



Thursday 1st April 2021



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We finish this term reflecting on the Holy Week story leading into the celebration of Easter this Sunday. Holy Thursday, encompassing Jesus' last meal, his praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Our **Year 5 & 6 children** played this out beautifully this morning when they presented some of the events of Holy Thursday. It was a powerful and moving reflection.

But the story doesn't end here: Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday changes everything. His empty tomb, his appearance to his disciples by the lake, on the road to Emmaus and to Thomas is the basis of our Christian story and gives us all hope.

I encourage all our families to come along over Easter to the various parish Holy Week ceremonies and Easter Masses and trust you have a safe and happy holiday break. Below are details of parish events here in our parish.

Holy Week Schedule- Mass Time and Location

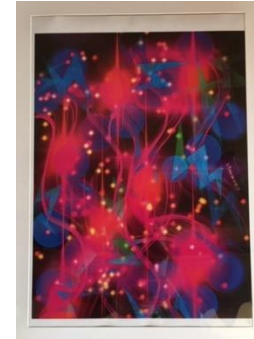
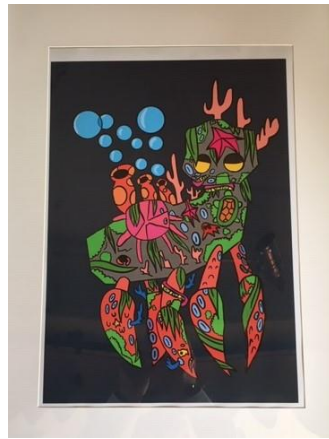
Holy Thursday -Thursday 1 April	Good Friday- Friday 2 April	Easter Vigil Saturday 3 April
Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the feet 7.30pm St Bernard's // 7.30pm St Patrick's followed by Exposition/Adoration till 10.00pm at both churches	Solemn Stations of the Cross Passion of the Lord 10am St Bernard's // 10am St Patrick's 3pm St Bernard's // 3pm St Patrick's	(No morning Mass) 7pm St Bernard's // 7pm St Patrick's
		Easter Sunday- Sunday 4 April
		9am St Bernard's // 8am St Patrick's & 10am St Patrick's

St. Patrick's Art Awards

Congratulations to the inaugural recipients of the St. Patrick's Art Award this term. The selected students (2 from each class) received a certificate to acknowledge the creative and outstanding art works that they created this term. These artworks are proudly displayed in our school hall with an aim to have a gallery walk in the stairwell leading to the library.

St. Patrick's Art Award Recipients:

Kinder Gold	Koby R & Meadow E.	Kinder Green	Gerson L & Maesalina M.
Year 1 Gold	Madeleine H & Annalise W	Year 1 Green	Andrea C & Olivia G.
Year 2 Gold	Lila B & Tony Anthony P.	Year 3 Green	Oscar T & Jacob U.
Year 3 Gold	Talita M & Charlie S.	Year 4 Green	Ollie J & Eric H.
Year 4 Gold	Ashleigh I & Anthony G.	Year 5 Green	Marieta T & Angus C
Year 5/6 Gold	Matthew T & Ashton G.	Year 6 Green	Max M & Samantha K.



Broken Bay Touch Football Team

Congratulations to Sienna Franic-Smith in Year 5 who has successfully qualified for the 2021 Broken Bay Girls Touch Football team. The Trials for the Polding team are being held in Port Macquarie on Friday 28th May, where her team will compete against five other Catholic Diocese within NSW. We wish Sienna all the best for the Polding Trials.

School Open Day

Our School Open Day on Tuesday was a tremendous success with many new parents coming along to find out why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child to attend. Thank you to the team of staff and parent volunteers that came together to showcase the wonderful aspects of our school. I believe the highlight of our School Open Day for our prospective parents was the school tours that were conducted by our talented Year 6 students. I am very thankful to be able to call on them to demonstrate through their presence the reasons why St. Patrick's is a great school with so much to offer.

I continue to call on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2022 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Please encourage them to contact the school (9477 3800) and book a private tour with me.

P & F General Meeting 7:30pm, Monday 29 March at St Patrick's

We had a good number of parents attend P & F general meeting on Monday evening. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend in person or online. It was wonderful to finally experience my first face to face P&F meeting at St. Patrick's after a year of restrictions and delays.

Our parent community are very committed to the success of our school and the partnership we have together along with our parish community is a great source strength that ultimately benefits the children in our school.

I encourage new parents of the school to attend future meetings and parent run initiatives as these are great opportunities to make new friends and support our school.

St Pat's Cookbook

School Community project for Term 1 & 2. Harmony Day 2021 saw the launch to start the creation of our St Pat's Community cookbook! Families of St Pat's can start planning which of your favourite recipes you would like to have published in our very own school cookbook. Have a favourite family recipe that you keep coming back to? We would love you to share it with us. If you would like to offer any assistance with

this, please email the P & F at pandfstpats@gmail.com. We're seeking a creative name for our cookbook too - prize announcements to come!

Easter Raffle

Thank you to our Year 6 class parents and students for organising and supporting the Easter Egg Basket Raffle that was drawn yesterday. We had about 20 prizes that were gleefully accepted by the grateful winners. Money raised by the fundraiser will go towards a gift for the school donated by Year 6 2021. Along with the Special Sushi Lunch order the money raised totalled over \$1200. Congratulations to all involved.

Mother's Day Celebrations

Next term we are preparing to celebrate Mother's Day at school with a Mothers, Muffins and Maths morning. We warmly encourage mothers, mother figures and women role models in the lives of our children to come along on **Friday 7th May** from 8.00am for a cuppa, muffin and get together. This will be followed by a Mother's Day Liturgy and then some Maths time with mums and children in classrooms. Please stay for as long as you can on the morning.

Thanks to our P&F Committee for running the Mother's Day stall set for Friday 7th May.

Wakakirri 2021

This year we are very excited to be participating in the Wakakirri Challenge.

The Aboriginal word Wakakirri means 'to dance a story' according to the Wangaaypuwan people from Cobar NSW.

The Wakakirri Challenge provides an educational program for schools that develops student engagement and wellbeing through the sharing of stories and participation in the performing arts. This is our first year to be involved in the challenge and we are opening the challenge to all students in Year 4, 5 and 6. All students in these grades will play an important role in the challenge. Students have indicated if they would like to be a performer, part of the backstage crew, or part of the creative team that develops props and costumes. Please see the attached flyer for additional information. Further details will be provided to Year 4, 5 and 6 early in Term 2.

Important Dates for Term 2

Monday 26th April - ANZAC Day Liturgy 8:45am

Sunday 2nd May - Kindergarten Parish Mass 10am

Friday 7th May - Mother's Day Celebrations 8am - 10:30am

Monday 24th May - National Mass for 200 years of Catholic Education

Friday 11th June - School Mass - Feast of the Sacred Heart 11:20am

Sunday 20th June - Year 1 Parish Mass 10am

Tuesday 22nd June - The Dish

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

From the Office

Please remember all student details in Qkr will be wiped during the school holidays. Please re-enter your child's correct grade and class details in preparation for Term 2.

Have a wonderful, happy, and safe Easter break.

Cheryl and Liz.

WAKAKIRRI

AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST PERFORMING ARTS EVENT FOR SCHOOLS



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

Dear parents and students,

Your school has enrolled to participate in Wakakirri and we want to say welcome!

Great stories can open hearts and minds and inspire change. Wakakirri is a national Story Dance festival where schools aim to do just that!

Wakakirri is Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools with separate events for Primary, Secondary, Dance schools and schools in remote areas. Each year hundreds of schools across Australia create Story-Dances for Wakakirri that reflect student's thoughts, ideas and aspirations. These stories are performed in professional theatres in front of the official 'Wakakirri Panel' who are searching for 'Story of the Year'.

The 2021 Wakakirri Panel includes Emma Watkins, Andrew McFarlane, Kat Hoyos and Luke Carroll to name a few!

A Wakakirri Story-Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a group of students that theatrically tells a story using a combination of dancing, creative movement and acting to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story and use any combination of dance, acting, music, sets, props and costumes.

If they haven't already your school will be beginning rehearsals soon. Parents, family and friends are invited to watch the finished performance and information about that will be arriving soon. You can find out more about Wakakirri at www.wakakirri.com

Keep on dancing!

The Wakakirri Team



EMMA WATKINS



STEPHEN MAHY



KAT HOYOS

2021 NATIONAL PANEL

