



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

26th July 2024

This week we celebrated Catholic Education Week which started with a combined Children's Mass at the Holy Rosary Church. It was wonderful to see staff and students from the four Catholic Schools in attendance, especially Bart W, Tate G and Isabella R who utilised their gifts to commit to a role in the Mass.

The week then unravelled with 'joy gem' moments, acts of kindness and we certainly 'celebrated Life' throughout our special place in space. Many of our students wrote cards for those in our local community including neighbours, other schools and those doing it tough in neighbouring hospitals. Whilst unfolding, I received a draft copy of our School Improvement Report. I have included a splattering of commendations, which I think encompasses the spirit of Catholic Education Week;

The St Patrick's Catholic Primary School is commended for:

- The lived expression of its Mission Statement – "Learn, Love God, Live the Gospel, Witness the Faith, Celebrate Life".
- The culture established at the school that is strongly underpinned by its core Catholic values and a commitment to high expectations and excellence, with the belief that all students will learn and achieve positive outcomes.
- The acknowledgement by parents that the school's student-centred approach contributes to its reputation as a school of choice.
- The commitment of all staff members to developing strong positive relationships with every student and having a deep knowledge of their strengths, interests, and needs.
- A strong, coordinated approach to inclusion that supports students with additional learning needs through the highly valued learning support teachers and teacher assistants and The Learning Hub.
- Its reputation as having highly capable, caring and professional staff who know their students.
- The explicit high expectation of students that each individual will "give it their best shot" and do their best in all endeavours.
- The range of opportunities available to students to pursue their interests in service, cultural and sporting endeavours.

This last point was realised this week with students engaging in Mini Vinnies fundraising and community service initiatives, born from the theme of Catholic Education Week 'Communities of Faith, Hope and Love'. Culturally, our community shone through at the Eisteddfod this week. We achieved success in Year 1 Verse Speaking, Choir, Junior and Senior Instrumental and so many individual successes were also realised. We thank Mrs. Jed Morley and Mrs. Kate Hardesty for constantly mentoring and supporting our students. Their advice at assembly was that, whilst the accolades and trophies were a wonderful byproduct, it is about pushing ourselves out of our comfort zones, taking risks, learning something new and building relationships. A big thank you to our Year 1 Teachers and parent, Mrs. Cath Callaghan who prepared Year 1 for Verse Speaking. Please see further Eisteddfod news and results on the following pages.

We are certainly blessed with supportive parents, talented tutors and teachers, who all work together to help our students to become the best version of themselves. Catherine McAuley once penned 'the tender mercy of God, has given us one another' and what a wonderful mantra to be reminded of Catholic Education Week, 2024. Thanks for being such a big part of our St. Patrick's community and HAPPY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK to all!

Kim O'Shea-Hard



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Absentees

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APRE NEWS—CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK RECAP

What an exciting week we have had celebrating Catholic Education Week. The week began with a special message from Sr Mary who set some acts of kindness challenges. Students made cards and deliveries, to the staff and students at other local Catholic schools, Patients, Doctors, and Nurses throughout the local hospitals, our friends at Carinbundi, Fr Don White and the staff at the Bundaberg Catholic Parish Office, Local Police Officers, Ambulance Officers and Local SES Volunteers, as well as the lovely neighbours that surround our school grounds. It is so important for our students to have the opportunity to share their love of God and generosity with others outside our immediate school community.

We were lead in a beautiful Courtyard Prayer by our wonderful Mini Vinnies Team who highlighted how amazing Catholic schools are and how blessed we are to be involved in our wonderful, friendly St Patrick's community. Our Mini Vinnies Team were sensational, working hard selling Kindness Cupcakes (selling nearly 600 cupcakes) and organising special little thankyou's for the entire staff. A cheeky leprechaun has been hiding joy gems around the school in an effort for us to realise that when we work together we can achieve great things. There has been a certain energy and electricity in the air this week and it has been just lovely to see so many happy and excited faces. I just love how our school creates a sense of community.



MASS WITH CHILDREN

BRING A PLATE
TO SHARE

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO
BRING A PLATE TO SHARE
AFTER THIS MASS

SUNDAY 9.00AM
@ST PATRICK'S

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
21-27 JULY 2024



catholiceducationweek.com.au

COMMUNITIES OF
FAITH
HOPE
LOVE

MUSIC NEWS—BUNDABERG EISTEDDFOD

JUNIOR & SENIOR CHOIR

Congratulations to both choirs who competed in this years Bundaberg Eisteddfod. The choirs were both awarded places with First being awarded to the Senior Choir and Highly Commended being awarded to the Junior Choir. It was fantastic to see all the hard work and effort be rewarded, particularly with Senior Choir, who get to rehearsals at 7:30am each week. This group have also recently put in lots of effort with practicing at home.

The feedback received commented on both choirs having a beautiful tone and wonderful energy as well as a lovely, blended sound that they made as a whole group. The sense of coming together and working as a team is particularly apt as it is Catholic Education week, where we remember the importance of being part of something bigger than ourselves. I love choir and ensembles because of this sense of unity and belonging that the children share.

Thank you to the parents who came to watch their children and who ensure they come to rehearsals, even when it's early and freezing. Thank you also to Mrs Cook for her organisation and Miss Deb Hess, for her support.

Also, a very huge thank you to the magnificent Miss Christie who accompanies the choirs each week. We love you Miss Christie!

Mrs Jed Morley

JUNIOR & SENIOR STRINGS

As the Junior String students arrived at school Tuesday morning they were filled with excitement, anticipation and for some, nerves for their performance at the Bundaberg Eisteddfod. Proudly wearing their performance uniforms for the first time and instruments in hand, they engaged the audience from the moment they were on the stage of the Moncrieff Theatre. Their performance as described by the adjudicator was 'well balanced with a lovely strong tone, full of energy and advanced for a group at this level'. I couldn't be more proud of their performance both on and off the stage.

Soon after the Senior Strings arrived for their performance in the Eisteddfod, they were focused and eager to get on the stage of the Moncrieff Theatre. From the very first note they played, they were confident and committed to their outstanding performance. This group plays to a standard far beyond their years and this is because of their dedication, love and enjoyment of playing their instrument. The adjudicator was incredibly impressed with their stage presence, advanced bowing abilities and secure intonation (playing in tune). Like the students, I was beaming after their fantastic performance.

Junior Strings received 2nd place with 84/100 and drum roll.....

Senior Strings received 1st place with 85/100.

Congratulations to both groups and a And a special thank you to our amazing piano accompanist, Christie Jacobsen for sharing her amazing talent with us and lifting our performance to the next level

Mrs Kate Hardisty



ST PATRICK'S TEAM TARYN DAY



TEAM Taryn DAY

Ideas

GOLD COIN DONATION

FRIDAY AUG 2



The fabulous Miss G is off on her Olympic journey to Paris as you are reading this. We love everything about Miss G, from her story of success to heart-break, of resilience, grit and determination to climb back to the top of her sport. She is an outstanding role model for our students, our staff and our community.

We are planning a special day to support Miss G – TEAM TARYN DAY. We will be holding our Team Taryn Day on Friday August 2 (the day she competes in Paris). We would love to support her from afar by holding our Team Taryn Day – a gold coin donation for free dress green and gold. We would ask students to come dressed in green and gold on Friday August 2, and to bring along a gold coin to donate.

The wonderful Mrs Lindeman has made Team Taryn shirts for staff with her Cricut and we have attached the images to this newsletter email if families would like to make their own.

We can't wait to see a sea of green and gold to support Miss G.



FLU AND INFLUENZA ADVICE

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. As we approach the flu season this year, it is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about the flu.

Flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose. There are some basic steps people can take to prevent the spread of flu. If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.

The school requests that anyone displaying flu-like symptoms stay at home until such symptoms have passed. Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above. Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.

FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 2nd August 2024**, 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 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.

OUT AND ABOUT

McAuley House Mini Markets & Movie Night



Friday 2 AUGUST | 5:30pm–8:30pm
Shalom Performing Arts Precinct



Free Movie for the kids while parents shop the 30+ stalls! Get something handmade and a special gift for yourself or a gift for someone special

Raffles, sausage sizzle, chips, popcorn, lollies, coffee and other drinks available to purchase

All Shalom families and members of the community welcome!

All funds raised go to House Charity, Carinbundi

Entry via
Gold Coin
Donation



Active Women and Girls Program

Free Tennis Lessons!

Tennis Bundaberg
6C Powers St,
Bundaberg

Our well-regarded female coach, Suma, is available:

4 pm – 5 pm on Tuesdays
and Thursdays

10 am – 12 pm (noon) on
Saturdays.



This has been made possible through the Queensland Government's Active Women and Girls Program.

In addition to our scheduled sessions, we can also help you arrange another time if you have a group of 4 or more players.

All lessons are free, but a club membership fee of \$20 is required to have a third lesson.

Please get in touch with our coaching
co-ordinator Brian Doughty for more
details: Ph: 0434345048



West Bundaberg Little Athletics
Bundaberg Super Park Complex, Enid Ethel Drive

Season starts 9th August 2024

Registration Now open

resultshq.com.au

• 2 Free come and try
nights for new members

• All returning athletes
must be financial by 9th
August to be eligible to
compete

2024/2025 Fees

Tiny Tots 3-5yrs - \$75

U6-U17 - \$250



For further information:

Email: bundabergathleticclub@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076523787340&mibextid=LQQJ4d>



KIDS YOGA TERM 3 COURSES



Body Elements
Therapy

Creating balance in
MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT!

5 TO 12 YEARS | 8-WEEKS
4:00pm to 5:00pm | \$80
At The Waves Sports Complex

1. Monday 15/07/2024
2. Monday 22/07/2024
3. Monday 29/07/2024
4. Monday 05/08/2024
5. Monday 12/08/2024
6. Monday 19/08/2024
7. Monday 26/08/2024
8. Monday 02/09/2024



BOOK ONLINE



13 TO 17 YEARS | 4-WEEKS
4:00pm to 5:00pm | \$40
At PCYC Bundaberg

1. Tuesday 16/07/2024
2. Tuesday 23/07/2024
3. Tuesday 30/07/2024
4. Tuesday 06/08/2024

3 TO 5 YEARS | 4-WEEKS
4:00pm to 4:30pm | \$32
At PCYC Bundaberg

1. Tuesday 13/08/2024
2. Tuesday 20/08/2024
3. Tuesday 27/08/2024
4. Tuesday 03/09/2024

13 TO 17 YEARS | 4-WEEKS
5:00pm to 6:00pm | \$40
At PCYC Bundaberg

1. Tuesday 13/08/2024
2. Tuesday 20/08/2024
3. Tuesday 27/08/2024
4. Tuesday 03/09/2024

TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 4	Week 29th July - 2nd August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep S
Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep L
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep W
Friday	Year 2 Excursion - Snakes Downunder	9:00am - 2:30pm	Year 2
WEEK 5	Week 5th August - 9th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Thursday - Friday	District Athletics - St Luke's	All Day	Selected Students
WEEK 6	Week 12th August - 16th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Years 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6K
WEEK 7	Week 19th August - 23rd August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 8	Week 26th August - 30th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Monday - Wednesday	Year 5 Camp - Chaverim Outdoor Educational Centre	All Day	Year 5
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Wednesday	Prep & Year 1 Excursion—The Gruffalo Moncrieff Theatre	11:30am - 1:30pm	Prep & Year 1
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 9	Week 2nd September - 6th September		
Monday - Wednesday	School Musical		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4F
WEEK 10	Week 9th September - 13th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4K
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay/Campialba	All Day	Year 6

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?
Do you know someone who has questions?
Come and join our Alpha program -
a safe space to ask questions, and explore life, faith and meaning.
When: Every Thursday, 5.30pm - 18 July to 12 September
Includes Food and Fellowship
Contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666
to let us know you're interested (for catering purposes)

