



Principal's News

8th May 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

Paddy's Patch Blooms for Mother's Day

As Mother's Day approaches, our students have been lovingly tending to Paddy's Patch, watching tiny seedlings grow into beautiful blooms. With patient hands, caring hearts, and sunshine and water, the garden has become a wonderful reminder of the special role mothers and mother figures play in our lives.

Just like the flowers in Paddy's Patch, our mothers nurture us each day with love, kindness, faith, and encouragement. They help us grow in character, compassion, and confidence, grounded in God's love. A garden cannot flourish without care, and neither can we — and for this we are deeply grateful.

Throughout the semester, students have enjoyed planting, watering, and caring for the flowers, learning that growth takes time, patience, and dedication. One of our special mothers, Mrs Anastasi, has shared her knowledge with our Year 2 students, Reef Guardians and the wider community. We have also learned an important lesson about stewardship of God's creation: the value of pruning. When a plant is cared for and pruned, it is able to continue to blossom. In a similar way, our children's journeys include challenges and "pruning" moments that help them grow, develop resilience, and flourish.

This week we celebrated the gift of mothers in a special Mother's Day Liturgy, and many families will purchase or receive a small sample from Paddy's Patch to take home. Thank you to Mrs. Clarey, among many others, and students for their ongoing care and commitment to this special part of our school.

This Mother's Day, we thank all the wonderful women in our community — mothers, grandmothers, carers, and mother figures — who bring warmth, joy, and hope to the lives of our children. May you feel appreciated and blessed for the love you so generously share.

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." - (Proverbs 31:25)

Happy Mother's Day from all of us at St Patrick's.



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Reminder: Years 4-6 Families



Dear Parents and Carers (Years 4-6)

This term, St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School is participating in the Tell Them From Me® (TTFM®) student survey. This survey provides valuable feedback on students' perspectives from years 4 and up about school life, their engagement, and the ways teachers interact with them.

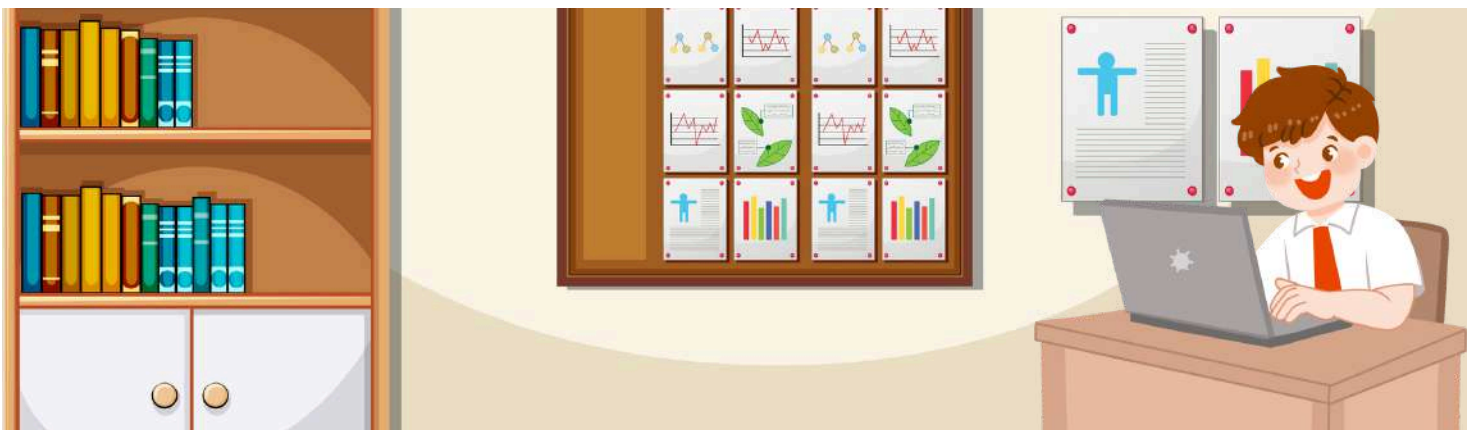
The surveys are rigorously validated and developed by The Learning Bar, an organisation specialising in educational research and survey administration. These surveys gather crucial data that help enhance student learning experiences and overall school environment.

Key Points:

- The survey is confidential, and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses.
- Participating students will receive a unique username and password to ensure confidentiality.
- The survey is online, takes 15 to 20 minutes, and will be conducted during school hours.
- Participation in the survey is voluntary. If your child feels uncomfortable with any question, they can skip it or stop the survey at any time.
- Teachers will remind students that they can talk to their teacher or guidance counsellor if they feel distressed or worried about the survey.
- The survey measures topics such as emotional and social well-being, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes that are predictors of student success.
- It also allows students to provide their thoughts and feedback through open-ended questions.



If you do not want your child/children to participate in the survey, please complete the opt-out form emailed to Years 4-6 families, and return it to the school by **Wednesday, 13 May 2026.**



eSafety - Parental controls and conversations to keep your child safe

No parental control tool is 100% effective. They are a helpful starting point but they're not a complete solution on their own.

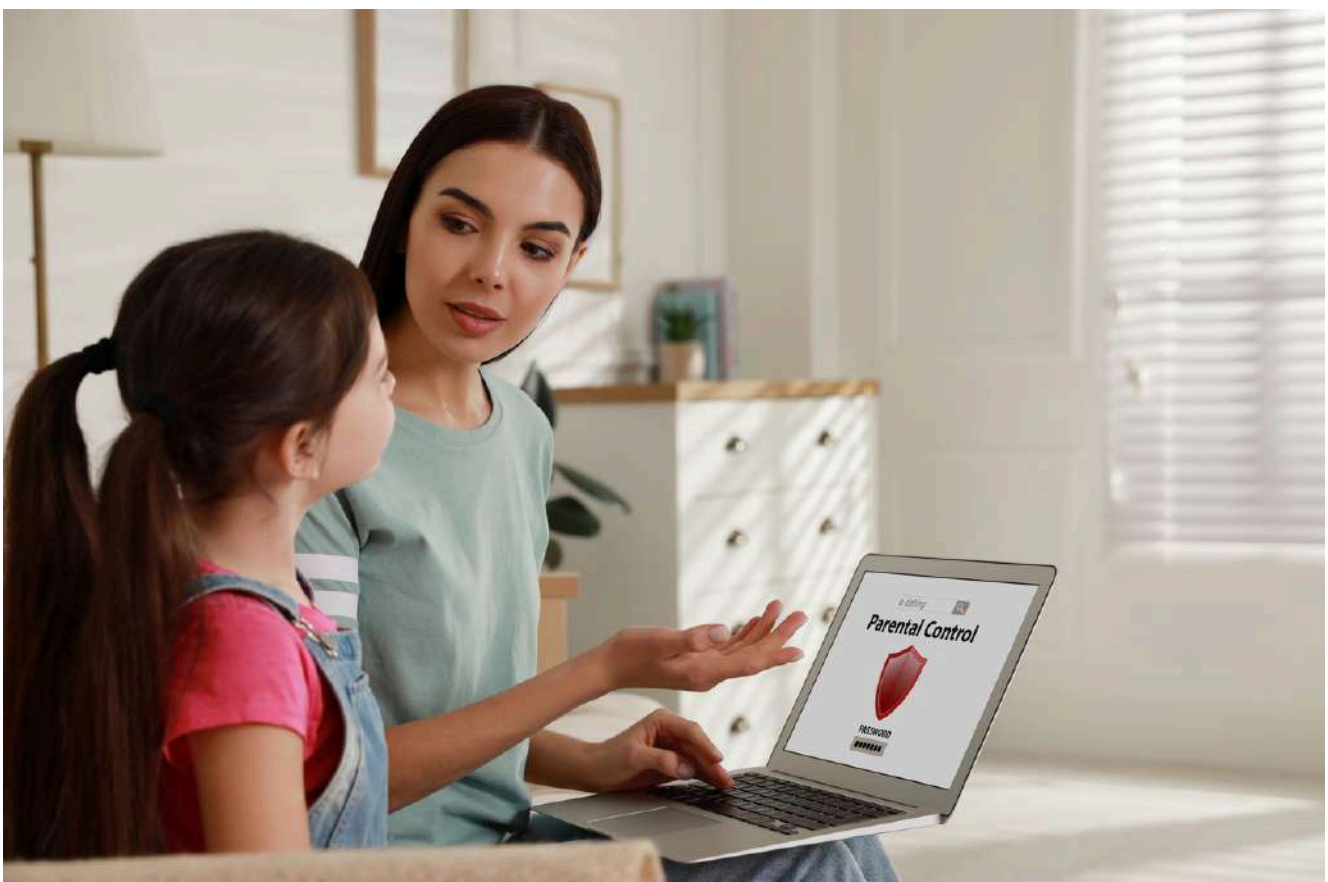
What really makes a difference is helping build your child's online safety habits by combining technology with open conversations, guidance and trust.

Alongside parental control tools, you can help keep your child safer by:

- talking with them about what they like to do online, as well as the risks involved, and how to be safer online
- making sure their online activities are supervised, especially for younger children
- joining in their online activities when you can – play a game together, watch what they watch, explore apps side by side
- being aware of who they are connecting with online
- teaching them to follow the [steps for reporting](#) online abuse
- encouraging your child to reach out to a trusted adult for support if something doesn't feel right.

Using parental controls as a conversation starter, rather than secret setting, helps children understand why boundaries exist. Involving them in decisions about what's set and reviewing them together as they grow can reduce stress, increase trust and mutual understanding and make online rules clearer and easier to follow.

When your child feels they are trusted, they're more likely to come to you for help when it really matters.



Sports News



Congratulations to Archie L for being selected for the **Wide Bay Schools Soccer** team.

Well done!



Well done to all our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students who participated in the 2026 Obstacle Course last Friday. It was quite the challenge running that distance and going over the hurdles, through the tunnel, under the sticks and through the poison trees. Over 480 laps were run! Well done! Congratulations to **Coolock House** (won by 1 point against MacKillop) who collected the most pegs and won the Shield!

A big thank you to all of the parents and families who came along to support their children. It really added to the atmosphere and encouraged greater participation





2026 Athletics Carnivals Update

From 2026, St Patrick's Athletics Carnivals will be split by year level to maximise student participation.

Sprint Heats for all Years 4-6 students will be held at St Patrick's on **Monday 8th June from 9:00am**. These heats are used to determine finals for the carnival days. Parents are not required to attend.

Senior Athletics Carnival

 Monday 22nd June

 Shalom College


 Years 4-6

Students born in 2017 will not compete in the 200m or 800m events. The 800m is a nomination event for students born in 2014-2016. No tuckshop facilities will be available at Shalom on the day.

Junior Athletics Carnival

 Friday 26th June

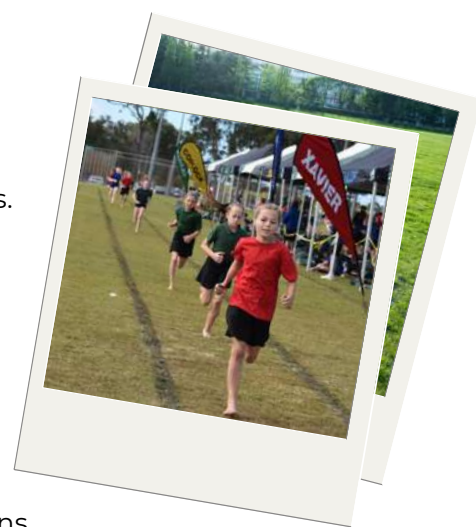
 St Patrick's Senior Oval

 Prep-Year 3

The day will include sprint finals, ball games, relays and presentations.

A limited-menu tuckshop will operate via pre-order only.

Please refer to the email sent home on 29th April 2026 for further important information.



Patty's PEN

Parents, it's time to reconnect.

Join us for Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night) - a casual event for parents to connect and learn more about how to assist your child's learning in reading.



SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, 25TH MAY

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Staff Room



Welcoming Guest Presenter

**Mrs Kathleen Roby
Diocesan Consultant**

*"Importance of reading,
looking at words,
vocabulary, and more."*

**REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST**



- ✓ Casual and welcoming space to connect with other parents.
- ✓ Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

A perfect way for parents to engage!



Out and about



Football Queensland & Brisbane Roar Soccer Clinics

St. Patrick's will once again host the Football Queensland & Brisbane Soccer Clinics during Term 2 on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm over 4 weeks from 5 May to 26 May 2026.

Please refer to the final details of the program and register by scanning the QR code which will take you to the Football In Community Website.

Term 2 Planner: Weeks 1-5

WEEK 1		Week 20th April - Friday 24th April	
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
Friday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	9:00am	5G
WEEK 2		Week 27th April - 1st May	
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Yrs 3-6	9:00am	Shalom
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course - P-2	9:00am	St Patrick's
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 3		Week 4th May - 7th May	
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Wednesday	Tell Them From Me opt-out forms due	All Day	Years 4-6
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 4		Week 11th May - 15th May	
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 and Prep
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3M
Friday	District Cross Country	All Day	Selected Students
WEEK 5		Week 18th May - 22nd May	
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4B
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6

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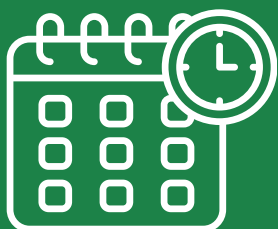
What's happening in Week 4?

- Mon** Parish Mass - Year 6 - Prep
- Tue** Football Queensland Brisbane Roar Soccer Clinic
- Tue-Thur** Courtyard Prayer - Year 3M
- Wed** Tell Them From Me Opt-Out forms due (Year 4-6)
Sacramental Session - Parents
- Fri** District Cross Country (No Interschool Sports)
- Sat - Sun** Ritual of Belonging at all Masses



Term 2 Planner: Weeks 6-10

WEEK 6	Week 25th May - 29th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 2
	Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night)	5:30pm	Parents
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Teachers
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 1st June - 5th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 8	Week 8th June -12th June		
Monday	Athletics HEATS (ALL students) & Field Events FINALS (Years 4-6)	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass	9:00am	Years 2-6
WEEK 9	Week 15th June - 19th June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1B
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
WEEK 10	Week 22nd June - 26th June		
Monday	Senior Athletics Carnival - students born 2017, 2016, 2015 & 2014	All Day	Shalom
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1S
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - students born 2021,2020, 2019 & 2018	All Day	St Patrick's



2026 Term Dates

- Term 1** Monday 27th January - Thursday 2nd April
- Term 2** Monday 20th April - Friday 26th June
- Term 3** Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September
- Term 4** Tuesday 6th October - Friday 4th December