



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

15th February 2024

This week we were asked to provide information to the local newspaper about 2024 leaders. It was timely, as last week we inducted our Year 6 students as leaders of St. Patrick's for the duration of this school year. The liturgy was hinged around the theme of journeying together. House Captains will be announced as an extra layer of leadership, on St. Patrick's Day, but Year Six were challenged to consider how they would embrace the role of leadership both individually and collectively. Last year you might remember me sharing my favourite example of how to lead a community on a journey, modelled to us by geese. I have seen many versions of this 'life lesson' from nature and have included the following link for those for whom the concept is new.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrgz6pqSutI>

Students viewed this clip and were asked to identify how they'd use their gifts and talents to benefit the community on their Year Six, St. Patrick's journey. Responses included;

- *Bart W - in the musical by bringing everyone together into 'V' formation. Like geese, we will work together to produce a musical St. Patrick's will be proud of.*
- *Elexia P - to show good sportsmanship in Challenge Cup and School sport, wearing St. Patrick's uniform with pride.*
- *Ella S - by participating in our Reef Guardians project. I learned from a story about geese how it will be 71% easier if we fly together, helping each other to achieve great things.*
- *Archer J - by representing my school by playing Rugby League at Challenge Cup.*
- *Hannah V - I hope to show leadership by helping anyone in need or who might look lonely. Be kind to others, not just my best friends and in encouraging others to follow their dreams.*

This cohort have certainly started the year in full flight by nominating themselves for committees, trying out for sporting teams, preparing to adopt their 'Little Buddies' and/or auditioning for the school musical 'Madagascar'. Jett S suggested he was interested in showing leadership by nominating himself for the Mini-Vinnies committee, to not only help our school but people in need outside of our school. This was very much the message we heard at our Ash Wednesday ceremony and our Mini Vinnies group leapt into action to raise awareness and money for Caritas through their Shrove Tuesday pancake activity.

It is important to provide a myriad of opportunities to harness the enthusiasm and energy of young men and woman and we are lucky to have Jesus' servant leadership as a model for developing good, strong, moral leaders for a world that will need them tomorrow.

Kim O'Shea-Hard



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to go our
school
website



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to go to the
Parish
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Absentees

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PROJECT COMPASSION CHALLENGE



Next week students will receive their small donation boxes to take home and find a few coins to put in them during Lent. Our first Lent challenge is called ‘Helping Hands’. Money we raise as a school community will go toward supporting local health workers in the Philippines and aim to provide a 10 000L water tank to assist with clean water harvesting for a school in Samoa. When students bring in their donations, they will receive some ‘Helping Hands’ to add to our school total (displayed outside the library). It’s a fun way for our students to get involved in helping others during Lent.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT—PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Written by Michael McGirr



Genesis 9:8–15 | 1 Peter 3:18–22 | Mark 1:12–15

Mark’s Gospel is bold and challenging. It doesn’t beat around the bush. Throughout this year, there will be many Sundays when we really need to tune in because Mark’s Gospel doesn’t wait for the reader to be ready. It is right in your face, to use a modern expression. Sometimes Mark reminds us of the wise old person who doesn’t use many words, but every one of those words counts. There can’t be many books of so few pages that have had such a mighty impact on the world.

Today, a few lines tell us that Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and ‘was tempted by Satan.’ He was ‘with the wild beasts’, meaning he was vulnerable as he was immersed in the natural world. This was surely an experience of struggle and growth. Then suddenly Jesus discovers that John the Baptist has been arrested. In a few lines, Mark creates the impression of a challenging time.

How did Jesus respond? He seems to have been enlivened, to have decided to create change. He is full of energy and purpose. ‘The time has come,’ he says. In his vulnerability, he has discovered that ‘the kingdom of God is close at hand.’

This year, through Project Compassion, Caritas Australia will ask us to consider several stories of vulnerability and hope in action. Over the coming weeks, we will meet a number of extraordinary women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. They remind us that in many situations around the world, women are the heart of the community and the drivers of change. In each case, a partnership involving Caritas Australia and local agencies has led to new opportunities not just for an individual but for families and communities. The kingdom of God is, indeed, closer than we think. Together with Ronita, Leaia and Memory, our decisions help to bring it to reality around the globe.

Perhaps we might spend time with the words of today’s Psalm: ‘God guides me in the right path; God teaches the Lord’s way to the poor.’



Memory collects water at her family village in Mwanza district, southern Malawi. Photo: Tim Lam/Caritas Australia

PRAYER



We pray for all those around the world who are vulnerable to the impact of poverty, violence, and climate change. May our generosity towards Project Compassion be a measure of our commitment to global change.
Amen

MINI FAIR

Watch this space for information about the end of term Mini Fair. One of the students’ favourite fundraising events of our year. All money will go toward our ‘Helping Hands’ Project Compassion fundraising efforts.



PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



Parish Mass Invitation

All family and friends of
St Patrick's

Year 3 Classes

Are invited to join us for

Parish Mass

On Monday, February 19
@9am

In St Patrick's Church



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

FORMAL HATS & BACKPACK/SACHEL STOCK

We are pleased to advise that Innstyle Mensland have now received stock of formal hats, and AASTAT have received stock of St Patrick's backpack/satchel. If you had a pending order for these items, please call into our suppliers to collect. We thank you for your patience whilst we awaited delivery of these items.

INTERSPORT DONATION

We would like to convey our sincere appreciation to Gail & Michael Pimm from Intersport Bundaberg, for their generous donation of black leather school shoes to our school. It is greatly appreciated and we know the donation will be utilised by many students and families for the year ahead. Thank you Gail & Michael!



CHILD PROTECTION RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

The Department of Education has drawn our attention to their new website '[Preventing child sexual abuse](#)' which is a **resource for parents** to raise awareness of sexual abuse, and prevention activities. The website links to the recently released national campaign [One Talk at a Time](#) which was developed by the National Office for Child Safety, as well as a range of other resources. Please feel free to use and share these links as appropriate.

"[e-kidna](#) group" is a partnership that grew from the passion of three national child protection organisations – Act for Kids, Bravehearts and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation – collaborating in the fight against child sexual abuse. The e-kidna hub is a platform for change, a place to loudly advocate to governments and those that can ensure change for our kids. With our collective knowledge, e-kidna offers resources for parents, carers, and those with children in their lives to understand how all adults can play a part in helping to keep kids safe. <https://e-kidna.com.au/> contains information for parents.

One Talk at a Time

Conversations with the people around us have the power to prevent child sexual abuse. Let's end child sexual abuse, one talk at a time.



SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2024

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter each week detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events. Gaining selection in a Bundaberg District Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg District, students must be born 2012, 2013 & 2014 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March. Please be aware of the following points:

- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects students in U10, U11 and U12 categories due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg District trials are not 'have a go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb, Ms Gollshewsky or Annette Hammermeister. Students will not be able to participate in the trials without a **Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form**.
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aquathlon are the exceptions - Wide Bay School Sport are responsible for the selection of these teams.

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Netball	Girls	10-11 years	Thursday 29 February	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
		12 years Plus 10-11 year call backs	Thursday 7 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
	Boys	10-12 years Plus 12 year call backs	Thursday 14 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
Basketball	Girls & Boys	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 12 February Thursday 15 February	Bundaberg Basketball Stadium	4:15 to 5:30pm
Softball	Girls & Boys	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 26 February Monday 4th March	Bundaberg Softball Grounds	3:30 to 5:00pm
AFL	Girls & Boys	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Monday 26 February Monday 4th March	ATW AFL Grounds	3:45 to 5:15pm
Touch Football	Girls	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Friday 23 February Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45 to 5:30pm
	Boys	2012, 2013 & exceptional 2014 players	Thursday 29 February Friday 1 March	Bundy Touch Association	3:45 to 5:30pm
Golf	Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close on Friday 1 March. A golf handicap will be required for nomination purposes. Please see Annette Hammermeister if interested or for more information.				

WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT

Swimmers must be born 2014, 2013 & 2012. The 2024 Queensland 10-12 Years Schools Swimming Championships will be held at Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane over 26 – 28 March.

Parents must ensure to submit nominations by survey link by Monday 19th February. Students selected will be notified directly on the parent email provided.

Nominate via this link

10-19 Years Nomination

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/bDRh03w>



10-19 Years Multi-Class Nomination

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/dLgh4QE>



Selection in the Wide Bay Regional Team is gained by submitting times swum in the 50 metre pool in a QSA sanctioned meet. When times are submitted, they must be verified by printouts from Meet Manager and then stamped and signed by the club's secretary or record keeper. If this procedure is not followed, times will not be accepted.

SHALOM SAVE THE DATE

Information Evening - Wednesday 21 February 2024 - REGISTER NOW > <https://enrol.scbgroc.catholic.edu.au/information-evening>

Open Day - Tuesday 5 March 2024 - REGISTER NOW > <https://enrol.scbgroc.catholic.edu.au/open-day>

Applications Close - Friday 19 April 2024 - ONLINE ENROLMENT > <https://enrol.scbgroc.catholic.edu.au/secondary-school-enrolment/start>



Save the Dates YEAR 7 2025



INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 21 February 2024

7.00pm-8:30pm

Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

REGISTER at www.shalomcollege.com



COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 5 March 2024

9.15am - 11.30am

Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

REGISTER at www.shalomcollege.com



APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 19 April 2024

Online Enrolment

www.shalomcollege.com



May-June 2024

Appointments for interviews allocated & interviews commence

By 31 July 2024

Notification sent to advise of acceptance outcome

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE
BUNDABERG

Catholic Schools

RACE DAY 2024
CELESTIAL CELEBRATION



OVER
18
EVENT

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN AT 11:30AM

Limited tickets available!
on sale 5 February

Admission \$80

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE MARQUEE
PARTY, 2 FREE DRINK TICKETS,
FINGER FOOD & A BUS TO THE CBD



*Tickets go on sale
Monday 5 February via the link*

[https://www.trybooking.com/
COQMY](https://www.trybooking.com/COQMY)

★ FASHION PARADE
★ HUGE RAFFLE

TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 2	Week 29th January–2nd February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Friday	Opening School Mass	9.00am	Years 3-6
WEEK 3	Week 5th February–9th February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5M
Friday	Year 6 Leadership Induction	9.00am	Whole School
WEEK 4	Week 12th February–16th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8:40am	Whole School
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 5	Week 19th February–23rd February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 1 & 5
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 6	Week 26th February–1st March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6K
WEEK 7	Week 4th March–8th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2N
Thursday	Dance Night	5:00pm	Whole School
WEEK 8	Week 11th March–15th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2L
Thursday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy	9.00am	Whole School
WEEK 9	Week 18th March–22nd March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 2
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
WEEK 10	Week 25th March - 29th March		
Monday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4M & 4K
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4F
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	5G
Thursday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:15am	Whole School

2024 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Monday 22 January - Thursday 28 March
TERM 2	Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
TERM 3	Monday 8 July - Friday 13 September
TERM 4	Monday 30 September - Friday 6 December

2024 SPORT DATES

Friday 26th April	Junior Obstacle Course	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
Monday 29th April	Cross Country	Years 3 to 6	Shalom College
Friday 14th June	Senior Athletics Day	Students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	Shalom College
Friday 21st June	Junior Athletics Day	Students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	St Patrick's
Friday 29th November	Swimming Carnival	Years 3 to 6	Bundaberg

OUT AND ABOUT

\$60 FOR 6 WEEKS

BPPA

STARTING 16 TH FEB

BUNDY POWER PICKLEBALL ACADEMY

IFPA coaches

CLUB MEMBERSHIP \$20 PER YEAR

JUNIORS FROM 5 YEARS TO 17 YEARS



CATERING FOR 3 GROUPS

- * BEGINNERS FOCUS ON FUN
- * INTERMEDIATE WANTING TO IMPROVE
- * ADVANCED PREPARING FOR COMPS

FRIDAYS 4 PM TO 5 PM

PH BARRY 0427520980 FOR BOOKINGS



IMAGINE THE FUN



Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

Bundaberg Cricket Blast (5-12y/o)
\$79 Per Participant (including Blast Pack)
Thursday's 4pm - 5pm at Salter Oval
Starts 8th February, Ends 14th March
Scan the QR Code, or Search 'Bundaberg Cricket Association' on Play.Cricket.com.au



SIGN UP TODAY!

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY

Woolworths

CRICKET AUSTRALIA

Play Cricket

BUNDABERG BROTHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INVITES YOU TO COME AND TRY DAYS

13th February & 20th February
3.30pm til 5pm
Brothers Training Ground (behind Brothers Sports Club)



Join us for a sausage sizzle afterwards

Have you always wanted to try something new? Join us for a fun-filled afternoon and discover the best game in world Rugby League!



S.C. CORINTHIANS FOOTBALL PRESENTS OUR 2024

SOCCER

Come and Try

MARTENS SAT 17TH FEBRUARY FROM 11AM

OVAL

WE ARE HOLDING AN OPEN REGISTRATION DAY THAT WILL COINCIDE WITH OUR SENIOR TEAMS PLAYING IN TRIAL MATCHES.

EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE YOU NEED TO START THE SOCCER SEASON WITH US... IN ONE PLACE!

OUR SENIOR FOPL TEAMS WILL TAKE ON TEAMS FROM CENTRAL FOOTBALL CLUB FROM 2PM.

COFFEE VAN ON SITE

PLUS OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

FAMILY. FRIENDLY. FUN.





READY-SET-CONNECT KIDS

Does your child have a developmental delay, diagnosis, or an NDIS plan? Come and meet service providers in your area who can help.

BUNDABERG READY-SET-CONNECT KIDS

WHAT?

An informative and free networking event connecting Parents, Carers and Teachers with disability providers offering services for children with a disability or developmental delay.

You will be moving from table to table meeting disability providers and organisations in your area who offer a range of child-relevant services.

Gather information. Ask questions. Make meaningful contacts to assist with your child's development.

WHO?

Parents, Carers and Teachers of children with disability or developmental delay. Support coordinators who support children also welcome.

WHEN?

7 March 2024
10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

WHERE?

Bundaberg Multiplex Sport & Convention Centre
1 Civic Avenue, Bundaberg West QLD

FREE EVENT

TO REGISTER VISIT:

onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

Interested in becoming a Table Host? Visit our website to register.

info@onecommunity.net.au onecommunity.net.au/ready-set-connect

CALLING ALL GIRLS



COME AND TRY RUGBY LEAGUE

**WHEN: 12TH &
26TH FEBRUARY
TIME: 4-5.30PM**

**WHERE: BUNDABERG
NORTH SHS**

**IF YOU ARE 12 YEARS OLD
AND ABOVE
BJRL COMBINED INVITES YOU
TO COME ALONG AND HAVE
SOME FUN**

CONTACT GAYE @ REGISTRARBJRL@HOTMAIL.COM

GIVE HOCKEY A GO

Come along and enjoy a FREE 5-week program for All kids 4-13 years old to "Give Hockey A Go!"

FRIDAY NIGHTS

23 February – 22 March 2024

4:45pm – 6:30pm

Bundaberg Hockey Fields, North Bundaberg

FREE - FUN - FITNESS