YEAR 6 CANBERRA TRIP

We wish our Year 6 Students and staff, and accompanying parents, a safe and exciting week as they venture to Canberra, the nation’s capital on the annual Year 6 excursion. We hope that the students enjoy a week of new and valuable learning experiences. The excursion departs from the school on Sunday 23 July at 6am. We wish them every blessing for a week of wonderful experiences.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In Week 9 of last term, an Open Morning was held in our Prep classrooms. Children beginning school in 2018 and their parents were invited to observe and participate in Literacy, PE, Coding and Robotics, play and other activities that form a part of the Prep curriculum. The event was advertised on St Patrick’s Facebook page and in the Gympie Times. It was very well attended and much enjoyed by the prospective Prep students, who joined in with enthusiasm.

Another Open Day will be held in Week 4 of this term, on Thursday August 3, from 9.00 to 11.00am. There will still be a focus in the Prep classrooms; however, for this event visitors are invited to have a look around St Pat’s beautiful environment and to visit other classrooms to see Learning in action.

Brisbane Catholic Education have recently offered funding of up to $20,000 to assist in projects for schools to progress their students’ Literacy skills. We applied for funds to enable teachers to implement a three-week review of students’ progress and of the curriculum, rather than a full term review.

This enables a more targeted approach and closer monitoring of individual students, so that learning activities can be more explicitly planned to address their learning needs.

The bad news is that the submission was declined. We will not be funded for the project. The good news is the reason why. The BCE funding will be allocated to schools more in need of assistance than St Patrick’s.

Testing and assessment data show that St Patrick’s students have shown significant progress in Literacy during the past two semesters. This is a result of the implementation of the Brisbane Catholic Education ELT (excellent Learning and Teaching) strategy, based on building and enhancing teacher capacity; effective and explicit teaching practices; continuous monitoring and assessment of student’s progress. For ELT to happen, teachers must develop a common language and collaborate in the interests of each student and all students. The days are gone when schools operated like shopping malls, with each teacher working as an individual in a classroom, teaching and assessing a class for that year. The learning of each student is the job of all staff.

It is said that it takes the village to raise the child. This applies to educating a student. It takes the whole school.

Congratulations to our students and thanks to our wonderful staff, who know the meaning of true collaboration, of effective teaching, and who know their students.

However, the other good news is that the Review Cycle project will go ahead.

Susan Geaney
Principal
Thank you to the Year 6 Presentation Group for leading us in our prayer on Friday morning and for focussing our attention on Mary MacKillop, the school founder we will be focussing on during this term. They did an excellent job of helping us reflect on the very simple message of Mary MacKillop of “Never seeing a need without doing something about it”.

Mary MacKillop and her special qualities, which have led to her becoming Australia’s first Saint, will be the focus of our prayer and pastoral time during the coming weeks.

This Friday 21st July, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program ‘Being Brave’ at St Patrick’s.

Being Brave is a live theatre production which will help students accept change, deal with their emotions and bounce back when things go wrong. The production is inspirational and empowering, providing kids with strategies such as good communication and positive self-talk, to help make them more resilient and able to navigate life’s storms.

Being Brave is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers and psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive, non-judgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a supportive and caring school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at the link below. 

http://www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

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.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Gympie Zone Sports Trials

#### TERM 3

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* If rained out, District 10 – 19 Yrs Athletics Trials will be 14 – 15/08/17.

Have a great week!

Joe Laffey and Geraldine Grimish
The St Pat’s Sports Team

#### MUSIC NEWS

**Harmony Choir**

Our school Harmony Choir will be performing at the Gympie Eisteddfod on Thursday 3rd August.

**Year 6 Marimba Band**

Our Year 6 Marimba Band will be performing at the Gympie Eisteddfod on Tuesday 1st August.

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

#### FROM THE LIBRARY

Make a note to keep this time slot free: Wednesday 23rd August from 9.00 to 10.00 am. It’s our annual Book Week Dress-Up Parade! Come along to school and be an appreciative audience for our students. It’s a lot of fun! The 2017 theme is Escape to Everywhere. Books allow us to escape this world and go into places where we can experience other countries, cultures and times both real and imaginary. Reading can help some people escape problems they are having in their lives. They can live for a few hours as another character.

This year, there will be a change to the format for our Parade. Students can come dressed as a character from one of their
favourite books. They need to carry the book if possible or carry a sheet of paper or card with the name of the book and the character clearly visible. They could also choose to dress up as the theme or as a character from one of the shortlisted books which they will engage with during library borrowing sessions. Students will parade around the audience in their class groups. If it is fine weather, the parade will take place on the main playground. If not, we will use the Trinity Hall.

We don’t expect parents to spend money on these costumes. The focus is on suggesting a character, object, idea or theme from the story.

It’s a lot of fun and generates a lot of excitement! Thanks in advance for your support!

Orders for Book Club Issue 5 are due on Tuesday 25th July.

Vicki Major
Acting Teacher Librarian

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Enrolments - 2018**

Applications for Enrolments for Prep (and for other year levels) are now open. Parents are asked to collect an Enrolment Package from the school office. To be eligible to enrol in Prep in 2018 a child must be born between 1/7/2012 and 30/6/2013. Children born between 1/7/2011 and 30/6/2012 will be eligible to enrol in Year 1/2018.

Applications for Enrolment are required as soon as possible to secure a place as enrolment application time is considered when establishing places. Applications need to be accompanied with the student’s birth and baptismal (if applicable) certificate.

Applications for children for Year 1-6 will need to attach a copy of their most recent report.

A $20 enrolment fee/child will also be required.

For further information, please contact the school office via phone on 5482 3293 or via email pgymple@bne.catholic.edu.au

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**ICAS**

**Upcoming ICAS Assessments**

**English** – Tuesday 1 August  
**Mathematics** – Tuesday 15 August

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**Happy Birthday**

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

- Zac B
- Ned K
- Georgie S
- Jazlyn B
- Ben H
- Ali P

We also wish a very happy birthday to our Year 6 children who will be in Canberra next week

- Jasmin R
- Maria A
- Benjamin D

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**From the Year 6 Newsletter Committee…**

**WHAT DID YOU DO ON THE HOLIDAYS?**

Jensen F in Prep W said he camped and when he was camping he played with a tennis ball.

Emma G from Prep W went to the movies to see Despicable Me 3 and had potato minions at McDonalds for dinner.

Layla and Porsha in 3L both went to pottery class together and Layla went to Rainbow Beach.

Jake in 5A went indoor sky diving at the Gold Coast and Taylim went to “Build a Bear” with her friend for her birthday.

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**Uniform Shop Hours**

**Thursday: 8am – 9:30am**  
Operating from the Tuckshop

**Tuckshop Roster**

If you can help out, please contact Tracy at the Tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday or Friday and she will add you to the roster. Thank you in advance for your support.
## Encouragement Awards

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<td>Prep Blue W</td>
<td>Zackary H</td>
<td>Welcome to our class! You have come in so confidently and are making lots of friends. We look forward to having you as a part of our class.</td>
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<td>Prep Gold F</td>
<td>Casey T</td>
<td>For the excellent example you set for your peers by listening to the person speaking and working hard to complete all of your tasks.</td>
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<td>Year 1 Blue C</td>
<td>Tyler D</td>
<td>For making a positive start to Term 3 by being keen to share your knowledge and for your willingness to have a go at working on class activities.</td>
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<td>Arleigh W</td>
<td>For the positive way you have started Term 3 by being attentive and willing to have a go and do your best.</td>
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<td>Year 1/2 White</td>
<td>Elliott N</td>
<td>For being such a kind, thoughtful student who is always willing to help others. Well done Elliott!</td>
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<td>Year 2 Gold P</td>
<td>Jackson O</td>
<td>For the kind and thoughtful way you treat others. You are a great help to everyone. Thank you so much Jackson!</td>
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<td>Year 3 Blue M</td>
<td>Oscar B</td>
<td>For putting your best effort into everything you do and being a kind and caring member of our class. Thank you, Oscar.</td>
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<td>Year 3 Gold L</td>
<td>Cody m</td>
<td>For the friendly and positive way you interact with everyone. You are a happy and caring student who always thinks of others.</td>
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<td>Year 4 Blue B</td>
<td>Emily W</td>
<td>For the way you see a need and do something about it and thank you for the enthusiastic way you participate in all activities. Well done Emily.</td>
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<td>Year 4 Gold H</td>
<td>Simone G</td>
<td>For being an organised and persistent learner who completes tasks with a positive attitude. Thank you Simone for always sharing your lovely manners in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Year 4/ 5 White T</td>
<td>Jamie P</td>
<td>For pushing yourself in writing to write texts that show your full potential as an author. Well done Jamie, I’m loving your renewed dedication to writing well thought, cohesive and edited texts.</td>
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<td>Year 5 Blue B</td>
<td>Bella W</td>
<td>For her consistently sweet and cheerful nature and for always putting her best efforts into all tasks. Wonderful attitude, Bella – you go, girl!</td>
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<td>Year 5 Gold A</td>
<td>Blake I</td>
<td>For starting the term with a positive attitude towards his learning. Blake has been working hard, persisting with tasks and doing his best.</td>
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<td>Year 6 Blue S</td>
<td>Taya H</td>
<td>For the support and encouragement you have been showing your classmates during Maths. It is wonderful to see you share your passion and enthusiasm with others. Thank you Taya.</td>
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<td>Year 6 Gold B</td>
<td>Carter S</td>
<td>For presenting an excellent oral and a well-developed newspaper article on Federation. Well done Carter.</td>
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<td>Year 6 White L</td>
<td>Kayla M</td>
<td>For showing maturity, organisation and responsibility in arranging and presenting her Teach the Teacher task.</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Oliver C - N</td>
<td>For consistently approaching your learning with a mature and positive attitude and the determination to do your best. Oliver, you are always ready to help and support others when needed.</td>
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<td>Thank you for your assistance with the Book Week activity with the Prep students.</td>
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**P & F NEWS**

Our next P&F Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th August at 5.00pm in the library, children welcome. We hope to see you there!

Flyers and payment envelopes have been distributed to families for our first big fundraiser of Term 3, a Pancake Picnic at Cooloola Berries on Sunday 6 August 9.30am – 12pm. Many thanks to Jason, Kim and the team at Cooloola Berries for making this possible. We hope to see you there!

Please be on the lookout for any treasures to stock our Father’s Day stall in Week 8.

We would like to hold an evening disco this term. Please let us know if you have a DJ contact in town!

Save the date: Spring Fair 20th October 2017 3pm-6pm. Inflatable fun and great food! Stay tuned for further details.

Don’t forget to 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/

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION – CONFIRMATION**

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish is **Wednesday September 13.**

We are aware that a some children may have been confirmed in 2016 but as yet have not received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you have not previously contacted the Parish Office with your details please do so and we will try to run this program simultaneously.

If you have any questions about the Parish Sacramental Program please contact the Parish Office on 5482 1213.

**HOT SHOTS TENNIS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coaches Brett Cottrill & Matt Watkins will commence the Hot Shots Tennis program on **Tuesday 18th July** at St 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 0417 746 795 or return the completed form back to the office by Tuesday 18th July.

We accept the Get Started Sporting Vouchers.

Cash or Cheques made payable to Brett Cottrill please.

Direct Deposit B A 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 Afternoons 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.

**From the Gympie Regional Council**

Winter Trees on Mary is fast approaching and will be held on Wednesday 26th July 2017 from 4pm – 9pm. We will also be holding our official Smithfield Street Revitalisation opening during this event.
SMITHFIELD STREET OPENING
WINTER TREES ON MARY

Wednesday 26 July
4pm until 9pm
Mary Street, Gympie Town Centre
Horse and cart rides
Live music 4pm – 9pm
Wine and cheese tasting
Late night boutique shopping
‘Dressed’ winter woollen trees
Beanie and mitten competition
Cafés, bars and restaurants open
Fresh produce stalls and gourmet foods

BOARDING SCHOOL

Come along and play some board games! There will be a huge variety of games and the TGR team will be available to teach you how to play. Parents are welcome to play too!

When: 29th July, 2017 at 6:00pm
Where: The Gympie Jungle
Cost: $5/child (incl. access to play equipment) Adults FREE

LITTLE KIDS day out