



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

6th September 2024

This week is National Child Protection Week and this year's message is that **'Every child in every community needs a fair go'**, complemented with the theme **'Every conversation matters'**. We have layers of protection for the young people in our community and opportunities are offered to give students a 'fair go'. Teachers receive ongoing training in this area and develop strong, professional and supportive relationships which aim to ensure a safe community for our young people to thrive. This week we held a special Morning Tea to celebrate 'Teacher Assistant Appreciation Week' and each one received a symbolic Angel. Teacher Assistants have an important role to play and are the 'ANGELS' that are often in the right place at the right time to add another safety net for those in our care. St. Patrick's is blessed to have its own Counsellor, Mrs. Anita Katajamaki, who is presently at a Child Protection conference receiving up to date information and training to serve our young people well. She is a listening ear and provides some great advice to parents with some helpful links provided below for your perusal. Our St. Patrick's Child Safety Contacts include myself (Kim O'Shea-Hard), Jason Egan, Jo Driver, Tracey Cook, Anita Katajamaki and Claire O'Connell from OSHC. Please always know we are here to field any concerns.

This week saw the production of Madagascar. I saw it three times and have now lived through the 'Move it! Move it!' bell around 450 times, but felt it an absolute privilege to be in the presence of so many amazing young people. Young people who have been nurtured, encouraged and supported to reach their potential from amazing members of this community. At the culmination of the final night, I suggested that the most crucial thing we will ever do, collectively, as parents and educators is to harness the energy and enthusiasm of our young. We hear daily about the 'Youth Crime Crisis' but this performance reminds us that, whilst not always newsworthy, there are certainly a lot more students channelling their time and energy into producing something magical for their communities. This performance included 70 of our senior students who dedicated hours to deliver an exceptional performance, with not a word forgotten. This rich learning opportunity would not be possible without generous staff, parents and friends from our community. I would like to extend another heart-felt THANK YOU to Tracey Cook, Jed Morley, Kirsty McCulloch, Amelia Morine, Rebecca Lovejoy, Sally French, Elke McCrystal, Sara Salmond, Freya Cook and Emily Cullinan who did the bulk of the lifting in the preparation of these talented students. We would also like to thank others who worked hard in the background including Ros McCaig, Carly Zandona, Brooke Bone, Jude French, Jo Driver, Jason Egan, Sean Killeen, Andrea Tindall, Kirsty Juster, Tiff Bretag, Sian Horsfield, as well as Dan McMahon for generously allowing us to utilise Shalom's facilities and staff members Terry Plunkett, Murray Page and Greg Frampton.

This was such a wonderful event to bring our community together to witness Teamwork and the Spreading of Green, at its finest. This has been a term full of opportunities for students to make memories and build relationships, starting with Challenge Cup, Eisteddfod, T20 Cricket, Reading on the Deck, Children's Masses, Interschool Sports, Athletics, Year 5 Camp and so much more! We now prepare to send forth our Year 6 classes to Hervey Bay and Fraser Island. A busy period for all but important to make time to remember that 'Every Conversation Matters' this Child Protection Week. Thanks for being a significant part of our community and keep safe over the holiday period.

Kim O'Shea-Hard



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Absentees

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CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

Conversations can help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build the brains and social connections of children and young people.

Conversations between

- ...children and their caregivers matter (from the very earliest days)
- ...children and their peers matter
- ...families with teachers, doctors, and other professionals matter
- ...friends or neighbours matter
- ...decision-makers and the communities they serve **matter**.

Here is a link to parent conversation tips when discussing cyber safety with your child.

[Strategies to help ensure your child is cyber safe - Safe4kids](#)

And here is a really great info sheet for parents about Cyber Safety AND a cyber agreement you can use with your child.

[KD116a Cyber Safety Cyber Agreement UPDATE August 2024 \(safe4kids.com.au\)](#)

Here is a link to handy parent tips about conversations that have the power to prevent child sexual abuse.

[One Talk at a Time | National Office for Child Safety](#)



SPORTS NEWS—WIDE BAY SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES



Congratulations to **ESSIE MC** and **MATILDA K** who have gained selection in the Wide Bay 10-12 years Field & Athletics team for their respective events.

Congratulations girls on your selection and we wish you all the best in your preparations for the Queensland championships in Brisbane next month.



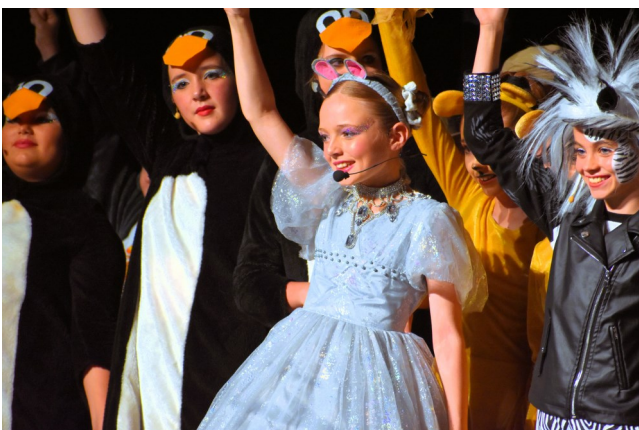
SCHOOL MUSICAL MADAGASCAR

Madagascar Jr; A Musical Adventure, what a show!

We are simply amazed by our 2024 Musical. With a cast of 70 students, 8 dedicated staff members, 3 teenage stage crew, 3 parent helpers, 400 costume pieces and glitter galore, our production was a mammoth task. The cast and crew spent every week since February planning, rehearsing, sewing, creating, building and painting. All of the hard work culminated with four sensational performances at Shalom's PAP, on Tuesday and Wednesday, in front of sell-out crowds. We are so proud of our students and the quality of our production.

We are also grateful that our fabulous staff who took on this year's musical have been so generous and have shared the gifts and talents God has given each of them. Our students will remember their musical experience fondly for many years to come. Thank you to Jessica Cullinan, Amelia Morine, Elke McCrystal, Sally French, Rebecca Lovejoy, Jed Morley, Kirsty McCulloch, Tracey Cook, Freya Cook, Jude French and Emily Cullinan. A shout out to parents Kirsty Juster, Sian Horsfield and Tiff Bretag who were also wonderful – thank you!

Tracey Cook



SCHOOL MUSICAL MADAGASCAR



YEAR 5 CAMP

With canoeing, orienteering, the low ropes course, rock climbing, games, raft building and the flying possum activity, team work was the theme during all the fun of Year 5 camp.

Year 5 Camp



MATERIALS WANTED

In our Technologies specialist lessons we are doing lots of designing and building challenges. If you have any spare, old, or unwanted materials in your house, we would love your donations. We will be collecting donations from now until the rest of the term. 😊

Types of materials include but are not limited to:

Fabric

Old pool noodles

Old table cloth

Plastic cups and plates

Bubble wrap

Plastic bags

Paddle pop sticks

Yoghurt or milk lids (washed)

Plastic tablecloths

Shoe boxes

Old electronics we can dismantle

Cardboard

Paper towel rolls

Yarn or string

Gift wrapping paper

Old Lego

We want to turn your unwanted items into treasure and give it a new life.

Donated materials can be brought into the office and placed in a tub.

Due to hygiene reasons, please no toilet rolls



Thank you



TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 30th September - 4th October		
Monday	First Day Term 4		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Mini Vinnies
Friday	Wide Bay Tennis Primary Schools Cup	All Day	Selected students
WEEK 2	Week 7th October - 11th October		
Monday	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
WEEK 3	Week 14th October - 18th October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	TBA	
WEEK 4	Week 21st October - 25th October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	TBA	
Friday	School Mass - Mission Month	9:00am	Years 2-6
WEEK 5	Week 28th October - 1st November		
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2025
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Thursday	Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball	TBA	
WEEK 6	Week 4th November - 8th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
WEEK 7	Week 11th November - 15th November		
Monday	Remembrance Day Memorial	9:00am	5M
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
WEEK 8	Week 18th November - 22nd November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	TBA	Music
WEEK 9	Week 25th November - 29th November		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2L
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am	Years 3 & 4
		11:00-12:30pm	Years 5 & 6
WEEK 10	Week 2nd December - 6th December		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
Wednesday	Celebration Night	5:00-7:00pm	Whole School
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:00am	Whole School
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	Whole School

2025 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Tuesday 28 January - Friday 4 April
TERM 2	Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June
TERM 3	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
TERM 4	Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December

OUT AND ABOUT

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?
Do you know someone who has questions?
Come and join our Alpha program -
a safe space to ask questions, and explore life, faith and meaning.
When: Every Thursday, 5.30pm - 18 July to 12 September
Includes Food and Fellowship
Contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666
to let us know you're interested (for catering purposes)



Bargara
SOFTBALL

Come and Play

NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS
ALL AGES WELCOME!

Games are Saturdays
Time: 8:30am

AT: Bundaberg Softball
Grounds - 22 Clayton Road
Bundaberg QLD 4670

From Ages: 4 1/2 years through to seniors

Divisions are :
T-BALL, U12, U 14 & U16
SENIORS MALE & FEMALE

This season all Juniors U16 and down will
play for free - No Club costs.

Contact Karen O'Neill for more information
Mobile: 0438 592808
Email: president@bargarasoftball.com.au
Facebook: Bargara Softball Club

Oakwood School CENTENARY FETE

Saturday 12th October - 9:00am-1:00pm

RIDES

Jumping Castle Combo, Playland, Mouse
Trap Maze, Teacups,
Mega Slide, Let's Dance, Laser Tag

Scan to
purchase
ride
tickets
online



over \$25 500 worth of prizes
MEGA MONSTER RAFFLE

\$10 a ticket
42 amazing prize packs

STALLS

We have lots of stalls, rides and fun planned, however we still have
some open spots for market vendors. If you would like to book a stall
site, email admin@oakwoodss.eq.edu.au for more information.

Market Stalls | Food Trucks | Rides
Laser Tag | Taekwondo | Face Painting | Kids Activities

FREE COME & TRY

Proudly supported by: Queensland Government's Active Women & Girls Program

All Ages WOMAN & GIRLS Tennis

SESSION 1:

- When: Saturday, 31st August 2024
- Time: 2 - 4 pm

SESSION 2:

- When: Saturday, 5th October 2024
- Time: 2 - 4 pm

SESSION INCLUDES:

- **FREE** Tennis Coaching
- **FREE** Racquet Hire
- **FREE** Red Ball Tennis
- **FREE** "Light n Easy" Cardio Tennis
- **FREE** POP Tennis Coaching
- Enquiries/Register: Kevin 0409 520 753

DON'T FORGET:

- All boys & girls (from beginners to advanced) are welcome to attend our upcoming

Get Active Holiday Clinic

- When: Tues - Thurs: 24 - 26th September 2024
- Ages: 4 - 13 years
- Time: 8:30am - 10:30am
- **GIRLS are FREE**

THE PLACE TO BE!

- Rotary Park Tennis Complex
69B George Street, South Bundaberg
<http://bundyjuniortennis.org.au>
www.facebook.com/BDJTA
- Enquiries/Register: Kevin 0409 520 753



ACROSS THE WAVES CRICKET CLUB



Junior Sign On

PLAYERS WANTED

Venue - ATW Cricket Nets
Thabeban Road
Date - Friday 6th September
Time - 4pm to 5pm

BBQ & Meet the Coaches

ONLINE SIGN ON
AVAILABLE NOW!
www.playhq.com.au

search:
Across the Waves Cricket Club

For more information contact
Dale Inman 0432 604 759



BUNDABERG TABLE TENNIS

SPRING JUNIOR CAMP



DETAILS &
RESERVATION

DEADLINE:
SEP 8TH,
23:30

FUN PROFESSIONAL

SCHEDULES:

- WEEK 1: 16-19/9
- WEEK 2: 23-25/9
- MORNING: 9:30-12
- AFTERNOON: 12:30-15

KEY ELEMENTS:

- WARM-UP
- OFF-TABLE EXERCISES
- ON-TABLE TRAINING
- FUN GAMES

\$20/SESSION +
\$35 FOR A FULL
DAY*

*DISCOUNTS FOR
CLUB MEMBERS AND
SIBLINGS

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CONTACT US 0486 025 550
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EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
FOR REGISTRATIONS
BEFORE 31ST AUGUST
CONDITIONS APPLY!