

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term One Week 5

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Principal's Pen - Monica White

Dear Parents and Carers,

Awareness Week

This week we are participating in Awareness Week, highlighting the impact of Rare Diseases, especially those that develop during childhood. The week started with an explosion of colour and lots of enjoyment, however, there is a serious side to bringing awareness and support for those children who are living with rare diseases. Thank you to our families for your generous donations both for the Colour Fun Run and for tomorrow's Free Dress Day. We will announce how much money was raised for Hummingbird House, Queensland's only Palliative Children's Hospital, during Friday's assembly.

2025 School Priorities

For 2025 our school is focusing on four priorities to improve the teaching and learning at St Joseph's. These four priorities are:

- To ensure that the assessments for Religious Education allow the opportunity for students to demonstrate an understanding of Catholic worldview.
- Mastery of Teaching To continue to create an expert teaching team across the school who
 demonstrate confidence, competence and capability, leading to improved student outcomes in
 Mathematics.
- To reinforce the practice of whole school language and strategies that support engagement and wellbeing and safe, supportive learning environments.
- To improve school processes that ensure ongoing and effective communication, which will help to build successful partnerships that support the needs of the school, students and families.

We have set a number of targets to work towards implementing these priorities in 2025. These targets are student focused.

- Students will have multiple opportunities through Religious Education assessments to demonstrate their understanding of the Catholic worldview that everyone is welcome and we have common ground with all people of good will.
- As measured by the MTS and PAT Math data, students will demonstrate personal growth from the baseline data (gathered 2024 and Term 1 2025) moving towards achieving or exceeding year level norms.
- Students are able to apply self-regulation skills with confidence enabling them to be engaged in their learning, as reflected in the frequency of PC records and communication with parents.
- Students' learning and emotional needs will have been catered for, due to strengthened educational relationships and parents/community engagement.



From the APRE - Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,



Next week is Ash Wednesday. Year Four, Year Five and Year Six will be attending Mass at 12.15pm. All families are invited to attend as well.

It marks the beginning of Lent, which lasts for six weeks. We call it Ash Wednesday because many, many Christians around the world receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads.

Ashes are a sign of sorrow and repentance, and Christians have used this sign for hundreds of years. This cross of ashes tells our friends and neighbours that we are not perfect, and that we know we are not perfect.

It also reminds us that we are followers of Jesus and that we believe God is always with us. We can be hope-filled people who encourage, inspire and support others by being optimistic and cheerful whilst acknowledging that life is difficult for so many people in our country and in our world.

May we shine out our hope for all to see.

(words and image: Liturgyritualprayer.com)

Rare Disease Awareness Week

This week we continue to celebrate and raise awareness of people with rare diseases.

Sam Walsh in Year Three has been at St Joseph's with his brothers, Tommy and Eddie since he was in Prep. Today we had whole school meditation where we watched a video outlining Sam's Journey. Click on the link below to view the video.

https://url.au.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/oHtCCp81XvIX5vOrIPfDTGrAoi?domain=youtu.be

Sam and all the students really enjoyed the Colour Fun Run on Monday and raised not only awareness but also funds to go to Hummingbird House.

















Have a blessed week,

Laura Campbell

Curriculum Corner - Emma Robinson

Oral Language

Today, members of leadership, the learning support team and lower-school teachers have been working closely CDER's speech-language specialist with Jane Walsh. Jane is providing important information on how

If your pet could talk, what would it say?

What's the best thing about being a kid?

What makes you happy when you're sad?

What is the greatest thing you have ever seen?

to support students with their oral language. The development of literacy begins through the use of spoken language. Oral language development is not simply teaching children to speak. Oral language development must focus on students' ability to communicate more effectively. Oral language involves thinking, knowledge, and skills that develop across the lifespan. Oral language provides a means to observe children as they learn to construct conceptual meanings through words. Children who are developing language appropriately will demonstrate an increasingly complex use of words in explanations, discussions and interactions.

At St Joseph's, teachers promote oral language development by *providing* daily opportunities to talk, listen and interact, build personal relationships with each student, create opportunities to interact regularly on a one-to-to one basis with each student, ask critical questions while

listening to students' attempts to making meaning and support students as they develop the language and learning strategies necessary to articulate and extend their interactions in the world (Clay, M., in Crevola and Vineis, 2005).

Below are some fun examples parents can develop oral language and comprehension with their child:

Activity						
Walk and Talk	Walk around the neighbourhood discussing what you can see					
Act it out	Read stories act out different things e.g. small, medium, and large					
Sing it	Create or learn songs to expand your child's vocabulary					
Listening games	I Spy, Simon Says, What's the Time Mr Wolf,					
Kitchen conversations	Discuss the utensils needed, food you'll be eating, their colour, texture, and taste. Where does the food come from? Which foods do you like? Which do you dislike?					
Going on an adventure	Draw a map of an imaginary place he/she would like to explore. Discuss the places, what will be needed e.g. supplies					
Active reading	Talk about what's happening as you're reading. Stop and discuss any interesting or tricky vocabulary words. Help your child make pictures of the story in his mind. Ask your child, "What just happened here? How do you think that character feels? Have you ever felt like that? What do you think will happen next?"					
Tell me about it	After a read aloud, one of the best and easiest ways to check for understanding is to ask your child to summarise. You can ask a question or two to help your child clarify her thinking or to add more detail.					
Family stories	Share a favourite story about your childhood or a family story that's been passed down from generation to generation. Use vivid language and details about people, places, and things. Funny or scary will really get your child's attention!					
Rhyming	Rhyme is found in poetry, songs, and many children's books and games. Most children also love to sing and recite nursery rhymes. Other examples: What rhymes with this picture? Rhyming Bingo, Rhyming Memory game					

Have a happy Wednesday! ~ Emma Robinson

Employment Opportunity



Family Evening

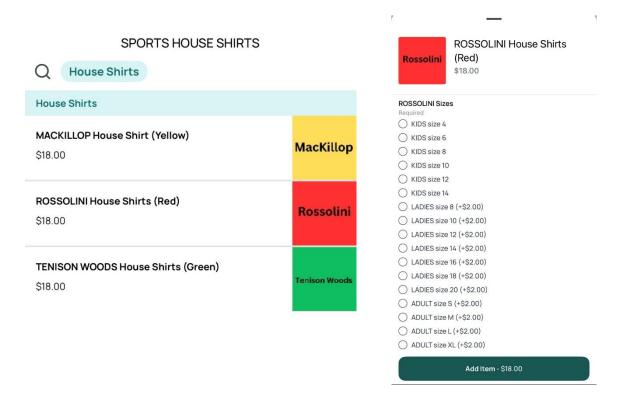


P & F Forum Group

SPORT HOUSE SHIRTS

Sport House Shirts are now available to be purchased on the FLEXISCHOOLS APP. Orders close midday (12pm) Thursday 6 March.





There are a small number of second-hand sport shirts available in the P&F Uniform shop for \$5. Please see the school office.

FLEXISCHOOLS

Download the Flexischools app and make an account in just a few easy steps:





Volunteers Needed



Prep Enrolment 2026



World's Greatest Shave - Oscar in Year 6

Hello,

My name is Oscar and I am in Year Six

I'm making a hairy sacrifice and joining the World's Greatest Shave!

Big or small, every donation counts to help beat blood cancer and I would love your support. You can help me make a difference by donating to my fundraising page.

https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/s/7916/8142/e

Swimming

SWIMMING STARTS THIS WEEK

It has been so hot we are excited for all students to commence swimming lessons at BSA this week.

Wednesday – Year 5 and 6 starting Wednesday 26th February

Thursday - Year 3 and 4 starting Thursday 27th February

Friday - Prep, One and Two starting 28th February

Lessons will continue for 5 weeks and conclude with our school swimming carnival on Friday 4 April.

Students will need to bring their labelled swim gear and change at school for their lessons.

Prep, year 1 and year 2 – during the last session, returning to school in swimming gear and will not need to change to go home

Due to pool availability again this year all students will only have 5 lessons. Swimming for each class will only be on their allocated day.

Students will be reminded at school, but we appreciate your assistance in developing a routine to help your child remember and be responsible for all their requirements.

- Togs
- Swimming shirt
- Towel
- Googles optional
- Ear plugs and cap only if needed
- Waterproof bag to carry the above
- Rubber thongs to and from bus [the bitumen is hot and bumpy!]



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Catholic Schools Race Day





Student of the Week

- 1 Ezra, Kyro, Eddie, for approaching all learning tasks with a positive attitude and your best effort.
- **James and Lacey** for the wonderful adjectives you used in your writing this week! I could clearly see the setting that you were describing. Well done!
- Jett, Lachy and Logan, for your enthusiasm, engagement and sharing of ideas during lessons,particularly during Science or Maths!! Keep choosing those good fit spots to be dedicated and active learners!
- 4 Riley, for his fantastic listening and sharing of ideas in Science!

Milly, for being a shining example of St Joseph's six non-negotiables. You give everything your best! Well done!

Ace, for taking initiative and being diligent about your responsibilities in the classroom. Your helpful nature is a blessing!

Ruby and Elise, for always doing your best in all activities, following expectations and being a kind friend to everyone. You are a role model to others.

Shout Outs

Ace	For seeing a need and doing something about it when Mrs Newman needed help with the Preps.
Zahli	For showing the spirit of Jesus and offering suggestions and solutions to improve lunchtimes together.
Henry	For showing the spirit of Jesus and sitting with a classmate and chatting instead of playing at lunchtime.
Lucas	For seeing a need and doing something about it when your teacher needs a hand keeping an eye on the clock.
Tommy R	For displaying the spirit of kindness when you congratulated Year Six Leaders. You are just like Mary MacKillop, spreading joy for others.
Milly	For the way you helped out before school to care for our Prepies. Your kindness and warmth shows the true spirit of Mary MacKillop.
Kiana	For going above and beyond in working hard to play our songs for Senior Choir on the piano. This has really helped me and the choir in being able to sing the two parts.

McAuley House Markets - Shalom College



Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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Term One Planner 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend		
3	10 th Feb	11 th Feb	12 th Feb	13 th Feb	14 th Feb	15/16 Feb		
	ECSI Survey			National	Year 1 Prayer			
	Opens			Apology Day	Assembly P&F Subway Lunch			
4	17 th Feb	18 th Feb	19 th Feb	20 th Feb	21st Feb	22/23 Feb		
			Beginning of		Bishop's Inservice			
			School Mass –		Day			
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5	24 th Feb	25 th Feb	26 th Feb Rare Disease Av	27 th Feb	28 th Feb	1/2 Mar		
	Colour Fun Run	Book Reading	Sam's Video &	Poster	Year 6 Prayer			
			Whole School Meditation	Competition Anointing Mass	Assembly Minnie Vinnies			
			Swimming 5/6	(Yr6)	(Yr 4)			
				Swimming 3/4	Clean Up Schools			
					Day			
					Swimming P-2			
					Gracie Dixon (Yr 5)			
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6	3 rd Mar	4 th Mar	5 th Mar	6 th Mar	7 th Mar	8/9 Mar		
	Clean Up		Ash Wednesday	Swimming 3/4	Year 4 Prayer			
	Australia Day		Swimming 5/6		Assembly Minnie Vinnies			
					(Yr 4)			
					Swimming P-2			
7	10 th Mar	11 th Mar	12 th Mar	13 th Mar	14 th Mar	15/16 Mar		
	Board Meeting			NAPLAN				
			Swimming 5/6	Swimming 3/4	Year 2 Prayer			
					Assembly			
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8	17 th Mar	18 th Mar	19 th Mar	22/23 Mar				
			NAPLAN	T				
	P&F Meeting		Swimming 5/6	Swimming 3/4	Year 3 Prayer			
					Assembly			
					Minnie Vinnies (Yr 4)			
					Harmony Day			
					Swimming P-2			
9	24 th Mar	25 th Mar	26 th Mar	27 th Mar	28 th Mar	29/30 Mar		
				Anointing Mass (Yr 6)	Gracie Dixon (Yr 5)			
10	31 st Mar	1 st Apr	2 nd Apr	3 rd Apr	4 th Apr	5/6 Apr		
	Crazy Hair Day				Swimming Carnival			
					(Years 4-6)			
					Term 1 Ends			

Bundaberg Sports Trial Dates

2025	BUNDABERG TRIALS				WBTRIALS				QLD CHAMPS	
SPORT	DATE	VENUE	CD NVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE
AFL BOYS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi Alloway SS	M Pelusi	1-2April	Gymple		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 Mullaney Woongarra SS	T Laycock M Yarrow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	T Laycock S Sacipovic	12-15 June	Boondall (MN)
BASKETBALL GIRLS	27 Feb 3 March	B'berg Basketball	S Mullaney Woongarra SS	S Mullaney M Yarrow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	L Cant E Connell	12-15 June	Moondall (MN)
CRICKET BOYS	15/17/24 July	Noville	Simon Kelly BSHS	M McDonald A Donnison	3-5 Aug			A Donnison M Parsons	15-19 September	Bundaberg (WB)
CRICKET GIRLS	16/21/23 July	Noville	Simon Kelly BSHS	H Dwyer S Kelly	3-4Aug			B McLdlan B Green	15-18 September	Aspley (MN)
CROSS COUNTRY	16 May 12:30pm		Paul Ash Kim Alcorn	S Holmes J Clarke	3 June	North Burnett Gayndah	Leah Trott	C Holmes	ŕ	Bald Hills (MN)
FOOTBALL BOYS FOOTBALL	11/12/18 March 10/17	North High Oval North High	Paul As h Avo ca SS Paul As h	A Donnison B Cunningham T Gollshowsky	1-2 May	Hervey Bay Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason Wendy	I Sommerfeld D Tucker T Chappell	31 July- 3 August 31 July- 3	Tingalpa (ME)
GRLS	March	Oval	Avo ca SS	PAsh	May		Mason	L Ashford	August	Tingalpa (ME)
GOLF	7 March	Nominations Due	Dean Pickup Oakwood SS	D Pickup	3 April	Gympie		D Pickup		Wacol (MW)
BO /S	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)
HO CKEY GIRLS	17/24 Maich	Hinkler Park	Sharon Smith Kalkie SS	S Smith S 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	Helen Maudsley	K Hansen T 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 Blaikle	31 May- 1 June	Curramundi (SunC)
RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS 11-12YRS	17/24/31 March	Waves Sports 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	K Van Beek H Russo	10-11 May	South Burnett Murgon Showgrounds		K Van Beek C Ferguson R Messer	29 June - 3 July	Brendale (MN)
RUGBY	17/24/31 March	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 Russdl	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 Feb 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	Gymple		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 TGollishawsky	PAsh NStit T Gallshewsky	27 August	Bundaberg		C Holmes S Holmes K Sheppard S Kelly K Willb A Martin C Gosden T McClintock T Gollshowsky D Tucker	13-15 October	Towrsville (N)

Out and About











