



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Principal's Pen - Monica White

This week our Year Three and Five students are participating in the 2025 NAPLAN Online Tests. The whole school community has wished them good luck. While we do not support teaching to the tests, we have ensured that the students have practised the skills of how to take online tests, and I am confident that all our students are prepared and will do the best that they can when sitting these tests.

Kids take tests, learn new information, change schools, change neighbourhoods, get sick, get braces, encounter bullies, make new friends and occasionally get hurt by those friends. What helps kids in navigating these kinds of challenges is **resilience**. Resilient kids are problem solvers. They face unfamiliar or tough situations and strive to find good solutions.

As parents we need to remember that it isn't our job to be there all the time for our kids. It's our job to teach them to handle uncertainty and to problem-solve.

So, I have listed 10 tips for raising resilient children:

1. **Don't accommodate every need.**
2. **Avoid eliminating all risk.**
3. **Teach them to problem-solve.**
4. **Teach your kids concrete skills.**
5. **Avoid "why" questions.**
6. **Don't provide all the answers.**
7. **Avoid talking in catastrophic terms.**
8. **Let your kids make mistakes.**
9. **Help them manage their emotions.**
10. **Model resiliency.**

It is also essential for both students and parents to keep in mind that these tests are only a very tiny part of their overall assessment this year. The NAPLAN tests are **a point in time view** of a student's literacy and numeracy skills, our teachers are building a more complete picture of each student's abilities from a variety of work/assessment throughout the year. Also, as many Facebook posts are highlighting, NAPLAN tests cannot assess or show a child's individual gifts, what makes them unique and exceptional.

Monica White

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

Project Compassion

Each week a story from Caritas Australia is presented as a reminder of the Lenten journey we are on. This week the story explains how any donations can make an impact on a community.

If each of our families only donated \$5.00, we would be able to provide the following facilities for any of the people being supported by the funds raised in Project Compassion.



Prayer

We pray for greater respect for the environment. May we care deeply for Earth, the place that God has entrusted to our care. May we celebrate the Year of Jubilee year as pilgrims of hope, ready to find the direction towards peace and justice that God wants for us. May we *Unite Against Poverty* as we grow in respect for all life.
Amen

I encourage each family to donate at the following link – St Joseph's has their own site dedicated to Project Compassion.

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



Project Compassion donations.

St Joseph's BIG WALK FOR WATER



As our final Project Compassion activity for 2025, students from St Joseph's will participate in a 'Big Walk For Water Challenge' as a means of raising awareness of the plight of many children their own age around the world who don't have access to clean drinking water in their homes or villages.

Money we raise will help provide access to clean water for some communities.

Did you know . . .

. . . that over 50% of the children currently in hospital around the world are there simply because they don't have access to clean water?

. . . that because they don't have taps in their houses, or even in their villages – some have to walk up to 7km each day just to find clean water?

. . . that every day these children are challenged to find clean water?

. . . that these children often can't go to school because they are either too busy collecting water, are too tired from collecting the water or too sick from drinking unclean water?

Today, we're challenging you to help.



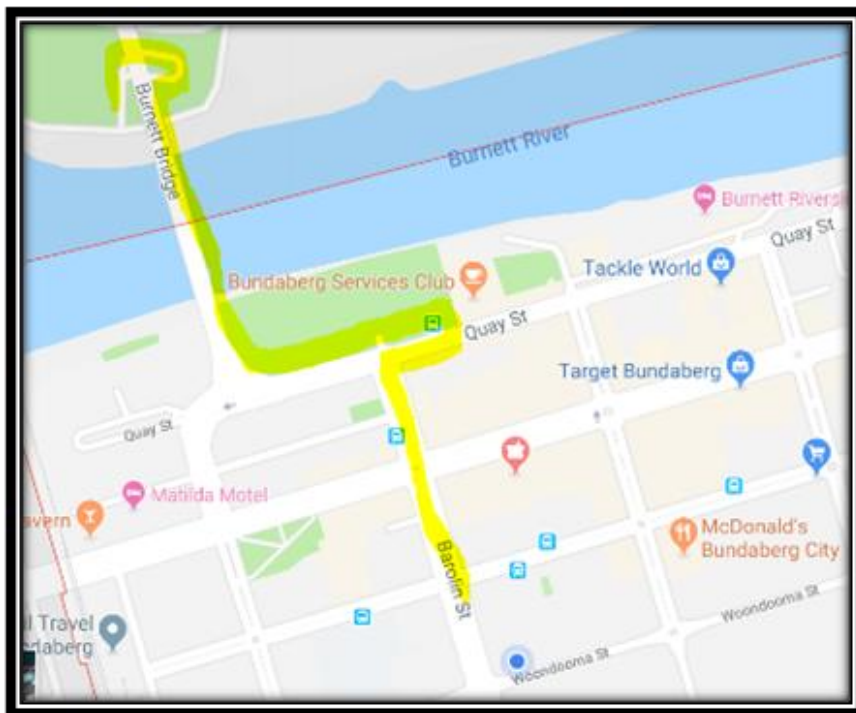
Join St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and carry your container of water on a 2 kilometre walk of solidarity with so many other children around the world. Experience a glimpse of what life is like for those not as lucky as we are.

Through your gold coin donation, you'll be helping raise money to help improve access to clean water for children around the world.

Our Plan

- Participants will carry a 1, 2 or 3 litre container to the Burnett River (under the old traffic bridge), fill it at a tap or ask an adult to fill it from the river, carry it back to school.
- We will walk on the route marked on the map below – all roads will be crossed at either a zebra crossing or at lights. We will use the pedestrian footpath across the bridge, turn right and continue along the path that will take us to the park under the bridge.
- Bring a gold coin donation to participate.

9am Friday 28th March 2025



Parents and other family members are welcome to join us on our walk.

Thank you in anticipation of your support of this very worthy experience.

Sacramental Program

We have some students and families at the school who are currently participating in this year's Parish Sacramental Program.

Please keep these students and families in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of Penance.



Have a blessed week,

Laura Campbell

Developmental Reading Assessment

Over the past weeks, Years 1 to 6 teachers have been assessing student reading. The tool that St Joseph's uses is called the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA). DRAs are designed to be a classroom-based, informative reading assessment.



DRA assesses student reading achievement in engagement, oral reading fluency, and comprehension skills and strategies. It also provides teachers with information that helps them determine student independent reading levels. DRAs have been designed to scaffold real reading situations in which students are placed in daily. In this context, teachers can make objective decisions about student achievement based on observations and careful analysis of student responses using well-researched criteria.

The primary purposes of DRAs are to support our school and teachers in monitoring each individual student's reading growth. The reading assessment ensures that teachers know each student, their needs and the support they may require to encourage continual growth as a reader.

Developmental Reading Assessments are used in Term 1 and 3 to monitor and document changes in student achievements within a school year and across year levels. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's reading, please contact their teacher. You will also have a chance to speak to your child's teacher during Parent Teacher Meetings in Weeks 9 and 10.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Book through the Orbit App or Parent Lounge

Bookings open from
Tuesday 18th March at 8:00am
to
Thursday 20th March at 3pm

CRAZY



DAY



Help us raise money
for the
Leukemia Foundation
Monday 31st March

Gold Coin Donation
Or
Pay for Crazy Hair Spray at School
\$5 one colour/ \$10 multi colours

Have a happy Wednesday!
~ Emma Robinson

Catholic Schools Race Day

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE
BUNDABERG
Catholic Schools
RACE DAY 2025
CHEERS TO 20 YEARS!

OVER 18 EVENT

SATURDAY 15 MARCH
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN 11:30AM
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Admission \$85

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE MARQUEE
PARTY, 2 FREE DRINK TICKETS,
FINGER FOOD & A BUS TO THE CBD

★ FASHION PARADE
★ HUGE RAFFLE

Three Polaroid-style photos are shown: one of a group of people, one of a couple, and one of a group of people. A small illustration of a horse is also present.

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Catholic Schools
RACE DAY 2025
50/50 RAFFLE

BUNDABERG CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

50/50

RACE DAY RAFFLE

WIN MINIMUM	\$1000	FOR JUST \$10
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YOU COULD WIN 50% OF
THE RAFFLE EARNINGS!
The more tickets sold,
the BIGGER the prize.

RAFFLE DRAW DETAILS
15 March 2025
3:30 PM
Bundaberg Race Club

BUY TICKETS NOW! www.raffletix.com.au/?refsym4v4

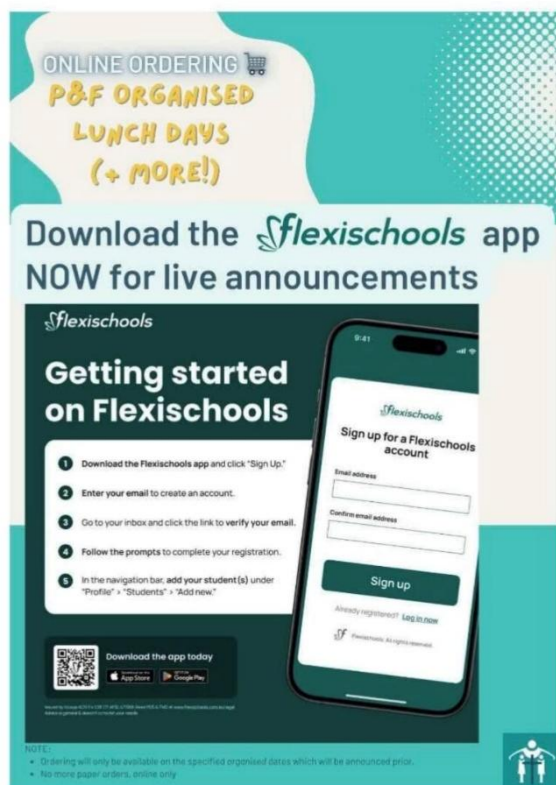
Several small illustrations of horses and trophies are scattered around the text.

P & F Forum Group

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



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**.



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

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| P | Zander , for always being ready to learn, for remembering to raise your hand to speak and always tracking the speaker. |
| 1 | Not presented as their teacher was away |
| 2 | Seraphim and Tayla , for always working super hard and putting your best effort into everything you do. Well done, superstar! |
| 3 | Delilah , for your commitment and passion to your learning. You show incredible listening, and this shines through in your work and in activities. Keep it up! |
| 4 | Allyssa , for her effort and application to all tasks! Great work!
Thomas , for working hard to improve in reading comprehension. Well Done! |
| 5 | Henry , for being consistently respectful and leading by example in class discussions.
Vin , for being an active learner who asks questions and uses feedback to help his learning! |
| 6 | Kiana , for being a passionate learner who asks insightful questions, uses feedback and takes on a challenge. You're a star! |

Shout Outs

The Whole School	For being an amazing place to work each day. When life is busy, and people are upset everyone pulls together to help each other out. You are a shining example of Jesus in the world today.
Jimmy	For being a responsible and kind brother. You helped your sister when she needed help with her lunch box without being asked to.
Lizzy	For always looking after our Prep Classroom and tidying up even when it isn't your mess. You are just like Mary McKillop - you ever see a need without doing something about it.
Shilo	For showing courage like Mary of the Cross MacKillop when you stick up for others when people are being unkind.
Zahli	Received from Theo for asking a friend if they were okay when they were sitting alone.
Year 5	Received from Theo for spending time with the elders when they visited Gracie Dixon
Josh	Received from Theo for always being a good friend.
Leadership Team	Received from Theo for setting up all the events during Rare Disease Week.

Outside School Hours Care

[Click here to enrol for Vacation Care](#)

MON 7 April 2025	TUES 8 April 2025	WED 9 April 2025	THURS 10 April 2025	FRI 11 April 2025
Jibbitz Making Create Jibbitz for your crocs. 	Minecraft Day We will head to the Cinemas to watch a The Minecraft Movie. 	Karaoke Dance to and sing your favourite songs with karaoke. 	Monsoon Aquatics Let's visit the Coral Farm and see if our coral has grown. 	Boot Camp Test your skills and strength at the OSHC Bootcamp. 
\$63.00 + \$10 incursion fee	\$63.00 + \$25 excursion fee	\$63.00 + \$5 incursion fee	\$63.00 + \$25 excursion fee	\$63.00

MON 14 April 2025	TUES 15 April 2025	WED 16 April 2025	THURS 17 April 2024	FRI 18 April 2025
Decorating Cookies Turn a plain biscuit into a decorated easter egg. 	Paint and Sip Paint a picture with Miss Long guiding the way, while enjoying a snack 	Easter Celebrations Create some easter gifts and join in an Easter egg Hunt. 	Gracie Dixon Make an Easter gift to present to the clients and staff at Gracie Dixon Respite Centre 	Service Closed 
\$63.00 + \$10 incursion fee	\$63.00 + \$25 incursion fee	\$63.00 + \$5 incursion fee	\$63.00	

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Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



[Click here for Catholic Parish of Bundaberg Newsletter](#)



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.

Enrol Now! Starting soon!

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

Enrol Now!



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

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 Opens			National Apology Day	Year 1 Prayer 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 School Mass – 12.15pm		Bishop's Inservice Day 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 & Whole School Meditation Swimming 5/6	Poster Competition Anointing Mass (Yr6) Swimming 3/4	Year 6 Prayer Assembly Minnie Vinnies (Yr 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 Australia Day		Ash Wednesday Swimming 5/6	Swimming 3/4	Year 4 Prayer 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	18 th Mar	19 th Mar	20 th Mar	21 st Mar	22/23 Mar
	NAPLAN					
	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				W B TRIALS				QLD CHAMPS	
SPORT	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH 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	Gympie		B Lethborg B Dean N Fawley	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
ARL GIRLS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi Alloway SS	J Robson M Pelusi	1 April	Gympie		J Robson M Boer 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 Scapovic	12-15 June	Boondall (MN)
BASKETBALL GIRLS	27 Feb 3 March	Bberg Basketball	S Mullaney Woongarra SS	S Mullaney M Yarrow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	L Cant E Connell	12-15 June	Boondall (MN)
CRICKET BOYS	15/17/24 July	Norville	Simon Kelly BSHS	M McDonald J Donnison	3-5 Aug			A Donnison M Parsons	15-19 September	Bundaberg (WB)
CRICKET GIRLS	16/21/23 July	Norville	Simon Kelly BSHS	H Dwyer S Kelly	3-4 Aug			B McDillan B Green	15-18 September	Aspley (MN)
CROSS COUNTRY	16 May 12:30pm	Avoca SS	Paul Ash Kim Alcorn	S Holmes J Clarke	3 June	North Burnett Gayndah	Leah Trott	C Holmes	18-20 July	Bald Hills (MN)
FOOTBALL BOYS	11/12/18 March	North High Oval	Paul Ash Avoca SS	A Donnison B Cunningham	1-2 May	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	J Sommerfeld D Tucker	31 July- 3 August	Tingalpa (ME)
FOOTBALL GIRLS	10/17 March	North High Oval	Paul Ash Avoca SS	T Gollishewsky P Ash	1-2 May	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	T Chappell L Ashford	31 July- 3 August	Tingalpa (ME)
GOLF	7 March	Nominations Due	Dean Pickup Oakwood SS	D Pickup	3 April	Gympie		D Pickup	22-25 June	Wacol (MW)
HOCKEY BOYS	17/24 March	Hinkler Park	Sharon Smith Kalkie SS	H Dwyer	2 May	Hervey Bay	Lynelle Baddock	S Butt R Werder	5-8 June	Toowoomba (DD)
HOCKEY GIRLS	17/24 March	Hinkler Park	Sharon Smith Kalkie SS	S Smith S Kendall	2 May	Hervey Bay	Lynelle Baddock	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	Helen 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	R Batt C Smith	30 March	North Burnett		D Farrell K Blaikie	31 May- 1 June	Curramundi (SunC)
RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS 11-12 YRS	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 10-11 YRS	17/24/31 March	Waves Sports C	Jason Shears Woongarra 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 LEAGUE 10 YRS	17/24/31 March	Waves Sports C	Jason Shears Woongarra SS	R Elphinstone B Haskins						
RUGBY LEAGUE GIRLS 11-12 YRS	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 Avoca SS	D Manley S Smith	3 April	Bundaberg		J MacPherson A Kelly TBC	21-24 August	Ipswich (MW)
SOFTBALL GIRLS	24 Feb 3 March	Bundy Softball	A Ash Avoca SS	D Phillips S Smith	3 April	Bundaberg		D Phillips R Pfingst S Smith	21-24 August	Ipswich (MW)
SWIMMING			Directly to WB School Sport		17 Feb	Nominations Due		S Moy C Holmes L Irvine	23-25 March	Chandler (ME)
TENNIS	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	Gympie		G Kruger S Moy	14-17 August	Roma (SW)
TOUCH GIRLS	7/14 March	Shalom	Greg Kruger Norville SS	G O'Shaney S Holmes	23-24 April	Gympie		G O'Shaney F Ditchburn	14-17 August	Roma (SW)
TRACK & FIELD Day 1 Day 2 1500M	7 August 8 August 15 August	St Luke's St Luke's St Luke's	P Ash T Gollishewsky	P Ash N Stitt T Gollishewsky	27 August	Bundaberg		C Holmes S Holmes K Sheppard S Kelly K Willis A Martin C Gooden T McClintock T Gollishewsky D Tucker	13-15 October	Townsville (N)

Out and About

Flourish 2025 Family Fun Day
FREE EVENT

Thursday July 3
9 am – 1 pm
Alexandra Park
Quay Street

An all-inclusive family-friendly event that celebrates and acknowledges the diversity of families in our region. Entertainment, information stalls and activities will be available for the whole family to enjoy!

Theme
Teddy Bears Picnic!
 Food and drink available for purchase
 HEAPS of Family Fun Activities
 Incorporating the Welcome Baby Celebration

Supported by:

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REGISTER NOW

Contributing kids

BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

wide bay kids

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service

C&K
 Children & Kindergarten

NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Bundaberg Central Rotary Club
 Club invites you to...

END POLIO NOW

JOIN US FOR OUR FUNDRAISING AFTERNOON TEA TO END POLIO

NEW VENUE

SAME SCRUMPTIOUS AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday, 22nd March 2024
1:45pm for 2:00 start
Good Shepherd Hall,
201 George Street, Bundaberg West

\$20 A TICKET + BOOKING FEES IF APPLICABLE

Glass of bubbles on entry
 Sweet and Savoury Treats
 Raffles
 Rhythms of The Reef performing
 Guest Speaker

To buy your ticket, trybooking.com/CZM6H
 or contact Vicki on 0408889187 or vickikelly747@yahoo.com.au

Please advise dietary requirements

HERE

HOPE **EMPOWER** **RESILIENCE** **ENABLE**

Youth Program

The **HERE** Program supports young people up to 18 years old by providing early intervention and non-clinical psychosocial mental health support. Our mission is to empower individuals at risk of disconnection due to mental health challenges.

The program focuses on building **HOPE, EMPOWERMENT, RESILIENCE & ENABLING** our youth. Our Youth Workers do this by offering flexible assistance for three months or extended support for up to twelve months. Referrals are through the **IMPACT Community Services** website. The program serves the Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Wide Bay, and Discovery Coast regions.

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Phone: 07 4153 4233

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Sharks Camp

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8TH-11TH
APRIL 2025
GRADES 4-12

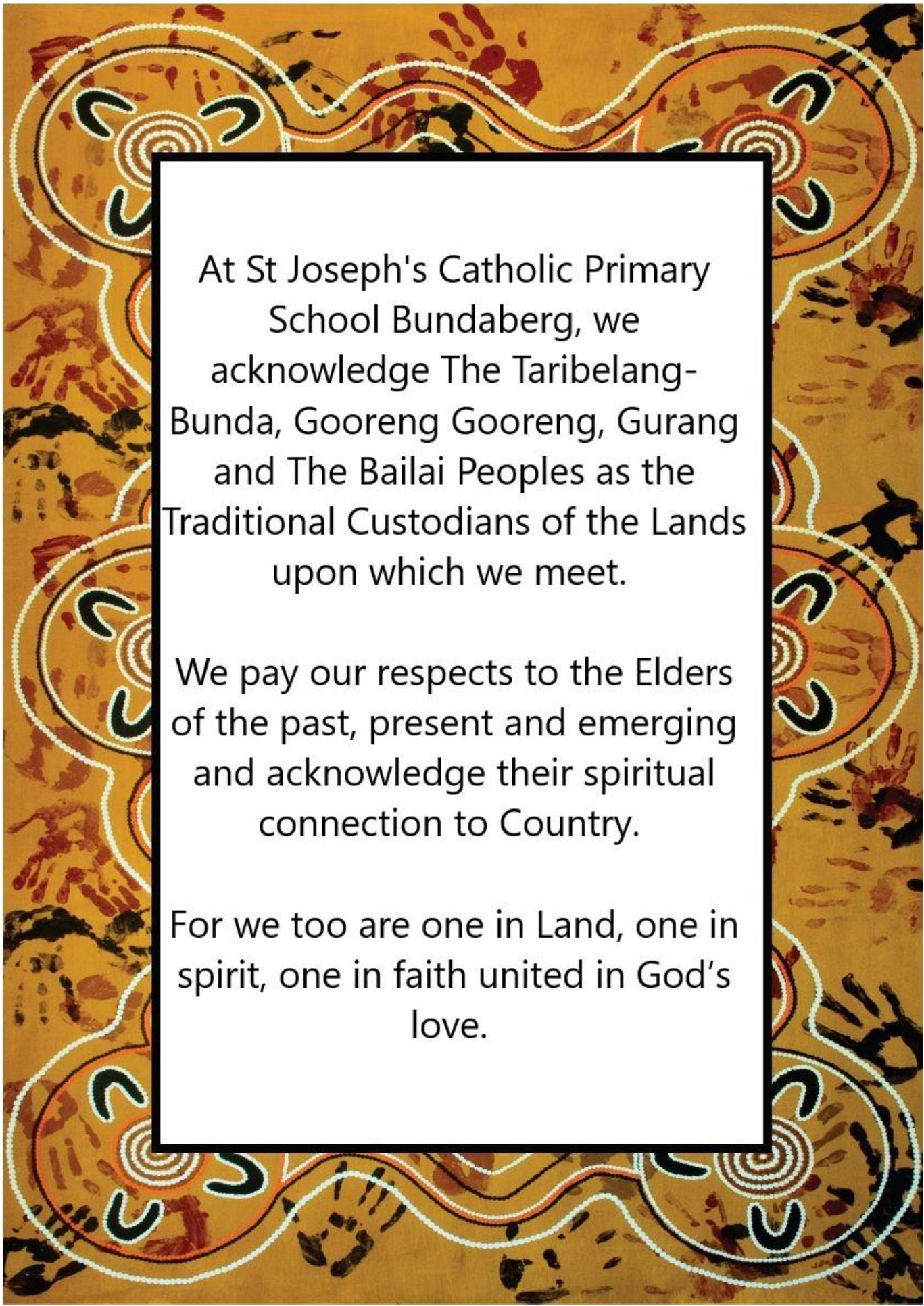
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At St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School Bundaberg, we
acknowledge The Taribelang-
Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang
and The Bailai Peoples as the
Traditional Custodians of the Lands
upon which we meet.

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.