



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term Two Week 2

30 April 2025

Principal's Pen - Monica White

ANZAC Day

Thank you to the students and their families who joined our staff in the ANZAC Day March on Friday. We had representation from every class to commemorate this important day.



Attitude is Everything

"Attitude is everything". Attitude isn't everything. And yet... there's something about that saying - attitude is everything - that is useful. It's not that attitude will solve all problems. That's a crazy claim. But what it is... is a way to make the most of a situation, whether positive or negative. And people who have a great attitude tend to do better than those with a less-than-great attitude, regardless of their station or circumstances in life.

There are two useful strategies to supercharge your attitude – reframe and acceptance.

Reframe - the ability to take a bad situation and shift the way we see it, reframe, has been shown to boost mental health. The ability to reframe through noticing positive events, gratitude, mindful awareness, acting in service to others, or finding meaning and purpose have all been shown to improve wellbeing and reduce depression.

Acceptance - recognise the issue or trial, pause to acknowledge it, and then get on with life. "It is what it is" may be a useful reframe, or perhaps just a reset. It's an acknowledgement that things aren't ideal, but they just "are". And once we acknowledge that they just "are", we can then get about finding ways forward again. Force creates resistance. Acceptance allows us the space we need to see things for what they are and reorient ourselves towards what we want.

Monica White

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

Farewell Br Ted

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you of the news of the passing of Br “Ted” MaGee on Sunday evening. Br Ted was instrumental in co-ordinating the pastoral care offered by our Catholic parish. He worked tirelessly in our community to truly live out the Gospel message of love.

He will be sadly missed.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.*

A funeral date will be announced once known.

Big Walk for Water – New Date!

Due to the very wet weather last term our Big Walk for Water had to be postponed.

We now have a new date:

9am Friday 16th May 2025

Please read the information below for full details.

A gold coin donation will be collected to add to our fundraising for Project Compassion. Any collection boxes still at home can now be brought in to school.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

St Joseph's BIG WALK FOR WATER

New Date: 9am Friday 16th May 2025

As our final Project Compassion activity for 2025, students from St Joseph's will participate in a '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.



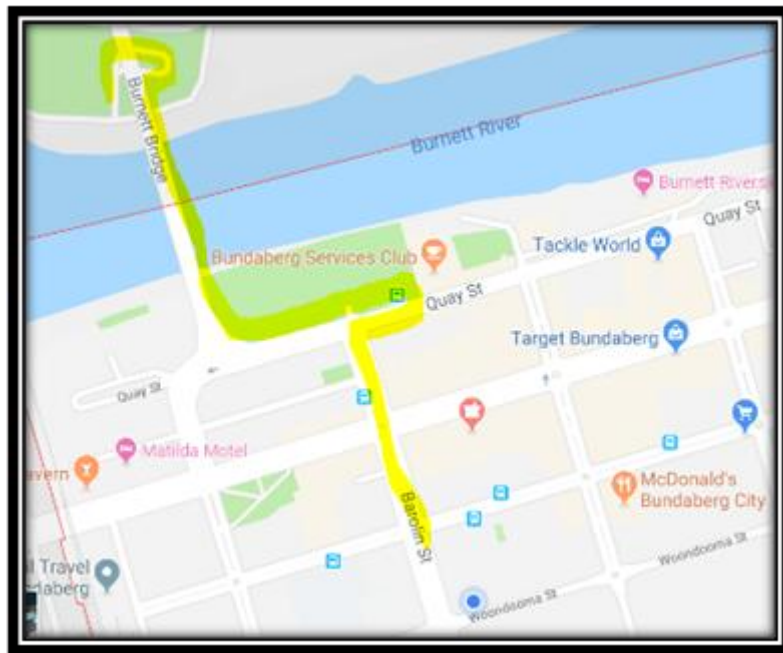
Join St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and carry your container of water on a 2 kilometre walk of solidarity with so many other children around the world. Experience a glimpse of what life is like for those not as lucky as we are.

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 containers 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 16th May 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.

Laura Campbell

(APRE)

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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School Fees *Explained*

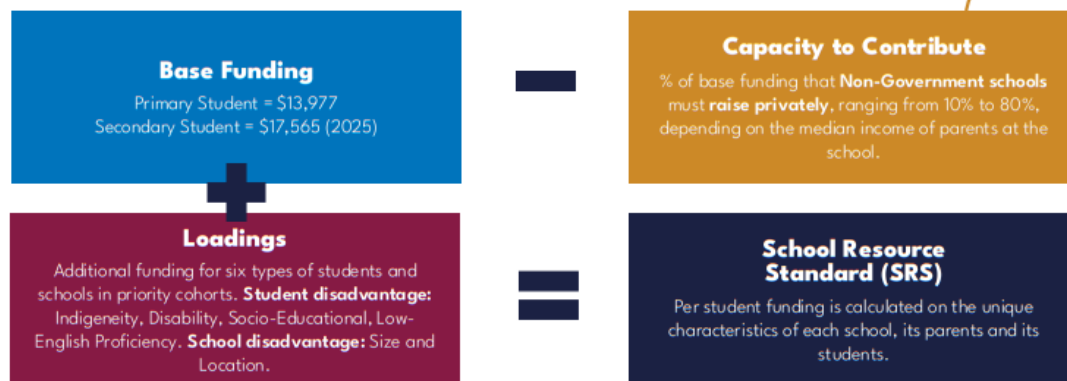
How is Education funded in Australia?



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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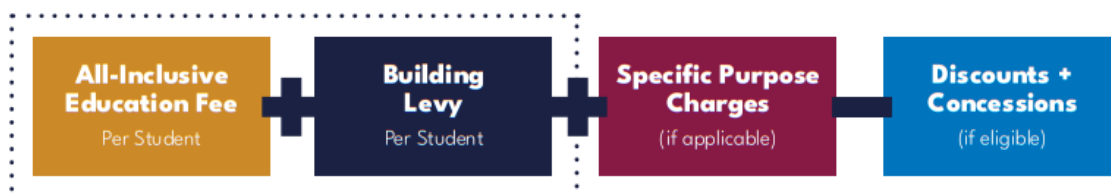
Where CTC of School community = 105, school fees contribute 25.5% (primary) or 36.25% (college) of the base SRS

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

 **flexischools**



Cross Country 2025

On Monday, all our year 4, 5 and 6 students went to Shalom to compete in this year's cross country. St Patrick's school also attended but we were only competing against students from our school born in the same year. Students born 2013 and 2014 ran an entire 3 km course while our 2015 and 2016 students completed 2km.

These distance runs require an enormous effort physically and mentally as well and we are really pleased with the effort, persistence and determination of all our runners. Fantastic to see so many parents come and cheer on all our runners.

	BOYS	GIRLS
2013	Taj Oscar Cooper	Evie Khyra
2014	Connor Gabe Ace	Ivy Sahara Henley
2015	Flynn Michael Max	Avery Lottie Ariana
2016	Sam Joseph	Jasmine Gracie Beth

Congratulations to Connor who was able to qualify to run at the Bundaberg on District trials on Friday 16 May at Avoca - good luck!

2025 Federal Election

2025 FEDERAL ELECTION

Catholic Education Election Scorecard

Catholic Education asked the Australian Labor Party, Liberal National Coalition, the Australian Greens and key Independent candidates to provide their response to our priorities for Catholic education. The results are below. Read their full responses via www.ncec.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Education National Priorities	Labor	LIBERAL NATIONAL COALITION	THE GREENS	Climate supported Independents
Funding certainty for Catholic schools Will they guarantee no adverse changes to funding or extra costs for Catholic schools, and ensure continued funding certainty?	✓	✓	X	?
Support for faith-based schools Do they support Catholic schools to build faith-based communities and preference the employment of staff in line with our mission and ethos?	✓	✓	X	?
Sector-neutrality Do they support a needs-based, sector-neutral approach that ensures all Australian children have fair access to government initiatives including teaching scholarships and schools upgrade funding?	✓	✓	X	?
Addressing disadvantage Are they committed to addressing hardship, wellbeing and disadvantage in all schools including Catholic schools where 42% of students have a lower socio-economic background?	✓	✓	X	?
Early childhood education Will they ensure Catholic schools have fair access to early childhood education initiatives including building early learning centres on Catholic school sites?	✓	¾	X	?

Note: Ratings are determined by responses to policy questions and public statements.

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Why the Greens get an X on Catholic Education

Catholic Education asked the Australian Labor Party, Liberal National Coalition, the Australian Greens and key Independent candidates to provide their response to our priorities for Catholic education.

On every measure Greens policy leaves Catholic schools and their communities isolated and excluded.

The Greens scored badly on every measure, here's why...

Funding certainty for Catholic schools
The Greens are clear that their focus at this election is on public schools and public schools alone. While they acknowledge all schools deserve to be funded, their policies to further top-up public school funding will **adversely affect Catholic schools** in real terms.

In their public statements, the Greens have consistently indicated they want to 'take the Catholics down a notch' in discussions on school funding.

Support for faith-based schools
The Greens have consistently **advocated and voted against** Catholic schools having the ability to preference and employ staff who support the Catholic ethos. There is strong and growing public support for faith-based schools.

Sector-neutrality

The Greens **exclude** Catholic schools from all of their proposed policy initiatives except for the provision of HEPA filters and carbon monoxide monitors.

Addressing disadvantage

Catholic school families in their proposed measures to ease cost-of-living pressures on families. This is despite 42% of Catholic school students coming from the lowest socio-educational quartiles. In their response, the Greens assume only families with children in public schools are doing it tough; this is untrue and unfair.

Early childhood education

The Greens gave no response to our questions on support for early childhood education including building early learning centres on Catholic school sites.

Read their full response via
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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 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 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 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)



All Catholic School Parents, Carers, Principals & School Staff in the Diocese of Rockhampton are welcome.

This is a **free event** to support our children's learning and wellbeing.

Venue: Kevin Castles Conference Centre Rockhampton
152 West St, Allenstown

KEY SPEAKERS

Mr Michael McCusker

Diocesan Director Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton

Dr Dr Kaylene Henderson

'Tackling Anxiety and Building Resilience in Children, and among our Broader Community', plus 1 hour Q&A

Jacqueline King

Counselling Services Coordinator, Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton

Join us for the whole day or come along to as many sessions as you can.

Information for parents/carers of all ages - Prep to Yr 12

Click on the link below for more details and to register

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/cspq-miniconf2025-rok>

*Parents from outside Rockhampton can apply to have travel costs reimbursed.

**A short CSPQ-Diocese of Rockhampton Parent Body AGM will also be held on this day, as well as nominations called for the CSPQ Board Delegate.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS QUEENSLAND
Diocese of Rockhampton



AUTOMOTIVE MEET & GREET BUNDABERG



Pedders Suspension & Brakes Bundaberg, together with other local automotive businesses, invites you to an exclusive meet-and-greet evening! This is your chance to connect with local business owners, explore exciting career opportunities in the automotive industry, and take a tour of the workshop. Hear firsthand how industry professionals got started and gain valuable insights into potential career pathways.

Thurs, 8 May 2025
4:15pm - 5:15pm
1 Brickworks Circuit
Svensson Heights,
QLD 4670
Light refreshments
will be served



Attendees will also have the chance to win an exclusive 1:18 scale replica of the iconic Pedders Racing Supercar, valued at \$290!



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Great for fitness, focus, and coordination



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Ongoing every school term

Date & Time: Mondays: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre,
61 Kendalls Rd

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BUNDABERG TABLE TENNIS
8 WEEKS
EVERY WEDNESDAY
General program: 4-5 pm
Girls program: 5-6 pm

SUPERVISED EVENT
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BLUE LIGHT DISCO
FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

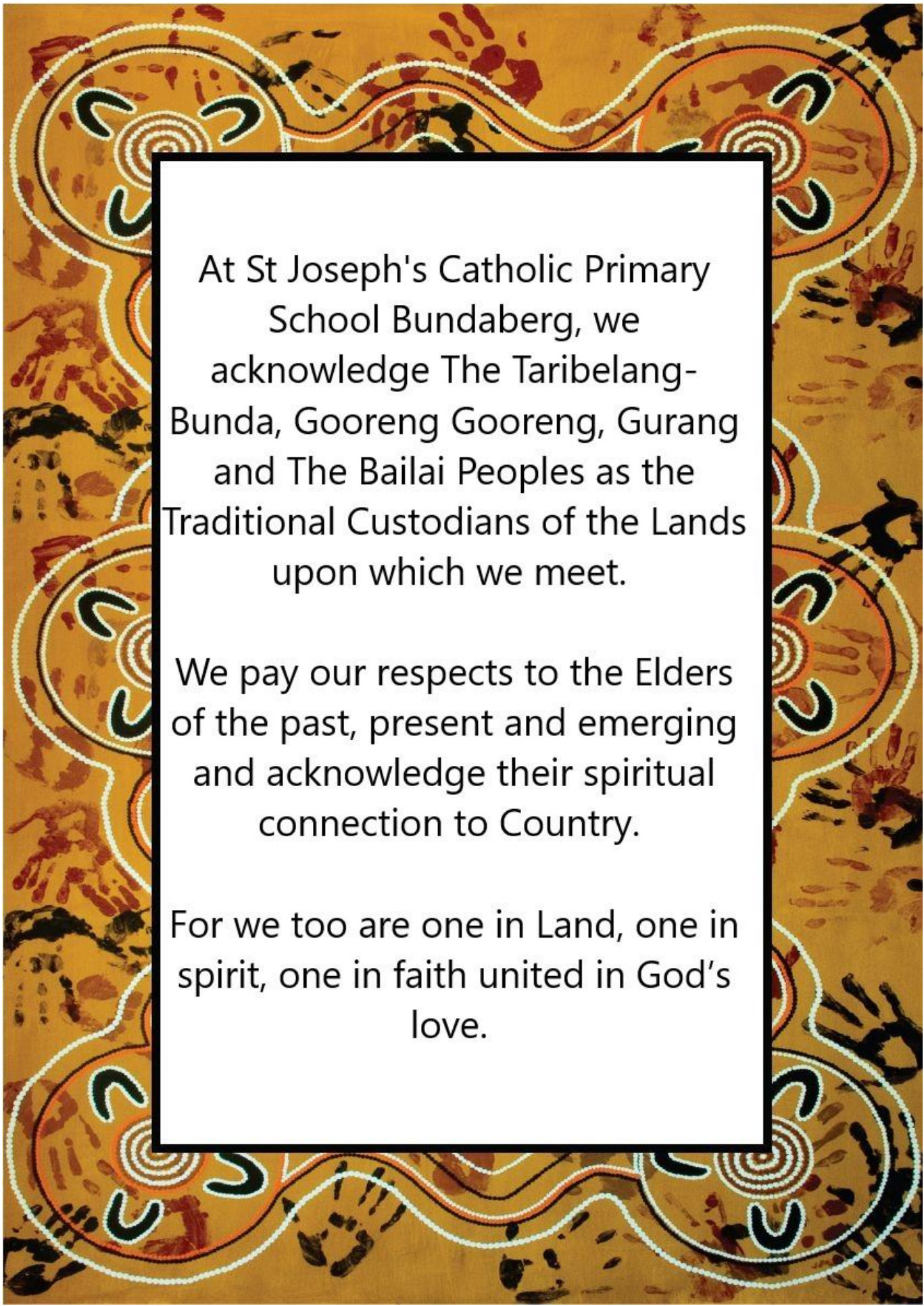
5PM - 7PM PREP TO YR 6

7.30PM - 9.30PM YR 7 TO YR 12



BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE,
BOURBONG ST, BUNDABERG CENTRAL

THEME:
BRIGHT COLOURS



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.