

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 The NAPLAN tests are **a point in time view** of a student's literacy and numeracy skills, our teachers are building a more complete picture of each student's abilities from a variety of work/assessment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

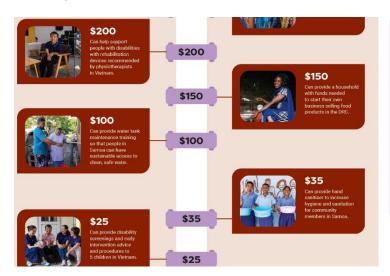
From the APRE - Laura Campbell

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

Curriculum Corner - Emma Robinson

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



Have a happy Wednesday! ~ Emma Robinson

Catholic Schools Race Day





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

- **Zander, f**or always being ready to learn, for remembering to raise your hand to speak and aways tracking the speaker.
- Not presented as their teacher was away
- **Seraphim** and **Tayla**, for always working super hard and putting your best effort into everything you do. Well done, superstar!
- 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!
- Allyssa, for her effort and application to all tasks! Great work!
 - **Thomas,** for working hard to improve in reading comprehension. Well Done!
- **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!
- **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 nee 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 WE Jibbitz Making Minecraft Day

Create Jibbitz for your crocs.

We will head to the Cinemas to watch a The Minecraft Movie.



\$63.00 + \$25 excursion fee

WED 9 April 2025

Dance to and sing your favourite songs with karaoke.



\$63.00 + \$5 incursion fee

THURS 10 April 2025 Monsoon Aquatics

Let's visit the Coral Farm and see if our coral has grown.



\$63.00 + \$25 excursion fee

FRI 11 April 2025

Boot Camp

Test your skills and strength at the OSHC Bootcamp.



\$63.00

MON 14April 2025

\$63.00 +\$10 incursion

fee

Decorating Cookies

Turn a plain biscuit into a decorated easter egg.



\$63.00 + \$10 incursion

TUES 15 April 2025

Paint and Sip
Paint a picture with
Miss Long guiding the
way, while enjoying a



\$63.00 + \$25 incursion

WED 16 April 2025

Easter Celebrations
Create some easter gifts
and join in an Easter egg
Hunt.



\$63.00 + \$5 incursion fee

THURS 17 April 2024

Gracie Dixon

Make an Easter gift to present to the clients and staff at Gracie Dixon Respite Centre



\$63.00

FRI 18 April 2025

Service Closed



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Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



Click here for Catholic Parish of Bundaberg Newsletter



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	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 20 th Mar 21 st Mar				
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	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				WBTRALS				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	N Bigg M Pelusi	1-2 April	Gympie		B Lethborg B Dean N Frawley	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
AR. GRLS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi Alloway SS	J Robson M Pelusi	1 April	Gympie		J Robson M Beer TBC	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
BASKETBALL BOYS	27 Feb 3 March	B'berg Bas ketball	S Mullancy 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 Bas ketball	S Mullaney Woongarra SS	S Mullaney M Yarrow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	L Cant E Connell		Moondall (MN)
CRICKET BOYS	15/17/24 July	Noville Noville	Simon Kelly BSHS	A Donnison	3-5Aug 3-4Aug			A Donnison M Parsons B McLdlan	15-19 September 15-18	Bundaberg (WB)
CRICKET GIRLS CROSS	16/21/23 July 16 May 1230pm	Avocass	Simon Kelly BSHS Paul As h	H Dwyer S Kelly S Holmes	3 June	North Burnett	Leah Trott	B Green C Holmes	September	Aspley (MN) Bald Hills (MN)
COUNTRY	11/12/18	North High	Kim Alcorn Paul Ash	J Clarke A Donnison	1-2 May	Gayndah Hervey Bay	Wendy	I Sommerfeld	31 July- 3	Tingalpa (ME)
BO YS FO OTBALL	March 10/17	Oval North High	Avo ca SS Paul As h	B Cunningham T Gollshowsky	1:2	Hervey Bay	Mason Wendy	D Tucker T Chappell	August 31 July- 3	Tingalpa (ME)
GRLS GOLF	March 7 March	Oval Nominations Due	Avo ca SS Dean Pickup Oakwood SS	PAsh D Pickup	May 3 April	Gympie	Mason	L Ashford D Pickup	August 22-25 June	Wacol (MW)
HO CKEY BO YS	17/24 March	Hinkler Park	Sharon Smith Kalkle SS	HDwyer	2 May	Hervey Bay	Lynelle Badcock	S Burt R Werder	5-8 June	Toowoomba (DD)
HO CKEY 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	K Hansen T Batt	29 May- 1 June	Caloundra (SunC)
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	KVan Beek H Russo	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 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 NR ussell M Plumb	1-2 August	Maryborough		T Denning N Moore N Russell	15-18 Sept	Townsville (N)
SOFTBALL BOYS	24 Feb 3 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)
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	Gympie		G Kruger S Moy	14-17 August	Roma (SW)
TOUCH GRLS TRACK &	7/14 March	Shalom	Greg Kruger Norville SS P Ash	GO'Shanesy S Holmes PAsh	23 - 24 April 27	Gympie Bundaberg		G O'Shanesy F Dichburn C Holmes	14-17 August 13-15	Roma (SW) Townsville (N)
FIELD Day 1 Day 2 1500M	7 August 8 August 15 August	St Luke's St Luke's St Luke's	T Gollshawsky	T Sollshowsky	August			S Holmes K Sheppard S Kelly K Wills A Martin C Gosden T McClintock T Gollshowsky D Tucker	October	(1)

Out and About





Bundaberg Central Rotary Club invites you to...



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AFTERNOON TEA TO \$
END POLIO



NEW VENUE



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SAME SCRUMPTIOUS AFTERNOON TEA



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



Glass of bubbles on entry Sweet and Savoury treats Raffles Rhythms of the Reef performing Guest Speaker

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







