



Our Vision
An inclusive
community
committed to high
levels of learning
for all.

Our Mission
In the spirit of Saint
Mary Mackillop, we
strive for excellence
with love, dignity,
integrity and justice.

Dear Families

It's the little things in life that make a huge difference!

Whilst this statement is relatively benign, its implications are far reaching. Whether we choose to concentrate on the negative or positive aspects of life, it is the little things that can make a huge difference. The repeated use of this statement, not only to the students of St Patrick's but to my own children at home is important. My son greets my inevitable conversation about the little things in life with varying degrees of trepidation. But as a family we truly believe that it is the little things in life that will make a huge difference. Take for example the St Patrick's Parish Fete that was held recently. What an example of making a huge difference to our local community! From the Animal Zoo, Sideshow Alley, St Pat's Buskers, Almost Anything Goes and the many stalls littered around the grounds provided a wonderful community event. The buzz going around the school on Friday was testament to this fact. With positive relationships built and cemented between the Parish and the School Community, which are priceless.

While the money raised is particularly impressive, it is this sense of community support and togetherness proved to be the winner for me on the day. One member of the Fete Committee reminded me that raising vast amounts of money is very much secondary to the fellowship and bonding of our Parish and School Community. Our sense of community and hospitality are core foundations of our Catholic Faith. Thank you to you all for making our parish and school community such a strong one. It is this connection with each other and the importance of hospitality that we are reminded of the Emmaus Story.

Upon arriving at Emmaus the disciples welcome the stranger, who has now become the companion on the journey, to stay and prepare to spend the night with them. Jesus remains and takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it and gives it to them. It is at this moment, as the scriptures have been explained to them that their hearts burn, they are transformed and they realise their companion is the Risen Jesus. It is the message of faith nourished by Jesus, the living bread that many believers take from this narrative. Believers are sustained by faith in Jesus that burns within their hearts. (Source: At One Altar)

It's the little things in life that make a huge difference. Thank you all once again for your support of the Fete. Roll on 2022 when we can do it all again!

Planning for 2022

Planning for 2022 is currently well underway. As we have stated in previous newsletters our aim is to maintain the current structure of four classes. Our enrolments are looking positive for 2022. Whilst our staffing outline for 2022 is still some time away from finalisation, we hope to confirm and communicate our class structure and staffing by Week 7 of Term 4, 2021.

Currently, we have two possible class structures for 2022.

PLAN A - Talgai (Prep), Cunningham (Year 1/2), Dalrymple (Year 3/4) and Glengallan (Year 5/6).

PLAN B - Talgai (Prep/ Year 1), Cunningham (Year 2), Dalrymple (Year 3/4) and Glengallan (Year 5/6).

In regard to staffing for 2022, with Mrs. Geyle's transition to retirement, the school is currently advertising for a classroom teacher. The school is also currently advertising for a HPE Teacher to commence in 2022. Mrs Partington has also decided to reduce her working days in 2022. As a result, the school will advertise for an additional School Officer to cover her absence.

In terms of planning for 2022, the school would appreciate a courtesy email if you intend to leave St Patrick's and your child is not in Year 6. This will assist the school in planning for 2022 classes.

Feeling Safe

Our School Student
Protection
Contacts are:

**Ms Donnelly
Mr Blaikie**

Ms Jayne Farquharson

Reminders

Uniform Days

Sports

Wednesday, Friday.

Formal

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday.

Summer Uniform

Starts Monday
6th September

Please remember
that we are a...

'Nut Aware' School.

**Church Times -
Celebrations are up
and running again
with social
distancing measures
in place. Times for
Masses are as
follows:**

**1st Sunday - 9am,
2nd and 3rd Sunday
- 5.30pm**

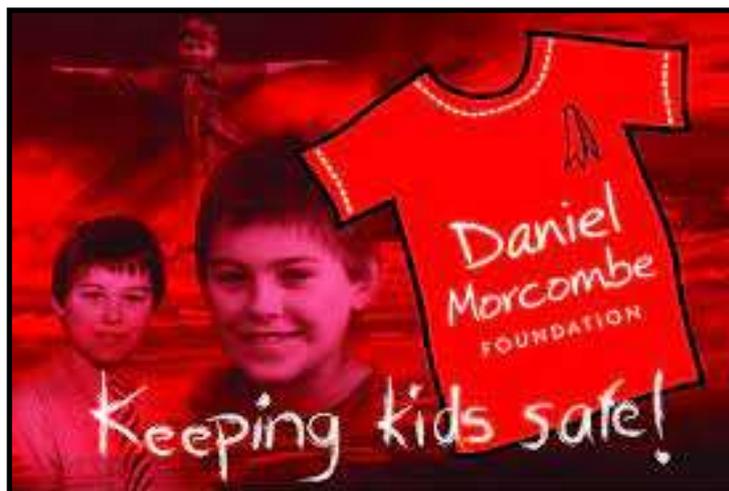
**4th & 5th Sunday -
Liturgy of the Word
with Communion -
9am**

Day for Daniel FUNraiser

We are pleased to announce that we will be participating in the *Day for Daniel FUNraiser* on **Friday 29 October**. The funds raised will be donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Students will participate in a Fun Run during HPE classes.

Bruce and Denise Morcombe established the foundation in May 2005 in loving memory of their son Daniel. Since its inception, the Daniel Morcombe Foundation has worked tirelessly to educate communities on child safety strategies and support victims of crime involving children. The safety of the children in our community is paramount and we are proud to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation continue its mission of *keeping children safe*.

We have sent home a sponsorship form and a parent letter with more information, however all fundraising is completed online, so once you've received your materials from your child, jump online at d4dFUNraiser.com.au and create their personalised student profile page. Take your time to familiarise yourself with the page by watching the video, creating your avatar and most importantly sharing your link!



The best way to share your link is to pick five people you think will donate, write a personal message to them and either call, text or email them. Two days after doing this, start sharing your link far and wide. Text message is always the best way to share your link, followed by social media and lastly, email. Raising just \$10 will also earn your child a prize! Your first donation also enters you into the draw to win a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Prize Package! Finally, every donation is tax deductible so please share far, wide and often.

We encourage you all to do your part in ensuring that the *Day for Daniel FUNraiser* is a huge success. If you have any questions about the event or need help setting up your child's profile, please contact the *Day for Daniel FUNraiser* team on 1800 386 786.

Glengallan Camp—Tallebudgera

The school was privileged to attend the annual Year 5 and 6 Camp in Burleigh Heads during Week 1 of Term 4. Whilst the arteries of the staff have narrowed considerably with the traditional camp food, our diet of fruit and vegetables over the last two weeks should alleviate any lasting problems. The students carried themselves with grace and respect throughout the week and were wonderful ambassadors for not only the school but for their families. The instructors were blown away with the manners and resilience displayed by our students. We would also like to acknowledge the wonderful connections we made to both the staff and students of St Francis de Sales. We would also like to acknowledge the organization of Mrs. O'Brien from St Francis who assumed responsibility for a majority of the organisation of this year's camp.

Camp Reflection—Written by Angus McArthur

This year Glengallan went to Tallebudgera for camp. They had an awesome time and made new friends from St Francis in Clifton. They did all sorts of activities that set them out of their comfort zone. The activities they did were the giant swing, high ropes, body boarding, catapults, pool games and beach games. On the giant swing everyone went to the top of the 20-metre pole and it was the most enjoyable activity we did. The only scary part of the swing was the free fall. On the high ropes there were 4 activities. There were easy and hard activities. The hardest activity on the high ropes was the giant ladder which was hard because the beams got higher each step. During the body boarding session we caught lots of big waves. The best waves to catch were the waves that crashed together. The pool games were so much fun because we played a game called baseball but in the water. We made some good whirlpools and nearly floated to the other end of the pool. When we went to play beach games, we went Tallebudgera Creek and listened to a story from our instructor that indigenous people believe that a dog's bladder formed the creek. Our last activity focused on making catapults. We learnt how to do all sorts of knots when we finished making the catapults and we tried to hit the targets. After 3 days at Tallebudgera, we went home. What a great experience!



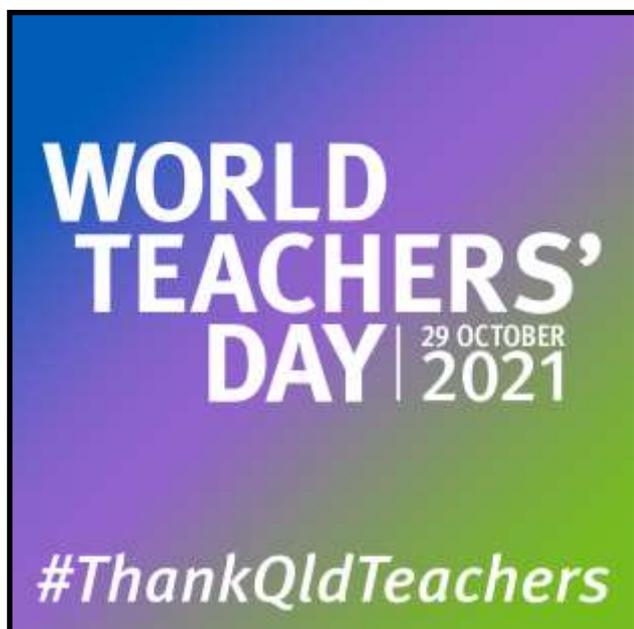
Sport

Matilda Gasson recently attended the Futsal State Championships which were held in Brisbane at the Nissan Arena. Matilda was a member of the Southwest Hurricanes. The team played six games and won two. The standard of competition was extremely high with many new skills being learnt.

Matilda really enjoyed her experience and felt she really improved her knowledge of futsal playing against and watching other teams play the game. From all accounts, the Southwest Hurricanes were gracious both in victory and defeat, and upheld the values of positive team play. Well done!

World Teachers' Day—Friday 29 October

World Teachers' Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank our teachers for their important role in our communities and for the positive impact they have on the lives of students. On behalf of the St Patrick's School Community, we would like to acknowledge the important work teachers and our school officers undertake every day to educate the young people in their care. As a school we will formally celebrate World Teachers' Day on Friday 29 October during our Assembly.



Kindest regards

Keith Blaikie—Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 4

- 27 October—P&F Meeting at 6:00pm
- 29 October— Assembly at 8:50am in the Multi-Purpose Court
- 29 October—Day for Daniel Walk during HPE classes (Fundraiser)
- 29 October—World Teachers' Day
- 2 November—STEM Day with St Francis de Sales in Clifton
- 5 November—Swimming Lessons
- 12 November—Swimming Lessons
- 17 November—Prep 2022 Transition Day #3 and Parent Information Session from 8:45 to 11:00am.
- 18 November—Grandparents Morning 8:50 to 10:00am.
- 18 November—School Musical 6pm
- 19 November—Swimming Lessons
- 26 November—Swimming Carnival
- 1 December—Prep 2022 Transition Day #4 - 2pm to 3pm
- 2 December—5.30pm Graduation
- 3 December Last Day of 2022—End of year liturgy and awards