

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term One Week 2

5 February 2025

Principal's Pen - Monica White

Dear Parents and Carers,

Catholic Identity - We Need Your Input!

One of the most important things about being a Catholic school in the 21st century is knowing who we are and what purpose we serve. We need to have a clear understanding of our role as a Catholic school. To assist with this and as an important part of our School Improvement process, St Joseph's will participate in a Catholic Identity survey which is conducted by Leuven University in Belgium. The research project is aimed at assisting us with understanding how our Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice as well as supporting plans to further enhance our Catholic Identity for the future.

All staff and students in years 5 and 6 will participate in the survey at school. We would also like to give parents a voice by inviting and encouraging you to take part in the survey, which will be conducted online and responses remain anonymous.

This survey will open next Monday, the 10th of February. Information will be emailed to families on Monday to enable parents to access the survey.

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. A gentle reminder that the playgrounds and ovals are out of bounds for children who are accompanying their parents to the information sessions. This is to ensure compliance with the licencing requirements of our After School Care (OSHC).

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

Have a great week!

Monica White

From the APRE - Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

Green Team

At St Joseph's we act on the Catholic Social Teaching of Caring for Our Common Home. Students are able to volunteer to be an active part of our Green Team at school.



The Green Team is responsible for nurturing our garden beds, managing our worm farms and being advocates for getting the message out of Reusing, Recycling and Reducing.

Our notice board in the breeze way has a display that lets everyone know how we feel about this message and some of the ideas we promote at our school.

Green Team members will meet regularly to discuss ways we can act on our message.



As a member of the Reef Guardian School program, we can participate in real life actions that care for our planet.

Prayer Assembly

Each Friday you are invited to attend our whole school assembly in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

This is a time when we celebrate achievements with Student of the Week Awards and listen to the class rostered on the lead the school in prayer.

Most weeks, teachers work with their students to create a prayer to share with the school community. This prayer will have a different focus depending on the events happening at school or connected to events in the Church's season.

Everyone is welcome to join us at 8.40am each Friday morning. The students will also attend the 12.15 Mass on a Friday on the same day.

The roster for Term One is below. While we try to follow this roster, there may be times when changes are made. The classroom teacher will confirm their class presentation.

Week	Date	Class Prayer			
2	7/2	Year 5			
3	14/2	Year 1			
4	21/2	Pupil Free Day			
5	28/2	Year 6			
6	6/3	Year 4			
7	14/3	Year 2			
8	21/3	Year 3			
9	28/3				
10	4/4	Swimming Carnival			

School Community Survey

ECSI Survey- Enhancing Catholic School's Identity

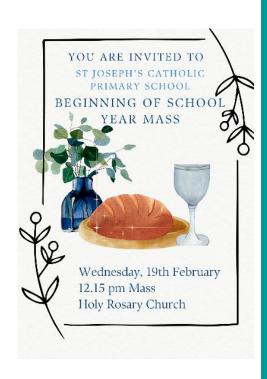
This year we will be conducting a whole school community survey. All parents, staff and Year Five and Six students will be asked to complete a survey.

This survey will ask questions about our school's Catholic Identity. The survey is an important tool that will help St Joseph's understand how we can better implement our Catholic Teaching to be inclusive and welcoming for all of our families.

A link with passwords and codes will be sent home to each family.

I ask that you take the time to complete the survey, as the more participants that we have responses from, the better we are able to gauge the feeling in the school community.





Have a blessed week.

Laura Campbell

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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Curriculum Corner - Emma Robinson

I would like to introduce our newest staff member, who will be joining us at St Joseph's on Thursdays. Aria is a two-year-old female Cavoodle. She is up to date on vaccination records, regularly visits the vet, is socialized with children on an ongoing basis and is groomed regularly. At this point in time, Aria is training to become a therapy dog and is part of the PAWS - Therapy Dog Australia Training Program. Here is some information about the benefits of having a therapy dog in school as well as answer some potential questions and explore some concerns you may have:

Benefits of Having a Therapy Dog in Schools:

- Increase in positive mood; places students at ease and increases openness/socialization with
- Support engaging with onsite learning and the demands of daily school life,
- Building relationships,
- Support emotional regulation,
- Understanding boundaries and consent,
- Building and recognising coping strategies,
- Support with recovering from a traumatic experience,
- Help coping with a health problem or disability (such as a developmental delay, emotional and/or behavioural disorder, high anxiety levels, autism spectrum disorders)
- Mindfulness and growth mindsets



Concerns and Considerations:

- Teacher and students will be taught about the correct way to interact with a therapy dog.
- Aria has a non-shedding hypoallergenic coat, which is suitable for students with allergies.
- Aria will only interact with students who want to work with her. This is to be mindful of students that may not like dogs or have a fear of them.
- Aria will be on a leash and wear a harness when she is moving around school grounds.

How you can help:

- Please remember that Aria is learning to become a therapy dog and may make mistakes.
- Say "Hello" to Aria is you see her around the school.
- If she tries to jump up on you, please ignore her completely.
- Do not bring other dogs on to the school grounds
- Do not shout to, rush or crowd Aria.
- Do not feed Aria.
- Do not let her lick your face.
- Please wash your hands after patting Aria.



Staff are extremely excited to welcome Aria to our St Joseph's School Community and believe that her influence will be a positive one for staff and students. The plan is to start her once a week on Thursdays. Additional days may be considered in the future depending on how well the initial schedule works. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Additional information can be found in the Therapy Dogs Australia website https://therapyanimals.com.au/paws-inschools/



Finance - Sharon Anderson

School Fees

School accounts will be issued later this week via email and the Orbit App / Parent Lounge.

Families who have a direct debit in place may need to increase their weekly/fortnightly payments to cover the cost of the new All Inclusive Fees model. A new form is available at the office to make amendments to an existing plan.

Should you wisht 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.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Direct Deposit

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your **parent code** located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.



BPay

BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A *BPay* logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement if you choose to pay this way.

Direct Debit

If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Anderson for assistance.

Parent Lounge / Orbit App

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal / Orbit App, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

Centrepay

Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments.

St Joseph's CRN is 555-055-064-X and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

School Counsellor - Julie Chaplin



As many of you will know, my name is Julie Chaplin. This year I am very pleased to be returning as the School Counsellor at St. Joseph's. The children will call me Miss Julie. I am again accompanied by my Seeing Eye Dog, Trixie, a beautiful eightyear-old labrador. This year I am working at St. Joseph's on Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Friday afternoons from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. I currently also work at St. Mary's School.

Welcome to everyone who is new to the St. Joseph's community. For those of you unfamiliar with school counselling, I'll just briefly explain the process. School counselling is available and free for all St. Joseph's children and their parents /

carers. A referral may be initiated by a parent, teacher or the child themselves. In all cases, parents are required to sign a Counselling Consent Form, obtainable from the School office, before ongoing counselling can begin. For all children, including those who have previously received counselling, a new Consent Form needs to be completed and signed for 2025. I will phone you to confirm that I have received it and to gain relevant background information. We can also discuss how frequently counselling sessions will occur and at what stage we will review progress. Parents and carers are also very welcome to drop in or make an appointment to discuss concerns related to children or parenting. Including family members in child counselling is very beneficial.

Please don't hesitate to say hi or ask questions.

Julie Chaplin (School Counsellor)

Check out these great opportunities



For more informantion please contact us on

07 4151 2299 or Bundaberg@peirsontrust.org.au

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A NEW WAY



Student of the Week

WEEK 1

- Nate, Mars and Charley for your outstanding focus when 'tracking the speaker' and consistently being 'ready to learn.'
- Prince, for the wonderful way you have settled into year 2. We love having you in our class family!Mahliah, for the wonderful way you have settled into year 2. We love having you in our class family!

Congratulations to the entire Year 3 class! You've all done an incredible job settling back into school and stepping up for Year 3 with so much enthusiasm. You've shown what it truly means to Be Kind, Work Hard, and Have Fun right from the start!

This week, you've been amazing listeners and learners, following our class rules and learning our routines with such focus and positivity. It's been wonderful hearing your thoughtful ideas, and I've been really impressed by your determination and teamwork during our group challenges. You've shown that you can support each other and work together to achieve great things.

Congratulations to everyone for a stellar start to Year 3! Keep it up, and let's continue to be kind, work hard, and have fun!

- 4 Ariana, for taking great pride in the presentation of your work. Well done!
- 5 Tom W, for being an active learner who asks great questions, shares good ideas and works conscientiously.

Max P, for the way you have settled into Year 6, and the effort you show each and every day. You're a very welcomed addition.

Jackson, or being super organised and mature in the way you have approached everything this week.

Great to see you already shining as a leader!

Charlie, for being super organised and mature in the way you have approached everything this week. Great to see you already shining as a leader!

School Dental Van

The Mobile Dental Clinic will be starting at your school shortly. The School Dental Service will be offering a free dental examination and dental treatment to all students that meet the eligibility criteria and return their Offer of Treatment form. All forms **must** be completed **in ink**. Once the form is returned, our friendly administrative officer will send the parent/legal guardian a contact letter or a contact SMS, so they can ring us to arrange an appointment. Please note: A PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND the first appointment as the way we deliver our service has changed.

For the first appointment the parent /guardian must attend – after that a responsible adult can attend. If after the discussion with the operator at the first appointment, you are happy for your child to attend from class themselves, this can also occur. Please note there may be paperwork you will need to sign so this will be sent home for you. We understand there will be exceptions so please discuss with us. Please work with us so we can deliver the best care to your child/children.

Term One Planner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	27 th Jan	28 th Jan	29 th Jan	30 th Jan	31⁵⁺ Jan	1/2 Feb
	Public Holiday	Term 1 starts				
2	3 rd Feb	4 th Feb	5 th Feb	6 th Feb	7 th Feb	8/9 Feb
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					Leadership Day	
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3	10 th Feb	11 th Feb	12 th Feb	13 th Feb	14 th Feb	15/16 Feb
	ECSI Survey			National		
	Opens			Apology Day		
4	17 th Feb	18 th Feb	19 th Feb	20 th Feb	21st Feb	22/23 Feb
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					Inservice Day	
					Pupil Free Day	
5	24 th Feb	25 th Feb	26 th Feb	27 th Feb	28 th Feb	1/2 Mar
			Swimming 5/6	Swimming 3/4	Clean Up Schools	
					Day	
6	3 rd Mar	4 th Mar	5 th Mar	6 th Mar	Swimming P-2 7 th Mar	8/9 Mar
O	3. Mar.	4 Mar.	Ash Wednesday	Swimming 3/4	Swimming P-2	6/ 9 Mai
			Swimming 5/6	Swimming 374	Swimming F-2	
7	10 th Mar	11 th Mar	12 th Mar	13 th Mar	14 th Mar	15/16 Mar
			Swimming 5/6	Swimming 3/4	Swimming P-2	
8	17 th Mar	18 th Mar	19 th Mar	20 th Mar	21st Mar	22/23 Mar
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9	24 th Mar	25 th Mar	26 th Mar	27 th Mar	28 th Mar	29/30 Mar
10	31st Mar	1 st Apr	2 nd Apr	3 rd Apr	4 th Apr	5/6 Apr
					Swimming	· ·
					Carnival (Years	
					4-6)	
					Term 1 Ends	

Bundaberg Sports Trial Dates

2025 SPORT		BUNDABERG TRIALS				W	BTRIALS		QШ	CHAMPS
	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE
AFL BOYS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi Alloway SS	N Bigg M Pelusi	1-2April	Gympie		B Lethborg B Dean N Frawley	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
AFL GIRLS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi Alloway SS	J Robson M Pelusi	1 April	Gymple		J Robson M Beer TBC	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
BASKETBALL BOYS	27 Feb 3 March	Bberg Basketball	S Mulaney Woongarra SS	T Laycock M Yarrow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	T Laycock S Sacipovic		Boondall (MN)
BASKETBALL GIRLS	27 Feb 3 March	Bberg Basketball	S Mullaney Woongarra SS	S Mullancy M Yarrow	23:24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	L Cant E Connell		Moondall (MN)
CRICKET BOYS CRICKET	15/17/24 July 16/21/23 July	Norville Norville	Simon Kelly BSHS Simon Kelly	M McDonald A Donnison H Dwyer	3-5Aug 3-4Aug			A Donnison M Parsons B McLellan	15-19 September 15-18	Bundaberg (WB) Aspley (MN)
GRLS	16 May 12:30pm		BSHS Paul As h	S Kelly S Holmes	3 June	North Burnett	Leah Trott	B Green C Holmes	September	Bald Hills (MN)
COUNTRY	11/12/18	North High	Kim Alcorn Paul As h	J Clarke A Donnison	1-2 May	Gayndah Hervey Bay	Wendy	I Sommerfeld	31 July- 3	Tingalpa (ME)
BOYS FOOTBALL	March 10/17	Oval North High	Avo ca SS Paul As h	B Cunningham T Gollshewsky	1-2	Hervey Bay	Mason Wendy	D Tucker T Chappell	August 31 July- 3	Tingalpa (ME)
GRLS	March 7 March	Oval Nominations Due	Avo ca SS Dean Pickup Oakwood SS	P.Ash D.Pickup	May 3 April	Gympie	Mason	L Ashford D Pickup	August 22-25 June	Wacol (MW)
HO CKEY BOYS	17/24 March	Hinkler Park	Sharon Smith Kalkie SS	HDwyer	2 May	Hervey Bay	Lynelle Badcock	S Burt R Werder	5-8 June	Toowoomba (DD)
HOCKEY GIRLS	17/24 March	Hinkler Park	Sharon Smith Kalkie SS	5 Smith 5 Kendal	2 May	Hervey Bay	Lynelle Badcock	S Kendall R Dickens	5-8 June	Toowoomba (DD)
NETBALL GIRLS 11:12 YRS	27 Feb, 6 & 13 March	St Luke's	Sharyn Batt Walkervale SS	S Batt K Hansen	1·2 April	Kingaroy	Hden Maudsley	K O'Brien S Batt	29 May- 1 June	Caloundra (SunC)
NETBALL BOYS 11-12 YRS	13 Mar	St Luke's	Sharyn Batt Walkervale SS	T Batt K Hansen	2 April	Kingaroy	Hden Maudsley	Batt	29 May- 1 June	Caloundra (SunC)
NETBALL MIXED INV 10-11 YRS	27 Feb, 6 & 13 March	St Luke's	Sharyn Batt Walkervale SS	RBatt CSmith	30 March	North Burnett		D Farrell K Blaikte	31 May- 1 June	Curramundi (SunC)
RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS 11- 12YRS	17/24/31 March	WavesSports C	Jason Shears Woongarra SS	J Alberts N Moore	1-2 May	Hervey Bay	R Messer	R Messer TBC T Pinney	26 June-1 July	Mt Isa(NW)
RUGBY LEAGUE MIXED INV 10-11YRS	17/24/31 March	Waves Sports C	Jason Shears Wolongarra SS	KVan Beek HRusso	10-11 May	South Burnett Murgon Showgrounds		K Van Beek C Feiguson R Messer	29 June - 3 July	Brendale (MN)
RUGBY LEAGUE 10YRS	17/24/31 Maich	WavesSports C	Jason Shears Woongarra SS	R Elphinstone B Haskins						
RUGBY LEAGUE GIRLS 11-12YRS	15/17/22 July	Salter Oval	Jason Shears Woongarra SS	E Hodge N Russell M Plumb	1-2 August	Maryborough		T Denning N Moore N Russell	15-18 Sept	Townsville (N)
SOFTBALL BOYS	24 Feb 3 March	Bundy Softball	A Ash Avo ca SS	D Manley S Smith	3 April	Bundaberg		J MacPherson A Kelly TBC	21-24 August	lpswich (MW)
SOFTBALL GIRLS	24 Fob 3 March	Bundy Softball	A Ash Avo ca SS	D Phillips S Smith	3 April	Bundaberg		D Phillips R Pfingst S Smith	21-24 August	lpswich (MW)
SWIMMING			Directly to WB School Sport		17 Feb	Nominations Due		S Moy C Holmes L Irvine	23-25 March	Chandler (ME)
TENN 5	14 March	Rotary Courts			2 May	Hervey Bay	R Frohloff	C Frohloff R Frohloff	14-17 August	Cairns (P)
TOUCH BOYS	7/14 March	Shalom	Greg Kruger Norville SS	L Mason S Holmes	23 24 April	Gymple		G Kruger S Moy	14-17 August	Roma (SW)
TOUCH GIRLS	7/14 March	Shalom	Greg Kruger Norville SS	G O'Shanesy S Holmes	23-24 April	Gympie		G O'Shanesy F Dichburn	14-17 August	Roma (SW)
TRACK & FIELD Day 1 Day 2 1500M	7 August 8 August 15 August	St Luie's St Luie's St Luie's	PAsh T Gollishowsky	P Ash N Sutt T Gollshewsky	27 August	Bundaberg		C Holmes S Holmes K Sheppard S Kelly K Wills A Martin C Gosden T McClintock T Gollshowsky D Tucker	13-15 October	Townsville (N)

Out and About



7 weekly sessions support parents/caregivers to:

- Reflect upon why you parent the way you do and what you do well
 Learn more about how a child's brain grows and influences their thoughts, feelings and
- · Understanding the hidden meaning of children's behaviours and your response to it
- Reflect upon the subtle messages you send your children everyday and how they respond
 Develop effective skills around deep listening and being present in the moment
- Understand how common barriers can influence your relationship with your child
 Acknowledge how caring for self, fosters positive family relationships



20th February 27th February 6th March 13th March 20th March 27th March 3rd April





Peirson FINDING BUGK is facilitated at Peirson Services. 2 Normarby Square, Bundaberg. For more information please contact us on 07 4151 2299 or Bundaberg@peirsontrust.org.au

positive partnerships

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Hervey Bay, QLD



This workshop is for parents, full time

Tuesday & Wednesday 25 & 26 February, 2025 9:30am - 2:30pm

Mantra Hervey Bay Buccaneer Drive URANGAN QLD 4655

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

carers and grandparents.

During the workshop you will learn about:

Free workshop

- · The diversity of autism
- · Sensory processing
- Understanding
- · Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Interpreters available upon request

more information or to register visit: https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC Ihunt@positivepartnerships.com.au

(C) 0403 914 326

BUGK - Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting after Family Violence TUESDAYS 12.30-2.30pm

Overview

A nuturing, empowering and kind program for parents and carers who have experienced family violence.

Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting After Family Violence provides a friendly and safe environment for parents to learn from each other and begin a journey of understanding and healing themselves and their children from the impact of family violence.





FINDING Services A NEW WAY

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

7 weekly sessions support parents/caregivers to:

- · Understand how family violence affects parents' relationships with their children.
- · Learn about how parenting is affected by family violence, and how to overcome these impacts in order to feel more confident and effective
- · Identify important messages that parents want their children to know.
- · Learn more about the brain development in children and how this influences their thoughts, feelings and behaviour.
- · Understand the meaning behind behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs.
- Discover ways to take care of yourself as parents and find help when help needed.
- · Learn about your own parenting wisdom, strength and courage.

Time: Tuesdays (12.30-2.30pm) Where: Peirson Services 2 Normanby Square Bundaberg

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Term 1

18th February 25th February 4th March 11th March 18th March 25th March 1st April







