



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

18th October 2024

This week Year 4M lead prayer and a song which went something like 'we are good friends all the time... Jesus is our good friend'. On Thursday I expressed how the lyrics of this song called me to consider how hard it is to be a good friend 100% of the time. Even harder as a young person who is trying to learn how to be a friend and make friends. Human relationships are complicated and inevitably conflict is encountered, as a normal part of life. As the song suggests, Jesus certainly was a great role model for how to be a loyal, steadfast friend. We are forever grateful that we have this example to hinge our values on. I did suggest to the students that Jesus didn't always agree with his closest friends and challenged them to be better versions of themselves from time to time. A great example is when he reached out to Zacchaeus, a tax collector who was disliked by many. Zacchaeus then changed and became a better version of himself, as a result of his relationship with Jesus. Yesterday we had Director Michael McCusker visit us for the first time in his new role. He had a wonderful morning with us and commented on the wonderful sense of calm he experienced as he walked throughout our school. Every community has its challenges and schools are often messy, but I have to agree that we have a pretty special place in space, thanks to the relationships forged between students, staff and families.



Students gifted Director McCusker with some gifts and tips to help him navigate his way around St. Patrick's. A green tie was to remind him to 'spread the green'. Younger students explained what this might mean; looking out for those who are down or unwell, good sports, asking people to play when lonely, being kind and generally helping ourselves and others, to remain in the green zone of regulation which is so integral for learning. Again, not always easy, but something we continually work to achieve. Students also presented Mr. McCusker a St. Patrick's handball, suggesting how to fit in, he may just want to brush up on his skills and a warning that 'spreading the green' is most important (and challenging) when engaging in competitive sport. This was a challenge well-received by Director McCusker and we look forward to welcoming him back to St. Patrick's again into the near future.

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*



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**Absentees**

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October is Mission Month in our Church. To **mission** means to go out into the world and spread the good news. To physically do something to help make the lives of others better. To recognise the **human dignity** of each person and include them in decisions which affect them. To **mission** means to stand in **solidarity** with others - to be their voice, their hands, their feet - when they are struggling. To fight for the **common good** in our world - to make things equal for everyone. To make a difference using our power.

This month we have had **mission** as a theme for Courtyard Prayer (4M), held our Mini Vinnies Odd Sock Day (to support Catholic Mission Australia) and we will have a school Mass (Friday October 25, 9am at St Patrick's Church - Yrs 2-6). Mission is such an important part of our ethos and our school community is always so very generous with their time, support and talents. We extend a warm welcome to all parents to come along to our Mission Month Mass that will culminate our **mission** efforts.

We can use our power this month to support Catholic Mission, being aware of the responsibility we have to share our time, our energy and our resources with others, both in our local community and overseas. Now is the time to mission - to act - to go out and be the face of God.

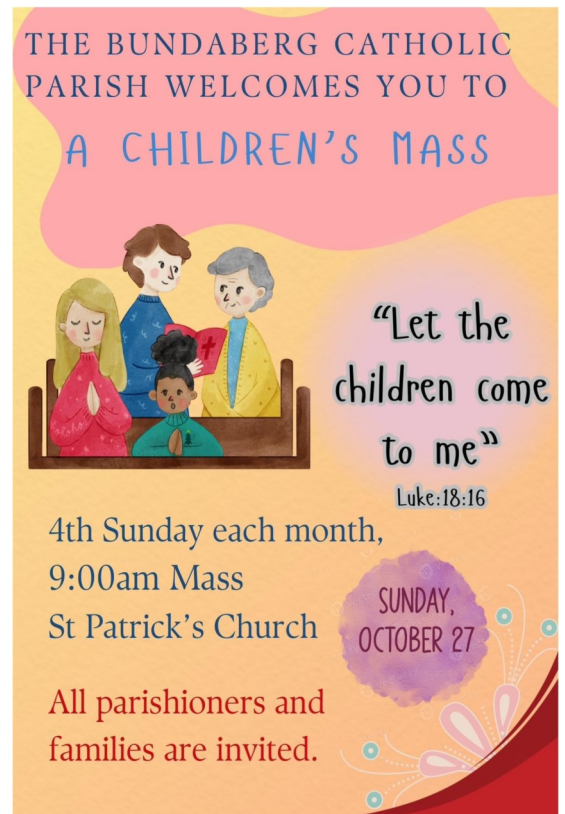


**St Patrick's 2024  
Mission Month Mass**


**Friday October 25**  
YEARS 2-6  
9AM IN THE CHURCH



**Parents are most welcome to attend**



THE BUNDABERG CATHOLIC PARISH WELCOMES YOU TO  
A CHILDREN'S MASS



"Let the children come to me"  
Luke:18:16

4th Sunday each month,  
9:00am Mass  
St Patrick's Church

SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 27

All parishioners and families are invited.





## SPORTS NEWS

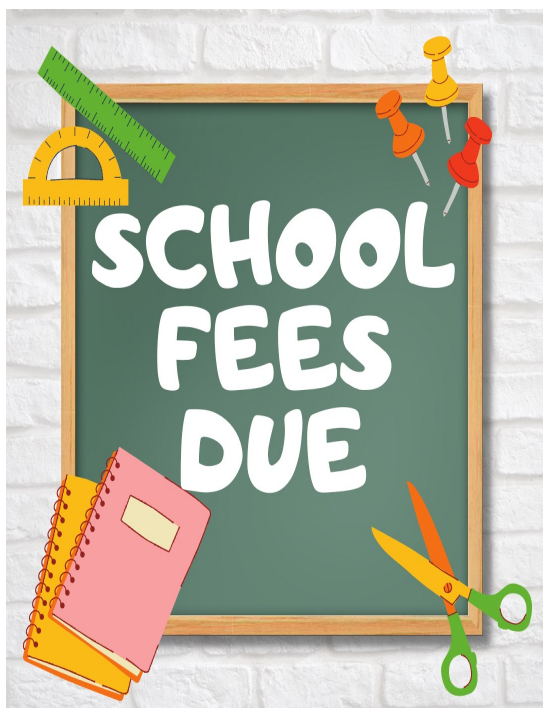
Congratulations to **ESSIE Mc** and **MATILDA K** who competed at the 10-12 years Queensland Track & Field championships in Brisbane last week. Both girls achieved some amazing results in their respective events, and we are pleased to share that Essie has been selected to represent Queensland in both the 10-12 years Multi-Class Long Jump, 800m and 200m events.

Well done girls on achieving such great results at this higher level of competition. You should be very proud of yourselves and we wish Essie all the best in her preparations for the Australian Track and Field championships to be held in Sydney in late November.



Matilda K	11 years girls	100m	39th
	11 years girls	200m	21st
Essie Mc	11 years Girls Multi-Class	100m	6th
	11 years Girls Multi-Class	200m	4th
	11 years Girls Multi-Class	800m	1st
	11 years Girls Multi-Class	Long Jump	1st

## FINANCE NEWS



A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.

If you have a payment plan in place, this merely serves as a statement for your records. You will find attached to your statement our school fee payment options that are available to you.

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

Please make sure to check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

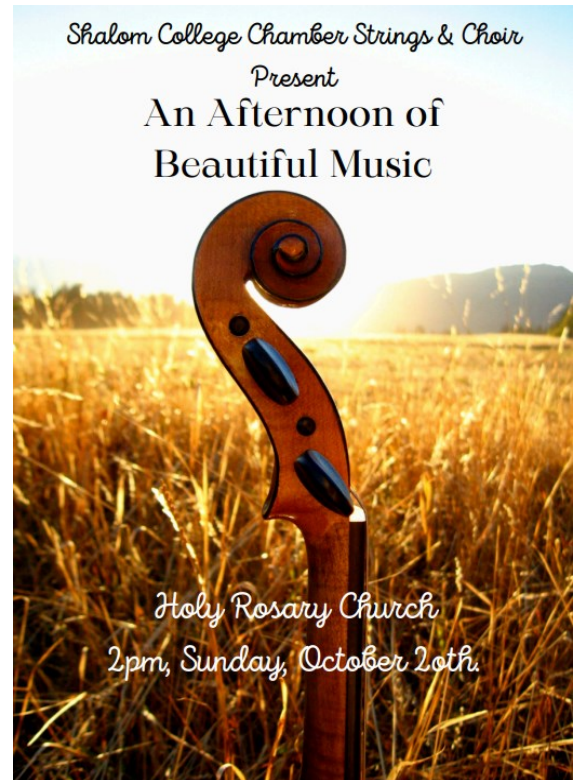
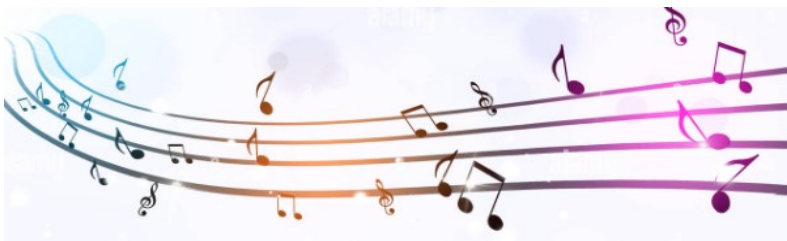
It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools, your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of our school. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact Brooke Bone (Finance Secretary) to discuss alternative arrangements.

## SHALOM COLLEGE CHAMBER STRINGS & CHOIR

Treat yourself to 'An Afternoon of Beautiful Music' from the Shalom College Chamber String Ensemble and College Choir as they give their final performance for 2024. The program includes a variety of music from inspiring classics to catchy contemporary works, it is sure to have something in it for everyone.

At this concert, the groups will celebrate their senior cohort who have been valued members of the music community at Shalom since 2019.

The concert will take place at Holy Rosary Church on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> commencing at 2pm. Entry is by donation. All are welcome.



## CATHOLIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION PARENT SURVEY

### 2024 NATIONAL PARENT SURVEY



**HAVE YOUR SAY**

Catholic School Parents Australia is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government to support this work.

The CSPA 2024 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is seeking your perspective as parents/carers of children who attend a Catholic School in Australia.

You are invited to share your views on existing and emerging affirmations and/or challenges in relation to your child's wellbeing and learning. Please consider completing this anonymous, confidential, and completely voluntary online survey.

Click on the survey link or scan the QR code for more information about the study, how to participate, and how to have questions answered.

**Scan QR code above for Parent Survey**

The Catholic Parents Association is very keen to get feedback on our schools from parents. It would be great if you could invest ten minutes of your time to complete this anonymous survey. Simply scan the QR code to access the survey.





## ST VINCENT DE PAUL—Join the St Joseph's Online Conference

Do you want to make a difference in the community?

You're invited to join the St Joseph's Online Conference (St Vincent de Paul Group). They are taking expressions of interest from anyone throughout the Diocese. Meetings are monthly, online via Microsoft Teams. Training will be provided. Email [membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au) if interested.

To find out more about the St Vincent de Paul Society you can click on this link [We are the Society - St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland \(youtube.com\)](#)

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**HOW YOUR PASSION AND SKILLS CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

- Provide a **listening** ear to people in difficult situations, over the phone or internet especially during Christmas
- Arrange **material assistance** where needed
- **Refer** and **guide** people to other community sources of help
- **Enhance** and **share** your faith journey with other like-minded people in a virtual environment
- Use **technology** and input data
- Make **remote payments**
- **Help** people and more...

Express your interest by scanning the QR code  
or emailing: [membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au)  
National Police Check will be required.



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# TERM FOUR PLANNER

<b>WEEK 3</b>			
<b>Week 14th October - 18th October</b>			
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	3:30pm–5:30pm	Year 6 Netball
Friday	Mini Vinnies Socktober Fundraiser	All Day	All students
<b>WEEK 4</b>			
<b>Week 21st October - 25th October</b>			
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	3:30pm–5:30pm	Year 6 Netball
Friday	School Mass - Mission Month	9:00am	Years 2-6
<b>WEEK 5</b>			
<b>Week 28th October - 1st November</b>			
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2025
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday	Prep Vision Screening	All Day	Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	3:30pm–5:30pm	Year 6 Netball
Friday	Year 4 Excursion - Splitter's Farm	10:00am-1:30pm	Year 4
<b>WEEK 6</b>			
<b>Week 4th November - 8th November</b>			
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
<b>WEEK 7</b>			
<b>Week 11th November - 15th November</b>			
Monday	Remembrance Day Memorial	9:00am	5M
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
<b>WEEK 8</b>			
<b>Week 18th November - 22nd November</b>			
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	TBA	Music
<b>WEEK 9</b>			
<b>Week 25th November - 29th November</b>			
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2L
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am	Years 3 & 4
		11:00-12:30pm	Years 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 10</b>			
<b>Week 2nd December - 6th December</b>			
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
Wednesday	Celebration Night	5:00-7:00pm	Whole School
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:00am	Whole School
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	Whole School

## 2025 TERM DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	Tuesday 28 January - Friday 4 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December