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The Rector



Book Week

Last week we celebrated Book Week on Greccio Campus. The library and Primary Staff put together a week of activities including a workshop on Story Sports with Brian Falkner, lunch time activities in the library and the finale, a Book Week Parade on Friday. A big thank you to all the staff, students and parents for the way they engaged in the week and made books the focus for the week. I trust that the week of activities resulted in more reading at home by the boys and hopefully this carries over into the upcoming holidays.



Child Protection Week

On a more serious note, this week is Child Protection Week. A designated week in which to remind ourselves that child protection is everyone's business. The following excerpt is from the Queensland Child Protection website and it is a reminder to all adults of the need to be forever vigilant in the protection of children.

Most of us recognise that child protection is key to ensuring that children in our communities, families and schools are safe, nurtured and protected. Sometimes this means acknowledging that children are neglected or harmed in these same places.

That is hard to acknowledge. As such, children continue to experience child abuse and neglect in our society.

So, this week provides an opportunity for all in our community to reflect on the College's requirements around working with children which are located on our website. The responsibility lies with each of us in keeping children safe from harm and all members of our community need to play a part in ensuring children are nurtured and safe. The Child Protection Week website also has resources which may be of use this week. This year's theme is *Stronger Communities, Safer Children*.

Pathways Subject Selection and Pathway Review Time

August and September are always an interesting month in the school academic calendar as this is the time we traditionally hold our subject selection and pathway review evenings. It is interesting to watch the interaction between parents and their son as they navigate the decision processes around subject selections and the ensuing discussions around future careers. Our Year 12s are also starting to take more seriously what lies behind the gates of Padua as they count down their final days of school life. As parents, we have an important role in providing advice and guidance to our children as they begin to make decisions about post school life. At this time, I reflect on my own post school career and educational journey. I can remember the conversations and the anguish I caused my own parents as I changed careers and university courses during those immediate post school years. As adults, we sometimes forget our own journey and hope that our children will have a more direct path to their post school career than we may have enjoyed.

Our Year 10 students have undertaken a careers education program this year and I am confident that they have been well prepared for the decisions they are about to make around their subject choices. I have questioned many in my Year 10 PALs class and other Year 10 students about their post school life and their responses range from lofty dreams to looks of despair. These responses are not uncommon, and we could probably expect a similar range of responses if I was to ask adults what they would be doing in five years. So, while it is important that

our students make informed choices about their subjects and they then apply themselves well to their studies, we also know that the choices around subjects are not career or life defining decisions. Students in many cases will change their post school preferences a number of times during Years 11 and 12. We also know that even after they finish school they will have a number of career changes in their working life. Interestingly, last year approximately 25 per cent of university enrolments in Australia were adult students.

So, the advice to our students is to select the subjects that they have experienced past success in, subjects they enjoy doing and importantly subjects which suit their skill set. There is no point in a student selecting Mathematics C to satisfy their parents when their previous success and enjoyment was in performing arts subjects. It will be a battle for the next two years for parents and their child if the choices made are not in keeping with these simple rules. It is also important for our students to remember that selecting the subjects is like equipping yourself for the game of your favourite sport. You still have to go out and play the game to the best of your ability - hard work and good routines matter!

Parents, I ask you to remember your own post school journey as you sit and work through the subjects and career pathways with your child. Post school options are important but they must never be so consuming that our students become so narrow in their focus that they see schooling only as a means to an end. We know that the education we provide in a Catholic school is broader and deeper than the completion of a set curriculum in a collection of subjects. Education is not only about making a living but making a life.

Students in 8,9 and 10 are currently in the process of completing subject selections for 2018 and parents must sign off on their selections before Mr Stower inputs choices into the timetable.

Welcome – Caitlin Woodman

This week we welcome Miss Caitlin Woodman to the teaching staff. Caitlin joins us from St Mary's College Kingaroy. She will be replacing our drama teacher, Mrs Kristen Griggs who is on Maternity leave for the rest of this year. We wish Kristen all the best with the upcoming birth of her third child.

Best Wishes and Thank You

We are heading fast towards the end of the term and what will be a well-earned break for staff and students. While we are nearly there, I remind all students of the need to be focused on their studies as we enter this busy period of assessment. For our Year 12 students, this is a particularly important exam period. Thank you to parents for their support of the many initiatives and co-curricular activities this term. I am particularly grateful for the support of those parents who have supported our sporting teams and cultural activities and the parents who have attended our Parents and Friends Association meetings. Best wishes for a safe and relaxing holiday.

**Peace and all good,
Mr Peter Elmore
Rector**

The Chaplain



“Just put that down for five minutes.” Look at me when I am speaking to you.” “Not at the dinner table.” “It’s me again- I want to know what time you will be home.” – If you have said any of this recently, chances are you have a son at Padua. He joins, 91% of 14-17-year old’s who have a mobile phone. (2017 Roy Morgan Research)

Then read Jean M. Twenge’s IGEN: WHY TODAY’S SUPER-CONNECTED KIDS ARE GROWING UP LESS REBELLIOUS, MORE TOLERANT, LESS HAPPY- AND COMPLETELY UNPREPARED FOR ADULTHOOD. From her extensive research, she is convinced that young people are on the brink of the worst mental health crisis in decades. Indeed, the arrival of the smart phone has radically changed every aspect of teenagers’ lives, from the nature of their social interaction to their mental health. Rates of teenage depression and suicide have skyrocketed in the last six years.

Today’s teenager is less inclined to go out with friends, but is no closer to his parents. While on their phone their response to mum is often, “okay, whatever!” As one Paduan recently put it, “I have been on the phone more than I have been with actual people.”

Professor Twenge has found that teenagers who spend more time than average on screen activities are more likely to be unhappy, and non-screen activities leads to more happiness. She concludes this part of her research with advice to teens- “put down the phone, turn off the laptop, and do something, anything that does not involve a screen.” Social networking, like Facebook promises to connect them with “friends”- but the data emerging is of a lonely, depressed and disconnected generation!

It is not uncommon for teenagers to take their phone to bed, under their pillow or between the sheets- so cutting into their sleep. What we have are boys coming to school already tired. A senior told me he was on Facebook until 3am!! Sleep deprivation is linked to a myriad of issues- compromised thinking, reasoning and concentration, susceptibility to illness, weight gain, high blood pressure, being more moody, depression and anxiety.

Surely, parents and teachers who have the responsibility of guiding young and preparing them for adulthood need to take seriously the deleterious effects of the smart phone- for this generation of teenagers is on the brink of a serious mental health crisis. Where to from here

Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm

RESPONSIBILITY

Let's look at moral responsibility.

How do I respond to my obligations? For the believer, how does he respond to God? For all of us how do we respond to our obligations as family members - to parents and siblings? Then as a student what obligations do I have to my teachers, and indeed, to myself, so that I end up being well educated and using my talents for the sake of others.

A responsible person makes those choices that produce a better person, a better family and a better society. He maximises the happiness of others and minimises harm to others.

From the Pastoral Care Team

Next week your family will receive the Term 3 Pastoral Care Report. This report will provide a number of key insights into your young man's year at the College. These insights include:

- His personal Pastoral Level, depicting a tangible reflection of his application to all areas of College life.
- Indicators of achievement, relevant to your son's application to key components of his Pastoral life at the College.
- Graphs representing the number of absentees and late arrivals in comparison to College expectations for each student.
- Your son's personal attendance record on key school days / College events throughout the year.
- A personal comment from your son's Pastoral Care teacher.

Further to the Pastoral Care report, students will also receive their 2017 Co-Curricular Certificate. This certificate reflects each boy's contribution to College life, outside of the traditional classroom. The certificate data is collaboratively collated by each student and their PC teacher and includes any possible contribution that may occur in term 4 of this year.

Congratulations must go to every student who contributed to the co-curricular component of College life in 2017. Special congratulations must also go to Mitchell House who had the highest combined total of contributions and were last week crowned winner of the 2017 Ed Nally Cup.

In term 4, your son will reflect on this report with his PC teacher. Parents are strongly encouraged to also take time over the holidays to consider and discuss the insights of his Pastoral Care report. Should your son require any alteration to his Co-Curricular certificate or there are any discrepancies, families are asked to contact your son's Pastoral Care Teacher in the first instance.

Uniform Change:

Given this is the final Bulletin for the term, it is timely to remind all families of the change of uniform for Term 4. The hotter weather brings the move to the summer uniform for all students. This consists of:

- The College grey shirt

- The College grey shorts
- The College black belt
- Long College socks
- Black leather school shoes
- College Hat

Families are asked to please consider replacing damaged or worn uniform where applicable. Students are also reminded that there will be an appearance check on the first day of term during Pastoral Care time.

Last Round of AIC Sport

This week is the last round of AIC sport for 2017. Padua plays host to St Peters in Years 9-12, while our junior teams are away for their basketball and tennis fixtures. The round marks a special occasion for our Year 12's who will compete in the Brown and Gold for the very last time. I encourage all families to come La Cordelle or Shaw Sports and support these young men at the end of one of their many journeys at Padua College.

Parenting Tip Of The Week

Teach your children the value of money – Borrow from them!

Mr Ben Lowrie

Formation

Dear Padua Families

Care for our common home is recognised as an essential part of the Franciscan charism, and it is seen that a description of who we are as Franciscans cannot help but talk about "respect for Creation."

September 1 was first proclaimed as a World Day of Prayer for Creation by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I for the Orthodox community in 1989, and embraced by other European churches in 2001. Pope Francis declared it a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Catholic Church in 2015.

As Franciscans, we have been called to:

1. *Evaluate our (environmental) Lifestyle* – for example, how do you as an individual look at environmental issues such as climate change?
2. *Discern a New Style of Life* – Are we masters of creation or caretakers? As Franciscans, do we join with other people in protecting the environment and living a modest lifestyle? Do you agree with Pope Francis that the Earth, our common home, is falling into serious disrepair?
3. *Live a New Lifestyle* – You are invited to make practical decisions in order to help ensure that this dimension becomes part of our lifestyle. What can we do at the personal, community and social levels to address the causes of climate change? How can we reduce water consumption in our community?

What products can be reused and what can be recycled?

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world are praying and caring for creation.

From the words of the Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'

Let us pray:

God of Creation

We thank you for being with us each day.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

This prayer we make today in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

2017 Franciscan Week

This year's Franciscan Week has been organised and a timetable of events for the week can be found in this Bulletin. The highlight of the week will be our Feast Day celebrating mass on Wednesday 4 October at 11.00 am in La Cordelle. This year's Feast Day celebration follows a month long 'Season of Creation' reflection. Every day in your son's classroom a different reflection or activity has been suggested for that day.

The Season of Creation calendar can also be found in this Bulletin. Have a look at each day's suggestion and try to do what it suggests as your way of preparation in leading up to the Feast Day of St Francis on 4 October.

Ignite Youth Conference 2017

Ignite Youth Conference is a national Catholic youth conference held in Brisbane for adults, students, kids, ministry leaders, teachers, priests and religious. It is an annual event which draws participants nationally and internationally. Run over 3 1/2 days from Thursday 21 September to Sunday 24 September, the conference program includes keynote speakers, lively workshops and lots of faith sessions.

I am still happy to take enquiries and applications from students who would like to attend this year's conference.

Please phone Mr O'Brien on 3857 9986 or email mobrien@padua.qld.edu.au

Padua/Mt Alvernia Youth Group – 'Food, Friends and Faith'

Mt Alvernia have had their first meeting with girls in Yr 10 and Yr 11 who would like to start a group called 'Food, Friends and Faith'. The girls would like to invite Padua boys to join them. The next meeting is planned for after the holidays. There is a definite plan and structure to these meetings and may not be for everyone.

Are there any boys who might be up for it? Please come and see Mr O'Brien or email him mobrien@padua.qld.edu.au if you are interested.

2017 Sacrament of Initiation Mass

Congratulations to Toby, Joseph, Sam and Lachlan and their families who made their First Communion and Confirmation during a special family mass in the Little Flower Church, Kedron, on Monday night last week. Moments like this are special in our community and we wish the boys and their families every good wish and blessing for their lives ahead.

On 13 October we welcome a Yr 11 student, Callum, into the church. Callum will be baptised, confirmed and receive First Communion during our regular Friday Lunch Time Mass.

Thank you Fr John who prepared the boys over several weeks leading up to the night. Thanks also to Mrs Coe, Mr Sitarz, and our Yr 12 singers Darcy, Landseer and Jacob who led us in song last week.

Year 9 RE

Over the last couple of weeks every Yr 9 RE Class has been busy raising money and awareness for a range of charities and organisations as part of their current RE Unit. The range of activity and enthusiasm the boys and their RE teachers put into this unit has been outstanding. Hundreds of dollars, and more importantly, the awareness raised of various issues has been outstanding. One class rostered themselves onto speaking to each of the three Kedron Parish Weekend Masses one weekend about their project and asked parishioners for help, following this up with a follow up visit to thank them. Another class spoke at our last assembly, while others ran sausage sizzles, bake stalls, lunch time competitions, lolly guessing competitions, stationary drives and organising games with St Anthony's students.

I have said many times in this space that we belong to a generous community and these boys and their teachers have demonstrated this attitude once again. As a Franciscan community we could do no less! Well done Yr 9 boys and your teachers.

Pilgrimage 2018

Interested in joining the group. It's not too late. Please contact Mr O'Brien on mobrien@padua.qld.edu.au requesting further information. Your enquiry does not obligate you in anyway but will be given a prompt and cheerful reply!

St Vincent De Paul Bread Run Help

Padua – you are fantastic!

After my request in the last Bulletin I had about 12 families who volunteered their services to help on the SVDP Sunday Bread Run. The co-ordinator was overwhelmed with the response and would like to thank everyone for their response and support for a local project. It looks like the roster has been filled – with reserves!

Never think for a moment that charity work belongs to 'somewhere else'! Families in our community need our help now. Mary Mackillop, Australia's only Saint, often said: "Never

let a need go undone without doing something about it.” As always I thank you, Padua.

Special Prayers and Intentions

Prayer is a powerful thing. Each week there is always someone in community in need of them. Please let us know of anyone you know who is ill, passed away or just needs to know that others are thinking of them. Names can be sent to mobrien@padua.qld.edu.au

Mass is offered every Friday where your prayer intentions can be requested.

This week, and the weeks ahead, as we move towards warmer days:

“Teach us to discover the worth of each thing and to be filled with awe and contemplation”



Following Jesus demands a good dose of **courage**, a **readiness** to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to **set out** on **new** and uncharted paths. To **blaze trails** that open up **new horizons** capable of **spreading joy**, the joy that is born of God's love...

Pope Francis
WYD 2016, Vigil Address

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival
SYDNEY 7-9 December 2017**

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It exists to provide young people with opportunities to:

- deepen their relationship with Jesus;
- be empowered to be disciples in the world today, and
- encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

For more information go to <http://youth.catholic.org.au/year-of-youth>

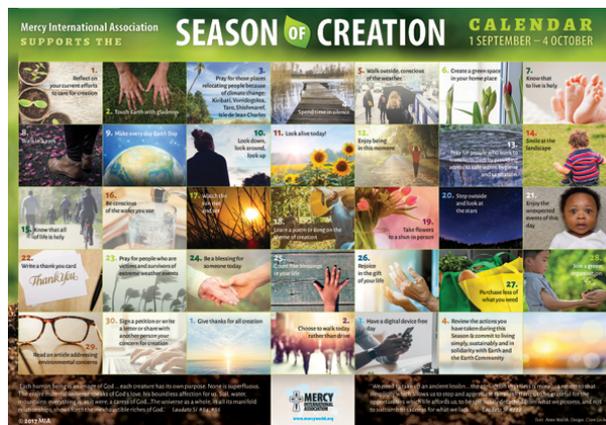


FRANCISCAN WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT PADUA COLLEGE

3rd October – 6th October 2018



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, 3 rd October	Class Prayer Good Samaritans Transitus of St Francis Docudrama	Morning PC- Daily notices Parish Hall Little Flower Church Assisi Oval
Wednesday, 4 th October	Class Prayer St Francis Eucharist followed by Light luncheon	Morning PC - Daily notices La Cordelle, 11.00am MPR
Thursday, 5 th October	Class Prayer Inter House Track & Field Carnival	Morning PC - Daily notices Geebung
Friday, 6 th October	Class Prayer Blessing of the Animals House Celebration Day	Morning PC - Daily notices Greccio Campus Wet 'n' Wild



**Peace and all good,
Mr Michael O'Brien**

Please pray for the sick:

- Mrs Angela Coglan, Mother of Darcy (Year 9); wife of Mr Coglan (staff)

Please pray for those who have died:

Teaching and Learning

Term Time Absences

I would ask families who are planning to take term time absence in Term 4 to visit the link below so that you are aware of the process for requesting term time absence at Padua College. This process ensures that your son's teachers are informed but ultimately, it is the responsibility of the student to inform each of his teachers so that arrangements can be made where possible. It is important for families to be aware that in some cases, particularly exams in exam block, missed assessment will result in an incomplete (INC) being awarded on the report card.

Please note that many subjects assess in the last week and therefore a decision to remove your son from school early in that week will mean missed assessment.

<http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/term-time-absence/>

Term 3 Reports

Please be reminded that the report for Term 3 is a Pastoral Report and not an Academic Report. Should you have any questions regarding your son's academic progress, please make direct contact with your son's teacher.

Assessment

Reflection on marked assessment is a very important part of the learning process and this reflection includes all relevant stakeholders. Family discussion about assessment is relevant and encouraged.

In Years 11 and 12, assessment is not sent home due to the need to ensure that all work is kept for QCAA purposes. However, your son will be asked to photograph his marked criteria sheet and should be able to show that to you. If your

son is in Year 11 and 12 and you would like to see a copy of your sons marked assessment, please direct your inquiry to your son's teacher who will, in most cases, be able to provide you with a copy.

In Years 5 to 10, assessment should be coming home for you to look at and discuss with your son. Generally staff need 2 to 3 working weeks to mark assessment. If your son has not received a mark or you have not seen the assessment item, please contact your son's teacher directly.

The full process on assessment going home can be found on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page in the Teaching and learning Section of the College Handbook.

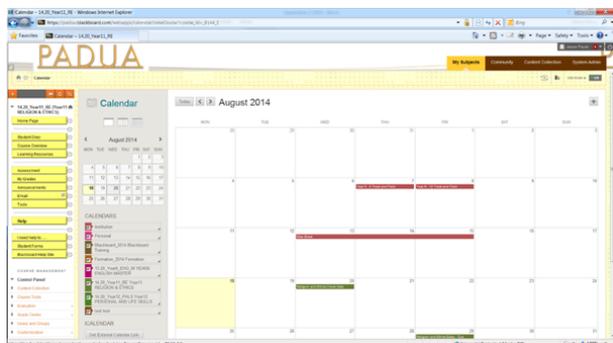
<http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/faq/>

Assessment Guides

Assessment Guides for Term 4 will be made available on the College website by the end of Week 1 next term via the following link:

<http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/assessment-and-academic-achievements/assessment-overview/>

However, given that these are static documents created as a **GUIDE ONLY**, your son's Blackboard Calendar is always the most up to date source for assessment information. This can be accessed by asking your son to open Blackboard and go into any subject. **Clicking on the Student Diary tab on the left of the screen will bring up your sons digital calendar as shown below.**



Year 8, 9 and 10 Subject Selections

Subject selection emails will be sent to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 this week. Students in Year 10 have been involved in SET Plan Interviews as part of their selection process and students in Years 8 and 9 will be spoken to this week around the process for subject selections. Should you have any questions around subject selections for your son, please email them to teachingandlearning@padua.qld.edu.au.

Subject selections for current Year 8, 9 and 10 students for their 2017 subjects close on Friday September 15 at 3pm.

Mr Jason Pacey

Greccio and Assisi Libraries

Book Week celebrations were a blast!

Term 3 Week 8 found us enjoying an exciting array of Book Week activities.



We discovered the fun of Story sports with author, Brian Falkner.



Our Greccio teachers and a number of members of our Leadership team channelled a wonderful array of book characters.



And we were blown away at the diversity and creativity of the Greccio boys' costumes for the annual Book Week parade.

We discovered that Padua has some very creative, budding authors and a very eclectic range of readers.

Holiday reading

We would like to remind all students and their families that the boys are welcome to borrow books and magazines over the

September school holidays...so, challenge a teacher librarian to find you the perfect book to escape into during the break.

Our very busy library officers have been cataloguing a plethora of new titles, including Manga, Graphic Novels, Fantasy, Sci-Fi, and some brand new releases by Patrick Ness, Morris Gleitzman and Jack Heath. If you would like to know what is new, take a quick look at the OPAC carousel or the new book display in both libraries.

The holidays offer the perfect time to read quietly, read to others or listen to an audio book. Research has shown that our brains get as much benefit from being read to, as when we read quietly to ourselves, so take the opportunity to read everywhere and to everyone, young or old.

Yours in books,

Ms Hochstrasser, Mrs O'Driscoll and Mrs Weber

eLearning

STEAM club

This week sees our final week for this term. The boys have enjoyed working with the lego robots with a focus on team work and what we can do together to achieve our end goal. It has also been inspirational watching groups work together to problem solve their coding.



As always, we will take a break for the final week of term and resume Week 2 Term 4. The focus next term will be on coding working with a free online tool called Bitsbox. This allows some coding within an app framework and I am looking forward to seeing some of the end creations.

Class Act 50 Challenge

This fortnight challenge focusses on eSafety: managing screen-time, digital footprint, reputation.

We are all creators and yet often forget the value of an individual's work when it comes to downloading readily available content from the internet. Over the holidays, discuss with your family the following:

"If you were the creator of a very popular song (or movie, image, video) would you care if it was downloaded illegally?"

Enjoy the upcoming holidays, get out and enjoy the great outdoors rather than viewing it through technological eyes.

Mrs Tanya Anderson

ART Exhibition
Padua college

Opening Friday
20th October
6pm

Guest Artist
Stephen Gallagher

Join us for an evening to celebrate Visual Art at Padua College. View works from Padua students in Years 5-12, Old Boys, Staff and our guest artist Stephen Gallagher. The evening will also include entertainment, the People's Choice Award and some insightful words from our visiting artist.

Exhibition continues 21 October

Tuckshop

Whilst there is tuckshop on the last week, we have not rostered on anyone for the first and last week of each term.

P&F

Dear Parents

As we approach the end of term 3, everyone's calendars are filling up with exciting functions and events.

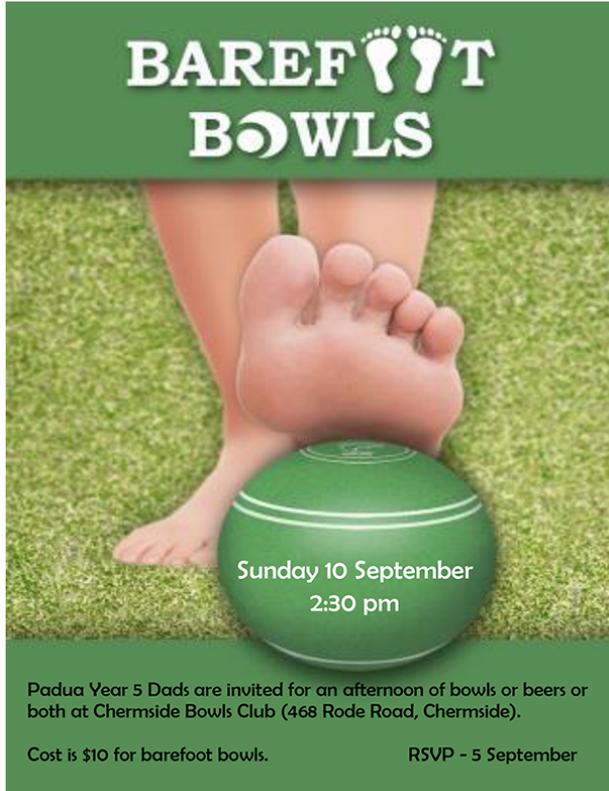
The next P and F meeting will be held on 12 September at 7.30pm. If you have any topics to be discussed at the meeting, could you please send these to me by Friday, 8 September on pandfpresident@padua.qld.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Tuesday.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Mrs Pascale Weir
P&F President



BAREFOOT BOWLS

Sunday 10 September
2:30 pm

Padua Year 5 Dads are invited for an afternoon of bowls or beers or both at Chermide Bowls Club (468 Rode Road, Chermide).

Cost is \$10 for barefoot bowls. RSVP - 5 September

Community

The Brook Early Education and Care

At The Brook, we believe each child is like a precious seedling, we must water their natural curiosity and together with their families support them to blossom into unique and strong individuals. Become a part of The Brook community and celebrate your child's discoveries and learning. Enquire today to organise a centre visit and meet the Brook family.

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ST ANTHONY'S

Disco

FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2017

IMPORTANT!! PLEASE NOTE YEAR 3 WILL NOW ATTEND 7PM DISCO

PREP TO YEAR 2 5.00 - 6.30PM

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 7.00 - 8.30PM

(Padua included, lucky door prizes at the Year 3-6 Disco)

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL HALL

Pizza and refreshments for sale on the night.

Glow products (with secure batteries) available for sale at both discos.

Opportunity for parents to socialise in quadrangle.

Wristbands (\$5 each) for sale in quadrangle before and after school Thurs 7th and before school Fri 8th September.