



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term Two Week 3

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## Principal's Pen - Monica White



On Monday afternoon the Vatican shared Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms and his motto. I found Pope Leo's coat of arms and his motto very reassuring that the Catholic Church has elected a Pope who will continue to follow along the path that Pope Francis had walked, one of care and compassion for all and understanding the importance of peace.

Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots and the values he seeks to promote during his pontificate, particularly unity and communion within the Church. Pope Leo XIV has also chosen a motto that reflects this Augustinian tradition: *In Illo uno unum*, which means "In the One, we are one." The phrase is taken from Saint Augustine's Exposition on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

At St Joseph's our motto is a similar reflection "Growing together as One" and one that we strive to live out by following our three school values – Love, Faith and Courage.

### Staffing News

Last week Mrs Sally-Anne Lankowski advised that she will be finishing teaching Japanese at St Joseph's at the end of this term to focus on her Japanese classes at Shalom. We will be sad to lose Sally-Anne, however, there will be opportunities to express our appreciation for Sally-Anne's contributions to St Joseph's later in the term.

As a result of Sally-Anne's resignation an ad will soon be published seeking a specialist classroom teacher, preferably a Japanese teacher.

*Monica White*

## From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

We welcome Pope Leo XIV as the new leader of our Catholic family with a prayer.



*Heavenly Father,*

*You have raised Your servant, Pope Leo XIV, to the Chair of Saint Peter.*

*Pour out Your abundant blessings upon him.*

*Through him, guide Your pilgrim Church along the path to Heaven.*

*Grant him wisdom to discern Your will,*

*Courage to fulfill it,*

*And charity to shepherd Your people with the Heart of Christ.*

*In this time of transition,*

*Bring peace to troubled hearts,*

*Joy to those who suffer,*

*And hope to the despairing.*

*May he be a faithful successor to Saint Peter,*

*A humble servant of Your Word,*

*And a fearless herald of Your Divine Mercy and Truth.*

*Strengthen him with the grace of the Holy Spirit,*

*That he may lead the Church in unity, holiness, and fidelity.*

*We entrust him to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary,*

*And to the prayers of all the saints.*

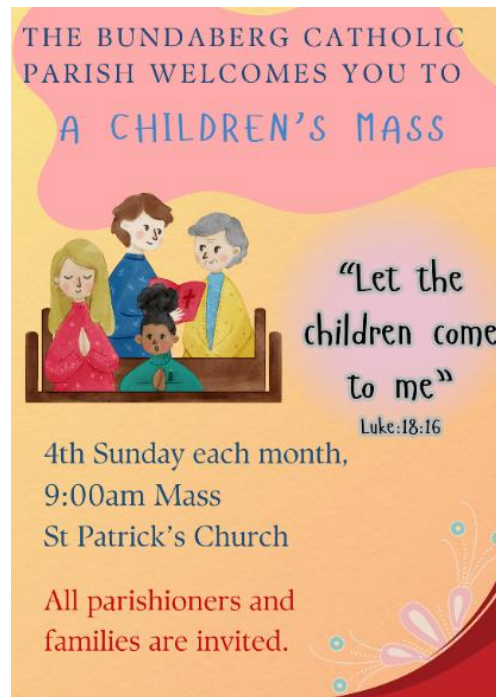
*Through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

*(mycatholiclife.com)*

## Children's Mass

I invite all families to attend the Children's Mass on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.



## Big Walk for Water

A reminder that we will be conducting the Big Walk for Water this Friday. Please bring a gold coin donation to add to our Project Compassion collection.



Have a blessed week,

*Laura Campbell*

APRE

### The Importance of Reading:

#### How to Support Your Child's Literacy Journey

Reading is one of the most **valuable skills** a child can develop, and parents play a crucial role in fostering a **lifelong love of books**. Beyond being an essential academic skill, reading opens doors to creativity, critical thinking, and emotional growth.

#### Why Reading Matters for Your Child

- **Boosts Brain Development** 🧠 – Reading strengthens memory, problem-solving, and comprehension skills, preparing children for success across all subjects.
- **Enhances Language Skills** 🗣️ – Exposure to books expands vocabulary, improves communication, and encourages confident self-expression.
- **Encourages Imagination & Creativity** 🎨 – Stories introduce children to **new worlds, cultures, and perspectives**, helping them develop innovative thinking.
- **Builds Emotional Intelligence** ❤️ – Reading about different characters and experiences fosters empathy and emotional understanding.
- **Supports Academic Success** 📖 – Strong reading comprehension helps children excel in **math, science, and a range of curriculum areas**, as they learn to analyse and interpret information.

#### How You Can Encourage Reading at Home

- ✓ **Make Reading a Daily Habit** – Set aside **dedicated time** for reading, whether it's at bedtime or during quiet moments in the day.
- ✓ **Provide a Variety of Books** – Offer **fiction, non-fiction, comics, and magazines** to keep reading engaging and enjoyable.
- ✓ **Create a Cozy Reading Space** – A quiet corner with comfortable seating encourages focus and relaxation.
- ✓ **Lead by Example** – Let your child see you **reading for enjoyment**—kids love to imitate adult behaviours!
- ✓ **Celebrate Progress** – Praise milestones to **build confidence and motivation**. Consider book-related rewards or trips to the library.

#### Reading Together: A Powerful Bonding Experience

- Reading aloud **creates strong emotional connections** and helps children develop listening skills. Even older children benefit from **discussing books** with parents, reinforcing comprehension and critical thinking.
- Encouraging reading **at home** lays the foundation for lifelong learning. By fostering a **love for books**, parents empower children to **explore, dream, and grow** into confident learners. 📖 ✨



We're  
taking  
on the

# Premier's reading challenge




## **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!** This initiative encourages students to **develop a lifelong love of reading** by exploring a variety of fiction and non-fiction books.

**Reading Record Forms** have been sent home—make sure to track your child's progress!

### **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! Book lists are available at [PRC Website](#). Let's get reading! 

*Have a happy Wednesday!*

*~ Emma Robinson*

Assistant Principal of Curriculum

## Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

## Finance News

School accounts will be issued later this week via email and the Orbit App / Parent Lounge.

### SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.



#### Direct Deposit

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your **parent code** located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

#### BPay

A BPay logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement if you choose to pay this way.

#### Direct Debit

If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Anderson for assistance.

#### Parent Lounge / Orbit App

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal / Orbit App, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

#### Centrepay

Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments.

St Joseph's CRN is 555-055-064-X and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

## P & F Forum Group

### St Joseph's Parents & Friends Forum

St Joseph's P&F Forum aims to:

- Build a positive relationship between the school and the parent body through active participation.
- Assist the school in the provision of resources.
- Promote and maintain school community spirit.

Please come along to the next meeting, advertised in the School Newsletter, if you are interested to find out more about the P&F Forum.

If you would like to be involved with various projects run by the P&F such as lunch orders, BBQs, school events, please contact the office. We would love to meet you.

### 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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SUBWAY

**ORDERS NOW OPEN  
for**

**Friday 16 May, 2025**

(orders will close Thursday 15/5/25 at Midday)



## Student of the Week

<b>P</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b> , for being a great friend to everyone in Prep and for always going out of your way to help others in the classroom and around the school.
<b>1</b>	<b>Liliana, Zoe and Abigail</b> , for your outstanding effort when writing high frequency words in sentences.
<b>2</b>	<b>Mahliah</b> , for your fantastic reading. I love the way you use punctuation to put expression into your reading.
<b>3</b>	<b>Xand and Thomas</b> , for your dedication and effort to having a go at responding and contributing to our class discussions this week - particularly in your number talks! It is fantastic to hear your learning from you! Keep it up!
<b>4</b>	<b>Ariana</b> , for fantastic listening and cooperation at all times! Well done!
<b>5</b>	<b>Laylah</b> , for the consistent and thorough effort you put into your classroom tasks and assessments! Well done, Laylah!  <b>Theo</b> , for some excellent on-task behaviours and detailed schoolwork this term. Keep it up!!
<b>6</b>	<b>Connor</b> , for your awesome teamwork at interschool sport. Great to see you shining as a leader!  <b>Isobella</b> , for your consistent hard work, kindness, respect and care for both your learning and peers. You are amazing!

## Shout Out Friday

**Taj, Evie, Rhys and Robb**

For your excellent teamwork shown at interschool sport. Thanks for representing our school so well, keep shining!

**Ace**

For having the courage to apologise and make amends after realising he'd treated someone poorly.

## Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

Dear School Principals:

Acute respiratory infections (ARI) April 2025 Acute respiratory infections (ARIs) can spread quickly in schools where large numbers of students learn and play in close contact. ARI prevention is a joint effort. Parents, caregivers, and staff need to work together and take the necessary precautions to prevent ARIs from spreading.

For more information: [Schools and early childhood and care providers: Acute respiratory infections \(ARI\)](#)

Queensland Health

### Schools and early childhood and care providers: Acute respiratory infections (ARI)

April 2024 General communique Communicable Diseases Branch

#### Key messages for sharing in schools and early education and care providers

- **Get your FREE vaccinations** in 2024 for influenza and COVID-19 if you are eligible.
- **Stay at home** when you are sick (including keeping sick children home from school or childcare)
- **Clean your hands** regularly and thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- If you need to leave the house while unwell, **maintain physical distance** from others and **consider wearing a mask** when you cannot physically distance.
- Practice good respiratory hygiene by:
  - coughing or sneezing into a tissue or the inside of your elbow
  - discarding used tissues immediately in a bin, and
  - cleaning your hands thoroughly.
- **Clean frequently touched surfaces** such as door handles, tapware, tabletops, remote controls, mobile devices (e.g., phones, laptops etc), benchtops and fridge doors and clean your hands after cleaning.
- **Ensure good ventilation** by opening windows and doors and spending time outside in the fresh air.

## Acute Respiratory Infections (ARIs)

Viruses that cause acute respiratory infection (ARI), including influenza (flu), COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), can result in significant disruption to schools and the wider community. While the viruses are different, the strategies to prevent them are largely the same.

ARIs can spread quickly in schools where large numbers of students learn and play in close contact with each other. Preventing ARIs is a joint effort and parents, caregivers, and staff need to work together and take the necessary precautions to stop ARIs from circulating. ARIs can cause serious illness and complications in otherwise healthy people.

## Term Two Calendar 2025

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

**PARENT ENGAGEMENT  
MINI CONFERENCE**  
SAT 24 MAY | ROCKHAMPTON | 9.00AM-3.00PM



**Anxiety.  
Resilience**

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



**SECOND  
HAND SALE**

**TUESDAY 27 MAY | 2.30PM - 6.30 PM**  
**HELD AT THE OLD UNIFORM SHOP**

**BOYS FORMAL SHIRTS: \$15**  
**BOYS FORMAL TROUSERS: \$10-20**  
**GIRLS DRESSES: \$20**  
**GIRLS BLOUSES: \$5-10**  
**GIRLS SKIRTS: \$15**  
**RED JUMPERS, BLUE JACKETS, HATS AND OTHER  
UNIFORMS IN VARIES SIZES AVAILABLE!!**



**EFTPOS  
ONLY**

**COME  
AND  
JOIN US**



**Bundaberg Community  
Kindergarten**

**UNDER 8'S  
DAY  
FAMILY FUN  
DAY**

55A Electra Street, Bundaberg

**THURSDAY 29 MAY  
2025  
10AM TO 2PM**

**Entry with Gold Coin Donation Appreciated**

- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
- FOOD AND DRINKS FOR SALE
- RAFFLE



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**HERVEY BAY  
INTRO TO LEGO ROBOTICS  
26TH JUNE 2025**



Find out how to excite and inspire your students and discover how to integrate robotics into your curriculum. Learn practical ideas and activities to run in your classroom using the latest LEGO MINDSTORMS SPIKE robotics system and discover why robotics is fast becoming a major tool in the teaching of the Technologies, Maths and Science Curriculum.  
**\*\*No prior experience necessary!\*\***

This workshop will cover:

- Introduction to the programming environment
- Basic robot movements
- Use of sensors
- Simple programming structures
- Classroom activities you can use straight away with your students

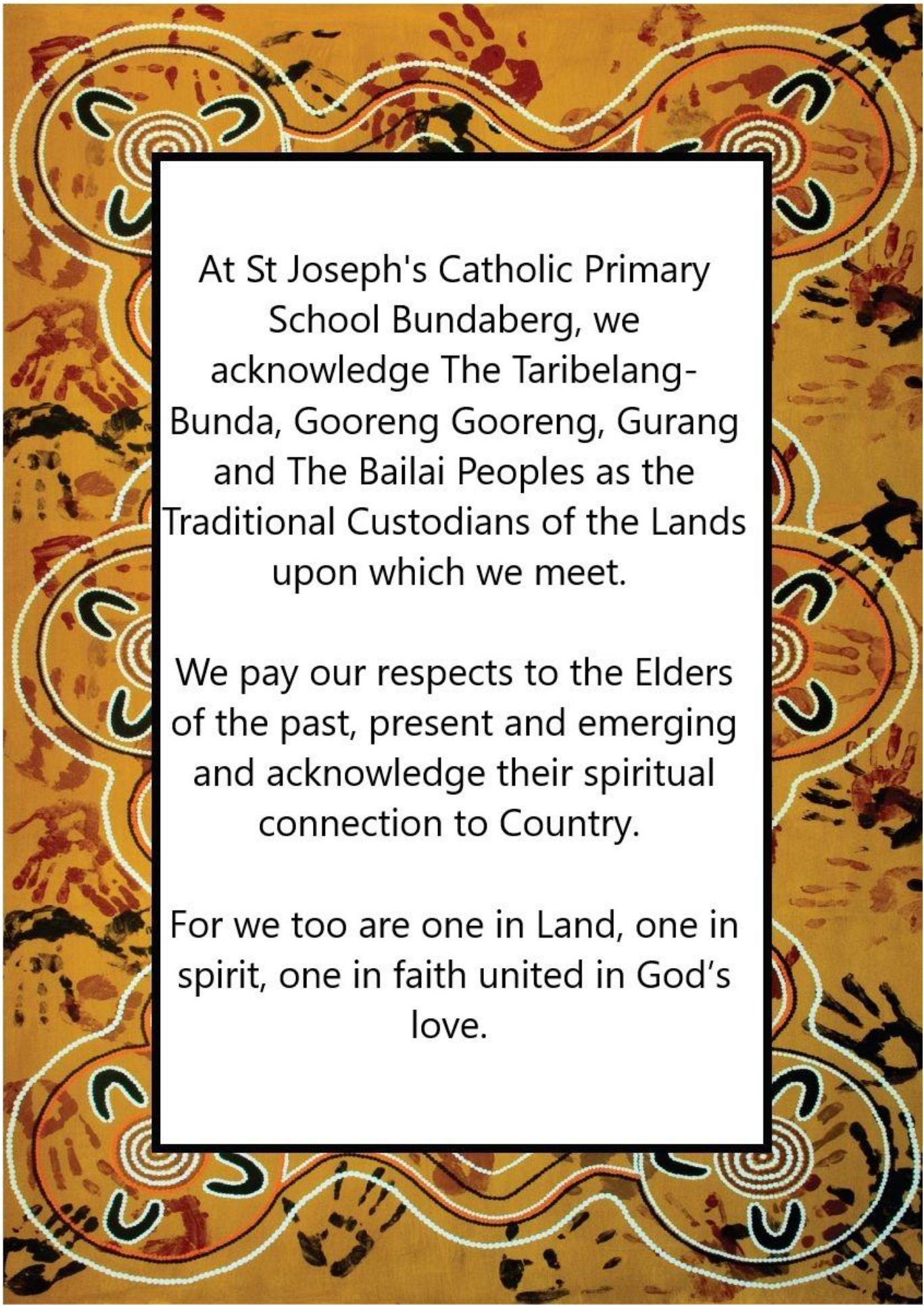
**REGISTER NOW**

[www.damienkee.com/pd](http://www.damienkee.com/pd)



Dr Damien Kee has over 20 years experience working with schools to bring Digital Technologies and Digital Literacy into the classroom. He works extensively with all educators, from novices navigating the curriculum for the first time, through to experienced teachers looking to upskill with the latest technology.





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.