



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

18 November 2022

Dear Parents

At the end of this year, we will acknowledge and farewell some of our wonderful staff.

Mrs Zana Hook will take Maternity Leave for 2023. We are all looking forward with Zana, Adam and their daughter Rosie to meeting the new addition to their family.

Vicki Allen will finish her contract with us, and she moves to St Mary's to take up a position there next year. We will always be grateful to Vicki for accepting a position with us at short notice and for doing a wonderful job with her Year 5 class this year.

Maddi Spencer finishes her time with us as a Teacher Assistant and will move to Kowanyama where she will begin her teaching career. Maddi has been a very capable teacher assistant and she will make a wonderful teacher. I really admire and respect Maddi's decision to work in rural Queensland where attracting great teachers can be difficult.

Kellie Lerch will move from St Patrick's in Emerald to join our staff next year. Kellie has an excellent reputation as a practitioner and as a staff member and she will be a very welcome addition to the St Patrick's staff.

Mrs Newby will re-join our staff after enjoying some very special time with her beautiful daughter Riley and her husband Ollie. It will be terrific to have Kelsie back on staff.

Mrs O'Shea-Hard was welcomed to our school on Tuesday. She is a wonderful person whom the children will just love and I'm sure our staff will greatly enjoy working with her into the future. Kim is very fortunate to be able to work with such an amazing staff, and I'm sure the school will flourish with Kim's leadership.

I know parents like to plan ahead. Below is an outline of significant school events during the final two weeks. More detail will be provided closer to each event.

*Mark Fox*

## END OF YEAR IMPORTANT EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Thursday 24/11	Farewell Mr Fox	8:40am–9:15am	Multi
Friday 25/11	Senior Swimming	9:00am - 11:00am Years 3 & 4	Bundaberg Swim Academy
	Carnival	11:00am - 1:00pm Years 5 & 6	
Monday 28/11	Year 1 Nativity Play	9:00am - 10:00am	Multi
Tuesday 29/11	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am - 10:30am	Multi
Wednesday 30/11	Celebration Night	6:00pm - 7:30pm (Gates open at 5:00pm)	Senior Oval
Thursday 1/12	End of Year Liturgy	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Multi
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	2:00pm - 2:45pm	Multi
Friday 2/12	Last Day of School	Clean up Day	

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS AND SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS:** Held each year on Christmas Eve, 5.00pm, in Holy Rosary Church. Selection and allocations of parts for the dramatization of the nativity gospel story will take place on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30-4.00pm** in the Novakoski Centre. More information contact Anne at the parish office.

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** Registrations are still being taken for the 2023 program. Contact Anne at the parish office for information and registration, 41516666, or register online at <https://form.jotform.com/222899018048060> . Registrations close February 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.

## MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL



**Mini Vinnies' 2022 Christmas Appeal**

OUR MINI VINNIES TEAM NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR THOSE IN NEED.

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP WITH THESE DONATIONS:

- Prep: School and art supplies (new)
- 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
- Year 5: Christmas decorations (new)
- Year 6: Non perishable Christmas food and drinks

## CELEBRATION NIGHT

*Celebration*  
NIGHT

*Wednesday 30th November*

Our annual Celebration Night will be held on Wednesday 30th November, which is a wonderfully relaxed evening spent on our oval watching our children perform Christmas Carols. We also take the opportunity to farewell any staff that may be leaving us. Please note the following information:-

- Gates will open at 5pm
- All families are welcome to bring a BYO dinner and drinks. All students to wear Christmas colours unless otherwise directed by classroom teachers.
- Performances begin at 6pm with our Prep classes
- We may even get a visit from the man in red at the end of the evening.
- Toilets—all adults and toddlers are to use the toilets at the back of the Parish Hall as student toilets are strictly for student use only.

### Parents please note:

Parents should be aware that school staff are not supervising students during this evening. All students attending should be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for their supervision, and this includes high school age children.

## CHRISTMAS TREATS



At this time of year students like to exchange Christmas cards and treats such as candy canes to other students. We ask that children do not give gifts of candy canes to the other children. It is wonderful that children wish to give things to others, however we ask people to give non food gifts. Unfortunately candy canes can cause issues with a number of children on particular diets, children with allergies to some of the additives, not to mention the high sugar content. Cards, stickers and other small items can give the message that they are thinking of others.

## THANK YOU — SAUSAGE SIZZLE VOLUNTEERS



We would like to extend a sincere thank you to our dedicated parent volunteers that come in each Friday to help at our Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser.

Without your help the sizzle is not possible.

## SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday 25 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 2010-2012)

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 will 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.

## WIDE BAY T20 CRICKET BLAST



Absolutely proud of the effort and sportsmanship of our Boys' T20 Cricket Blast Team. They were runners-up in the Wide Bay Cricket Blast competition held in Maryborough last Friday, going down to the very talented Norville SS team in the final. Congratulations to the boys and their coach Mr Plumb. All can be very proud of their efforts. Thank you, parents for your time, support and encouragement of the team. An enjoyable day was had by all.



## WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATIVES



Congratulations to this group of students who were presented this week with their Wide Bay School Sport certificates for representing Wide Bay in 2022 at state carnivals in their chosen sport. We are extremely proud of these students and their achievements. They were amazing ambassadors for the Wide Bay region and St Patrick's while competing.

- Sophie Aitkenhead—Hockey
- Fred Lewis—Swimming
- Mia Ashmore—Basketball
- Koby Irvine—Swimming
- Indi Hodge—Netball
- Hamish Cook—Hockey
- Charli Pollock—Swimming
- Cruz Kemps—Football



## STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

State Honours Ensemble Program is an educational program for music students that helps extend and encourage their pursuit of musical excellence. Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's State Honours Ensemble Program has grown from relatively modest beginnings in 2001. SHEP is now a firmly established aspect of music learning in Queensland, bringing together young people from all over the State, in regional centres and Brisbane to share their passion for making music. Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University provides four programs in Brisbane and eleven regional programs.

We are thrilled to let you know that two of our students have been accepted into the SHEP program - Vivienne Botha and Lillian Tu. Vivienne will take up this wonderful opportunity to join other students from the state at the beginning of December for a 3 day workshop at Maryborough culminating in a concert at the conclusion of the program.



## SCHOOL SAVVY UNIFORM DONATIONS

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### Low-Cost Uniforms & Stationery Available at School Savvy Pop-Up Shops

If the cost of buying back-to-school uniforms and booklist stationery is a struggle for you or your family, then a visit to a School Savvy pop-up shop in January might be in order. Opening across Bundaberg, Childers, and Gin Gin between January 9 – 13, the School Savvy pop-up shops offer second-hand uniforms and essential booklist stationery at extremely low-cost, giving children and families who are struggling financially an alternative option to going without. All School Savvy pop-up shops operate on an honesty policy and do not impose an eligibility criteria for those wishing to access the service. In the spirit of School Savvy, attendees are encouraged to think of others and only take what they need. To learn more about the School Savvy pop-up shops coming in January, visit [www.schoolsavvycq.com.au](http://www.schoolsavvycq.com.au)