



# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

1st June 2018

It seems discussions regarding data are prolific at the moment, and so I wasn't surprised when an article from Dr Robert Drew was recently published in Education Review and shared at our Principals' Meeting. I'm sure the full article is easily found if you are interested. It began like this.

Applying our background in customer experience and innovation, we turned our attention to the education sector in an effort to create schools that are truly remarkable, that families are drawn to enrol their children into, and that ensure students are ready for their future.

To create schools that are truly remarkable and engaging for our children, we need to understand what drives a family to send their child to a particular school. This research is part of a wider body of work helping schools to change. After interviewing and surveying over 400 families with primary and secondary school-aged children about their views on the schools their children attend, we published some of our findings.

Seventy-five per cent of the families were from fee-paying private schools across Australia, the remaining 25 per cent were from state public schools.

We asked respondents how likely they were to recommend their school to other families, and how they rated their school on 14 different dimensions.

The article is a short interesting read, and his findings were very clear. ***'For families attending private school, by far the most important driver of their likelihood to recommend their school was how they perceived the care the school offered their children.'***

I often ponder why it is that so many really good people choose our school, and I think this research offers a clear insight. It is about caring. I have been doing Prep 2019 enrolment interviews recently, and at every one of them I am clearly reminded of how deeply parents care for their children. I am also reminded of how much these parents hope and trust we will care for their children while they are in our school.

Staff here do care deeply. It is evident daily. The happiness I see from staff is usually generated by student success – progress in reading, a change in attitude, mastery of maths concepts, a great presentation and so on. Similarly when we have tears it will be about a student not giving their best efforts, or how a strategy to improve isn't working as well as was hoped, or maybe a teacher has learned of a tragedy at home.

Each day, I see the time and the emotional energy our staff invest in our students. Sometimes I fear they invest too much of themselves, and yet I also know that the care they show and the energy they invest is a reflection of who they are and what they stand for. Parenting and teaching are the same. They provide a purpose in life that inspires our best, even when things are tough. Thankfully being a community united by care, we are there to support each other.

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## KEY DATES FOR WEEK 8

- Monday – PSDE Parent Information Session 5.00pm – 6.30pm
- Tuesday – Thursday – Courtyard Prayer 1N 8.40am
- Friday – 2B Class Liturgy 8.45am
- Friday – 4W Assembly 10.25am
- Friday – Interschool Sport Years 5 & 6 12.30pm – 2.45pm



### Absentee Email Hotline

[absentees@saintpatricks.qld.edu.au](mailto:absentees@saintpatricks.qld.edu.au)

- ⇒ All absentees should be notified to the office by 9am.
- ⇒ Children arriving later than 8.40am should enter through the office to collect a late slip for the classroom teacher.
- ⇒ If no notification has been received, an absentee text message will be sent out to parents at 10am daily.



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Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish Newsletter.



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# STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

## Semester 1, 2018

### Bus Fare Assistance

Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?

Does your family spend more than **\$20/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$15/week if you hold a concession card)?

Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

### Students With Disability

Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?

Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and

**apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by 31 May**

**2018.**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

## FINANCE NEWS

Fees have been issued and are due payable 15th May **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 generally 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. For payment by direct debit or credit card, relevant forms are also available on the website along with current year schedule of fees and document advising all payment options <http://www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/enrolment/fees-charges/>

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](mailto:spbg_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au) or on 4152 1380 or call into the office at any time.

### Student Banking

Student banking is each Monday. Click on this link to register your child <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html> for student banking. Please note the 'Secret Scratch Pad' is no longer available to redeem as a prize.

## 2018 ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

### 1. 100m & 200m HEATS – Wednesday, 13 June (Students Born 2006, 2007 & 2008)

9:00am – Shalom College

### 2. FIELD EVENTS DAY – Monday, 18 June (Students Born 2006, 2007 & 2008)

Venue: *St Patrick's Catholic School*

Time	Rotation	10yrs	11yrs	12 & 13yrs
9:00am	Normal Classroom Routine			
10:30am	Lunch			
10:45am	1	Long Jump	Shot Put	Discus
12:00pm	2	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put
1:15pm	3	Shot Put	Discus	Long Jump
2:30pm	Normal Classroom Routine			

Coolock

MacKillop

McAuley

Xavier

All students compete in field rotations and 100m heats. 200m is a nomination event. Students in Year 4 and Born 2009 do not compete on Field Events Day; normal school routine for these students. **Normal tuckshop facilities will be available on this day; please note the earlier lunch time. Snacks may be eaten between events.**

### 3. SENIOR SCHOOL: CARNIVAL DAY – Wednesday, 20 June (Students Born 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009)

Venue: *Shalom College*

Students need to arrive at school at 8:30am, ready for bus departure to Shalom.

House Captains need to be at Shalom at 8:00am to assist with setting up of equipment.

No tuckshop facilities are available on this day.

#### PROGRAM:

9:00am 200m Finals  
 9:45am Ball Games  
 11:00am **LUNCH**  
 11:15am 80 & 100m Finals  
 12:30pm Relays  
 1:30pm 800m Finals  
 2:30pm Bus Departure

### 4. JUNIOR SCHOOL: CARNIVAL DAY – Thursday, 21 June (Students Born 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013)

Venue: *St Patrick's Senior Oval*

House Captains need to be at St Patrick's at 8:00am to assist with setting up of equipment.

Tuckshop will be available on this day, although a special menu will be used. Information will be forthcoming regarding tuckshop ordering.

#### PROGRAM:

9:00am 50m, 60m & 80m Finals  
 9:45am Ball Games & Tabloids  
 11:00am **LUNCH**  
 11:30am Relays  
 12:15pm Whole School Presentations – St Patrick's School – MPS  
 (Age Champion will be awarded in the 2006, 2007 & 2008 age groups)  
 12:30pm Normal School Routine

If you are aware that your child/children will be absent on Carnival Day, could you please advise the office and therefore assist the school with the programming of sprint finals. Please read the forthcoming advice regarding whole school Tuckshop procedures for Thursday, 21 June. If you have any concerns regarding any aspect of the Athletics Carnival, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (annette\_hammermeiste@rok.catholic.edu.au).

**UNIFORM FOR CARNIVAL DAYS:** Black shorts (no other colours or a team's insignia); house coloured shirt (polo shirt is preferred for sun protection); school sports cap or school formal hat to be worn; alternate sports shoes may be worn on the day, no spikes; sunscreen to be applied before arrival at school. Coloured zinc is not permitted. Please ensure your child has sufficient water.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS



Our school photos will be taken on **MONDAY 23rd July 2018**

**ONLINE ORDER CODE K5C 1GB PD7**

Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope.

Important Information:

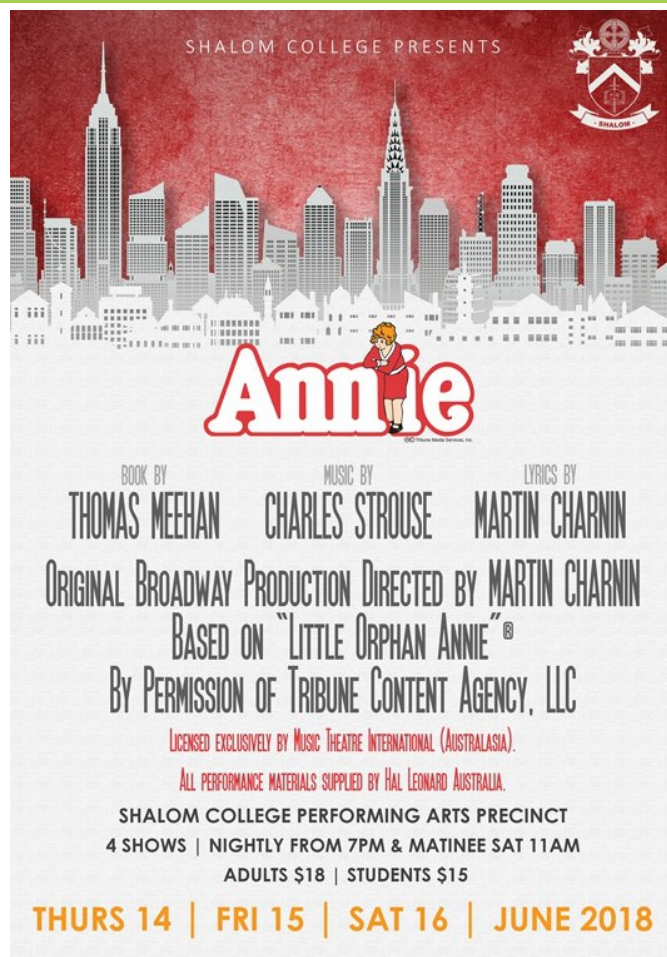
- School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school\*
- Don't forget to order your sibling photos now
- **Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day**
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups available at school's *advancedlife* & your *advancedyou* photo sites (follow the link above)

\*Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.

*advancedlife* would like to express our appreciation to ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feed-

[enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)

## OUT AND ABOUT



# TERM TWO PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 16th April - 20th April</b>		
Monday	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
Friday	Cross Country Junior Prep to Year 2	9.00am - 11.00am	St Patrick's
	Awards Only	10.45am	
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 23rd April - 27th April</b>		
Monday	Cross Country Senior Year 3 - Year 6	9.00am - 11.00am	Shalom
Tuesday	Anzac Day Prayer	8.40am	4W
Wednesday	<b>ANZAC DAY</b>		
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4W
Friday	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	2M
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 30th April - 4th May</b>		
Monday	School Opening and Blessing		
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4L
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	1B
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	1N
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 7th May - 11th May</b>		
Monday	<b>LABOUR DAY</b>		
Tuesday	Morning Parade	8.40am	
Wednesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4C
Friday	Mothers Day Liturgy	9.00am	Year 3
	No Assembly or Awards		
	Music Camp	Fri-Sat	
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 14th May - 18th May</b>		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2M
Tuesday—Thursday	NAPLAN		
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	1P
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	2C
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 21st May - 25th May</b>		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2B
Friday	No Classroom Liturgy		
	Awards Only	10.45am	
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 28th May - 1st June</b>		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6B
Thursday	<b>SHOW HOLIDAY</b>		
Friday	No Classroom Liturgy		
	No Assembly or Awards		
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 4th June - 8th June</b>		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
	Personal Social Development Education (PSDE) Parent Session	5.00pm - 6.30pm	
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1N
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	2B
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	4W
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 11th June - 15th June</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6 & Year 2 & Prep
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1P
Friday	Classroom Liturgy	8.45am	4C
	Class Assembly and Awards	10.25am	4L
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 18th June - 22nd June</b>		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday	House Meetings		
Wednesday	Senior Athletics Carnival		
Thursday	Junior Athletics Carnival		
Friday	No Liturgy and Awards Only	10.45am	
<b>WEEK 11</b>	<b>Week 25th June - 29th June</b>		
Monday	No Parish Mass		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	1B
Wednesday	School Disco Junior (Prep - Yr 2 4.00-5.00pm) and Senior (Yr 3-6 5.30-7.00pm)		
Friday	No Classroom Liturgy		
	Awards Only	10.45am	