



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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A gentleman by the name of Will Patterson has authored a book recently. It is entitled *Mr Ordinary Goes to Jail*.

Wil Patterson was a fairly average family man - good enough job, comfortable house, family. As can easily happen Wil tried to keep up with the Joneses, and in fact wanted to become the Joneses. Image became very important to him, and not surprisingly, over time this placed him in the position of being in debt over his head.

Rather than face embarrassment, Wil made the choice to defraud his employer, and banked \$5 000 in company funds into his own account. When this went undiscovered, he continued to move amounts of company money into his own account. Before his deceit was finally uncovered, Wil had moved hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It is considered to be a white collar crime, and as the book's name suggests, much more common than you might expect. Wil spent 9 months in prison and needless to say, he learned a lot about prison and prisoners – but learned mainly about himself. He would say his biggest learning, was that having 'things' does not make you happy.

He said he always saw himself as being the provider for the family, and that to him meant giving his family 'things'. A flash house, expensive holidays, top of the range cars. After reflecting, he would say he still sees himself as needing to be the provider – but not a provider of 'things'. His experience led him to understand it's not things that a family needs. What he needed to provide was love, security, advice, support, boundaries, experiences, time and so on.

It took the ordinary Will Patterson a rough experience to learn these things – but he would say that he is glad that it happened, because the change in focus has made his new life so much better. If you get the chance, read his story or listen to his podcast – just an ordinary person who shares some pretty good advice.

Attached to the newsletter is a resource from our Bishop. The Sanctity of Life issue is an important one and the attachment will help inform you around the issue.

### Welcome Cassie Von Blanckensee

We are very pleased to welcome Cassie into our school as a counsellor. She has experience, commitment, a passion for helping children and we are delighted to have her join our staff.



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## KEY DATES FOR WEEK 2

<b>MONDAY</b>	Junior Strings Ensemble 7.30am Musical Rehearsal Multi 1.30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am Courtyard Prayer 6W 8.40am Junior Choir Rehearsal 10.55am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Senior Strings Ensemble 7.30am Courtyard Prayer 6W 8.40am Year 1 Botanical Gardens Excursion 9-12
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Courtyard Prayer 6W 8.40am Musical Rehearsal 3.15pm-4.45pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Sausage Sizzle Interscholar Sport Years 5 & 6 commences

## Sausage Sizzle

Friday Sausage Sizzle is held each and every Friday for the remainder of term. Each week we require volunteers to assist with the serving and clean up of the sizzle. If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.

Week	Year Level	Number of Volunteers Required
Week 2	Year 6	2 Volunteers Required
Week 3	Year 5	3 Volunteers Required
Week 4	Year 4	3 Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 3	3 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 2	3 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 1	3 Volunteers Required
Week 8	Prep	1 Volunteer Required



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Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



Click the Centacare logo to go the Group Programs Calendar.

## Remembering the Common Good

In his letter, *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), Pope Francis links many life issues together and urges us to see them as essential parts of a whole understanding of life.



“ Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.[1] ”



Pope Francis reminds governments, corporations, society and the whole world that no one is expendable and that each person made in God's image and likeness is to be cherished and protected.

We have seen our society go to great lengths to protect people, especially the vulnerable from COVID 19. Such efforts are admirable and in line with our Catholic understanding of the sacredness of life and our duty to protect and uphold life.

There are other areas in which the Sanctity of Life is under attack and Pope Francis clearly names them in the above quote. Now, as the Queensland election approaches is a good time to reflect on these issues and how our elected representatives have responded to them. Please take a moment to read through the Queensland Bishops' Statement *The Common Good in a COVID World*, prepared especially with the forthcoming state election in mind.

There are many issues before us but the defence of human life and how each party and candidate views issues such as abortion, euthanasia, care for the poor, the unemployed, and the environment are among the most important we face as a community. The upholding of human life and the dignity of human life needs to be the primary concern of our elected representatives. On Sanctity of Life Sunday Bishop Michael will share a pastoral letter on these issues.

Prepared by Bishop's Advisory Panel on Sanctity of Life Issues 2020

[1] *Gaudete et Exsultate* 101



## SPORTS NEWS

### WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT: 11 & 12 years AQUATHLON

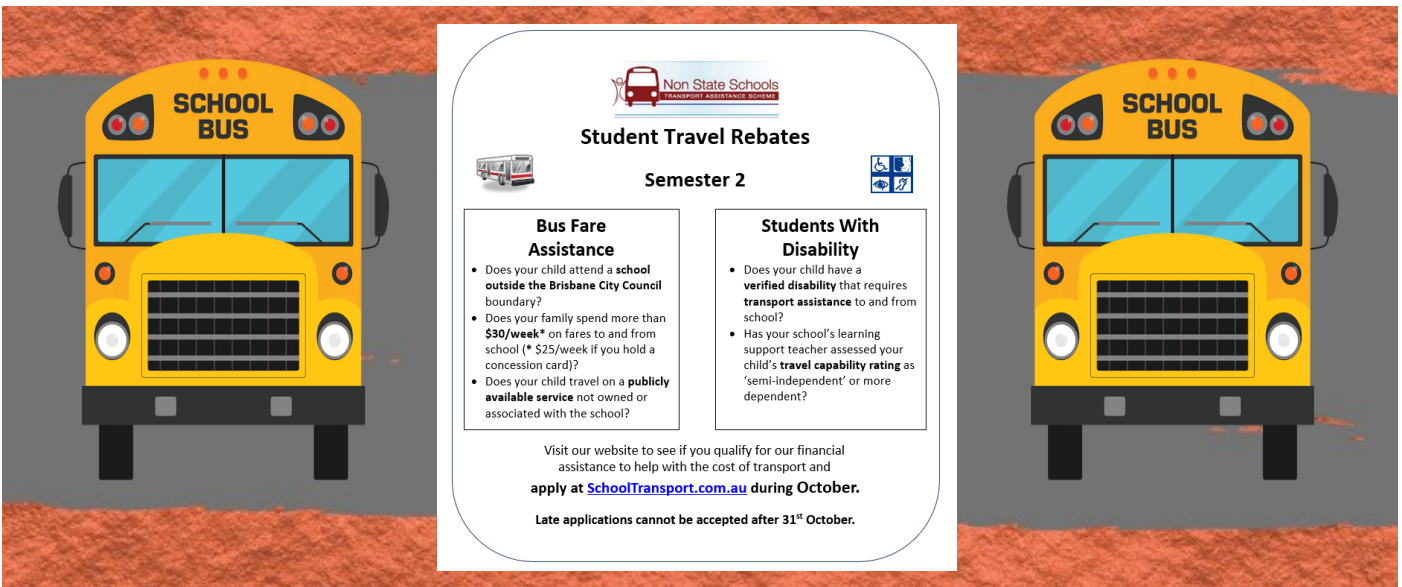
Only students who attain the ages of **11 & 12 years in 2021 (born 2009 or 2010)** are eligible for selection in the Regional Team. Entries close Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Students must register for this event online at the link below. A nomination fee of \$20 (add \$5 for non-TA member) is required upon registration.


<https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-race?e=71507952>

All event information, including schedule, prices, distances, ages, location, and course map and entry registration can be found on the event webpage. [www.hb100.com.au/super-saturday](http://www.hb100.com.au/super-saturday)

Aquathlon State Championships will be held in conjunction with the Queensland School Sport 13-19 years Triathlon State Championships on **11-13 February 2021**.

## STUDENT TRAVEL REBATE SCHEME



  
Non State Schools  
TRANSFORMING POTENTIAL INTO SUCCESS

### Student Travel Rebates

Semester 2

#### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$30/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?

#### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) during October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## BOOKCLUB

Book club catalogues have been sent home with your child yesterday. 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](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). All orders are due by next Wednesday 15th October. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.



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for Parents

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Softball Club  
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# Softball



## 2020-2021 SEASON

- Are you looking for a fun team sport for the Summer Season for males or females, contact our great club.
- If you have ambitions to achieve at representative level come to Brothers United Softball Club and play alongside players who have achieved selection at high level in the last season.
- We are affiliated with Softball Queensland & Softball Australia.

Season commences on Saturday 10 October 2020 with Grand Finals scheduled for 13 March 2021

 Facebook: Brothers United Softball

**Contact Club President Jan Law**

**for more information**



Contact Dave Deprett  
Bundaberg Table Tennis  
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tandyd@bigpond.com

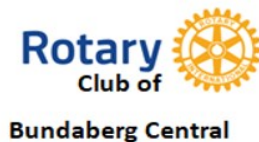
Spinneroos gives kids a great first experience with table tennis!



**8 weeks of fun!**  
Program includes a kit bag, t-shirt, bat and balls!

Starts Wednesday 14 October  
Finishes Wednesday 2 December

Find out more and book here!  
[Spinneroos.com.au](http://Spinneroos.com.au)



# Annual Book Sale

## Bundaberg Recreation Precinct

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October: 9am to 7pm  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October: 9am to 3pm  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October: 9am to 1pm

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

SAUSAGE SIZZLE, SOFT DRINKS, TEA, COFFEE