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Newsletter Term One Week 8

19 March 2025

Principal's Pen - Monica White

The Remarkable St Joseph

Today our St Joseph's school community celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day. We were very excited to welcome Bishop Michael McCarthy and Mr Michael McCusker (Diocesan Director) and grateful that they could spend time with our school community on our Feast Day.

We celebrated St Joseph with a wonderful Mass and through activities to remind us about the life of St Joseph, a remarkable man.

Joseph, the adoptive father of Jesus Christ, is perhaps one of the most overlooked characters in the life of Jesus. Yet, there is no question that Joseph left a powerful impact on Jesus and Mary. He was a man of solid conviction. His love for Mary, the mother of Jesus, is unmatched. Because Joseph's story is only covered in four chapters of the Bible and he most likely died before the ministry of Jesus, he is often glossed over and not always given his due for the powerful example he left for Jesus.

We know relatively few details about Joseph from the scriptures, but through insights from the historical background of life in Israel, we can actually weave together a beautiful tapestry on the life of Joseph.

Joseph was of the tribe of Judah, and in particular a direct descendant of King David ([Matthew 1:20](#)). Despite his royal lineage, the scriptures tell us that Joseph was only a poor carpenter or craftsman. Joseph is typically portrayed in art as working with wood, but because Israel has a limited number of trees and stone is by far the more abundant resource, Joseph would have actually been a carpenter of mostly stone.

According to Jewish custom, we also know that Joseph was most likely quite young. In fact, he probably was only about seventeen to twenty years old when he was engaged to Mary. We also know that from a very young age Joseph had been trained in the law at the synagogue, and that he had a profound understanding of the scriptures because of his faithful, yet merciful way of obeying the law.

According to law Joseph could have publicly divorced Mary, instead, Matthew tells us that Joseph chose to be merciful and "was minded to put her away secretly." ([Matthew 1:19 NKJV](#)). However, before Joseph was able to divorce Mary, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him to take Mary as his wife. The angel also directs Joseph that he is to name the infant Jesus. By naming the child, according to Jewish tradition, Joseph would formally adopt Jesus as his own.



The love and compassion Joseph showed to Mary and Jesus is absolutely remarkable. He disregarded all cultural consequences of marrying Mary and took in Jesus as his own. Truly, God could not have chosen a better man to raise His own Son, than Joseph, the humble carpenter. Though we have no recorded words of Joseph, no recorded witness of his testimony, his actions of obedience, kindness, and love speak volumes about the character of this most remarkable man and his testimony of Jesus. As followers of Christ, we can learn much from Joseph the carpenter.

Monica White

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

This week we continue our Lenten journey by reflecting on the needs of others', prayer and fasting.

This reflection from Caritas is based on the community needs of having access to clean water close by.

This is particularly relevant as we head towards our Big Walk for Water.

Please keep in mind that your child will need an empty water container to complete the walk.

Second Week of Lent



Genesis 15:5–12. 17–18 | Ps 26:1. 7–9. 13–14. R. v.1 | Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 | Luke 9:28–36

Today's Gospel brings us a wonderful moment in the education of Jesus's friends.

Jesus was always trying to teach them about the mystery of life, and we can take heart from the fact that they were often slow learners. Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured on the top of a mountain. But the vision doesn't last long. Peter, always practical, wants to build tents so they can stay in the moment. But no, the journey to Calvary lies ahead where they will see Jesus disfigured. Eventually, they will put it together that transfiguration and disfigurement are two sides of the same coin.

This week, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion shares another story of education. We visit a primary school in Samoa with 400 students and 11 teachers. Until 2023, the school had no reliable access to fresh water. At times, teachers had to fetch water from neighbouring families, and this took considerable time out of the day and limited classes. It also meant that each class had a single bucket of drinking water for everyone to share. Thanks to your generosity, this has now changed.

Education can continue uninterrupted. You might even say, that thanks to those who support Project Compassion, disfigured lives have been transfigured.

Samoa may seem a long way away but let us think for a moment of some of the words Jesus said on the night before he died. He prayed 'may they all be one.' We see the high price of division and conflict in so many places. People face each other with such hostility. As we *Unite Against Poverty*, we are slowly creating the solution. Our actions are teaching the world to see possibilities more than problems. Just as his friends saw Jesus in a brilliant new light, so too must we see the whole human family with its true dignity.



Prayer

We pray for all those whose access to food and water is insecure. May the whole human family respond generously in creating lasting justice in the distribution of life's necessities. May we respond to opportunities such as those presented by Project Compassion this Lent to *Unite Against Poverty*.
May we all be one.
Amen

Project Compassion



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We have had some generous donations made by children to the Project Compassion campaign. If you are able to add to the total, all will be greatly appreciated, no matter how much you can contribute.



Each family should have received 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.



All families are invited to Children's Mass this Sunday starting 9am at St Partick's Church.



Have a blessed week,

Laura Campbell

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



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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

FLEXISCHOOLS

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



Volunteers Needed



Week 9 Swimming – Pyjama Day

Week 9 will be the last Swimming Lesson before the carnival. Children are required to wear loose fitting clothes (pyjamas) over the top of their swim wear. The children will get experience falling into the water with clothes on and learn what difference clothes can make once wet. The clothing will be removed during the lesson; therefore, togs are needed to be worn underneath.



Prep Enrolment 2026

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Prep 2026 Apply Now ★★

Limited places available.

Apply now for Prep 2026 via our website
<https://sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au>

Interviews conducted in Term 1 & 2 with
offers being made by the end of June.



You are invited to
St Joseph's Catholic School
Prep 2026 Open Day

★
41 Woondooma Street
Saturday, 29th March
9-11am

- *Face Painting
- *Story Dogs meet & greet
- *Sausage Sizzle
- *Heaps of Fun Activities



Fun Reading  Reading for Life

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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| Prep | Ava , for being a shining star in our Prep class. You come to school each day with a big smile, you are kind and helpful and always try your best. Keep shining Ava. |
| 1 | Corbin, Gabriel and Tyde , for your positive attitude and cooperative participation during our place value investigations in Mathematics. |
| 2 | Harvey and Ellis , for your eager participation in our rhyming focus this week. Well done! |
| 3 | Skye , for always trying your best to follow directions, listen during learning and give 5Ls. You are an exceptional role model to others for how to track the speaker. |
| 4 | Oscar , for reading back over his writing to ensure all punctuation is correct. Great work!
Michael , for a great use of comprehension strategies to support his writing. Well done! |
| 5 | Max R , for your commitment and growth towards your goals. Keep it up!
Max A , for your effective participation and consistent efforts in our lessons. Great work! |
| 6 | Robb , for taking initiative and being diligent about your responsibilities in the classroom. Thanks for being an awesome, reliable helper! |

Shout Outs

Arianna, Beth and Maryanne, for always being happy for others' achievements.



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THE BUNDABERG CATHOLIC
PARISH WELCOMES YOU TO
A CHILDREN'S MASS



“Let the
children come
to me”

Luke:18:16

4th Sunday each month,
9:00am Mass
St Patrick's Church

All parishioners and
families are invited.



Annual Parish Fundraising Luncheon

Saturday, 5 April at the Brothers Sports Club
11.30am for 12.00pm start



Do it for Cancer



Ticket Price
\$30pp

Two Course Luncheon and continuous raffle



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
			Swimming 5/6	Anointing Mass (Yr 6) Swimming 3/4	Gracie Dixon (Yr 5) Swimming P-2	
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
AFL BOYS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi	N Bigg M Pelusi	1-2 April	Gympie		B Lethborg B Dean N Finlay	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
AFL GIRLS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi	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	T Laycock M Yarow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	T Laycock S Scipovic	12-15 June	Moondall (MN)
BASKETBALL GIRLS	27 Feb 3 March	Bberg Basketball	S Mullaney	S Mullaney M Yarow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	L Cant E Connell	12-15 June	Moondall (MN)
CRICKET BOYS	15/17/24 July	Norville	Simon Kelly	M McDonald A Donnison	3-5 Aug			A Donnison M Parsons	15-19 September	Bundaberg (WB)
CRICKET GIRLS	16/21/23 July	Norville	Simon Kelly	H Dwyer S Kelly	3-4 Aug			B McMillan 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 Gollshewsky 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 Badcock	S Butt R Werder	5-8 June	Toowoomba (DD)
HOCKEY GIRLS	17/24 March	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 Hanson	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 Hanson	2 April	Kingaroy	Helen Maudsley	K Hanson 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 Pingst 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'Shanesy S Holmes	23-24 April	Gympie		G O'Shanesy 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 Gollshewsky	P Ash N Stitt T Gollshewsky	27 August	Bundaberg		C Holmes S Holmes K Sheppard S Kelly K Willis A Martin C Gooden T McClintock T Gollshewsky D Tucker	13-15 October	Townsville (N)

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Wednesday 9th April - Robo Racers (Bully) & Table Top Games*	Wednesday 16th April - Sumo & Robo Racers (Bully)
Thursday 10th April - Robo Racers (Drag) & Sumo	Thursday 17th April - Rescue & Table Top Games*
Friday 11th April - Bridge Builders & Warehouse Workers*	

* These workshops also include opportunities for participants to free build their own designs if they wish.

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Cost: \$20 per child per workshop



Date	Time	Workshop
Wednesday 9th April	10:00am – 11:30am	LEGO® Robotics (Amusement Park)
Wednesday 9th April	12:30pm – 2:00pm	Drones (Basic)
Friday 11th April	10:00am – 11:30am	Makey Makey
Friday 11th April	12:30pm – 2:00pm	Robot Mania
Monday 14th April	10:00am – 11:30am	LEGO® Robotics (Dragster Dash!)
Monday 14th April	12:30pm – 2:00pm	Drones (Advanced)
Wednesday 16th April	10:00am – 11:30am	Ozobots
Wednesday 16th April	12:30pm – 2:00pm	Drones (Ocean Science Adventure)

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HOLIDAY CLINICS

DATE: 11/4/2025

TIME: 3.00pm - 5.00pm

AGE: 5-12 years

COST: \$49

WHERE: 25 Fred Courtice Avenue, Bargarra



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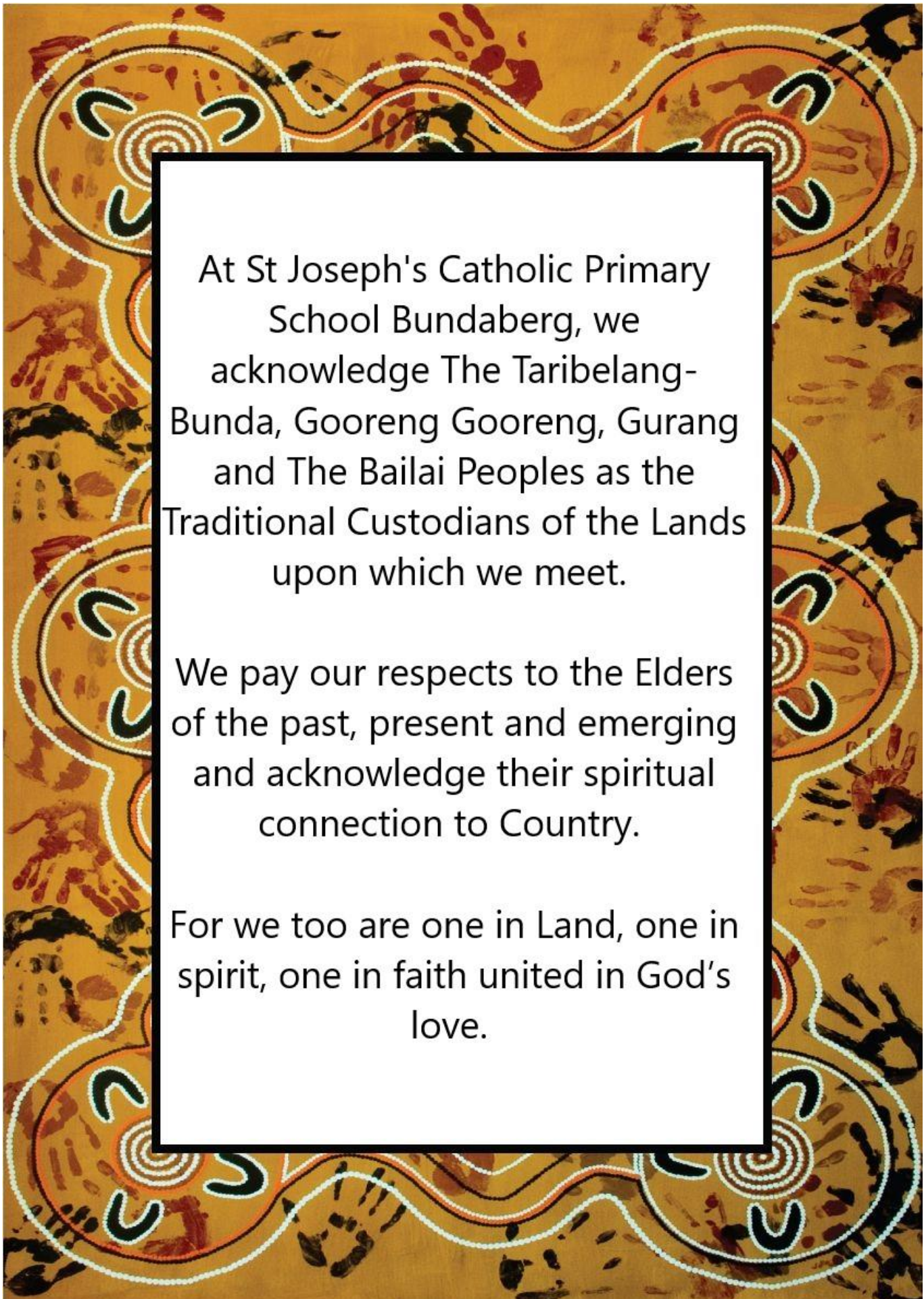
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At St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School Bundaberg, we
acknowledge The Taribelang-
Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang
and The Bailai Peoples as the
Traditional Custodians of the Lands
upon which we meet.

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.