



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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Below is an extract from a homily by Richard Leonard that Fr Andrew recently shared. He relates our own experiences to the experience of Jesus in the desert. I'd encourage you to have a read – it ends with some good advice.

It's important to remember in our own particular deserts that temptation is not sin. To be tempted by something is not the same as doing it. Temptations are the allures that make destructive choices look good. In one sense, the bad news is that we know from the lives of the saints that the closer we get to God, the more temptations increase. The good news is that we can learn how to deal with them.

Usually, temptations have a context and a history. They can come when we are feeling most deserted and vulnerable, and they normally strike us at the most susceptible points in our character. To deal with them we need to be aware of their pattern, the way they con us into believing that the destructive behaviour is 'not that bad,' will be 'just this once,' or 'for the last time.' As well, it helps if we are aware of the danger signs in our lives that can weaken our defences. Tiredness, boredom, anger, alcohol and drug use, lack of good communication, and a poor self-esteem are common realities that can leave us more exposed than usual.

This Lent, as we venture with Christ into our figurative deserts, let's do anything that helps our self-esteem, deals with our anger, attends to why we might work or drink too much, and ensures that we are less stressed. Against what we might think, these activities could be the most helpful ways we can make sure we emerge from our desert the better for having been there.

School Leadership

Next week, I will commence Long Service Leave, and I am looking forward to spending some time travelling with my family, and attending a Faith Education Conference.

I am extremely fortunate at St Patrick's to work with a wonderful staff who are supported by an outstanding Leadership Team. In my absence, there will be a slight renegotiation of roles. Cathy Wilson will be more involved supporting Mrs Hammermeister in areas of Administration, and Kelsie Brosnan will join the team for three weeks to support Mrs Wilson in Curriculum. During the last two weeks before Easter vacation, Ms Brosnan will return to her Year Two class, and Mrs Nash will join the Leadership Team.

As a Leadership Team, we do work very closely together, and because of this, any disruption will be absolutely minimal.

Mark Fox

KEY DATES FOR WEEK 6



- Monday—No Parish Mass
- Monday—Swimming Lessons Year 3-6
- Tuesday-Thursday –Courtyard Prayer 8.40am 3ST
- Thursday—Welcome Dance Night 5-7pm
- Friday—3C Liturgy 8.45am
- Friday—Assembly 5P and Awards 10.25am



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Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



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FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS

Flashing lights now active at St Patrick's

This week flashing light school zone signs were installed on George St.

St Patrick's was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.

You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

Next time you're dropping off or picking up your child, keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.



SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2018

Please note the following date claimers for sports trials. Further information regarding eligibility can be found in previous newsletters, and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to see Mrs Annette Hammermeister for clarification.



Tennis Boys & Girls Trials: 15 March; Rotary Tennis Courts, George St; 8:45am – 3:00pm

Touch Boys & Girls Trials: March 2/9; Bundaberg Touch Association Fields; 3:45 pm – 5:30 p.m.

Basketball Boys & Girls Trials: Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 1st March; Bundaberg Basketball Stadium, Bundaberg; 3.45 – 5.00pm

Golf Boys & Girls to Dean Pickup at dpick42@eg.edu.au or fax to Gin Gin State School 41332325. NOMINATIONS Close: 2 March. HANDICAP & GOLFLINK NUMBER required on nomination form.

Football BOYS U/12 - Tuesday 13 March (**ONLY BOYS BORN 2006**); Wednesday 14 March (**ONLY BOYS BORN 2007 & 2008**); Tuesday 20 March - **ALL BOYS INVITED BACK FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEKS**); Bundaberg North State High School; 4:00pm – 5:30 pm.

Football GIRLS U/12 - Monday 12 March & Monday 19 March (**must attend both days**); Bundaberg North State High School; 4:00pm – 5:30 pm.

WELCOME DANCE NIGHT

Welcome Dance Night will be held on Thursday 1st March. Our annual dance night is a wonderful way to welcome new families to the school and for our students to showcase their dancing talents they have developed through their Physical Education lessons.

Gates Open—5:00pm for a Sausage Sizzle (\$2 sausage on bread catered by P&F) or you are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with your family on the oval.

Dance presentation begins 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

The dance presentation will be held on the senior oval. Students will be seated in designated areas and supervised by teachers in their respective year levels during the performances. Students will remain with their classmates in their designated areas for the duration of the performances, with parents sitting in an area behind the children. Folding chairs are recommended for parents. Each student will be involved in three dances. Our students have worked very hard to learn their dances and are looking forward to this performance to showcase their skills.

To create a great atmosphere we encourage the children to dress in the themes to complement their performances, although this is not a compulsory requirement.



COSTUME THEMES

Prep & Year 1 – Bright Colours

Years 2, 3 & 4 – Cowboys/Cowgirls

Years 5 & 6 – Swag and cool

RE NEWS

On Wednesday of next week (February 28) the children undertaking the Sacramental Program will celebrate their Reconciliation. They will be at Holy Rosary from 7pm for the ceremony. We would like to wish those children all the very best on their faith journey.

Gabby Aitkenhead, Savannah Aplin, Freya Cook, Jessica Dunn, Thomas Elphinstone, Kirra Franks-O'Brien, Dustin Franks-O'Brien, Asha Hartnett, Annie Harris, Luca Harvey, Joshua Joji, Joann Jithesh, Jerome Jose, Mia Mazeth, Luke McMahon, Kai Todd, Lucy Walters, Raign Warner and Abigail White



FINANCE NEWS

Fees have been issued and are due payable today 23rd February **unless you have a payment plan in place**. If you have a regular payment plan in place this merely serves as a statement for your records. Statements/invoices are emailed so please ensure correct and up to date addresses or any changes are advised straightaway.

Information for new families and a reminder to existing families...

Fees

Invoice/Statements are emailed to families by end of second week of each term and are payable within 14 days unless you have a regular payment plan in place. In order to keep St Patrick's Catholic Primary School fees to a minimum, it is imperative that all of our accounts are paid on time. Contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies to establish a payment plan and/or confirm whether you have a direct debit plan you wish to amend and/or continue. **A DIRECT DEBIT PLAN IS NOT NECESSARILY AUTOMATICALLY CARRY FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR.** For payment by direct debit or credit card, please complete the appropriate forms on the website.

Other payment options are outlined in the attached document.

If you have a valid government concession card, please present this to the finance secretary to receive your entitlement of 70% discount on tuition fees.

Should you have any queries regarding your account, please contact Finance Secretary Maria Davies at spbg_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au or on 4152 1380 or call into the office at any time.

Student Banking

Student banking will continue each Monday. Click on this link to register your child <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> for student banking.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROMOTION

St Patrick's is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools Promotion, so please bring your vouchers to the designated box in the office that will go directly towards the school receiving new sporting equipment.



How does it work?



Step 1

For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.



Step 2

Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.



Step 3

Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.



OUT AND ABOUT



Family fun with more than 80 years of success.

Come and Try Days

We are seeking new players aged 6 - 16 years. Come along and learn some skills from our club coaches, concluding with a sausage sizzle.

When: Saturday, 17th March 9 - 10:30am
Tuesday, 20th March 4 - 5:30pm

Where: Hinkler Park
Cnr Thornhill St and Hinkler Ave
(Just off the northern end of the Tallon Bridge)

What to Bring: Hat, long socks and water bottle
(Hockey sticks and shin pads supplied)

For more information:

President: Peter McLennan 0428 576238
Secretary: Karen Lindsay 0432 688099
or email: citieshockey@hotmail.com
Facebook: [The Waves Cities Hockey Club](https://www.facebook.com/TheWavesCitiesHockeyClub)



OVER 18 EVENT

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE
BUNDABERG
Catholic Schools
RACE DAY 2018

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN AT 11.30am

Tickets on Sale at
Shalom College and St Patrick's,
St Mary's & St Joseph's Primary Schools

- » Fashion Parade by **HOTLINE BOUTIQUE**
- » **FASHIONS OF THE FIELD**
- » **HUGE RAFFLE**

Limited Tickets Available!
ADMISSION \$60!
Includes entrance to the Marquee Party, 2 Free Drinks, Finger food and Bus to the CBD

TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 22nd January—26th January		
Monday	First Day of Term		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday— Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	
Friday	AUSTRALIA DAY		
WEEK 2	Week 29th January—2nd February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday— Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5B
Friday	Opening School Liturgy and Year 6 Induction	9.00am	6L
	No Assembly and No Awards		
WEEK 3	Week 5th February—9th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year3 - Year 5
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday— Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5B
	Awards Only	10.45am	
WEEK 4	Week 12th February—16th February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8.40am	6R
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	
Friday	No Liturgy		
	Awards Only	10.45am	
WEEK 5	Week 19th February—23rd February		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5W
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3K
	Project Compassion and Caritas (Mini Vinnies)		
WEEK 6	Week 26th February—2nd March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3ST
Thursday	Welcome Dance Night	5.00pm	
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	3C
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	5P
WEEK 7	Week 5th March—9th March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3K
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	5W
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	3ST
WEEK 8	Week 12th March—16th March		
Monday	Parish Mass - St Patrick's Day	9.00am	Whole school
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	3C
Friday	St Patrick's Day Mass	9.00am	6B
	No Assembly or Awards		
WEEK 9	Week 19th March—23rd March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming - Yr 3 9:00am - Yr 4 10:00am - Yr 5 11:00am - Yr 6 12:00pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6R
Friday	No Liturgy		
	Palm Sunday	10.25am	4C & 4W
WEEK 10	Week 26th March - 30th March		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Swimming Carnival - Yr 3/4 9-11am and Yr 5/6 11-12:30pm		Years 3-6
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4L
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	Yr 5
Thursday	Easter Liturgy	9.00am	Yr 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10.15am	Prep to Yr 3
	Mini Fair	11.00am - 12.15pm	
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY		