



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

25 November 2022

Dear Parents

I'm actually very grateful for the busyness of the last few weeks. They are packed with my favourite things and they keep me from thinking about leaving such a wonderful community.

Wednesday I was privileged to thank and spend time with our amazing Board – Ben Pollock, Bree Grima, Damien Botha, Daniel Reeves, Cath Nash, Tanya Wakeley and Zoe Lewis. Few people would appreciate how much I have valued their challenges, support and wisdom and our school community can be very grateful for their influence.

Thursday I was honoured to have a St Patrick's farewell. It was over-generous and most undeserved. I was though, very humbled, and very grateful to have been thanked for a role I have loved doing. It will be added to the very long list of wonderful memories that the school community has afforded me.

Friday saw one of my favourite annual events. The swimming carnival is fast, furious, and absolutely fun. There are opportunities for proficient swimmers to excel and beginning swimmers to enjoy swimming and build confidence in a well-run, safe, and supportive carnival. Mrs H and our staff do work extremely hard to ensure these days run well.

If there is one thing I might sneak back in for next year, it would be the Year One Nativity Play. It really is the most beautiful way to teach and to understand the Christmas narrative. The passion and excitement this event generates is wonderful and I am pleased that the significance of Christmas becomes a life-time memory for our children, through the experience of the Nativity Play. You'd be mad not to have 9:00am Monday in your calendar.

Tuesday at 9:00 we acknowledge our Year 6 students through their graduation ceremony. They are a fantastic cohort and one that has really made us proud.

Wednesday at 6:00 we have our Celebration Night. It is just a casual night of fun and one we will all enjoy together.

On Thursday 1st December we will hold our End of Year Liturgy at 1:00pm. Students will then return to the classroom for rolls to be marked and a quick break for afternoon tea. At 2:00pm we will then regather in the Multi to farewell our Year 6 students in their Farewell Assembly. All parents are welcome to attend both very special end of year events. Students will then return to classrooms at the end of the Farewell Assembly and be dismissed at the normal time of 3:00pm. Parents who wish to take their children a little earlier are welcome to do so, as long as it is from the classroom so that children are accounted for by their teachers. Formal schooling for our year ends at this time, with Friday as our Clean-Up Day. **Please note that the Office and classrooms will not open until 8:15 on Friday as our staff will be attending a Breakfast Function.**

Friday December 2nd will involve final cleanups around the school as we prepare for painting, carpet cleaning and replacement, and contract cleaners for rooms across the vacation period. We will of course have supervision for students until 3:00pm.

Finally – thanks. To those of you who will leave us – I am just so grateful we had the opportunity to know you and to educate your children. For those returning – next year promises to be amazing and I'm sure it will be another great year for St Patrick's.

Be safe. Have a wonderful holiday. God Bless.

2023 Class Lists & Academic Report Cards

Class Lists for 2023 will be distributed electronically on Friday 2nd December. Student Academic Reports will also become available on Parent Lounge on this day. If you have experienced any problems accessing Parent Lounge or have misplaced your login, please contact the office before Friday. Please also advise us if for some reason you do not wish your child's name to appear on a class list.

2023 Enrolments

Sincere thanks to those families who have advised that their child won't be back at St Patrick's next year. We wish those people well and hope that they enjoyed their time with us. Please, if your circumstances change and your child is not returning in 2023, please let us know as soon as possible.

Mark For

END OF YEAR IMPORTANT EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
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 30th 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 15th 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.
- 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.

YEARS 1-6 BOOKLIST 2023

Booklist: Years 1 - 6 2023

Students Name: _____

Mobile: _____

If ordering please write number of items required in the chosen year column OR Tick ORDER ALL BOX 1 student per list please

You may choose to order items for use at home or for replenishing items used during the year

Item Name # Items (2023) Issues with #	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Total
Clipboard Mobile, Pencil, Plastic Votex & Gluebar	1						1
Display Book 20 Pict Refillable	1						1
Clipboard A4 Wooden Wire clip	1						1
Clipboard A4 PVC	1						1
Case Clear PVC Mesh A3 38x270 op	1						1
Case Clear PVC Mesh A3 48x305 op	1						1
Crayons, Windup Pk 12	1						1
Markers, Coloured, Fine Tip Pk 12	1						1
Penic Case, Nylon Inset 160x20x 3-clip No bigger / reusible	1						1
Penic, Coloured Full length Pk 12	1						1
Paint Brush, #4 Round Taloon	1						1
Paint Brush, Hog Hair #6 Flat	1						1
Scissors, 10cm Student (left & right)	1						1
Earphones, Bud, silver etc. quad compatible	1						1
Earphones Case, ziped for above earphones	1						1
Headphones, No Mic, 1x Jack quad compatible	1						1
Compass, Metal in case	1						1
Eraser, Large Soft Vinyl	1						1
Penic, Graphite Grade HB Triangular 8x12	1						1
Penic, Graphite, Grade HB 8x12	1						1
Penic, Graphite, Grade HB, Bx 20	1						1
Protractor, 180cm 180c	1						1
Ruler, Wood 30cm	1						1
Sharpeners: 1 hole metal (Single)	1						1
Sharpeners: 2 hole plastic with container	1						1
Ballpoint Pen, Metal Blue	1						1
Ballpoint Pen, Metal Red	1						1
Ballpoint Pen Erasable Pilot Friison: 7 Blue	1						1
Ballpoint Pen Erasable Pilot Friison: 7 Red	1						1
Glue Stick, Large WHITE 30g	1						1
Highlighters, Pk 4 Nylon/Canvas/Orange/Pink (Standard)	1						1
Marker, Permanent, 2-3mm Bullet tip, Black	1						1
Marker, Whiteboard 2-3mm Bullet tip, Black	1						1
Marker, Whiteboard 4-5mm Bullet tip Pk 4 Ass'd	1						1
Scratchbook, 10pp White Pages, Soft	1						1
Scratchbook, Mini (Half Size) 15x 203mm 64pp	1						1
Sketch Book A3 Spiral #033	1						1

Booklists have been sent home with your child this week and have also been added to the St Patrick's Primary School website under [Booklist Specifications](#).

If you wish for AASTAT to compile your order please note the booklist needs to be lodged to them by **Friday 23rd December**.

On any lists submitted by this date, AASTAT will donate a percentage of sales back to the school which is always greatly appreciated.

SPELLING BEE

This week we announced the winners of the Junior and Senior Spelling Bee for 2022. With over 250 students competing, we had round after round of nail biting suspense to find our 2022 Champions. Congratulations to our winners!

Junior Spelling Bee:	Senior Spelling Bee:
1 st – Aiden Tom	1 st –Lillian Tu
2 nd – Ameya Shijo	2 nd –Beyon Bijicherian
3 rd – Ariana Ellis	3 rd –Emma Carroll

We must also thank Miss Clare and Mrs Cook for their work with the Spelling Bee.



DATE CLAIMERS

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BUNDABERG
Catholic Schools
RACE DAY

WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, 11th MARCH 2023

THEME: "CITRUS SPRITZ"

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE ONLINE AT THE START OF THE 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Looking forward to your continued support of this annual fun day out for the Catholic Schools Community. Further enquiries please contact Peter O'Beirne on 0419 787 279

SAINT STELLA
PRESENTS

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A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SATURDAY 17 DEC • 2PM & 7PM

Featuring

SUELLEN CUSACK-GREENSILL
TONI JORDAN • JESSICA SAVAGE
RUBY MILLS • STELLA HUTCHINS
LOGAN TINNEY • NATE STEVENSON
NATALIE SWEETAPPLE

TICKETS: artsbundaberg.com.au • 4130 4100 • Moncrieff Entertainment Centre

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Back to School Appeal

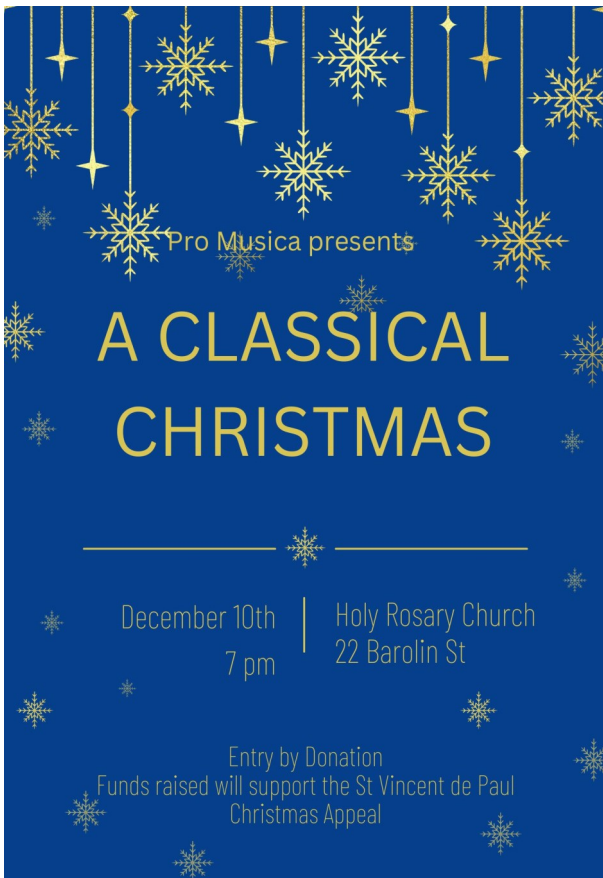
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The banner features two photographs of students in school uniforms. The left photo shows a group of students sitting at a desk, and the right photo shows a group of students smiling. Below the photos is the School Savvy logo and the text '2023 Back to School Appeal'. At the bottom, there is a website URL, a Facebook icon, and a QR code.

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

A CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Pro Musica presents

A CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS

December 10th | Holy Rosary Church
7 pm | 22 Barolin St

Entry by Donation
Funds raised will support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The poster has a blue background with white snowflakes and stars. The text is in white and yellow. It includes the title 'A CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS', the date and time 'December 10th | 7 pm', and the location 'Holy Rosary Church | 22 Barolin St'. At the bottom, it says 'Entry by Donation' and 'Funds raised will support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal'.

Get into the spirit of Christmas with Ms Kate, Mrs Connolly, Mrs Strohfeldt and the Pro Musica orchestra as they present some beautiful Christmas classics in the rich acoustic of the Holy Rosary Church. Works include the Corelli Christmas Concerto and the Saint-Saens Christmas Oratorio for organ, strings and in our case, brass choir. The Orpheus vocal ensemble will delight us with a beautiful selection of songs as well as leading us in some community carol singing. What better way to celebrate Christmas than to raise your voice in song with the congregation as we all sing the classics together. The concert is on Saturday December 10th commencing at 7pm.