish to amend and/or continue.

Information for new families and a reminder to existing families....

Invoice/Statements are emailed to families generally by end of second week of each term and are payable within 14 days unless you have a regular payment plan in place. In order to keep St Patrick's Catholic Primary School fees to a minimum, it is imperative that all of our accounts are paid on time. Contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies to establish a payment plan and/or confirm whether you have a direct debit plan you wish to amend and/or continue. For payment by direct debit or credit card, relevant forms are also available on the website along with current year schedule of fees and document advising all payment options <http://www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/enrolment/fees-charges/>

As statements/invoices are emailed, please ensure correct and up to date addresses or any changes are advised straightaway. You can also update contact information yourself through Parent Lounge any time.

If you have a valid government concession card, please present this to the finance secretary to receive your entitlement of 70% discount on tuition fees. Remember, if you have received a replacement card with a new expiry date, this will need to be sighted, copied and scanned at the office in order to ensure you continue to receive this entitlement.

Should you have any queries regarding your account, please contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies at spbg_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au or on 4152 1380 or call into the office at any time.

STUDENT BANKING

Please note that student banking for 2018 ends Week 8 so last bank will be 26th November so any prizes redeemed can be ordered and delivered on time to be distributed to students.

Well done to all our consistent savers and keep up the good work when student banking resumes first Monday back being 4th February 2019.

A reminder student banking is each Monday. Click on this link <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> to register your child for student banking.

ST MARY'S HOLIDAY VACATION CARE



Please click on the St Mary's logo to access their Holiday Vacation Care for the December/January holidays.



CHRISTMAS TREATS



Christmas Treats

At this time of year students like to exchange Christmas cards and treats such as candy canes to other students. We ask that children do not give gifts of candy canes to the other children. It is wonderful that children wish to give things to others, however we ask people to give non food gifts. Unfortunately candy canes can cause issues with a number of children on particular diets, children with allergies to some of the additives, not to mention the high sugar content. Cards, stickers and other small items can give the message that they are thinking of others.

OUT AND ABOUT



Meet & Greet, Come and Try Day!

Are you interested in playing netball next year? Waves Netball are having a skills session and sausage sizzle and would love players turning 7 years or older in 2019 to attend our "Meet and Greet Day" on **Sunday the 9th December at 9:30**. It will be held out our training grounds on Thabeban Street. Come along and be coached by some of Bundaberg's most qualified coaches. You can register your interest with Waves Netball Club by emailing secretarywavesnetball@outlook.com or by speaking with Mrs Batt at Walkervale School.

We would love to have you as part of our Waves Netball family in 2019.



2019 NET SET GO SIGN ON AND FUN!

All players from last season and new players interested in playing NET SET GO netball in 2019 are invited to join us for a morning of fun and games.

DATE: 9th December 2018
PLACE: Bundaberg Netball Association Courts
TIME: 9am to 11am
AGE GROUPS: Born 2009-2012

If you are unable to attend please let us know by email so we are able to put you in a team.

2018 Pageant of LIGHTS

Thursday 6 December • Bundaberg CBD

6 pm - 9 pm

Parade commences at 7 pm

Live Performances by City of Bundaberg Drum Corps - Bundy Binz, Orpheus Singers, Rhythms of the Reef and more!

Larrikin Puppets Christmas Show

Turning on the Christmas lights Buss Park

Life size Christmas snow globes

Bring your own chair

Christmas markets & food

Santa comes to town

For further information Please visit Council's website or phone the Call Centre 1300 883 699 bundabergregionalevents.com.au

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Hinkler Hall of Aviation

10 Year Anniversary

Saturday 8 December | 9 am to 12 pm

Celebrate with us!

Cake cutting at 10am | Face painting | Balloon artist
Inflatable jumping castle and slide | Captain Daring
Music | Games | Sno Cones

FREE event

Special anniversary entry rate into Hinkler Hall of Aviation on day (\$5 per adult and \$5 per child - children must be accompanied by an adult into the Hall)

Fun Fact
Bert Hinkler's birth date is December 8, 1892

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