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Newsletter Term Two Week 1

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Principal's Pen - Monica White

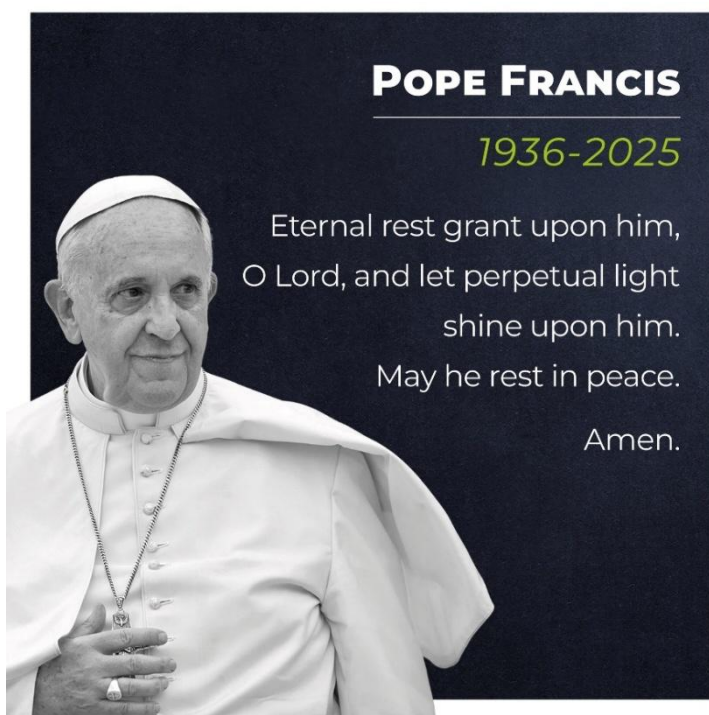
It is with deep sorrow that we join the global Catholic community in mourning the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. A shepherd of compassion, humility, and unwavering faith, Pope Francis touched the hearts of millions with his message of mercy, care for our common home, inclusion, care for the most vulnerable among us and his firm and unconditional "no" to war. Pope Francis has been our Pope since 2013 and for these past twelve years has gently and compassionately led our Church.

Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on 17 December 1936 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was ordained a priest in 1969; from 1973 to 1979 he was the Jesuit provincial superior in Argentina. He became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 and was created a Cardinal in 2001 by Pope John Paul II. He was elected Pope on 13 March 2013 and chose Francis as his papal name in honour of Saint Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis was a man of many firsts – he was the first non-European pope in centuries, the first Latin American pope, the first Jesuit pope and the first to take the name Francis. He will be remembered as a man of simplicity, humility and compassion.

Pope Francis died on Easter Monday 2025, having dedicated his entire life to the service of the Lord. At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we give thanks for his extraordinary leadership and example of Christ's love in action.

"If we can develop a truly humble attitude, we can change the world." – Pope Francis

May he rest in eternal peace, and may his light continue to guide us all

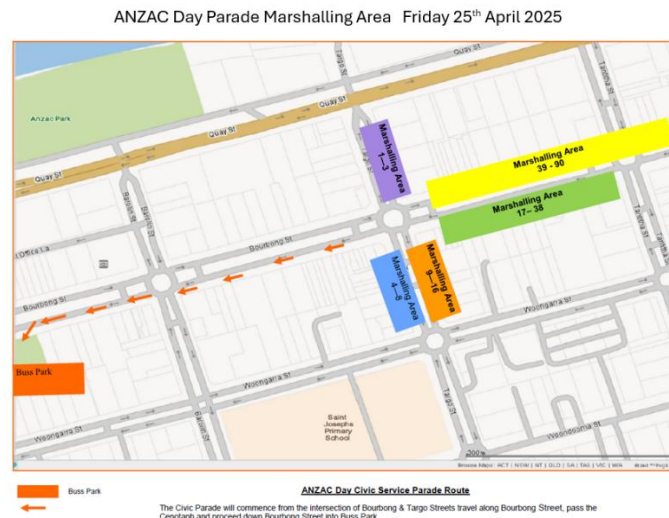


ANZAC Day March

We are marching as a school again this year on Friday the 25th of April. The ANZAC Day March and Ceremony are a significant community event to recognise and honour the important contributions and sacrifices that have been and still are being made by those men and women who serve our country, Australia.

I would love to see as many St Joseph's students as possible join staff in the March. Students are requested to wear their formal school uniform and school hat. Preps will wear their sports uniform. Students need to bring a water bottle and are strongly encouraged to wear sunscreen.

We are **number 58** in the March and will be gathering on Bourbong St as indicated below.



Our position is behind Woongarra State School and in front of St Mary's. We will start gathering at **8:00am** and are expected to march off at 8:30am. Parents are requested to collect their children promptly upon the completion of the ceremony at Buss Park. Parents of younger children may choose to collect them as we enter Buss Park before the start of the ceremony.



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I am extremely grateful to Chris Roelofs, ably assisted by Kate, for generously giving his time over the school holidays to erect our School Values Panels in the Reconciliation Garden.

Thank you very much Chris for your time and the craftsmanship. I know that the St Joseph's community appreciate the time you have spent on this project.



Monica White

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families

Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg will officially celebrate the life of Pope Francis with Mass for the repose of his soul on Monday, April 28 at 6.00pm at Holy Rosary Church.

Fr Don White wishes to invite you to join us as we farewell a man whose life was remarkable in its simplicity, humility, and compassion.

His legacy will live on among us and the people of our world as one who brought life and hope not only to the people of our faith but to all humanity especially the poor and underprivileged.

Please know that you are very welcome.

Prayerful best wishes.

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. Thanks to Christ – crucified and risen from the dead – hope does not disappoint! Spes non confundit! (cf. Rom 5:5). That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us.

Christ is risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life.



**Pope Francis
Urbi et Orbi
2025**



1936 - 2025
Requiescat in pace

Easter

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. The Easter season lasts for 50 days and ends with Pentecost Sunday.

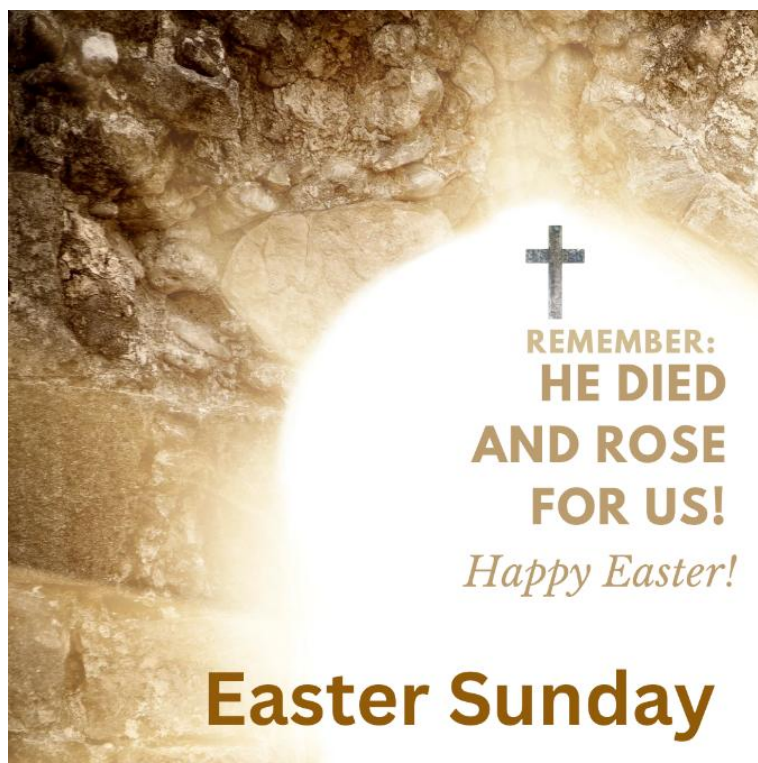
Yesterday, St Joseph's students and teachers celebrated Easter with a simple prayer ritual. We participated in a Sprinkling Rite where blessed water is sprinkled over the people in remembrance of the promises made at our Baptism and a sign of renewal and fresh starts. Easter is a time for making positive changes in our lives that make the world a better place.

Every day at St Joseph's we endeavour to be a positive and generous community that reflects God's message of love.

We are Easter people!

Have a blessed week,

Laura Campbell



Last Chance to Have Your Say

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY SURVEY

Help shape the authentic and contemporary future of our
school's catholic identity

We Need Your Input!

- Visit: www.ecsi.site/au/user/
- Entre Survey Code Ghj654
- Click New user
- Select **St Joseph's Bundaberg** /School ID: i2461

SURVEY CLOSES 25 April 2025

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School Fees *Explained*

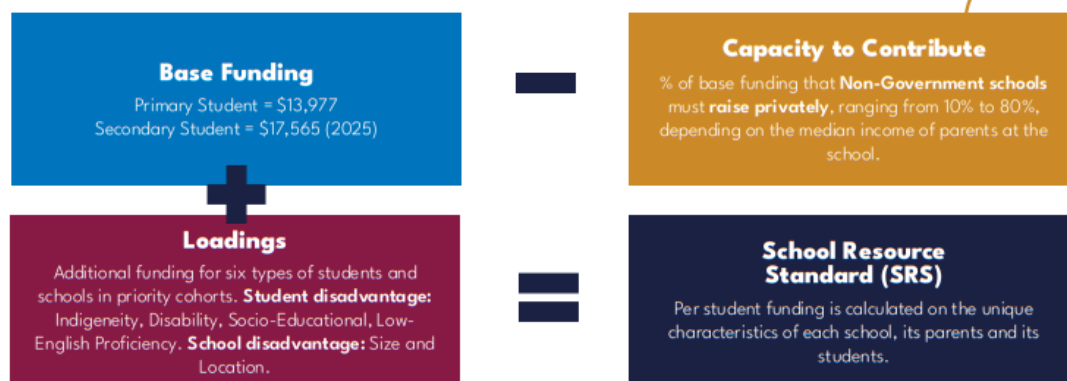
How is Education funded in Australia?



The Federal Government "School Resource Standard (SRS)" funding model determines State and Federal Government funding to all schools in Australia.

- For Non-Government schools, the SRS model also identifies each School community's means-tested "Capacity to Contribute (CTC)" through School Fees.
- Unlike many Non-Government schools, Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) schools minimise School fees by delivering education to students within the SRS.

School funding formula for all schools in Australia *→ "School Fees"*



Source: National Catholic Education Commission 2023

Examples of how CTC impacts School Fees

Where CTC of School community = 90, school fees contribute 10% of the base SRS

18% State Govt Grant Funding	72% Federal Government Grant Funding	10% School Fees
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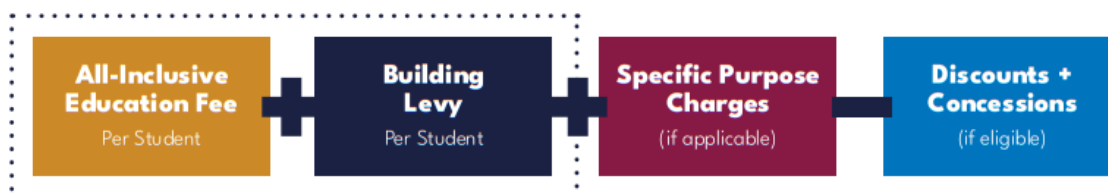
Where CTC of School community = 105, school fees contribute 25.5% (primary) or 36.25% (college) of the base SRS

State Govt Primary (14.9%) College (12.75%)	Federal Government Primary (59.6%) College (51%)	School Fees Primary (25.5%) College (36.25%)
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Base SRS

How are School fees presented in CEDR schools?

School fees are presented as one **All-Inclusive Education fee**, that delivers the curriculum offering of the School, rather than a tuition fee PLUS several School-based levies and charges.



St Joseph's P&F

Term 2 Lunch Order Overview

Week 2 - 2/5/25 - PIZZA HUT

Week 4 - 16/5/25 - SUBWAY

Week 5 - 23/5/25 - BRO'S BAKERY

Week 7 - 6/6/25 - PIZZA HUT

Week 9 - 20/6/25 - SUBWAY

Week 10 - 27/6/25 - BRO'S BAKERY

If you are available to help serve
Pizza & Bakery lunch orders
(approx. 10:30-11:00am),
please contact the school office

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Swimming Carnival

2025 SWIM CARNIVAL RESULTS

What a fantastic way to end the term. Our 2025 carnival was terrific – even the weather eventually decided to support our event! Teamwork was exceptional. Our new house leaders all did a fabulous job organising and encouraging their teams. Congratulations to MacKillop on winning the trophy for 2025. The competition was exceptional and very close.

MacKillop	172
Rossolini	154
Tennison Woods	103

Every race showed all students demonstrating their swimming skills and persistence to complete the whole 25m of the pool. It was pleasing to hear and see teams cheering each to finish each race. Congratulations to our new Age Champions for this year.

AGE CHAMPIONS	BOYS	GIRLS
12 YEARS 2013	Ethan	Evie
11 YEARS 2014	Zac	Ruby
10 YEARS 2015	Flynn	Milly
9 YEARS 2016	Thomas M	Delilah

Thanks to our P&F for streamlining the Subway lunch option again for everyone this year. Another demonstration of great teamwork! It was wonderful to have lots of parents and supporters join us, despite the threatening weather for our carnival. You are a vital part of every team!

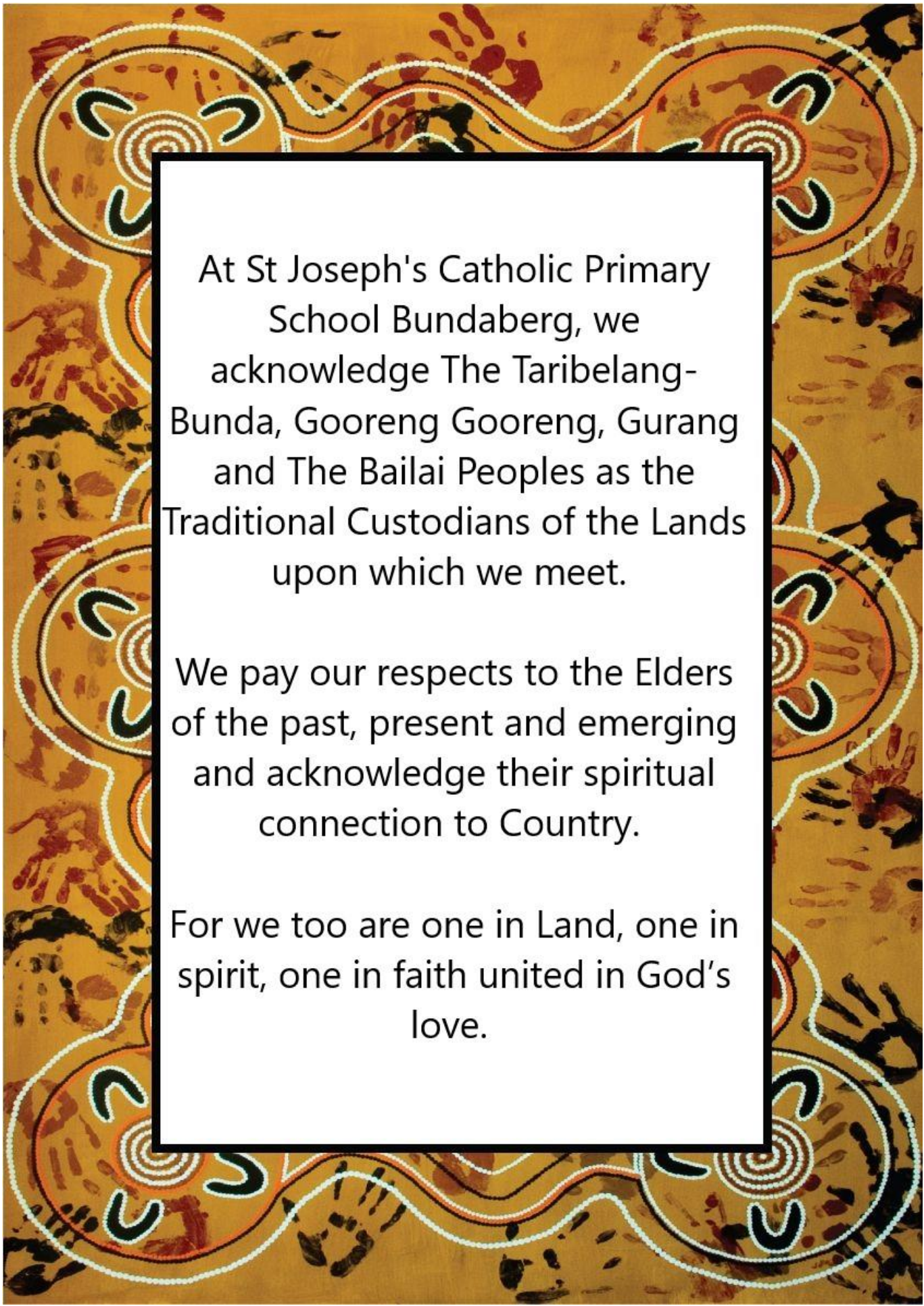
Thank you also to those parents for coming early to assist with the tents. Working together as a team they ensured all tents were up and secure for the arrival of our teams to commence the day. They repeated the job at the end of the day too – very much appreciated.

Great teamwork all around made this a memorable and enjoyable day for everyone as you can see from our photos.

THANK YOU
Di Carr

Bundaberg Sports Trial Dates

2025	BUNDABERG TRIALS				WB 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 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 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 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)



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.