



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

8th March 2024

Last night we all enjoyed 'Dance Night' to mark the culmination of the student's learnings in Physical Education. A big shout out to Taryn Gollshewsky who has infused so much time and energy into these young people. A big thank you to Annette Hammermeister, Ivan Williamson and Barry McConnell also, who worked to ensure the night was set for success. It was great to see the students' teachers present as well. I know we all enjoyed seeing the children in a different light. It takes a lot of resilience to dress up and perform for some, however, this seemed the perfect 'safe' environment to and embrace this opportunity and the children certainly shone bright. The students were beaming, and it was so lovely to see parents being afforded the opportunity to sit back and relax after what was a solid commitment to get the family out on a weeknight.

This week, attention has been turned to Prep enrolments for 2025. In interviewing new families, I often ask 'why St. Patrick's?'. Nine times out of ten, the reason given is due to the recommendation received from valued friends or community members. Right relationships are at the core of the mission of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton and when I hear this, it makes me think this is true of this community.

Last week I mentioned how any human relationship will encounter conflict, but we are committed to developing a culture based on mutual trust and respect. Catholic Education have set up Codes of Conduct for staff, students and parents alike, to assist us when navigating our way through the journey of school life. Codes of conduct are developed by the Diocese to support staff, parents and students in a shared quest for 'Right Relationships' and to ensure people are aware of their rights and responsibilities. I have included a snapshot summary for new families below.

Recently students have received training around how to be a good digital citizen, but in today's world, dot point 'N' is relevant for us all. I believe social media, in the shape of our Facebook Page is used well to share the wonderful events that occur in a school day, week and year. It is important for us all to use such platforms in a positive manner, where the school's reputation is preserved, and individual students and families respected.

Secondly, dot point 'F' highlights the importance of maintaining healthy parent, child and teacher relationships in following the correct process of communicating a grievance in a constructive and appropriate manner. For minor concerns or issues, it is important to always start with the classroom teacher and then access leadership team members if you believe things need to be elevated. Under no circumstances should we be tempted to reach out to another student, on behalf of our child, even if this family is well-known to us. Please always communicate your concerns through the teacher or leadership team member when dealing with issues.

These dot points are things done traditionally very well at St. Patrick's and we are forever grateful to the parent body for continually recommending us as a safe, happy, and educational haven for other families. This is certainly something we strive to provide.

Parent Rights:

Catholic Education believes that the development of successful partnerships with parents/carers and families assists in the development of the whole child. The following Parent Rights and Responsibilities are important elements to maintaining a positive relationship with the school:

Parent (Guardian & Carers) Rights:

- A. To be treated with respect and courtesy by staff, students and other parents.
- B. To be listened to, and clearly communicated with by the school, in regard to your child's education and development.
- C. To have confidentiality over sensitive issues respected by staff, students and other parents.
- D. To be treated in a caring and polite manner.
- E. To have a timely response to concerns raised.
- F. To be treated with professionalism by all staff members.
- G. To be treated as a partner in your child's education.



Parent Code of Conduct (Responsibilities)

- A. Ensuring you have read, understood and accepted the regulations and conditions of enrolment as outlined in the parent handbook and the *Enrolment Application Contract*.
- B. Support in words and actions the philosophy of Catholic Education.
- C. Follow and support the implementation of the School Vision and Mission Statements through implementation of all school and diocesan policies.
- D. Work in partnership with the school for the common goal of achieving what is best for all.
- E. Support your child/ren in all educational endeavours by giving praise and showing interest in school activities.
- F. Understand the importance of a healthy parent/teacher/child relationship and communicate any concerns to your school in a constructive and appropriate manner and according to the *'Right Relationships - Parent and Student Grievance Procedures'*.
- G. Support the school in its efforts to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment while following the school's Behaviour Guidelines.
- H. Ensure the integrity of confidential, private and sensitive information is maintained at all times.
- I. Support the school's media expectations by ensuring that photography of other students, parents and staff is not permitted.
- J. Create and maintain open, honest and positive relationships with staff, parents and students.
- K. Ensure your presentation and personal appearance is appropriate for the school community.
- L. Ensure you are free from the influences of alcohol, as appropriate to the occasion, or illegal drugs.
- M. Encourage community building with other parents in your child/ren's year level and across the school.
- N. Value the school community and its reputation especially when engaging with social media.
- O. Do not smoke on school premises and within five metres from entrance/fence line-as per State of Queensland legislation.
- P. Uphold and comply with applicable laws, policies and procedures at a diocesan, state and federal level (including Student Protection and Workplace Health and Safety).
- Q. Disclose fully and accurately any information required by the school in its enrolment process and commit to further update this information as required.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS CONTINUED

I look forward to seeing some of you Monday to learn ways to engage, support and assist your children in the learning of mathematics with invited guest Mr. John Campbell (Diocesan Mathematics Consultant) as advertised in recent newsletters. Please be sure to register for the session/s you might be interested in before 9am Monday, to assist us in preparations. These will be carried out in the staffroom, please enter via the sliding door to the left of main reception. Race Day is also fast approaching, another great way for parents to connect, engage and as highlighted in our mission statement 'celebrate life'.

5:15 pm-P-2 Parent session – Maths games, Conversations and Activities

6:15 pm-Yr 3-6 Parent session – Engaging the Young Mathematical Brains



Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Cook who completed her appraisal this week, as she enters her ninth year in leadership at St. Patrick's school. It was a very positive report and illustrated very clearly how loved and appreciated Tracey is by this community. Words used to describe her were fun, creative, faith filled, outgoing, kind, positive, approachable, firm yet friendly. These are wonderful attributes of a lady that resonates as a 'bright light' for this community. Please congratulate her when you see her on the path.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

ST PATRICK'S VACATION CARE

VACATION CARE OPENING SOON



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is excited to announce the launch of our Vacation Care program in 2024 during the Easter School Holidays.

The program will be operational from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and will cost \$59 per day.

The Vacation Care program will be published through Xplor Comms function in week 7 of each school term. Once released, families can commence booking through the Xplor Parents App. In week 8, the program opens to the wider school community and other schools.

Assistance is available through Centrelink to help you with the cost of childcare. To receive the subsidy*, you must care for a child 13 or younger who's not attending secondary school, unless an exemption applies. You must also use an approved childcare service, be responsible for paying the childcare fees, and meet residency and immunisation requirements.

*Childcare subsidy is calculated from the Vacation care daily fee \$59 - CCS% - Gap fee paid by parent



**HOW TO CLAIM
CHILDCARE SUBSIDY**

To get Childcare Subsidy (CCS), create a myGov account and link it to Centrelink. Here are the steps to create a myGov account:

1. Go to **myGov** and select **Create account**.
2. Select **Continue with email**.
3. Read the privacy notice and Terms of use. If you understand and agree to the Terms of use, select **Next**.
4. Enter an **Email address** and select **Next**.
5. Enter the **Code** sent to your email, then select **Next**.
6. Enter your **Mobile number** (optional) and select **Next**.
7. Enter the **Code** sent to your mobile phone and select **Next**.
8. Enter a **Password** and then **Re-enter password**.
9. Create your 3 **Secret questions and answers**. Choose from the list or create your own.



**CREATE A MYGOV
ACCOUNT**



ENROL TODAY

ST PATRICK'S VACATION CARE PROGRAM – EASTER/APRIL 2024

MONDAY 1 ST APRIL	TUESDAY 2 ND APRIL	WEDNESDAY 3 RD APRIL	THURSDAY 4 TH APRIL	FRIDAY 5 TH APRIL
 EASTER MONDAY SERVICE CLOSED 	Once Designs Art -INCURSION- Discover your inner "artiste" during an awesome art workshop with Amy 	TIE DYED DAY Please Bring A White T-shirt Or Hat Or Sandshoes Or Socks and we'll DYE it! 	GIANT GAMES DAY -INCURSION- Test your skills at GIANT versions of all your favourite board games! 	MOVIES @ SCHOOL with home-made popcorn Enter our very own movie theatre to watch a 3D movie & eat MYO (make your own) popcorn
MONDAY 8 TH APRIL	TUESDAY 9 TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY 10 TH APRIL	THURSDAY 11 TH APRIL	FRIDAY 12 TH APRIL
SOCCER WORKSHOP WITH CUBE SPORTS -INCURSION- Learn some new ball skills or fine tune your existing skills! 	NERF GUN BATTLE Includes organised battle zone, safety goggles & pre-war safety chat. BYO nerf gun if you have one (standard x-shot bullets supplied) 	GYMFINITY -INCURSION- Learn some new skills, improve other skills and have some FUN! 	LIFE LONG AGO FOSSIL WORKSHOP -INCURSION- Learn all about DINOSAURS during this wonderful dino experience 	SENSORY & WELLBEING DAY Soap Slime, Kinetic Sand, Playdoh, Clay, beauty Spa, hair dressing, yoga.

SPORTS NEWS

INTERSCHOOL QLD WIDE BAY REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations **HUNTER L** who competed at the Interschool Qld Wide Bay Regional Championships at Hervey Bay last week. Hunter achieved some amazing results at the championships with multiple placings in the following categories.

- 80cm Showjump—AM5 8 2nd
- 80cm Showjump—Super 2 Phase 2nd
- 90cm Showjump—AM5 1st
- 90cm Showjump—Super 2 Phase 1st
- Primary Showjump Champion
- 80cm Combined Training (Dressing/Showjump)—Primary 2nd
- Reserve Champion
- Showhorse Primary—Reserve Champion
- Working Hunter Class—Primary Champion
- All Disciplines—Primary Champion
- Runner Up—Reserve Champion

Well done Hunter and congratulations on your success at this higher level of competition. We wish you all the best for the State Championships at Toowoomba in the June/July school holidays.



BUNDABERG SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations **FLO L, MATILDA K, GIORGI P AND CHRISTIAN R** who have been selected to represent the Bundaberg District in the sport of **TOUCH FOOTBALL**. We wish you all an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the Wide Bay trials to be held in Rockhampton in June.

WIDE BAY SWIMMING REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to **JETT I** on being selected to represent Wide Bay in 10-12 years Swimming at the Queensland Championships to be held in Brisbane on 26-28 March. Well done Jett and we wish you an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the State Championships.



SPORTS NEWS—SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY YEARS 3-6

WHEN: Monday, 29 April 2024

WHERE: Shalom College

Event Times:

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| 1. | 9:10am: | Boys & Girls Born 2013 & 2012 (11 & 12yrs) | 3km – A Division |
| 2. | 9:40am: | Boys & Girls Born 2014 (10yrs) | 2km – A Division |
| 3. | 10:10am: | Boys & Girls Born 2016 (8yrs) | 1km – A Division |
| 4. | 10:20am: | Boys & Girls Born 2015 (9yrs) | 1km – A Division |
| 5. | 10:30am: | Boys & Girls Born 2014, 2013 & 2012 (10-12yrs) | 1km – Fun Run |

Boys in each age group will start first, with the girls starting 30 seconds later.

PRESENTATIONS: Age Champions (10-12yrs) and Overall Champion House will be presented immediately after the event at Shalom.

ALL STUDENTS

MUST run in school sports uniform with house coloured shirt.

MUST run in footwear. The course will be clearly marked and supervised.

MUST bring their school hat and water bottle. Sunscreen will be provided by the school upon leaving the school grounds on the morning of the carnival.

Students placed first and second in A Division Born 2012, 2013 & 2014 will be considered for selection to compete at the Bundaberg District Cross Country trials to be held at Avoca State School on Friday 17th May. Qualifying times need to be met to participate in the District carnival.

'A' Division students are invited to attend a 'Walk the Course' afternoon at Shalom on Wednesday, 24th April at 3:45 pm. This is a great opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with their respective events. There will be no changes to the 1km, 2km and 3km courses that were run in 2023.

All students finishing 1st-10th place and competing in A Division races will receive a ribbon for their place in the event. All other students will be advised of their final position in the race on the day. A warm invitation is open to all interested parents to support their child/children during this event. Approximate times have been outlined above, although please understand that there may be a need for flexibility with these times. Parking will only be made available in the Arts Precinct carpark (the first carpark to the left off Brother Hogan Drive). Please note the Staff toilets in the Shalom Sports Centre will be available to adults on the day. The toilet facilities in the 'Hangar' Sports Shed are for student use. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Children will travel by bus to Shalom College with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school.

HOW TO NOMINATE YOUR CHILD

2015-2016 Born Competitors - Individual nominations are not required as all students in these age groups participate in a 1km event. Action Required - Login into [Parent Lounge](#) to approve their participation in the 1km event only.

2012, 2013 & 2014 Born Competitors – Nominations need to be made for students born in these age groups for either the competitive 3km/2km OR 1km Fun Run event. All students are expected to participate unless there is a health matter that may preclude their involvement in this carnival. Please discuss the course options with your child to ensure they are aware of their nominated event on carnival day. Action Required – Login to [Parent Lounge](#) to nominate your child in **either** the competitive (2km/3km) event or the Fun Run (1km) by Thursday 28th March.

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	Boys	10-12 years Plus 12 year call backs	Thursday 14 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
Rugby League	Boys	2012, 2013, 2014 and exceptional 2015 players	Monday 11 March Monday 18 March Monday 25 March	Waves Sporting Complex (park at western end)	3:30 to 5:30pm
Football	Boys	2012, 2013 and exceptional 2014 players	Tuesday 12 March (2012 born) Thursday 14 March (2013 & 2014 born) Tuesday 19 March (all boys invited back from previous week)	North Bundaberg High School	4:00 to 5:30pm
	Girls	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 11 March Monday 18 March	North Bundaberg High School	4:00 to 5:30pm
Hockey	Boys & Girls	2012, 2013 & 2014	Monday 18 March Monday 25 March	Hinkler Park Hockey Grounds	4:00 to 5:00pm
Tennis	Boys & Girls	2012, 2013 and exceptional 2014 players	Friday 15 March	Rotary Tennis Courts	8:45 to 3:00pm

TERM ONE PLANNER

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	5M
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



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About the program

This 10-week program is designed to enhance the involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families in health and early childhood education and care. Join the PCCC Connected Beginnings team for a discussion about this new initiative and how we can provide the best support for you.

Don't miss this deadly opportunity!

Parents, caregivers, foster parents, or kinship carers from the Bundaberg First Nation community are invited to participate in our FREE sessions, providing hands-on experiences for children aged 0-5 years.



When: Every Tuesday
from 16th January 2024
Time: 11am - 1pm
Where: 22 Clayton Road

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