



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

10th May 2024

Today, Year 2 led us in a Liturgy which prayed for our beautiful mothers, grandmothers and women in our lives, as we approach their special day this Sunday. It was also a week that saw my 96-year-old grandmother hospitalised. This stirred within me, thoughts and reflections around motherhood. Firstly, a wave of gratefulness for having such a wise, strong, nurturing lady in my life for such a significant time. Then Psalm 127:3 came to mind **'Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward'** whilst I witnessed her years of commitment to family, rewarded by the love of 6 children, 11 grandchildren and a flurry of great grandchildren, at this time of great need.

I am sure, whilst Nan juggled life on a farm with 6 children, she might have thought her motherhood fell short and she may even admit a mistake or two, but this is certainly not the memory for her loving children. Mothers are always their hardest critics. I believe the majority of mother's are compelled to do the best they can, with the resources they have and in the circumstances that surround them. It made me reflect on how motherhood really is an unconditional love that is paid forward and not always rewarded, in the way one might dream.

With Mother's Day falling in the Easter season, my thoughts focussed next on Mother Mary and the part she played in the Jesus story. The ultimate example of a mother's love paid forward. A mother's love is often the closest example humans can grasp, when making sense of God's unconditional love many call 'agape love'. I am sure if Mary had the option, she would have carried 'that cross' for her beloved Son Jesus, despite understanding his sacrifice and consequently her own.

Parallels, might be made with the juxtaposition experienced by mothers of the AN-ZACS, recently remembered, in fact anyone sending their children off to war. Our beautiful mothers, will hopefully never have to endure such sacrifice, but they will most certainly be tempted to carry the everyday crosses of their sons and daughters. Missing out on 'that' dream job, making 'that' team, being chosen for 'that' musical, enduring 'that' relationship breakdown...the list goes on! However, just like Mary we have to have faith that these 'crosses' are part of God's plan, in order to grow, learn, flourish and realise one's true destiny.

Mary **'kept all these things in her heart'** (Luke 2 :51-52) so will our own Mothers! It is the most bitter, sweet thing we will ever do but an absolute privilege. How ever you choose to remember or celebrate the wonderful woman/women in your lives this weekend, past and/or present, let's be thankful, grateful and hope filled on this very special day.

The students of St Patrick's recalled what they loved most about their mothers;

'She's beautiful and cooks yummy lamb chops' Jude Mc

'She takes time to play games with me, even when she's busy and cooks yummy food' Zoe P

'Mum cooks good food and is cuddly' Kimberley C

'She cares for me and cooks the best lasagne' Laynee Mc

'She gives me food I like sometimes like chicken nuggets and ice-cream' Eugene M

It seems many of our students do associate the love of their mothers with food. They may not be able to carry our crosses, but it seems many continue to provide sustenance for the journey.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Kim O'Shea-Hard

PARISH MASS INVITATION

All families and friends of
St Patrick's

Year 3 Class

Are invited to join us for

Parish Mass

On Monday 13th of May

@9am

In St Patrick's Church

DONATE TO WOORABINDA MISSION!

DONATE BY
FRIDAY 17TH MAY

ITEMS TO DONATE:

- CUTLERY PACKS
- FOOTBALL BOOTS & SOCKS
- LONG LENGTH SHORTS & PANTS FOR LADIES
- SHIRTS FOR BOYS
- SOFT TOYS
- READING GLASSES
- COLOURING IN BOOKS AND PENCILS
- BLANKETS/TROWS FOR WINTER
- ANY FOOTBALL TEE SHIRTS
- WARM TOPS FOR WINTER
- WOMEN'S SKIRTS SUMMER OR WINTER
- TRACKIE PANTS FOR ALL.



We will also be having a Sausage Sizzle on Friday the 17th of May to help raise funds.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

It is Road Safety Week! A big SHOUT OUT to the army of students and parents who joined in solidarity, as a St. Patrick's community, to 'Walk to School Safely' this morning. We are blessed to have close connection with the Bundaberg Police Service. They are not only geographically placed in our neighbourhood but interested and connected to our school and community. A big THANK YOU to **Senior Constable Britt Duncan, Senior Constable Nic Christison, Senior Constable Steve Moore and Acting Sergeant Gordon Hard** who kept us extra safe, giving us a positive experience of the great work they do for the good of those in our local area. Road Safety is everybody's business, and we welcome **Senior Constable Duncan** back in next week, to plant such seeds in our young when she carries out special class visits and talks next week. Thanks also to **Mrs Lucy Storey** who co-ordinated this event and to the large number of staff who participated. We were also grateful to staff and parents (**Cath Callaghan** is one that comes to mind) that stayed on to assist in the distribution of fruit to participating students. **It was a lovely morning of sunshine!**



FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 10th 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 wish to setup a



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.

EMPOWERING WOMEN'S EVENING—SHALOM COLLEGE



ALL WELCOME: After the success of last year's 'Empowering Women - Breakfast', we are looking to go bigger and better this year with an Empowering Women's Evening, held on Monday 13 May (the day after Mother's Day) with special guest Libby Trickett!

6:00-8:30pm, Shalom College Performing Arts Precinct

TICKETS: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRGCD>

The evening will feature a one-on-one interview with Libby Trickett, one of Australia's Swimming Golden Girls, and interviewer Scott Lamond (Chief of Staff at ABC Wide Bay).

Libby collected 24 gold medals on the international stage across Olympic, Commonwealth Games and World Championships events. This included eight long course and seven short course world titles, five Commonwealth Games and four Olympic gold medals which were won at three consecutive Olympic Games. Since retiring from swimming, she has become a passionate mental health advocate, written her memoir, *Beneath the Surface*, become a TEDx Speaker, and is the host of multiple podcasts, talking about sport in different ways – from how to keep kids in sport to elite athletes transitioning into life after their sporting career, and another podcast on the Mamamia media network called *This Glorious Mess*. Most importantly, she has her hands full, running after her four young children, Poppy, Edwina, Bronte, and Alfie.

A perfect gift for Mother's Day, or a chance to attend this event with friends, all welcome, male or female.

Tickets \$35-45pp + booking fees. The evening will include drinks and canapés in the Foyer from 6pm, then from 7pm guests will move into the Theatre to see keynote speaker, Libby Trickett. Tickets include a drink on arrival and canapés.

This is public event - all members of the community are welcome to attend.

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TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 15th April - Friday 19th April		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
WEEK 2	Week 22nd April - 26th April		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	5P
Wednesday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	8:40am	5G
Thursday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY		
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course - Prep to Year 2	9:00am	St Patrick's
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 3	Week 29th April - 3rd May		
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Years 3 to 6	9:00am	Shalom
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 4	Week 6th May - 10th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 5	Week 13th May - 17th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	District Cross Country - no interschool sport	All Day	Avoca SS
WEEK 6	Week 20th May - 24th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 27th May - 31st May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday–Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 8	Week 3rd June - 7th June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1M
WEEK 9	Week 10th June - 14th June		
Monday	Field Events Day - students born 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1H
Friday	Senior Athletics Carnival - students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	Shalom
WEEK 10	Week 17th June - 21st June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1Z
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	All Day	St Patrick's

OUT AND ABOUT

PLAY

St. Patrick's Catholic School

FOR the KICKS

Parents please note there is no school supervision at this weekly clinic and parental supervision is required.

FIRST SESSION | Thursday 9th May

TIME | 3:15pm - 4:15pm

DURATION | 6 Weeks



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St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten

Open Day

Wednesday 29 May 2024
3.30pm-5.30pm

Fun activities for children
Come and take a tour and explore our Centre.
Meet our dedicated team!

Contact Us
Ph 0436 114 480
39 Woondooma St Bundaberg

Early Learning & Care



HOT SHOTS

TENNIS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Our qualified coaches will provide personalised instruction to help your child to develop technically and tactically in a fun and nurturing environment. The program will foster sportsmanship and enhance their coordination, speed, strength, and agility.

Costs
Term Fee : \$70
Annual Club Membership : \$20

All equipment provided!

When :
Tuesday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm
Thursday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 9.45 am
*One session may be attended by your child each week.

Where :
6C Powers St, Bundaberg West

For bookings and additional information
Phone : 0434345048

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Does your 8-14 year old child struggle with reading?



GRIFF LINC READING RESEARCH



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FREE ONLINE TUTORING FOR 6 MONTHS

Students must be available 2 -3 times per week for 30 mins

The Griff Linc Reading Research team has developed a new tutoring method for middle years students struggling with reading. The tutors use artificial intelligence to write short texts specific to your child's interests and reading level, and use a six-step teaching method during each tutoring session. The researchers collect data on your child's reading assessments at the beginning and end of the project, as well as video recordings of the tutoring sessions. This data will be used to evaluate the impact of the project on middle years students struggling with reading.

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