



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG
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Principal's Pen - Monica White

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to the 2025 school year. It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of our students, excited to be at school and sharing with friends and staff stories of their holidays. There is a feeling of excitement for what the 2025 school year will bring. We are looking forward to engaging learning, sporting, cultural and spiritual opportunities for our St Joseph's community.

The staff for St Joseph's 2025 are:

Principal – Mrs Monica White

Assistant to Principal Religious Education – Mrs Laura Campbell

Assistant to Principal Curriculum – Mrs Emma Robinson

Administration Staff – Mrs Sharon Anderson, Miss Kellie Clancy

Prep – Ms Allison Newman

Year 1 – Mrs Lynette Camilleri-Blemings

Year 2 – Ms Sonya Dexter

Year 3 – Mrs Kelly Philips

Year 4 – Mr Sean Killeen

Year 5 – Mrs Angela Robinson

Year 6 – Mrs Emma Kilian

Specialist Teachers – Mrs Di Carr (PE); Mrs Sally-Anne Lankowski (Japanese, Way2Go); Mrs Katrina Clarke (Music), Mr James Bellus (Instrumental Music)

Learning Support Teachers – Mrs Kate Roelofs (Prep-Year 2); Mrs Laura Campbell (Years 3-4); Mrs Emma Robinson (Years 5-6); Mrs Katrina Clarke (ESL)

Learning Hub – Jacinta Elliott

OSHC - Miss Kellie Clancy (Co-Ordinator); Mrs Jody Stevens (Assistant)

School Officers – Mrs Kim Cooper, Mrs Kristy Eade, Ms Tanya Jerome, Ms Lotoya Long, Mrs Angela McNamara, Mrs Alyssa Rycen, Mrs Julia VonStein, Mr Liam Wootton

Groundsperson – Mr Glenn Dunn

Cleaner – Mrs Lisa O'Connell

Parent Information Sessions

Parent Information Sessions will be held in Week Three as a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and hear about your child's learning journey for 2025.

Tuesday 11th February – 4:30pm – Year 6 & Year 1

Tuesday 11th February – 5:00pm – Year 2

Wednesday 12th February – 4:30pm – Year 3

Wednesday 12th February – 5:00pm – Year 5

Thursday 13th February – 4:30pm – Year 4

Information/Timely Reminders

Uniforms – Prep children wear their sports uniform every day. Children in Years 1-6 have alternative days for Formal and Sports uniforms.

Monday: Formal school uniform for Years 1-6.

Tuesday: Year 1 & 2 Sports uniform. Years 3-6 Formal uniform.

Wednesday: Year 1 & 2 Formal uniform. Years 3-6 Sports uniform.

Thursday: Formal school uniform for Years 1-6.

Friday: Sports uniform for all students.

Before School – For the safety of your child/ren parents are asked not to bring children to school before 8am. From 8am, children arriving at school are to sit with their bags and wait quietly in the undercover area until a teacher comes onto duty at 8:15am. With the teacher on duty the children are allowed to move to play on the senior oval until the school bell (music) plays at 8:30am.

After School - Parents are welcome to wait for their children in the undercover area or the MacKillop Prayer Space area outside the Learning Hub in the afternoons. We do ask that parents do not wait just outside classrooms as this can disrupt the class when they are undertaking their end of day learning and routines. Teachers will dismiss the children, who will make their way out to the pickup areas. A teacher is on duty at the front pickup area until 3:20pm, at which time any children who are still waiting to be picked up will be taken to sit in the Office. As St Joseph's operates an After School Hours program children are not allowed to play in the undercover area or on any playgrounds after school.

Update to Device Safety and Security

In line with St Joseph's technology vision, school-owned devices enhance the quality of teaching and learning. Ensuring student safety and security online is a top priority. The school is transitioning to the use of the ZScaler Client Connector (ZCC), which will enhance the existing safety and security protocols for devices used off-site, providing the same protection as when students are on site at school. There are two significant benefits to transitioning to the ZScaler Client Connector:

1. Firewall Protection (Security) - All network traffic is transmitted via the Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton's (CEDR) secure firewalls. The program detects and prevents many internet-based malicious software, including viruses, ransomware, and other dangers.
2. Web Content Filter (Safety) - The same web browsing rules defined at the school take effect 'off network'. This includes at home, phone hotspots, public Wi-Fi, and libraries, providing more assurance of student internet browsing. These filters also enable access restrictions to Social Media accounts on school-owned devices.

Please be aware that, in line with Student Protection measures, the school is unable to track the geolocation of student devices or monitor student screens when they are off campus.

The transition will occur early in 2025. Students will be asked to log in once to the ZScaler Client Connector to commence its use. Students are unable to log out of, or disable, the program.

Implementing these measures helps to create a secure and supportive learning environment, both online and offline. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss.

Term Planner

A Term Planner is included in this week's newsletter. Our Parent Lounge is another place to keep up to date with what is happening at St Joseph's.

Keep up to date with all the happenings and events, on our FaceBook page and 'Like' this page and promote it with your family and friends. The name of the page is St Joseph's Catholic Primary School -

<https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsBundaberg/>

Kindest regards,

Monica White

From the APRE - Laura Campbell

Welcome Back to 2025!

Greetings to our families and welcome back to 2025. Once again, we continue our learning journey together. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy a break from the usual busy routines and spent some quality time with family.

We have a number of events coming up.

Sacramental Program

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg is running their Sacramental Program for 2025.

This involves the preparation for receiving the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation. Please see the information and use the QR code below if you are interested in your child committing to our program.



 Reconciliation
  Confirmation
  First Holy Communion

Sacramental Program for 2025

Preparation for children eight years or older, who are Baptised in the Catholic faith, begins in February.

Use this QR Code or go to our Sacraments page on our website (www.bundabergcatholic.net.au) to enrol now!

Enrol Now!
Starting soon!

Enrol Now!



If your child is 13 years or older please contact Pauline at the Parish Office (4151 6666) for details for their preparation.

Beginning of School Year Mass

You are all invited to our whole school Mass for the beginning of the year. Everyone is welcome to attend and share this special time with their children. At this Mass, we will present the Year Six students with their Leadership Badges.

Bishop's Inservice Day

Each year the staff are involved in Professional Development for their faith formation and is provided by the bishop of the diocese. This year, Bishop's Inservice Day is **Friday 21st February**. This day allows for all staff to further their understanding of our Catholic faith and enrich the Catholic Identity of our school. This day is a pupil free day and OSHC will be available from 8.30am – 4.30pm on this day. Booking is essential.



YOU ARE INVITED TO
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL
BEGINNING OF SCHOOL
YEAR MASS



Wednesday, 19th February
12.15 pm Mass
Holy Rosary Church

Prayer

*Loving God,
Our creator, our saviour, our companion,
bless this journey of a new school year that we
undertake today.
Refresh our souls
and renew our spirits
as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have
called us to.*

*We welcome those who are new to this
community
and ask that you strengthen them to share the
wonderful gifts you have given them.
Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the
return of students to this school,
and may you guide them to return with open
hearts and minds eager
to learn.*

*We ask this in Your name,
Amen*

(Saskatchewan Catholic School Board 2016)

Have a blessed week,

PARENT TO-DO LIST

Download the Family App

The Seesaw Family app is compatible on iOS and Android along with Kindle Fires. You can also access via the internet. Chrome and Firefox work best with the app!

Create your parent account!

You will need to select I'm a Family Member. From there you will be prompted to join your student's class with the code provided by the teacher. This is where you will be able to see completed work from your student.

Seesaw
The Learning Journal

Welcome to Seesaw

Seesaw is a digital learning platform used from Prep to Year 6 throughout St Joseph's. This platform allows students to share learning, teachers to gain insights and families to connect!

Students will be able to document work, complete activities, or tasks, and communicate with their teacher all in Seesaw. Families can communicate with their child's teacher through the app. Announcements can also be posted providing school and classroom information and updates!

Students in Years 4-6 may be required to use Seesaw from their 1-1 device (Chromebook) to complete set tasks from home as well.

Click [here](#) to go to Catholic School Parents Queensland to read further.

“Families and schools work together as partners in the education of children.”

A continued goal of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg to build and support the relationships between school staff, parents, and students. The school understands that these relationships are so important to our students' education and wellbeing

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School endeavours to continue to develop and build Family-School Partnerships through:

- Welcome Barbeques
- A range of communication – face-to-face meetings, ZOOM, telephone, letters, emails, text messages, PALS and Seesaw posts
- Whole school Masses, Class Liturgies, Feast Days and special events i.e. Grandparents Day
- Monday Parades, Prayer Assemblies
- School Facebook Page Updates
- Parent Information Nights
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Student Led Conferences
- Encouraging parent/s or carer/s to be volunteers
- School Events – Discos, MacKillop Festivals, Christmas Concert etc.
- P & F Committee
- School Board Committee

Family-School Partnerships

Family-school partnerships are collaborative relationships involving all school staff, parents, and family members. Effective partnerships are based on mutual trust and respect, and shared responsibility for the education of the children and young people at the school.

Why are family-school partnerships important?

We recognise that families are the first educators of their children, and they continue to influence their children's learning and development during the school years and long afterwards. Schools also have an important responsibility in helping to nurture and teach future generations. Therefore, it is important for families and schools to work together in partnership. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance, and behaviour.



Finance – Sharon Anderson

School Fees

Families who have a direct debit in place will need to increase their weekly/fortnightly payments to meet the changing cost of school fees. A new form is available at the office to make amendments to an existing plan.

Should you wish to pay your account in weekly or fortnightly instalments and you would like assistance in calculating the payment amount, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Anderson by Monday, 3rd February 2025.

Important Information

A: Health Care Cards



B: Pensioner Concession Cards



Parents may be eligible for a concession if you hold a current Pension or Health Care Card. Please present this to the office to determine if the card qualifies for the discount.

It is important this is done by next Wednesday, February 5.

Learning Hub News – Jacinta Elliott

Welcome to the Learning Hub for 2025!

When is the Learning Hub open?

The Learning hub will be open Tuesday to Thursday mornings from 8.15am -8.30am for reading and homework catch up. We would really love to see the older students bringing a younger student in, to read to them!

The Learning hub is open for playtime Tuesday to Thursday, during this time there are board games to play, colouring in, reading and there is a quiet space for homework catch up as well.

What day does my child's class come to the Learning Hub?

Class	Day
PREP	Thursday
YR 1	Tuesday
YR 2	Wednesday
YR 3	Wednesday
YR 4	Thursday
YR 5	Wednesday
YR 6	Thursday

If your child misses their borrowing day or are ready for some different books, they can always come before school or during playtime Tuesday to Thursday.

What does my child need to bring to the Learning Hub?

Each class attends the Learning hub once a week. During this time, they can borrow 2 books for home, the younger grades also will borrow home readers for the week. The books are loaned to the children for a 2-week period, no need to return them if you did not get to finish them. Overdue notices will be sent home during week five, seven and nine.

Prep to Year three are to have all books returned to the library by week nine of the term, year four to six can borrow books over the holiday period.

Your child must have a **waterproof library bag** to be able to borrow books to take home.

Damaged or lost books.

If you come across a tear in the book or loose pages, please do not try to repair the book, send it back to the learning hub and we will repair it with our book friendly tape. Our books do get a lot of use, so this does happen time to time.

I fully understand that books do go missing! Please do not be afraid to let me know that this has happened, often they do turn up when we are at least expecting to find them. This way we can ensure that your child still gets to borrow and keep working on their reading stamina.

Book Club.

Once a term we will have book club. This year, book club have made it a lot easier for us. Each class is now just given one catalogue. Once you decide if you are going to purchase from book

club, fill in the form and return it to school with the correct money. Credit card payment is also an option, but this is done online. If you do this you do not need to send anything back to school, I am sent a list of orders. Here is a list of the classes as they appear on Loop.

Prep - Newman	>
St Joseph's Kindy - Davies	>
Teacher Orders/ Gift Orders - Elliott	>
Year 1 - Camilleri-Blemings	>
Year 2 - Dexter	>
Year 3 - Myler	>
Year 4 - Killeen	>
Year 5 - Robinson	>
Year 6 - Vicenzotti	>
Can't find your class? Tap the '+'	>

Every time you purchase through book club you are contributing to the school receiving free resources. They always have a wide range of books for all ages, so please take the time to have a look.

This term's book club is being sent home this week. This is an awesome opportunity for our school to stock the library up ready for the school year ahead. Please ensure your orders are returned to school by Wednesday the **12th of February 2025.**

Remember reading is succeeding!

Jacinta Elliott 😊 Library Assistant.

Out and About



FunTime amusements BUNDABERG FAMILY CARNIVAL

31ST JANUARY 5PM TO 9PM
1ST FEBRUARY 5PM TO 9PM
2ND FEBRUARY 9AM TO 1PM



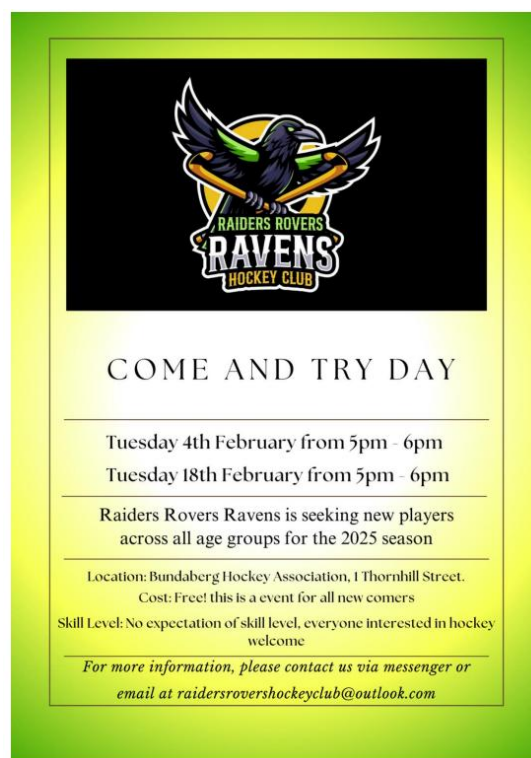


ALL BLACKS HOCKEY CLUB

COME AND TRY HOCKEY

- SAT 01/02 → Come and Try Day / Sign on Day - 9am - 11am
- THURS 13/02 → Come and Try Day / Sign on Day - 4pm
- THURS 20/02 → Come and Try Day / Sign on Day - 4pm
- FRI 07/03 → Season Commences





COME AND TRY DAY

Tuesday 4th February from 5pm - 6pm
 Tuesday 18th February from 5pm - 6pm

Raiders Rovers Ravens is seeking new players across all age groups for the 2025 season

Location: Bundaberg Hockey Association, 1 Thornhill Street.
 Cost: Free! this is a event for all new comers
 Skill Level: No expectation of skill level, everyone interested in hockey welcome

For more information, please contact us via messenger or email at raidersonrovershockeyclub@outlook.com



allowaynetballclub@outlook.com
 President - Lyn Newport 4152 8298
 Vice President - Les Gilby

INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL, 2025?
 "Join Alloway..... the friendly club!"
 New members very welcome.

COME AND TRY DAY
NETSETGO
 Turning 7, 8, 9 & 10 in 2025.



SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY
9.00 - 10.00
BNA COURTS
 or
 Email : allowaynetballclub@outlook.com
 to access further information
 Or
 contact President Lyn Newport
 0407 408 966

"2025 season begins Saturday 10 May, 2025 on Saturdays at 11.30am, for 10 weeks"

President Lyn Newport
 Secretary Kate Roelofs

Vice President Les Gilby
 Treasurer