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Newsletter Term Two Week 10

25 June 2025

Principal's Pen – Monica White

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday another successful Athletics Carnival was held. Congratulations to the winning house MacKillop and all age champions. Thank you to Mrs Di Carr for the organisation and to staff for the smooth running of the day.

As Term Two is coming to an end I would like to take this opportunity to say, 'Thank You' and farewell to Mrs Sally-Anne Lankowski. Sally-Anne has been an integral staff member for a number of years, undertaking many teaching hats, including Japanese and Drama. Sally-Anne has also magnificently directed our Christmas Concerts for the last few years. Sally-Anne will be missed, however, we wish Sally-Anne all the best as she continues to teach at Shalom.

As I write this newsletter Kelly Philips has started her maternity leave earlier than planned. We are waiting for an update, however, we wish Kelly and her husband Jeff all the best as they await the birth of their first child.

Following unsuccessful advertising for a Japanese teacher, I am pleased to announce that Ms Hannah McKey will be returning from maternity leave to teach Digital Technologies across the school in Term Three. We are excited to welcome Hannah back to St Joseph's.

I hope that our St Joseph's families enjoy a relaxing June/July School holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces at the start of Term Three.



From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

Anointing Mass

This last semester, Year Six students have regularly attended the parish Anointing Mass. An Anointing Mass is a special Mass that involves anointing the elderly or sick members of the community with oils.

The Year Six students are invited to sit with a specific member of the community and to place their hand on their shoulder as they are anointed by the priest. Students were a little hesitant at first but have since embraced their roles and usually look forward to this act of mercy. They also enjoy helping the CWA to serve morning tea to the elderly!

Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament for those whose are unwell or experiencing ill health. The sacrament enables the sick or aged person to be anointed with the Oil of the Sick, to experience the healing and strength of Jesus Christ and to be supported by a praying community.

The sacrament may be celebrated during Mass, or at a hospital or nursing home, or in a person's home. It is a celebration where members of the Church community offer the support of faith and prayer to those who are sick.



Catholic Education Mass

Next term we will celebrate Catholic Education Week in week three.

This is a recognition of all the wonderful students and staff that make up the Catholic Education community. It is an opportunity to get together and celebrate together.

I invite everyone to come to our **Mass Sunday, 27th July at Holy Rosary, 5:30pm.**

Communities of Faith, Hope & Love

This theme captures the essence of what it means to be part of a Catholic school community.

Faith ignites growth. Hope fuels support. Love welcomes all. Together, these pillars nurture students' spirits, empower teachers, and embrace families, creating a vibrant learning community where everyone thrives.



Autism Centre of Excellence

There is an open invitation to interested families to attend this free workshop.

The Autism Centre of Excellence (ACE) is a collaborative initiative drawing on clinical and academic expertise from areas such as education, psychology and allied health. Our team is committed to partnering with those with lived expertise to improve outcomes and experiences of autistic people across their lifespan.

Parent Workshop

Overview of autism Selecting supports for home and school

Understanding behaviour Mental health

Q & A **Sunday 20 July 2025 — 9am to 3.00pm**

Registration

Autism Centre of Excellence (ACE)
- Parent Workshops Bundaberg

ACE is offering **workshops** for Parents to be held at:

Shalom College

9 Fitzgerald Street, Bundaberg

Parent workshops are sponsored by Catholic Education — Diocese of Rockhampton.

Have a blessed week and safe and happy school break.

Laura Campbell

WORKSHOPS

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- Conducting high-quality research on topics prioritised by the autistic and autism communities
- Teaching and translating research to those outside of academia
- Creating meaningful community partnerships.

ACE is offering **workshops** for Parents, Teacher Assistants and Teachers on community prioritised topics to be held at:

Shalom College
9 Fitzgerald Street, Bundaberg

Parent workshops are sponsored by Catholic Education — Diocese of Rockhampton.

*For teachers and teacher assistants from government and independent schools, a \$40 fee will apply to the full-day Teacher and Teacher Assistant Workshops to assist in covering costs. All workshops are **limited** to 70 participants. Please register early to avoid disappointment.*

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[Registration](#)



rsup: Friday 11 July 2025

If you have any queries about the workshops, please contact:

Marcella Derepas p 4994 8023 | e Marcela_derepas@rok.catholic.edu.au



Meet the presenters:



Professor Dawn Adams is the Director of the Autism Centre of Excellence, Griffith University. She is also a Clinical Psychologist and uses both her clinical and research experience to inform a program of research in the area of anxiety, mental health, and wellbeing in autistic individuals.



Associate Professor Kate Simpson is the program director of the Griffith University postgraduate program in autism studies. She has worked with individuals with disabilities and their families for over 30 years as an occupational therapist, teacher, and researcher. Kate is passionate about supporting autistic individuals to live a life that is meaningful for them. Her work is focused on identifying barriers and facilitators to participation and engagement in activities across home, school, and the community.



Louise White is a PhD candidate at the Autism Centre of Excellence, Griffith University. Her research is focused on identifying effective ways to support autistic students as they transition from secondary school and into adulthood. Louise is also a teacher who works with the Inclusive Education team at Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton.

Navigating School Reports:

Celebrating Your Child's Learning Journey

Times have changed and so has the way we educate and assess children in schools. The days of uniform rows, and chalkboards are giving way to interactive classrooms, technology-driven learning, and a more holistic approach to evaluating student progress. One of the biggest shifts has been in how we interpret report cards—especially the meaning of a “C” grade.

For many parents, a “C” may have once carried a negative connotation. However, receiving a “C” means that your child is exactly where they should be for their age and year level. This achievement is not something to overlook—it reflects their dedication and effort in meeting curriculum expectations. It takes consistent work, engagement, and persistence to reach this standard, and your child should be proud of their progress.

As we approach the release of Semester One reports, teachers have been diligently assessing students, reviewing their learning growth, and ensuring their achievements are accurately reflected. This process is not a simple tally of marks—it involves observing development, collecting data, and considering the long-term learning trajectory of each child. These reports provide valuable insights into how your child is progressing and where they may need further support.

It's important to remember that education is a journey, not a destination. Reports are just a snapshot of the learning process, and there's still plenty of time for growth, discovery, and success. We encourage you to celebrate your child's accomplishments, no matter the achievement mark, and to continue supporting them in their learning journey.

If you have any questions about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher. Open communication and collaboration between parents and educators create the best environment for learning and success.

****Semester One Academic Reports will be published to the Orbit App and Parent Lounge on Friday 27th June after 4pm****



Reminder: 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge



All **St Joseph's students** are taking part in the **2025 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)**, running from **6th May to 22nd August! Challenge Requirements:**

- **Prep to Year 2:** Read or experience **20 books**
- **Years 3 & 4:** Read **20 books**
- **Years 5 to 9:** Read **15 books**

Help us **continue our 100% participation streak** and foster a love for reading! Let's get reading!



Congratulations Year Six for successfully reading 15 books!!!

Have a happy Wednesday!

~ Emma Robinson

Assistant Principal of Curriculum

Finance News

Unidentified School Fee Payment



A school fee payment was received on **Monday, 9 June**, via **Westpac Bank**, but it did not include a student name or identifying reference.

If you believe this payment may have been yours, please contact the school office **as soon as possible**. Proof of deposit will be required to verify the transaction and allocate the funds correctly.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Joey's Jarjums – RAP Team



Last Wednesday, nine of our Joey's Jarjums were given the opportunity to visit Shalom College to meet the AV and Multimedia crew. Whilst there our group was video recorded, one by one, to create our very own St Joseph's Acknowledgement of Country video.

Our students, who volunteered to be in the video, were each given a small piece to say. They had been practicing since last term and they all did a fantastic job, in front of all the big, bright lights and camera.

Mr Page is going to work his magic, and we look forward to seeing the finished result!

Thank you to our Jarjums who felt brave enough to participate and to Mr Page for allocating time for us to come over during their busy schedules. We hope to share it with everyone soon.

Lotoya Long

St Joseph's Athletics Carnival Results

Friday was a fantastic day for everyone. All the students competed admirably demonstrating their athletic skills and sportsmanship. The results this year were again very close, and it was Mackillop who took the trophy for 2025.

MACKILLOP	544
ROSSOLINI	524
TENISON WOODS	406

BALL GAMES

Mackillop also won the ballgames trophy which was keenly contested by senior on Monday 9 June and junior students at the carnival.

MACKILLOP	43	ROSSOLINI	30	TENISON WOODS	23
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AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our age champions for this year.

12 YEARS	Evie	Ethan & Charlie
11 YEARS	Ivy	Jackson
10 YEARS	Lottie	Flynn
9 YEARS	Jasmine	Dane

It was wonderful weather for our carnival and students and staff appreciated seeing so many parents and supporters joining in the day. We greatly appreciated your encouragement and particularly your assistance to ensure all our Field Events ran smoothly. Thanks to our P&F for again organising scrumptious Subway for lunch and the Coffee Van too.

Special thanks to all the parents who assisted with the tent set-up and pack-up. Your contribution was required and very much appreciated.

Students born 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 meeting the eligibility criteria for each event will be invited to compete at the District Athletics carnival to be held at St Luke's on 7 and 8 August.



Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

Outside School Hours Care






Please find below our program for the Winter school holidays. All existing families please make bookings via the Xplor Home app.

If you wish to enrol your child, please [click here](#).

Week One

MON 30 June 2025	TUES 1 July 2025	WED 2 July 2025	THURS 3 July 2025	FRI 4 July 2025
Games Day Today we will play ball games, running games, card games and board games. 	Custom Celebrations Custom Celebrations will provide us with jumbo games to play. 	Boreham Park Let's run, jump, and play at Boreham Park. 	Wild Gully We will travel to Queens Park for an outdoor adventure with Wild Gully. 	Rainbow Day Today is about all the colours of the rainbow. Bring spare clothes. It will get messy. 
\$63	\$63 + \$25 excursion fee	\$63 + \$25 excursion fee	\$63 + \$25 excursion fee	\$63 + \$5 incursion fee

Week Two

MON 7 July 2025	TUES 8 July 2025	WED 9 July 2025	THURS 10 July 2025	FRI 11 July 2025
Bingo Day Win some prizes with different version of Bingo. 	First Aid Learn the basics of first aid with this kid friendly course. 	Garfield Today we will walk to the Moncrieff to watch the Garfield movie. 	Ice Cream Science We will make our own ice cream using science. 	Hive Inflatables We will travel to St Luke's to play on the inflatable obstacle course. 
\$63 + \$5 incursions fee	\$63 + \$25 incursion fee	\$63 + \$10 excursion fee	\$63 + \$15 incursion fee	\$63 + \$25 excursion fee

We would like to inform parents that there are limited spaces available these holidays and recommend booking as soon as possible.

Term Two Calendar 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	21 st Apr	22 nd Apr	23 rd Apr	24 th Apr	25 th Apr	26/27 Apr
	Public Holiday	Term 2 Starts			ANZAC Day ECSI Survey Closes	
2	28 th Apr	29 th Apr	30 th Apr	1 st May	2 nd May	3/4 May
		Catholic Identity Gathering			Year 6 Prayer Assembly Interschool Sports 4-6	
3	5 th May	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May	9 th May	10/11 May
	Labour Day Holiday	Premier's Reading Challenge Begins			Year 3 Prayer Assembly Japanese Drumming Visit Interschool Sports 4-6	Mother's Day
4	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May	16 th May	17/18 May
	Board Meeting	Discovery Day	Kaufusi Cup		Year 2 Prayer Assembly Big Walk for Water	
5	19 th May	20 th May	21 st May	22 nd May	23 rd May	24/25 May
			WHS Audit		Interschool Sports 4-6	
6	26 th May	27 th May	28 th May	29 th May	30 th May	31/1 Jun
	Reconciliation Week					
	National Sorry Day			Show Holiday	Year 4 Prayer Assembly Interschool Sports 4-6	
7	2 nd Jun	3 rd Jun	4 th Jun	5 th Jun	6 th Jun	7/8 Jun
		Mabo Day			Year 1 Assembly Interschool Sports 4-6	
8	9 th Jun	10 th Jun	11 th Jun	12 th Jun	13 th Jun	14/15 Jun
	Enrichment Yr 5-6	Enrichment Yr3-4	Questacon Visit		Prep Prayer Assembly	
9	16 th Jun	17 th Jun	18 th Jun	19 th Jun	20 th Jun	21/22 Jun
	Enrichment Yr 1-2 Board Meeting	Enrichment Prep			Athletics Carnival	
10	23 rd Jun	24 th Jun	25 th Jun	26 th Jun	27 th Jun	28/29 Jun
					Year 5 Prayer Assembly Term 2 Ends	

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
AFL BOYS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi Alloway SS	N Bigg M Pelusi	1-2 April	Gympie		B Leithborg B Dean N Fawley	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
AFL GIRLS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi Alloway SS	J Robson M Pelusi	1 April	Gympie		J Robson M Bear TBC	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
BASKETBALL BOYS	27 Feb 3 March	B'berg Basketball	S Mullaney Woongarra SS	T Laycock M Yarrow	23-24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	T Laycock S Scapovic	12-15 June	Baondall (MN)
BASKETBALL GIRLS	27 Feb 3 March	B'berg Basketball	S Mullaney Woongarra SS	S Mullaney M Yarrow	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 BHS	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 BHS	H Dwyer S Kelly	3-4 Aug			B McLellan 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 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 Blalock	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 Phingst S Smith	21-24 August	Ipswich (MW)
SWIMMING			Directly to WB School Sport		17 Feb	Nominations Due		S May 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 May	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 Dichburn	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)

Out and About



Girls Coaching Program

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- Tuesdays, 29 July - 16 September (8 weeks)
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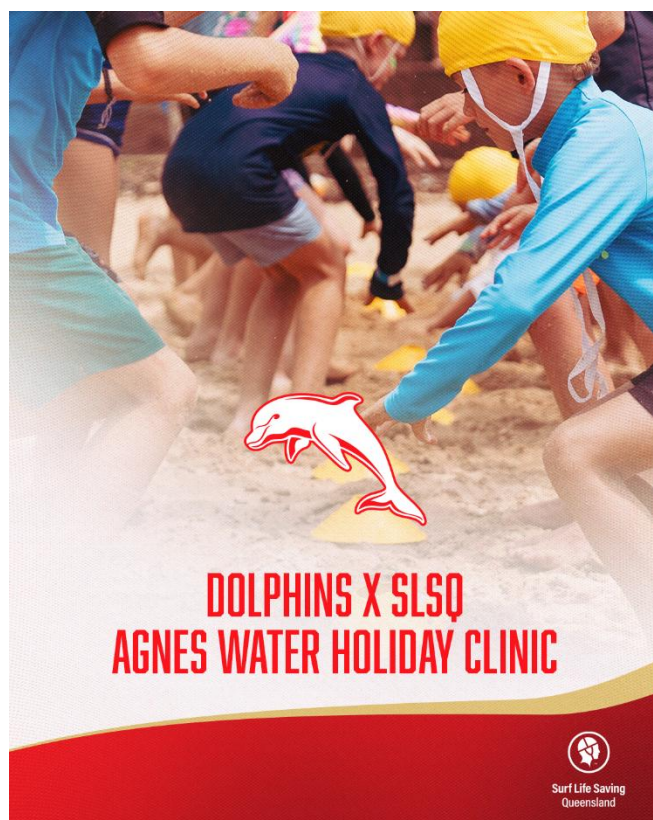
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DETAILS

Date: Wednesday 2nd July 2025
NAB Auskick: Ages 4 - 7 | Mixed
NAB Superkick: Ages 8 - 12 | Mixed
Cost: \$55 (Online Only)
Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm
Location: Across the Waves AFC, 22 Clayton Rd, Norville
Contact: Hilary Harvey | 0499 818 580 | hilary.harvey@afl.com.au

SCAN TO REGISTER

NAB Auskick 4-7 yrs

Superkick 8-12 yrs



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2025
25 TO 27
JULY

Friday 25 July 9am to 7pm
Saturday 26 July 9am to 3pm
Sunday 27 July 9am to 1pm

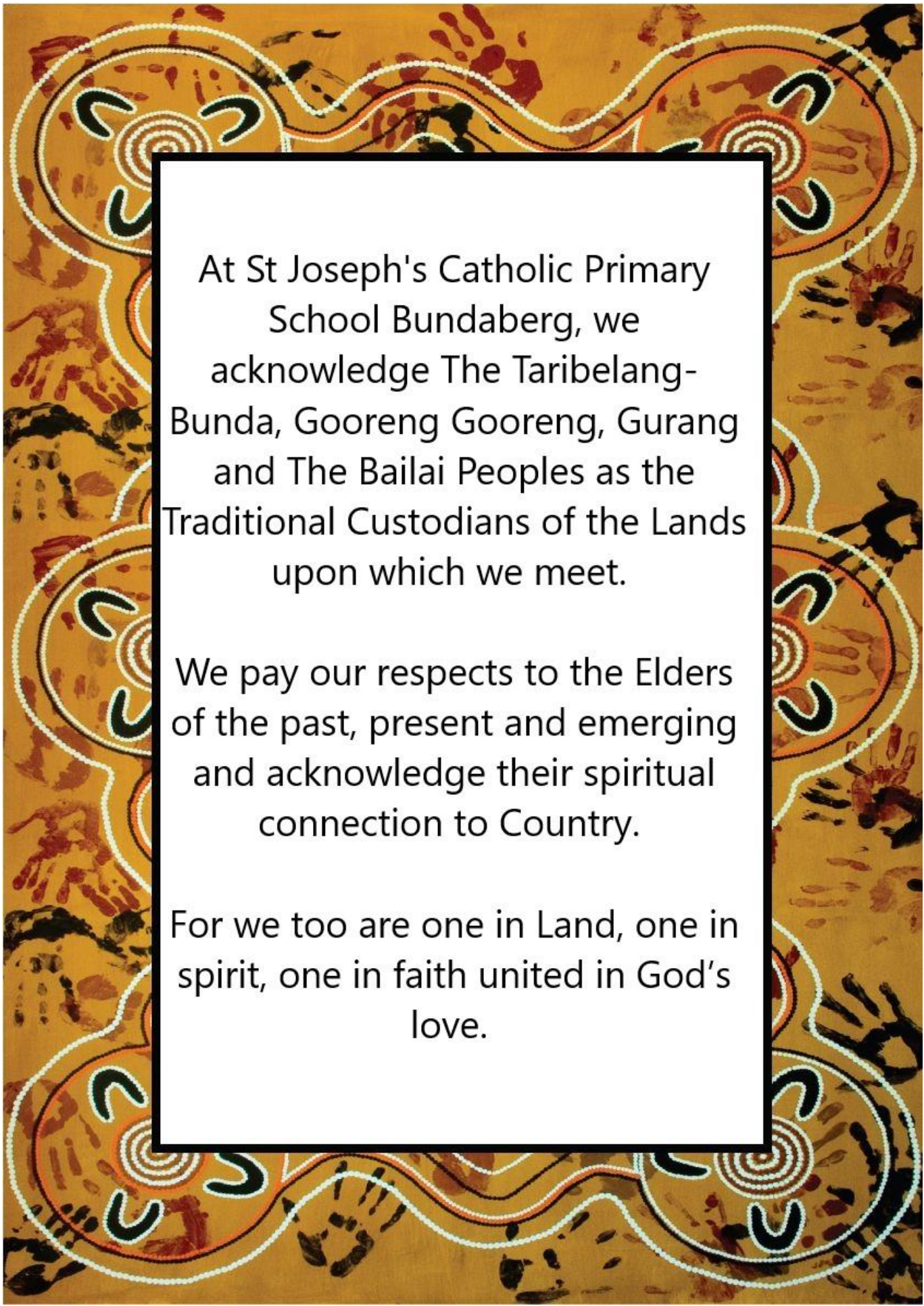
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At St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School Bundaberg, we
acknowledge The Taribelang-
Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang
and The Bailai Peoples as the
Traditional Custodians of the Lands
upon which we meet.

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.