



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

3 November 2023

The following summary is one I have carried with me for some time. I am unsure of its exact origin, but I believe it was written in summary of Robert Fulghum's best seller 'All I needed to know I learnt at'. It goes something like this;

ALL I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED AT PRESCHOOL

*Share everything,
Be aware of wonder,
Play fair,
Don't hit people,
Put things back where you found them,
Clean up your own mess,
Don't take things that aren't yours,
Say you're sorry when you hurt someone.
Wash your hands before you eat,
Always flush,
Goldfish, white mice and hamsters do die,
So do we.
Take a nap every afternoon.
Live a balanced life—learn some, think some,
Draw and paint and sing and dance
And play and work every day.
When you go out in the world,
Watch out for traffic and hold hands.*

Our youngest students no longer get a 'nap every afternoon' since the introduction of the Australian Curriculum. However, this piece illustrates the enormous role our early years teachers and parents play in teaching students the foundations from which they will build their social and emotional lives. Recently we held our Prep Orientation which was a lovely way to welcome our newest families in to the community.

At this time of year, we are receiving many enrolment enquiries. Sadly, we are saying no to some wonderful families whom we would love to include in 2024 if positions were to arise. If your family is leaving our school community at the end of the year, please let us know as soon as you are able. We would be greatly appreciative of your support and communication in this process.

Kim O'Shea-Hard



Click our school crest to go our school website calendar.



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ABSENTEES

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APRE NEWS

This year our Mini Vinnies Team has certainly carried out St Vincent de Paul's words: "Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows." A wonderful team of young people who ask for no accolades, but are willing to give of their time for others. They will finish their year with one more major work of mercy.

Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Every year the St Patrick's school community, led by our Mini Vinnies Team, donates items to assist those less fortunate at Christmas. St Vincent de Paul collects these donations from us and distributes them to families in need. We are asking each year level to donate specific items for our Christmas Appeal. By each year level donating something different we will be able to make Christmas hampers for local families in need.

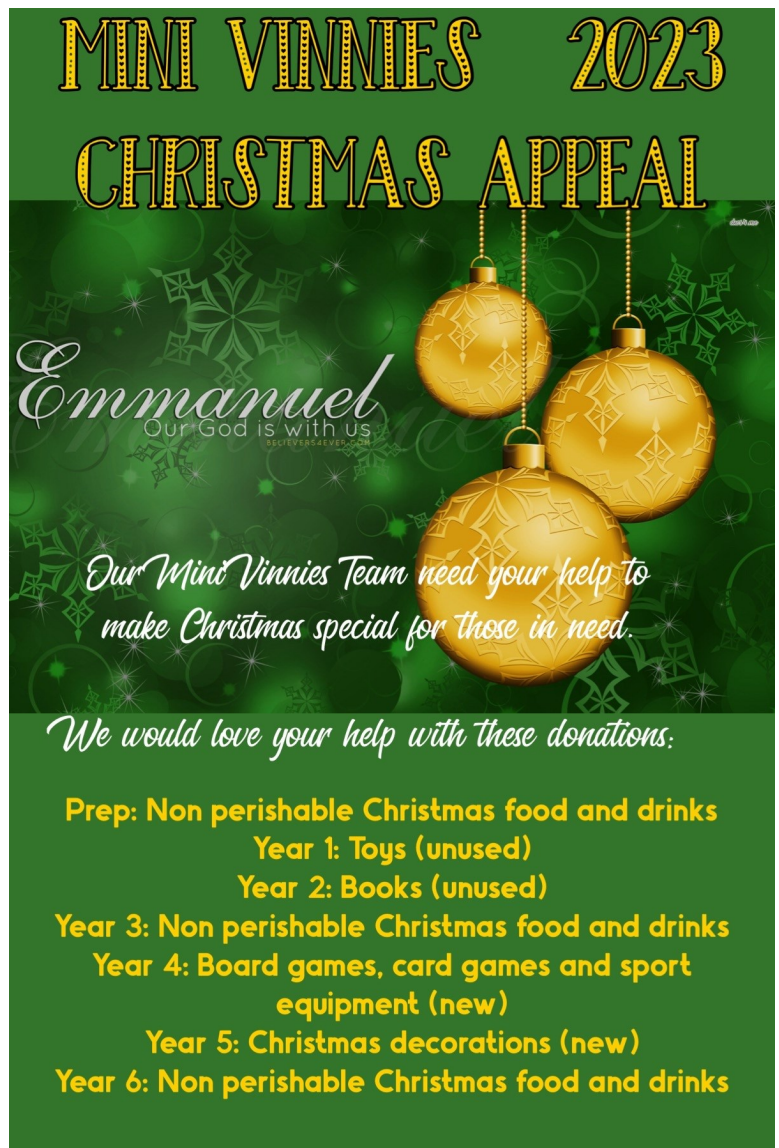
We are asking each year level to donate the following:

- Prep: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 1: New (unused) toys
- Year 2: New (unused) books
- Year 3: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- Year 4: New (unused) Board games, card games and sport equipment
- Year 5: New (unused) Christmas decorations
- Year 6: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks

A basket has been placed outside each year level for the donations to be collected. Please open your hearts to those in our community who need our help this Christmas.



**Please
Donate**



**MINI VINNIES 2023
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Emmanuel
Our God is with us

*Our Mini Vinnies Team need your help to
make Christmas special for those in need.*

We would love your help with these donations:

Prep: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks
Year 1: Toys (unused)
Year 2: Books (unused)
Year 3: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks
**Year 4: Board games, card games and sport
equipment (new)**
Year 5: Christmas decorations (new)
Year 6: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW DUE

Please login to [Parent Lounge](#) to indicate your child's race preferences by Friday 3rd November. Please choose only one option for Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke. Students must nominate in at least one event in the program. All students are expected to participate in at least one event unless there is a health matter that prevents their involvement in this carnival.

The Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 24th November at the Bundaberg Swim Academy, Fitzgerald Street.

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am

Years 5 & 6: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Presentations: 2:00 pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2011-2013)

All students are encouraged to nominate for an A/B/C division race in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke events. Students must nominate in at least one event. Novelty events will be included in the program. The carnival will involve all students and the aim is to make the day enjoyable for all students with an emphasis on maximum participation.

'A' DIVISION RACES (Age Champion Event) – 50m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 50m events need to be able to swim correctly and confidently the entire 50m. **Please note that all children born 2015 are not eligible to enter A Division races and must nominate for either B or C Division only.**

'B' DIVISION RACES – 25m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 25m events will be starting in the pool and swim correctly and confidently the entire 25m.

'C' DIVISION RACES – 12m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 12m events will be starting in the pool and swim with or without the assistance of a kickboard to a half-way rope.

Children will travel by bus to the Bundaberg Swim Academy with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Students may wear their school sports uniform and House coloured shirt to school on this day. Year 3 & 4 students are required to wear their swimming togs under their uniform upon arrival to school. Year 5 & 6 students can elect to do the same, or alternatively change into their swimming gear, sun-shirt and thongs/sandals prior to leaving the school grounds. Underwear, uniform, shoes and socks will remain at school and children will change into their uniforms upon returning to school after the carnival. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

All students are required to wear a sun-shirt as this meets with sun-safety regulations. The school will provide sunscreen for students. The only items that students will take with them to the pool are goggles, towel/s, water bottle and a bag to carry their belongings. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school with the Year 5 & 6 students eating before leaving the school.

CULTURAL NIGHT



St Patrick's Annual Cultural Night Tuesday 14th November 2023 5:30pm

at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

TICKETS ON SALE NOW via the Trybooking website

Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMOXD>

Tickets \$5 per head and performing students will not require a ticket.

STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 5:00PM FOR A 5:30PM START

Students performing at the 2023 Cultural night include Year 3 students, Junior and Senior Choir and Junior and Senior Strings. All students will be required to wear the following uniforms for performances:

Group	Performance uniform
Year 3	Year 3 Strings performance uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White dress shirt – long sleeve button up with collar (supplied by school)• long black dress pants• black socks, school shoes
Junior Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prep: school uniform• Years 1-2: Formal school uniform• Year 3: strings performance uniform (see above)
Senior Choir	Performance Uniform
Junior Strings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black shirt – long sleeve button up with collar• long black dress pants• black socks, school shoes
Senior Strings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• black socks, school shoes <p>* Year 3 students in Junior Strings will wear Year 3 Strings performance uniform</p>

Following the performance, Year 3 children (who are not in other performance groups) will sit together at the front of the PAP to watch other performances, under teacher supervision. They will be released to parents at the conclusion of the evening and their instruments will be available for collection at the left side of the foyer area of the PAP. All other students will sit together in the Performing Arts block, under teacher supervision.

All performing students will travel by bus to Shalom from 11.30am onwards on Tuesday 14th November for a rehearsal on stage at the Performing Arts Precinct. Students will return to school by approximately 2.00pm. If your child is required to catch a bus at 2.45pm please inform the office or make alternative pick up arrangements on that day in the event that the returning buses are delayed.

PARENTAL CONSENTS

As part of Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton, St Patrick's has as its highest priority the safety and well-being of our students. One of our key processes for upholding student protection is seeking up-to-date parental consents to inform how we share student images and information in accordance with parent directives. In order to achieve this we have introduced an online consent system via Parent Lounge to enable parents to update consents at any time.

Some parents may have received an email this week asking to login to [Parent Lounge](#) and update consents for your child/ren. Note if you have more than one child, this update will need to be completed for each child.

Please note the following descriptions for the five consent areas:-

Promo, Website, Ext Display – refers to external displays, website and promotional material for the school, CEDR and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

Social Media – refers to Facebook for the school, CEDR and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission.

In local, regional, state, and national media – refers to outlets representing the school.

Sharing my/our personal information (limited to name, address, telephone numbers, occupation) – refers to sharing information to its associated supporting groups such as the P&F, sporting and cultural support groups.

Disclosing data with ACARA – refers to the school disclosing information to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) such as gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation, and parental education. The information provided is anonymous and will be used in formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance and assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters. CEDR encourages parents to provide this information as the exclusion of data could result in reduced funding for St Patrick's.

Thank you in advance for assisting us in enhancing our student protection processes. Please contact the office if you require any assistance.

HOW TO GUIDE

From the Parent Lounge home page, simply click on the **Student Details** heading, then **General Details** and scroll down to the **Consents** section. Click on the blue **Update** button and enter **Y** or **N** for each consent listed.

Update Consents

* Promo, Website, Ext Display	<input type="text"/>
* Social Media	<input type="text"/>
* In local, regional, state media	<input type="text"/>
* Sharing my/our personal inform	<input type="text"/>
* Disclosing data with ACARA	<input type="text"/>

Enter Y or N for each consent listed and then click **Submit Changes**.

Cancel Submit Changes

OSHC SURVEY

Co-ordinator Claire O'Connell and team, run an excellent OSHC program under our St. Patrick's and Catholic Education banner. Traditionally, our students have accessed Vacation Care via our brother and sister Catholic schools. In recent times it would seem there has been a growth in the number of our parents wanting to access Vacation Care and Before School Care.

If you use or would like to access OSHC in any shape or form, could you please use the QR code to assist DCEO to reassess the needs of this service, not only for St. Patrick's, but the Bundaberg Region. In the meantime, please continue to book your Vacation Care via the other two schools.

CLICK HERE



Bundaberg Catholic Primary School Family Survey

Please scan the QR code below to complete a short survey regarding the utilisation of Outside School Hours Care.

The survey is open to all families enrolled at Catholic Education Primary Schools in the Bundaberg region, whether or not your family currently accesses OSHC services.



Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

Early Learning & Care



OUT AND ABOUT



SHALOM ROWING COME & TRY

**OPEN TO ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS
GOING INTO YEAR 7 AT SHALOM IN 2024**

**MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER
3.30PM TO 5.30PM**

**WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER
3.30PM TO 5.30PM**

**SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER
7AM TO 9AM**

Bundaberg Rowing Club, Quay St

(at the back of the Rowers on the River Restaurant)

Please bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, thongs, fairly tight fitting clothes

REGISTER NOW >



ALL WELCOME!

Your crew becomes your family



Rowing is the ultimate team sport



SCHOOL SAVVY IS BACK FOR 2024

Bundaberg region residents can look forward to the School Savvy pop-up shops returning in 2024, with shops in Bundaberg, Childers and Gin Gin once again set to open.

From January 8, students from families facing financial struggles will be able to access quality second-hand uniforms and essential booklist stationery supplies at extremely affordable prices.

Uniform donations are now being accepted through donation locations across the area. For a current list of donation points, please visit www.catholiccarecq.com/ donation points

Support your local community and make a difference in a school student's life. The School Savvy CQ team is looking forward to seeing you.

TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 2nd October - 6th October		
Monday	KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Tuesday	First Day Term 4		
Wednesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Mini Vinnies
WEEK 2	Week 9th October - 13th October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
WEEK 3	Week 16th October - 20th October		
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2024
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6
Tuesday - Wednesday	Prep Vision Screening	All Day	Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
WEEK 4	Week 23rd October - 27th October		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2L
WEEK 5	Week 30th October - 3rd November		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
WEEK 6	Week 6th November - 10th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4C
Thursday	Shalom Instrumental Music Day–Year 7 2024	8:30am	Year 6 Strings
Friday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8:40am	Year 5
WEEK 7	Week 13th November - 17th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	5:30pm	Music
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
WEEK 8	Week 20th November - Friday 24th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am 11:00-12:30pm	Years 3 & 4 Years 5 & 6
WEEK 9	Week 27th November - Friday 1st December		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
Wednesday	Celebration Night	6:00pm	Whole School
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:15am	Whole School
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	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