



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

16th October 2019

Bill Bryson has authored a new book entitled *The Body: A Guide for Occupants*. If you're not a reader listen to this podcast. <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/conversations/bill-bryson/4374602>

I quite like it. There's enough gross facts sprinkled through it to catch anyone's attention. Everything from how much of the dust on your furniture is in fact dead skin cells, through to the frightening looking mites that inhabit all of the pores of your skin.

It contains lots of interesting science like the fact that the all the same elements that make up the human body (oxygen, hydrogen..) are found in dirt and on many other planets, yet somehow here on Earth these elements have combined in such a way that life has emerged in a form that can replicate itself.

In terms of physiology, our heart pumps approximately 100 000 times each and every day with enough force to push fluid metres through our body. Over a life time – the workload is the equivalent of lifting a one tonne weight nearly 250 km into the air.

In terms of neuroscience, the brain itself has no feelings, no nerve endings, cannot see or smell or taste and yet it is the organ through which we interpret everything that we experience.

Each day our body produces between one and five cells which become cancerous, and yet we usually suffer no ill effects or are even aware because of the way our immune systems function.

Bryson also causes us to reflect on even bigger things. Racism for example – all about skin colour, yet the layer of skin that gives us a colour is less than 1mm thick. Biologically – there is no such thing as race.

When I say that the people who make up our community are amazing, I am in no way exaggerating. The combined knowledge of our greatest minds have not yet been able to create even a single cell, yet each day each of us creates some two million new blood cells.

As Richard Fidler says in his podcast, *"People are the most wondrous, complex thing in the entire world. Each body is an impossibly sophisticated machine that works 24 hours a day for decades without for the most part needing regular servicing or the installation of spare parts. It runs on water and a few organic compounds, is mobile and pliant, makes jokes, feels affection, appreciates a red sunset and a cooling breeze."*

Life is an extraordinary gift and each of is indeed something very special. In his homily during the Year 3 liturgy this morning, Fr Jomon suggested that we should use our gift of life to improve ourselves, to improve the life of others close to us, to improve our society and to improve our world. It is a good challenge for each of us and it does give meaning to the amazing opportunity which is our life.

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KEY INFORMATION FOR WEEK 2

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| Monday | • | PUPIL FREE DAY |
| Tuesday | • | Senior Choir Rehearsal 7.30am |
| | • | Morning Parade 8.40am |
| Wednesday | • | Senior Strings Rehearsal 7.30am |
| | • | Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 5W |
| Thursday | • | Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 5W |
| Friday | • | Classroom Liturgy 3S 8.45am |
| | • | Interschool Sport Years 5&6 |



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STUDENT ABSENCES



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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation begins soon for children 8+ years old who are baptised. Registrations are being taken for the 2019-20 Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist group. Registration forms are available from the parish office, Level 1/66 Woongarra Street, or from Tracey Cook. The first session for children and parents is on Wednesday, 30 October, at 5.30pm **OR** Sunday, 3 November, at 10.30am. All sessions are held at the parish office. Contact Anne Sheehan, 41516666, or Tracey Cook for more information.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATE SCHEME



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 2, 2019



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$20/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** 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 financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at SchoolTransport.com.au by 31 October 2019.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Online applications for the Student Travel Rebate Scheme are now open until 31st October.

Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2.

Visit the School Transport website (click on the logo below) to check if you are eligible or to apply online.

Applications close 31st October



Non State Schools
TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

FINANCE NEWS

Fees were issued 17th October and are due for payment 31st October **unless you have a payment plan in place**. If you have a regular payment plan in place this merely serves as a statement for your records. Take time to review your statement and make immediate payment of any outstanding fees if necessary. A reminder to please check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school. Any shortfall in assessed fees for the year has to be met from the general school account which could mean less in our budget to meet our commitments. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Direct Deposit

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

Recurring Credit Card Billing

If you wish to make regular recurring payments as you would normally from a bank account but prefer to use a Credit Card so as to gain advantages of frequent flyer points etc., it is as simple as completing a form. This form is available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab, titled Direct Debit by Credit Card Form. Otherwise please contact St Patrick's School Finance Secretary Maria Davies at maria_davies@rok.catholic.edu.au to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

BPay

BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A BPay logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement, if you choose to pay this way.

Parent Lounge

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

Direct Debit

If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Maria Davies for assistance or simply download, complete and return the form titled Direct Debit by Bank Account Form available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab.

Centrepay

Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments.

Our CRN is 555 053 656K and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

Student Banking

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



SAUSAGE SIZZLE—TERM FOUR

If you are able to help out with serving and clean up for our weekly Friday Sausage Sizzle from 10.45-11.45 please see roster below for the Year Level we require assistance for and contact the office.

Week 3	Friday 25/10	Year 6
Week 4	Friday 1/11	Year 5
Week 5	Friday 8/11	Year 4
Week 6	Friday 15/11	Year 3
Week 7	Friday 22/11	Year 2

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PHOTOS NOW AVAILABLE

Photos of the following extra-curricular groups are now available to view and purchase online. Please go to www.advancedlife.com.au/ website and enter the St Patrick's school code K5C 1GB PD7 and select Group Photos to view. Group photos are \$20 each.

- ◇ Chess
- ◇ Challenge Cup Netball/Rugby League
- ◇ Junior and Senior Choir
- ◇ Junior and Senior Ensemble
- ◇ Reef Guardians

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OUT AND ABOUT

19 SHALOM COLLEGE'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS...
OCTOBER



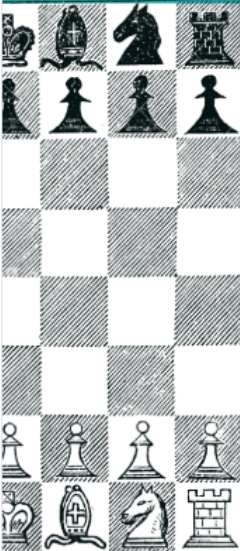
AN AFTERNOON OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
3pm

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH
cnr Woongarra & Barolin Sts

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CHESS TOURNAMENT



The seventh Sunday Junior Chess Tournament run by the Bundaberg Chess Club Inc is scheduled for Sunday 27th October 2019 at 9.00 am.

Cost will be \$8.00/day. A maximum of \$16.00 per family, for 3 or more players. The day consists of 6 rounds of competitive chess plus an interesting chess lesson from Mr John Harris. The day commences at 9.00 am, please arrive 15 minutes early to register. These junior chess tournaments are rated. The tournaments are held at the U3A Building upstairs next to Improvements Gym on Woongarra St. All children need to bring a water bottle and morning tea. The day should conclude approximately 12.20-12.30 pm.

Prizes are given for 1st to 5th place, plus 2 lucky door prizes and 2 prizes for the most interesting chess game. Children can accrue points towards Grand Prix prizes that are awarded at the end of the year through regular attendance. All enquiries for Junior Chess can be sent to mobile:- 0418686497 or email:- president-john@live.com.au.

TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 7th October - 11th October		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEENS BIRTHDAY		
Tuesday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mini Vinnies
WEEK 2	Week 14th October-18th October		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Reef Guardians
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3B
WEEK 3	Week 21st October-25th October		
Monday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
Tuesday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday—Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5W
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3C
WEEK 4	Week 28th October-1st November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4C
WEEK 5	Week 4th November-8th November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4L
WEEK 6	Week 11th-15th November		
Monday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8.40am	Year 5
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2B
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4W
WEEK 7	Week 18th November-22nd November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 5
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
Wednesday	Cultural Night - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar	5.30pm	
Friday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9.00am	Year 1
WEEK 8	Week 25th November-29th November		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Monday	Senior Strings to Retirement Homes		Senior Strings
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation Night	5.30pm	Shalom Sports Centre
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2H
Thursday	Senior Swimming Carnival		Years 3-6
Friday	Music Assembly - Year 3 Strings/Junior & Senior Strings/Junior & Senior Choir/Guitar	10.00am	
WEEK 9	Week 2nd December - 6th December		
Monday	Morning Parade and Awards/Notices	8.40am	
Wednesday	Celebration Night	5.00-7.30pm	
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9.30am	
	Year 6 Assembly	11.00am	Year 6
	School Dismissal	12.00pm	