1 February 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There have been some staff changes in grade levels and roles for 2017. Carmel Smith will be taking on the role of Primary Learning Leader (PLL), and will lead us in curriculum development and improvement. Carmel will also be teaching Year 6 for two days a week, sharing with Mrs Sarah Skuse.

Our staff structure for 2017 is as follows:

| Principal | Mrs Susan Geaney |
| Assistant Principal-Religious Education | Mr Peter Campbell |
| Primary Learning Leader | Mrs Carmel Smith |
| Support Teacher-Inclusive Education | Mrs Chrissi O’Connell |
| Learning Enhancement Teacher | Mrs Brenda Carige |
| Guidance Counsellor | Mrs Karen Holmes |
| Teacher Librarian | Mrs Jillian Kelly |
| HPE Teacher | Mr Joe Laffey |
| Social Skills Teacher | Mrs Kim Cahill |
| Music Teacher | Mrs Kait Searles |
| LOTE (Indonesian) Teacher | Mrs Julie Jones |

Classroom Teachers

| Prep Gold | Mrs Charmaine Francis |
| Prep Blue | Mrs Kim Watkins |
| Year 1 Blue | Mrs Diana Campbell |
| Year 1/2 White | Mrs Kay Fogarty |
| Year 2 Blue | Mrs Toni Pennisi |

Year 3 Blue | Mrs Vicki Major |
Year 3 Gold | Mrs Kate Laffey |
Year 4 Blue | Mrs Michelle Bailey |
Year 4 Gold | Mrs Anne Hallam |
Year 4/5 White | Miss Mallory Taylor |
Year 5 Blue | Mrs Marie Borchert |
Year 5 Gold | Mrs Debbie Albion |
Year 6 Blue | Mrs Sarah Skuse |
Year 6 Gold | Mrs Bernadette Baxter |
Year 6 White | Mr Damien Lynch |

Learning Assistants

Mrs Karen Allen
Mrs Rachel Edwards
Mrs Geraldine Grimish
Mrs Desley Herberts
Mrs Charmaine Lyons
Mrs Olga Mannion
Mrs Susan Bahr
Mrs Debbie Nolan
Mrs Terri-Ann Bartholomew
Ms Stephanie Robson

Administrative Support Staff

Principal Support/Finance Officer | Mrs Symone Yann |
Secretaries | Mrs Amy Osborn
 | Mrs Vickie McEnery
 | Mrs Louise Morgan |
**Reminder: Family Contact Details**

If your contact details have changed could you please correct your information with the office staff? It is important for us to keep an updated record of your details in case we need to contact you at any time. If you have any queries or need any clarification please do not hesitate to contact the office to discuss this further.

_Susan Geaney_
Principal

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**MISSION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Our whole school focus for the next couple of weeks is:**

*Be Welcoming.*

*Love and care is more important than anything else.*

*It is what ties everything completely together.*

_(Colossians 3:14)_

*We welcome each other in friendship and in peace.*

*We welcome each other by speaking kindly and gently.*

*We welcome each other by being understanding and forgiving.*

*We welcome each other by learning together; playing together; and praying together as part of a community.*

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**Tuesday Morning Parish-School Masses**

Next week we will commence our participation in the **Tuesday Morning 9am Parish Mass.** Each week, one class from Year 3 to 6 is rostered on to attend the Parish Mass with members of the parish community. The students gather and sit with members of the parish community for the celebration of the Mass. Both the adults and children present, benefit from the opportunity to share in the celebration of the Mass together.

All family members are very welcome to attend these Masses.

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**THE PRESENCES OF CHRIST**

**Assembly, Minister, Word and Sacrament**

During the celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus is present in several important ways. He is present in:

**THE PRIEST**

Christ is present in the person of the priest who leads the celebration of Mass, who proclaims the Gospel, preaches and during the Eucharistic Prayer offers praise and thanks to God and does what Jesus did at the last supper. Through the Holy Spirit, he brings about the presence of Christ in the elements of bread and wine.

**THE SCRIPTURES**

Christ is present in the readings from Scripture proclaimed at Mass. When the Scripture is proclaimed at Mass it is the Lord who speaks to us through those words. The gospel especially is received with special ceremony. All stand and sometimes the presence of Christ in his word is honoured with candles or incense.

**THE ASSEMBLED PEOPLE**

Christ is present in the group of people who gather to offer the Mass. Not only did Jesus promise to be with his followers whenever they gathered in his name, but the people who gather at Mass are members of the Church, the Body of Christ, his continuing presence in the world.

**THE BREAD AND WINE**

Christ is present in the elements of bread and wine, which become his body and blood. This is the most intense mode of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. When we eat this Bread and drink from the Cup we enter into communion with his Body and Blood. We share the very life of Jesus himself and open ourselves to living and loving as he did.

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**DATE** | **DAY** | **TIME** | **PERSONNEL** | **ACTIVITY** | **PLACE**
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07/02 | Tuesday | 9am | No class rostered | Parish Mass | Church
09/02 | Thursday | 8:20am | Mrs Geaney | Staff Prayer | Staff Room
10/02 | Friday | 9am | | Welcome Liturgy | Church

_Reconciliation_

_Liturgy of the Word_

Week 4 13/02 – 17/02

14/02 | Tuesday | 9am | 6 White L | Parish Mass | Church
16/02 | Thursday | 8:20am | | Staff Prayer | Staff Room

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**IT Technician** | Mr Brett Gerrard
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**Tuckshop/Uniform Shop Coordinator** | Mrs Tracey Frazier
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**Groundsman** | Mr Ron Houghton
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**Cleaner** | Mr Jim Perry
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Be Welcoming

God of Love, help us recognise Your presence in our journey together as we welcome each other at the start of our new school year. Open our minds to know Your reassuring voice. Open our hands to do Your work for others, and open our hearts to hold Your Spirit and share it joyfully with others.

Amen

Other Administration Matters

School Drop off and Pick Up Area in Church Street

Can I draw everyone’s attention to the traffic rules in place in the Church Street Drop-Off and Pick-Up Area.

There is NO PARKING in this area between the hours of 8am and 9am in the morning and 2:30pm – 3:30pm in the afternoon.

This area is intended as a drop off and pick up area only. No cars should be stopped for longer than 2 minutes and cars cannot be left unattended.

If parents park in this area and leave their vehicles this can cause serious congestion and safety problems, particularly in the afternoon. You also run the risk of receiving a fine….

• Please note that children are not to move to get into vehicles until they are directed by the teachers on duty. Please do not encourage your child to move to a vehicle unsupervised by a teacher.

• Also a reminder – Please be aware that the carpark behind the church and presbytery is not part of the school grounds. This area is part of the church grounds and parents are asked not to use this area for parking or picking up or dropping off students.

• Parents who collect their children by car from the Bligh Street car park or from the Church Street pick up area can assist us by displaying their family name on the left hand sun visor of their car. Please write your family name in large letters on a piece of card and attach it to the sun visor with rubber band. This helps staff identify children and assists in keeping the traffic moving freely.

I hope you have an enjoyable week at St Patrick’s and please feel free to approach me if you need more information about any of these subjects mentioned in the newsletter.

Peter Campbell
Assistant Principal Religious Education

SPORTS NEWS

GYMPIE ZONE SPORTS TRIALS – Nominations due various dates

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<td>Gympie District Swimming 2 Trials Nominations due (10 – 12 yrs)</td>
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<td>Gympie District Cluster 2 Trials Tennis / Soccer / Hockey / Rugby League / Netball</td>
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<td>Touch – Albert Park Basketball – Victory College</td>
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<td>State Swimming Championships 10 – 12 yrs</td>
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SWIMMING LESSONS

Term 1 2017

Swimming will be held this term for Grades 4 to 6. More information will be included when it is available.

Have a great week!

THE ST PAT’S SPORTS TEAM
NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Year 6 Marimba Band

As an extension of our Year 6 Music Program this year, students from Year 6 are invited to be part of our Marimba Percussion Band commencing in mid Term 1. The Marimba and Percussion Band will rehearse once a week during a scheduled break time and continue for the whole of the school year. Students who wish to become a member of our Marimba and Percussion Band should meet the following criteria:

- Average or above average ability in music
- Demonstrate a love of music and enthusiasm to perform
- Willingness to work as a team, follow directions and accomplish set tasks.
- Commit to one weekly lunchtime practice for the whole of the 2017 school year.

If you feel that your child meets the above criteria and is interested in becoming a member, please email me your child’s expression of interest within the next week. Once an expression of interest is received, permission notes will then be sent home with those students who meet the above criteria.

Kait Searles
Music specialist
ksearles@bne.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder - Medical /Medication Information

For existing students:
If there have been any changes to your child’s medical condition since the end of 2016

AND

For new students:
Please complete the form or forms to be found here in the newsletter under;

FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

- 2017 Medical Information Form
- 2017 Medication request

Please return the form or forms to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Reminder - Student Banking

Students may bring in their Commonwealth bank books on any day. Each time you bank you receive a token. Collect 10 tokens to receive your free gift.

Information packs were sent home last week to Students in Prep to Year 5. If you require further info please contact the office.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish the following children a very Happy Birthday for this week:

Hannah O’D, Evangeline A, Brydie N, Nicholas W

As promised last year, we would also like to wish a very Happy Belated Birthday to all our students who had birthdays in January during the school holidays. We hope you all had wonderful celebrations for your birthdays.

Uniform Shop Hours

Thursday: 8:30am – 9:30am
The Uniform Shop will operate from the Tuckshop

News From the Tuckshop

The 2017 Tuckshop Menu is now available on the side panel of this newsletter.
2017 Tuckshop Assistance

We are still in need of some volunteers to help with the running of the Tuckshop.

Tuckshop operates Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Whether you can help ½ day, a full day, once a week, fortnightly or monthly, your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you can volunteer your time in any way, please complete the form below and return it to the school Office before Friday February 17 2017, and I shall get back to you.

Thanks
Tracy Frazier

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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<td>Prep Blue W</td>
<td>Natalie C</td>
<td>For the confident way you started your first week in school. Thanks for being an excellent leader and doing some very important jobs with the help of your partner.</td>
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<td>Prep Gold F</td>
<td>Oscar G</td>
<td>For the fantastic way you join in with everything and how you are friendly towards everyone. What a great start to Prep!</td>
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<td>Year 1 Blue C</td>
<td>Balin T</td>
<td>For the positive way you have started the term. You are keen to learn and put the time and effort into doing your best work. You are a responsible class member who works well with others and is willing to help in the classroom. Well done Balin.</td>
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<td>Year 1/2 White F</td>
<td>Scarlett C-N</td>
<td>For being such a great role model to the other students on how to work quietly and sensibly at your desk. You have applied yourself well in the last week and have produced some wonderful work. Keep up the good work, Scarlett!</td>
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<td>Year 3 Blue M</td>
<td>Tilly H-N</td>
<td>For making a great start to Year 3. You are always organised and ready to learn.</td>
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<td>Year 3 Gold L</td>
<td>Scarlett D</td>
<td>For the enthusiastic, friendly and organised way you have started the year.</td>
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<td>Year 4 Blue B</td>
<td>Levi S</td>
<td>For setting a great example in the first week of school by encouraging your classmates to follow instructions and stay on task.</td>
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<td>Lily L</td>
<td>For the wonderful way you have settled into your new school. You are listening carefully to instructions and following the new routines. Welcome to St Patrick’s Lily.</td>
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<td>Year 4 Gold H</td>
<td>Mackenzie A</td>
<td>For the cheerful, positive attitude you have shown when completing tasks and for being a wonderful help to others in class. Thank you and well done Mackenzie!</td>
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<td>Year 4/5 White T</td>
<td>Joshua G</td>
<td>Thank you for the warm welcome you have given to everyone in our class. You have gone out of your way to help new students settle in and have supported other friends without being asked. You are a Super Star!</td>
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<td>Year 5 Blue B</td>
<td>Jasmin W</td>
<td>For seamlessly blending into her new class and school and effortlessly adjusting to their demands and schedules. Thanks for coming to St Pat’s to share your talents with us, Jas. We hope it’s the start of a new and exciting chapter in your life!</td>
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<td>Year 5 Gold A</td>
<td>Archer B</td>
<td>For being a conscientious, hardworking student who works to the best of his ability in all aspects of school. He is also encouraging and shows care and consideration of others. Well done on a great start to the year.</td>
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<td>Year 6 Blue S</td>
<td>Rhiannon H</td>
<td>For the way you have made our new students feel welcome and included. It is clear to us that you will be a strong leader this year. Thank you Rhiannon.</td>
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<td>Year 6 Gold B</td>
<td>Melissa V</td>
<td>For being a top listener who is always ready to give answers and offer her opinion. Well done Melissa</td>
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<td>Year 6 White L</td>
<td>Joshua W</td>
<td>For making a great start to the year by being attentive during lessons and confident to make thoughtful contributions to class discussions.</td>
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**P & F NEWS**

Welcome to the new school year! The 2017 P&F Committee includes myself - Amy Malone (President), Jim Viner (Vice-President), Annette Fletcher (Treasurer) and Renee Nolan (Secretary).

2017 has already seen a long-term P&F goal realised, with air-conditioners now installed in every classroom and the tuckshop. It is through your support of our fundraising activities over the last few years that we have been able to afford this costly project. Given the temperatures in the first week back of the school year, I am sure your children are incredibly grateful!

2016 saw our P&F funds allocated in the following ways:

- Year 6 Canberra Trip Contribution
- Shade Sail Installation
- Marimba Instrument Purchase
- Sports Equipment Purchase
- Continued Repayment of Artificial Turf Loan
- Extended Shade Area – Bligh Street Pick-up

In 2017, we have the following projects on our wish list:

- Year 6 Canberra Trip Contribution
- Continued Repayment of Artificial Turf Loan
- Air-Conditioning Repayment
- Upgrade of Play Equipment

The P&F Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month with our next meeting to be held on **Tuesday 14th February**. We encourage you to attend, but realise this is not possible for all families. Perhaps you can help us out during the year in one of the following ways:

- Join our Facebook group: St Patrick’s Primary Gympie P and F, to keep up-to-date with our news and events.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/130319910449017/

- Offer your time to help at one or more of our fundraising events which have all been designed to provide fun student and family experiences.
- Donate home bake, baking ingredients, prizes, items for stalls, when the call goes out during the year.
- Donate lemons and passionfruit (any time of the year), so that a much loved passionfruit slice can make an appearance at school events.
- Attend and enjoy our events!

Our first event is outlined in the flyer below. Given the great turnout last year, we look forward to seeing lots of families again this year. The P&F Committee means it when we say, thank you for your support!
COMMUNITY NEWS

FRANKI’S FINGERS

It’s almost Week 3, which means the commencement of another exciting year of piano lessons. Franki is currently finalising her timetable, so parents should expect a text soon regarding lesson times. Students should return their enrolment forms to the office, or bring them along to lessons. There are still several spots available for new pianists this year.

To find out more, please call or text Franki on 0478 216 393.

HOT SHOTS TENNIS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coaches Brett Cottrill & Matt Watkins will commence the HotShots Tennis program on Tuesday 7th February at Saint Patricks Primary. Lessons will be held Tuesday mornings (grade Prep to 2), Wednesday mornings( grade 4 to 6) and Thursday mornings ( grade 2 to 4) from 8.00am to 8.40am for a minimum block of 7 weeks. Costs will be $75.00/pupil, $140.00 for 2 children or $190.00 for 3 children in the same family.

To register for the program please contact Brett Cottrill on 0417746795 or return the completed form back to the office by Tuesday 7th February

We accept the Get Started Sporting Vouchers.

Cash or Cheques made payable to Brett Cottrill please.

Direct Deposit BA COTTRILL BSB 014585 ACCT 583359786 students name as reference please.

Join our Excellence Program and our weekly Hot Shots Competition for 1 child $140, 2 children $200 or 3 children $250 per term. Our Hot Shots Competitions start Thursday 2nd February at The Reg English Tennis Centre on Cartwright Rd from 3.30pm. Every player that registers receives FREE Gympie Junior Tennis Membership and Tennis Australia Membership.

Gympie Regional Art Gallery News

We look forward to a new year of fun for kids with ART STARS creative sessions for kids starting on Saturday 4 February at the Gympie Regional Gallery.

Two sessions:

- 10am-12noon for children aged 5-9yrs and
- 1pm-3pm for young people aged 10 years and up.

Costs $2 to cover materials. Simply turn up. Facilitated by Sandra Ross. Also Tiny Tots Artplay for little kids with their parents begins on Friday 24 February from 10am-11am. for littlies aged between 18 months and 3 years. Facilitated by Sabine Gaber. Please book for this one as numbers are limited. Phone 5481 0733 for any further information.

Join our Excellence Program and our weekly Hot Shots Competition for 1 child $140, 2 children $200 or 3 children $250 per term. Our Hot Shots Competitions start Thursday 2nd
NASHVILLE SCOUT GROUP

Batchelor Road GYMPIE

Saturday 4 February 2017
9.00am – 1.00pm

Come along and find out what scouting is all about.

Enjoy some fun activities, a free sausage sizzle and a cold drink with the Nashville Scouts.