

Principal's Pen - Monica White

Dear Parents and Carers,

"How often do we get caught up in our own wants and needs, lose sight of the heart of the matter, and fail to embrace the true meaning of our lives in this world! Lent is a time of truth, a time to drop the masks we put on each day to appear perfect in the eyes of the world."

Pope Francis – Ash Wednesday homily in 2023

Lent is a time when we can take some moments to connect with Jesus again. This season asks us to pray a little more, give up something we really don't need and give to the more needy in our part of the world. It also gives us time to reflect on our lives and fix up the parts that may need a tweak. This is where Jesus can come

in. Jesus will be beside us as we adventure through experiences, challenges and hardships. This gives us hope and strength to keep trying even when situations may be dire and there seems to be no one, but us, dealing with the situation. Jesus does not ask us to become someone we are not. It does mean we become good people who care and look after one another. The world is filled daily with sad news. Let's take the time to create good news stories and make Jesus real in our lives. Let's give Lent a fair go and allow Jesus to come into our lives as a source of strength and solace. It will make a difference!



Manica White

From the APRE – Laura Campbell Greetings to our Families,

LENT

Today marks the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. We will receive ashes on our foreheads as a symbol of our intention to turn to God.

Lent is a 40-day season commencing on Ash Wednesday and ending at sundown on Holy Thursday. During this season Catholics are called to enter more deeply into the mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and Resurrection at Easter.

The season of Lent offers Catholics an opportunity to reflect on where they have failed to love God, their neighbour and themselves and to seek ways to heal what is broken. Alongside this reflection on how they are living their lives, Catholics commit more fully to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. (Catholic Australia)

Some examples of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that we share with the children can be seen below.



Lenten prayer

Dear God, During Lent help us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to spend more time talking and listening to you. Help us to share what we have with others and be sorry for times we have done wrong. Amen



Project Compassion



During Lent, our school raises funds for Caritas Australia as part of our almsgiving commitment.

Each week a new story about how Caritas works to empower people across the world is provided. These stories can be shared with students to help them understand how we can be a powerful influence of love and kindness to people less fortunate than ourselves.

For more information about how you can be involved please visit the website. <u>https://www.caritas.org.au/</u>

Each family will receive a donation box to fill. This can be returned to your child's classroom donation box. At the end of the term, it will be collated and sent to Caritas.

Alternatively, you can donate funds directly to our school donation page via the website using the following link or use the QR Code:

https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/o/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-bundaberg



Project Compassion Donations.



Green Team

Earlier this week, Green Team members walked to the creek lying along the Walla St Parklands.

Their mission was to clean up any rubbish along the edges of the creek. We found 3 bags worth of rubbish ready to take to the tip!

With the help of Council Rangers we noticed that a lot of the rubbish was packaging, plastics and paper wrapping, but we even found a part of a bike!

By cleaning up this area, we are stopping any rubbish flowing down into the river and eventually into the ocean. As a Reef Guardian School and a Catholic Earth Care member, we are doing our bit to "Care for our common home".



Have a blessed week,

Laura Campbell

Curriculum Corner – Emma Robinson

Prep Enrolments 2026



Prep enrolments for 2026 are now open, with leadership currently conducting interviews. We kindly ask our existing families who will have a sibling attending Prep next year to **complete an enrolment form by 14 March 2025**.

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NAPLAN 2025

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for our Year 3 and 5 students will be held **between Wednesday 12 March and finishes on Friday 14 March**. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement.

Support can be arranged for students with special needs if the student regularly receives similar support/adjustments for classroom assessment tasks. Exemptions may be granted to students with significant needs. If your child is eligible for support due to their needs, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support or exemption is granted.

Later this year, you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national standards.

Click here for more information

NAPLAN 2025 Information for parents and carers



Have a happy Wednesday!

~ Emma Robinson

Employment Opportunity



P & F Forum Group



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Thank you to our school for the wonderful Welcome Evening held last Friday for our families. The P&F hope you enjoyed the pizzas, drinks and glowsticks.

Thank you to Mrs Campbell, Mrs White, Mrs Killian and Grade 6 for helping to set up.

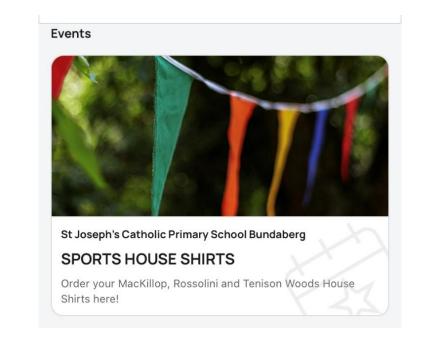
Thank you to Ulton for the loan of the Giant Jenga game again this year.

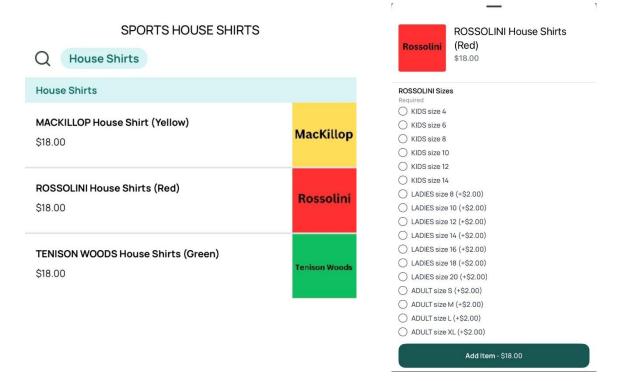
Thank you to the P&F mum's, dad's and sibling helpers who organised and helped on the night. The team work on our P&F is fabulous.

If you would like to come along to our next meeting, it is on Monday 17 March at 5:00pm in the school staffroom. We would love to see some new faces and you are able to bring your children if needed.

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



Catholic Schools Race Day





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

Student of the Week Harlow, for always following our class expectations and for trying your best in all learning activities. Prep Isla P, Liliana, Alayna, for being a helpful, considerate and respectful learning partner. 1 Xavier and Simon for always helping others in the classroom, making sure that your learning 2 buddies know how to do their task, or helping friends finish off their work. Well done for being so inclusive of others. Nathan, for always being willing to work with anyone and including others throughout our day. You think ahead about what others need, even if a simple hello, and offer your help genuinely to 3 reexplain or show them how to do their work. Isaac, for a fantastic effort in mathematics this week! Well done! 4 Avery, for always listening and being ready to learn! Great work! Lucas, for the care, attention and kindness you show towards everybody, your gentle and 5 thoughtful nature helps everyone feel included.

Hunter and Alaiza, for your amazing effort when writing your house captain speech draft. Great tosee you using feedback to improve your work.

Shout Outs

Taison, Kyro, and Callen	For being loving like St Mary of the Cross MacKillop when you offer help to your classmates during learning time.
Hefron and Jaxson M	For telling our School Officer lots of wonderful things about one of your fellow students. Just like Mary MacKillop you ensure that everyone feels special.
Jaxson M	For always volunteering to be someone's play buddy. Just like Jesus, you make sure that everyone feels included.
Dominick	For going up and asking someone to play with you that didn't have a play buddy. You made that person feel very special. Thank you for showing them the love of Jesus.
Ruby, Oscar D and Taj	For stepping outside your comfort zone during Anointing Mass. Thanks for seeing a need and doing something about it. You made our parishioners feel welcome and cared for.
Zoe, Iveigh- Lee, Mars	For being courageous like St Mary of the Cross MacKillop when you approach all learning tasks positively.
Isla P, Kiara and Alayna	For being a walking Jesus when you speak and act kindly.
Zander E	For always coming up to me and giving me a huge hug. You share love like Mary MacKillop.
Mrs Robinson	For always making people's days brighter. You are a walking Jesus in our school.
Milly	For being a good friend and helping Preps find something to play and friends to play with. You spread joy just like Mary MacKillop
Kiana	For your beautiful compliments that you share with others. You make us feel like we are special and that we belong.
Mrs Kilian	For always making students' mood shine when you walk past them and acknowledge them. You are a true witness to a living Jesus in our lives.
Phoenix	For always checking in with others to make sure that they are okay. You show love just like Mary MacKillop.
Ace	For always sticking up for others when people are mean. Thank you for showing that you care.
Henley	For always making sure that the people in our class have someone to play with at playtimes. You are a walking Jesus when you include others.

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	21 st Feb	22/23 Feb		
			Beginning of		Bishop's Inservice			
			School Mass –		Day			
			12.15pm		Pupil Free Day			
5	24 th Feb	25 th Feb	26 th Feb	27 th Feb	28 th Feb	1/2 Mar		
		Rare Disease Awareness Week						
	Colour Fun Run	Book Reading	Sam's Video &	Poster	Year 6 Prayer			
			Whole School	Competition	Assembly			
			Meditation	Anointing Mass	Minnie Vinnies			
			Swimming 5/6	(Yr6)	(Yr 4)			
				Swimming 3/4	Clean Up Schools			
					Day			
					Swimming P-2			
					Gracie Dixon (Yr 5)			
					Welcome Evening			
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			
					Swimming P-2			
8	17 th Mar	17 th Mar 18 th Mar 19 th Mar 20 th Mar 21 st Mar				22/23 Mar		
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	P&F Meeting		Swimming 5/6	Swimming 3/4	Year 3 Prayer			
					Assembly			
					Minnie Vinnies			
					(Yr 4)			
					Harmony Day			
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9	24 th Mar	25 th Mar	26 th Mar	27 th Mar	28 th Mar	29/30 Mar		
			Swimming 5/6	Anointing Mass (Yr 6)	Gracie Dixon (Yr 5)			
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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

	BUNDABERG TRIALS				W B TRIALS				QLD CHAMPS	
SPORT	DATE	VENUE	CD NVENOR	CÓACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE
ARL BOYS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi Alloway SS	N Bigg M Pelusi	1-2 April	Gymple		B Lethborg B Dean N Frawley	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
AR. 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	B'berg Basketball	S Mullancy Wolongaria SS	T Laycock M Yaritow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	T Laycock S Sacipovic		Boondall (MN)
BASKETBALL GIRLS	27 Feb 3 March	Biberg Basketball Norville	S Mullancy Woongarra SS	S Mullaney M Yariow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	L Cant E Connell		Moondall (MN)
CRICKET BOYS CRICKET	15/17/24July 16/21/23July	Novile	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)
GIRLS	16 May 1230pm	Avoca SS	BSHS Paul Ash	S Kelly S Holmes	3 June	North Burnett	Leah Trott	B Green C Holmes	September 18-20 July	Bald Hills (MN)
COUNTRY FOOTBALL	11/12/18	North High	Kim Alcorn Paul Ash	J Clarke A Donnison	1-2 May	Gaynd ah Hervey Bay	Wendy		31 July- 3	Tingalpa (ME)
BOYS FOOTBALL	Maich 10/17	Oval North High	Avo ca SS Paul Ash	B Cunningham T Gollshewsky	1-2	Hervey Bay	Mason Wendy	D Tucker T Chappell	August 31 July- 3	Tingalpa (ME)
GIRLS	March 7 March	Oval Nominations	Avo ca SS Dean Pickup	P Ash D Pickup	May 3 April	Gymple	Mason	L Ashford D Pickup	August 22-25 June	Wacol (MW)
HO CKEY BO YS	17/24 March	Due Hinkler Park	OakwoodSS Sharon Smith Kalkie SS	HDwyer	2 May	Hervey Bay	Lynelle Badcock	S Buit R Werder	5-8 June	Toowoomba (DD)
HD 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 Fcb, 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 Fob, 6 & 13 March	St Luke's	Sharyn Batt Walkervale SS	RBatt CSmith	30 Maich	North Burnett		D Farrdi K Blaikle	31 May- 1 June	Curramundi (SunC)
RUGBY LEAGUE BO YS 11- 12YRS	17/24/31 Maich	Waves Sports C	Jason Shears Wolongarta 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	WavesSports C	Jason Shears Wolongaria SS	K Van Beek H Russo	10-11 Мау	South Burnett Murgon Showgrounds		K Van Beek C Feiguson R Messer	29 June - 3 July	Brendale (MN)
RUGBY LEAGUE 10YRS	17/24/31 Maich	Waves Sports C	Jason Shears Woongarra SS	R Elphinstone B Haskins						
RUGBY LEAGUE GIRLS 11-12YRS	15/17/22July	Salter Oval	Jason Shears Wolongaria SS	E Hodge N Russell M Plumb	1-2 August	Maryborough		T Denning N Moore N Russell	15-18 Sept	Townsvile (N)
SOFTBALL BOYS	Maich	Bundy Softball	A Ash Avo ca SS	D Manley S Smith	3 April	Bundaberg		J MacPherson A Kelly TBC	21-24 August	lpswich (MW)
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 7/14 March	Shalom	Greg Kruger Norville SS	L Mason S Holmes	23-24 April 23-24	Gymple		G Kruger S Moy	14-17 August 14-17	Roma (SW) Roma (SW)
TOUCH GIRLS TRACK &	7/14 March	snalom	Greg Kruger Norville SS P Ash	G O'Shanesy S Holmes P Ash	23:24 April 27	Gymple Bundaberg		G O'Shanesy F Dichburn C Holmes	14-17 August 13-15	Koma (SW) Townsville (N)
FIELD Day 1 Day 2 1500M	7 August 8 August 15 August	St Luie's St Luie's St Luie's	T Gollshowsky	N Stitt T Gollshewsky	August			E Holmes K Sheppard S Kelly K Wilk A Martin C Gosd en T McClintock T Gollshewsky D Tucker	October	(1)

Out and About









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Pepperoni - pepperoni and capsicum on a nerbed tomato base with a special cheese blend teat lovers - ham and pepperoni on a he mato base with a special cheese blend

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At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg, we acknowledge The Taribelang-Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang and The Bailai Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the Lands upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and emerging and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.

For we too are one in Land, one in spirit, one in faith united in God's love.