



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

5th May 2023

Last newsletter I acknowledged that we have so much to be grateful for in this island home of ours and the public holiday was a wonderful opportunity to explore our local area. The May Day holiday was also, yet another opportunity, to acknowledge community groups that have fought for a better future for many Australians. I took decent working conditions for granted, until I travelled abroad and learned how other countries operate in that space.

One experience that really opened my eyes, was a few years ago. I travelled with colleagues to the 'Big Apple'. Whilst there, we looked at schools, seeking innovative educational ideas to bring home. America is such a large and accomplished country, so it was surprising to learn that in comparison, our schools were on par and very well-resourced. I speak generally, but it did seem security had been their big-ticket item within schools, for obvious reasons. However, it was wonderful to swap notes with educators, whilst we journeyed through their region. In doing so, we quickly noted how interested our American counterparts were in Australian working conditions. Long Service Leave, Sick Leave and even permanency were topics of interest. These were entitlements that I hadn't given much thought to as a young employee, but this group of professionals were envious and helped us realise how gifted many working Australians are due to such initiatives. I am sure the work of our Unions may cause discomfort for some employers, especially those in small business, but essentially, we have a lot to celebrate in this country thanks to the work that has been done over past decades.

One community event we look forward to partaking in very soon, is the National Walk Safely to School Day. This is a day designed to encourage the health and environmental benefits to walking safely around our local streets. Local police representatives, Staff and Year Six leaders have kindly volunteered to walk students to school on **Tuesday the 16th of May**. We will meet on the corner of Power and Crofton Street, at 8am and will provide a nice fruit treat for those participating in this event upon arrival back at school. Parents and loved ones are very welcome to join us. National Walk Safely to School Day is now in its 24th year and we thank Maree Shepherd (Road Safety Officer) and Senior Constable Britt Duncan for working with us to get this back on our calendar after a break due to COVID in past years. Please refer to <http://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/> for more information about the initiative. A map of the route to be taken to school can be viewed by clicking on the adjacent image.



Kim O'Shea-Hard



Click our school crest to go our school website



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Absentees

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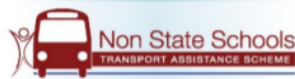


ST PATRICK'S MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY

FRIDAY 12TH MAY
@ 9AM IN THE MULTI

WE WOULD LOVE TO INCLUDE A 'MUMMY AND ME' PHOTO IN OUR LITURGY.
PLEASE SEND IN ONE PHOTO PER FAMILY TO SPBOFFICE@ROK.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 10TH OF MAY.

BUS FARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Student Travel Rebates



Semester 1



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your **family** spend more than **\$35/week*** on bus/ferry 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 during May.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st May.

The Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme assists eligible families with the cost of traveling to school.

Applications for Semester 1 2023 are now open online and close on 31 May.

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

Please visit Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS)

[Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme \(NSSTAS\)](http://NonStateSchoolsTransportAssistanceScheme(NSSTAS)schooltransport.com.au) (schooltransport.com.au) to check if you are eligible and ensure to get your application in before 31 May.



A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 12th May** unless you have a payment plan in place, in which case this merely serves as a statement for your records.

Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement and contact Finance Secretary, Brooke, if you have any queries or you wish to setup a payment plan.

Please make sure to 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 our school. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

Please see below school fee payment options that are available. Alternatively, 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 Brooke Bone at brooke_bone@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 Brooke Bone 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.

TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 17th April - Friday 21st April		
Monday	School returns		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course	9:00am-11:00am	Prep - Year 2
WEEK 2	Week 24th April - 28th April		
Monday	Senior Cross Country	9:00am-11:00am	Years 3-6
	Anzac Day Liturgy	2:00pm	Year 5
Tuesday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY		
Wednesday–Thursday	Wednesday to Thursday–Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	6L
WEEK 3	Week 1st May - 5th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	6M
WEEK 4	Week 8th May - 12th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	6S
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	District Cross Country	12:00pm-2:30pm	Avoca
WEEK 5	Week 15th May - 19th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1C
WEEK 6	Week 22nd May - 26th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1M
WEEK 7	Week 29th May - 2nd June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 2
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1N
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
WEEK 8	Week 5th June - 9th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4C
Friday	Music Camp	All Day	Year 4-6 Strings
WEEK 9	Week 12th June - 16th June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
WEEK 10	Week 19th June - 23rd June		
Monday	Field Events Day (Born 2011-2013 only)	All Day	9:00am–1:40pm
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival (Born 2011-2014)	All Day	8:30am-2:30pm
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival (Born 2015-2018)	All Day	9:00am-12:30pm

OUT AND ABOUT



PLEASE JOIN US

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Walk with us
**YEAR ANNIVERSARY
EMMAUS COLLEGE
1993 - 2023**

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE OUR 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

FRENCHVILLE
SPORTS
CLUB

MAY
13
2023

AT 06:30 PM

RSVP to be made by 21st April 2023 when making payment. The payment of \$50.00 per person can be made via EFTPOS at Main Street or Yaamba Road Reception or by phoning 07 49235715

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

Come Holy Spirit - Fill the Hearts of the Faithful

The faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton are invited to gather as we celebrate the launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Friday 26 May (12 noon) - Saturday 27 May (1pm)

St Joseph's Cathedral and The Cathedral College, Rockhampton

No cost to attend gathering!

Most meals and materials provided.

Sponsorship (up to \$120) for accommodation for those who have to travel to attend.

Any questions please email dpc@rok.catholic.net.au

Registration - simply use the link or the QR code

<https://app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/DioFest>



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON



Register Here



IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Find your closest centre today.

play.afl/auskick



St Patricks Primary

Starting | Wednesday 3rd May

TIME | 3:10pm 4:10pm

DURATION | Six Weeks

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