



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term Two Week 6

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## From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

### National Reconciliation Week

This week St Joseph's have been recognising National Reconciliation Week through prayer and activities in the classroom. Year Four will lead us in prayer on Friday morning.

*The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.*

*At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.*

*Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*

*We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures. ([www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au))*

In our Catholic faith, the practice of reconciliation is a long-held recognition of how we should act with one another. Jesus commanded us to 'love one another as I have loved you'. We can live this commandment out everyday as we strive to get along with our family, friends, neighbours and community members.



## Thank you from Caritas

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all of the families who donated to the Project Compassion fundraising. Your donations make a big difference in the lives of others.

Our Catholic Social Teachings of Preferential option for the poor is an important value at our school.

The Bible teaches us to take extra special care of the most vulnerable people in society.

We should try to create a fairer world.



Have a blessed week,

*Laura Campbell*

APRE

## Curriculum Corner – Emma Robinson

### Reconciliation Week: Bridging Now to Next

Reconciliation Week is a powerful opportunity for Australians to reflect, learn, and take action toward a united future. Held annually from May 27 to June 3. For families and schools, Reconciliation Week is a time to embrace conversations about respect, inclusion, and understanding. It's about recognising the strength, resilience, and rich cultures of First Nations people while also acknowledging the need for continued progress toward equality. This year's theme, Bridging Now to Next, calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

We are encouraged to consider our role in reconciliation—whether it’s listening to First Nations voices, advocating for positive change, or exploring Indigenous perspectives in education. Schools play a significant role in fostering awareness, and many classrooms will take part in activities like storytelling, art projects, and discussions that highlight First Nations histories and contributions.

As parents, you can support reconciliation by engaging in meaningful conversations with your children, encouraging curiosity about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and taking part in community events. Whether through books, documentaries, or local initiatives, every small step toward learning and understanding strengthens the path toward reconciliation.

Let’s embrace this week with open hearts and minds, working together toward a more inclusive and respectful Australia.




### **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](https://www.prc.org.au). Let's get reading! 



Term 2, 2025

## eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

### Term 2 topics:

- **Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of children in primary school.
- **Sexual extortion: What parents and carers need to know (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **eSafety 101 - how eSafety can help you (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



 eSafety Commissioner

[eSafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)

Have a happy Wednesday!

~ Emma Robinson

Assistant Principal of Curriculum

## St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten

### St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten Bundaberg Open Afternoon

Tuesday 24 June 2025

TIME: 3:00pm to 4:30PM

Please RSVP via email  
[kindergarten@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kindergarten@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Please include your name and  
your child's name

Scan me to complete your  
2026 waitlist form



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Diocese of Rockhampton



## Finance News

### **School Fees Due: MAY 29**

School accounts were issued last week via email and the Orbit App / Parent Lounge. Please ensure they are paid by the due date unless there is an approved Payment Plan in place.

### **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**

*BPay* is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. 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.





## PIZZA HUT LUNCH ORDER

**FRIDAY 6 June, 2025**

**Orders now open on**



**Orders close THURSDAY 5/6/25 at Midday**



### 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



## Student of the Week

<b>P</b>	<b>Cohen</b> , for coming into Prep each day with a big smile and enthusiastically joining in all learning tasks.
<b>1</b>	<b>Archer R, Brooklyn, and Taison</b> , for working with enthusiasm and focus during Mathematics.
<b>2</b>	<b>Hefron</b> , for the kind and helpful leadership that you show towards your classmates. We are blessed to have you in our class.
<b>3</b>	<b>Delta</b> , thank you for the exceptional effort you've shown in your learning and for consistently following class expectations. Your dedication and positive attitude have truly stood out. Keep up the great work!
<b>4</b>	<b>Nixon</b> , for excellent support with our Kindy buddies! Great leadership skills!
<b>5</b>	<b>Anthony</b> , for continually meeting school expectations, speaking kindly and being respectful. You are a legend! <b>Rvardios</b> , for the enthusiasm and interest that you have towards your learning. It is wonderful to see your face light up when learning.
<b>6</b>	<b>Khyra</b> , for your outstanding participation in the Year 6 Discovery Day! Your dedication and hard work was very evident in your effort. SUPERSTAR! <b>Gabe</b> , for tackling maths challenges with a smile. You show a genuine love of learning!

## Shout Out Friday

**Ezra B, Taison, Abigail and Gabriella**

For being faithful followers of Jesus, like Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, when you help others.

**Archer R, Savanna-Rose, Darcee and Liulupelosa**

For being courageous, like Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, when completing challenging tasks

**Emersyn, Tyde and Isla P**

For showing love to others, like Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, when you speak and act kindly you in the classroom and on the playground.

## Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

## 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	Boondall (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	Boondall (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 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)

## Out and About



ACF donations close 31 May!

THE PLAYHOUSE THEATRE  
Home of Bundaberg Players Incorporated

# BUTTS

**BUNDABERG UPGRADES TIRED THEATRE SEATS**

If you are a Playhouse regular, you'll know how much we need new, comfortable seats.

By making a donation you'll set us up for new seats, as part of our major theatre refurbishment.

TO MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL FUND WEBSITE.

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COME AND JOIN US

**Bundaberg Community Kindergarten**

UNDER 8'S DAY  
DAY  
FAMILY FUN DAY

55A Electra Street, Bundaberg

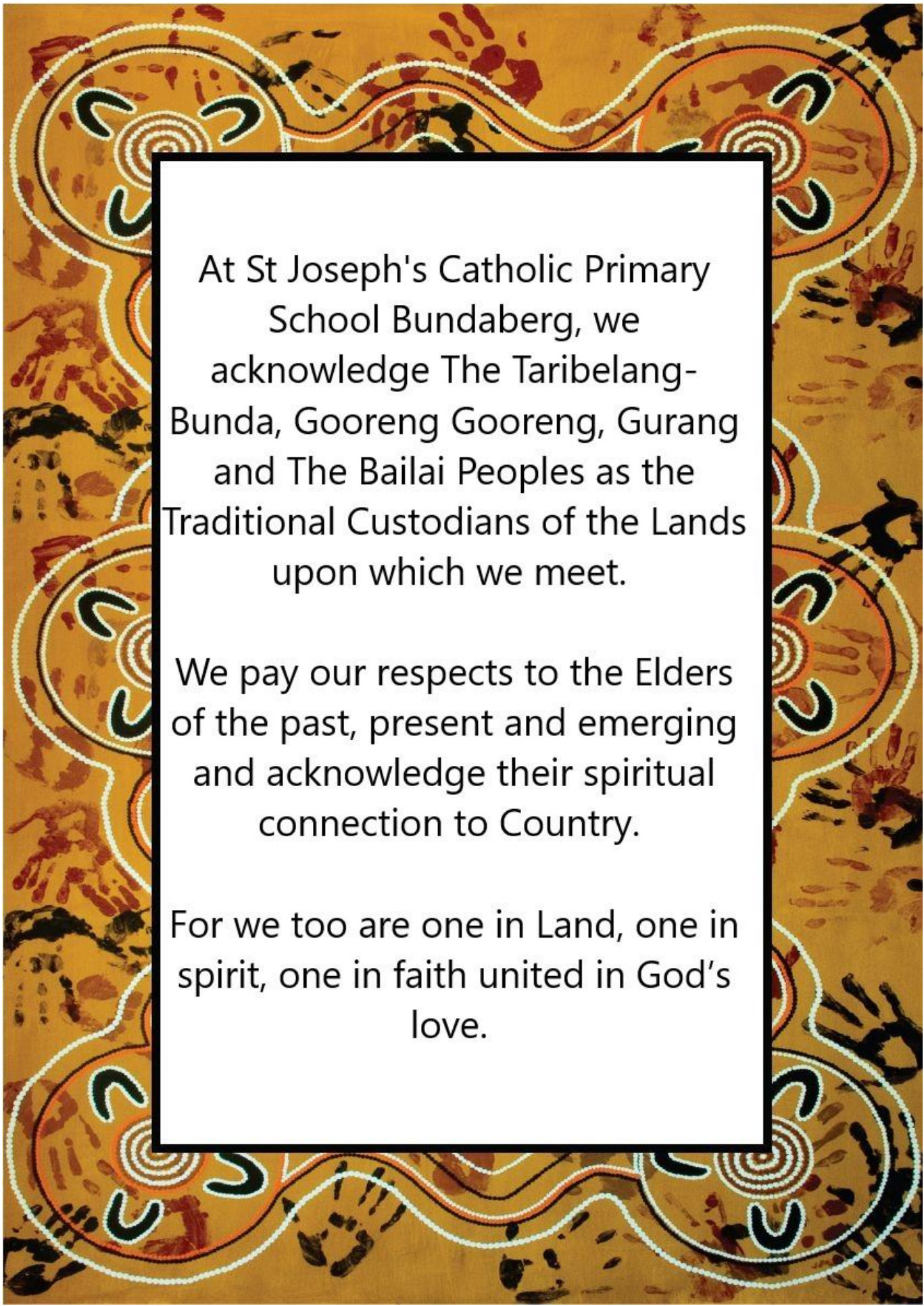
THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025  
10AM TO 2PM

Entry with Gold Coin Donation Appreciated

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

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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.