



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term Three Week 10

17 September 2025

Principal's Pen – Monica White

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the September holidays after a busy Term Three, I hope that for families these next two weeks will be a time to slow down, connect deeply, and create lasting memories together. Embrace the opportunity to cultivate deep family bonds, healthy habits, and a sense of freedom and self-expression in your family.

It can be tempting to fill every day with perfect plans or carefully curated activities. The real benefit, however, comes from your presence. Children don't remember the specific outings or events as much as they remember how their parents made them feel. There's no rush to get from one scheduled event to the next. Encourage your family to embrace the unstructured moments—whether it's reading a book slowly, taking a walk, or simply doing nothing at all.

The holidays should be a time to step back from the need to perform and instead embrace the freedom to play and create without any external pressure. Encourage your children to explore new forms of creative expression: drawing, building, writing, or just daydreaming. Let them roam freely in their imagination. This unstructured creative time not only boosts their emotional health, but it also develops their problem-solving abilities, enhances their adaptability, and helps them learn through trial and error in a low-stakes environment.

I hope that all families enjoy a safe and memorable September holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday the 7th of October.

Monica White



From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to Our Families,

Reef Guardian School

St Joseph's is proud to be a Reef Guardian School – where our students take meaningful action that directly support Reef protection and resilience. 🐠

And now, we're joining the Reef Authority in support of the Lifetime of Greatness campaign – alongside the hundreds of thousands of students, teachers and families also part of the Reef Guardian School program – to back the Reef's nomination for the United Nations Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award. 🏆

The campaign is part of the Lifetime of Greatness Project, developed by Tourism Tropical North Queensland in collaboration with the Reef Authority, Reef Guardian Councils, Traditional Owners, Master Reef Guides, and the tourism industry. Already, it has reached over five billion people and attracted more than 1.3 million supporters worldwide! 🤩

If successful, the Reef would become the first living entity (and non-human!) recipient of the highest environmental honour awarded by the United Nations Environment Programme – this would be history made! 🌍

As a Catholic School we understand the importance of caring for creation and being good stewards of the planet.

Join us in backing a lifetime of greatness: <https://alifetimeofgreatness.com/#supporter>

Thank you for your support on this important action!



150th Celebrations 2026

Please consider contributing to our memorial book and commemorative logo. We would really appreciate your input.



**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF
CATHOLIC EDUCATION!**

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,
BUNDABERG**

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE LOGO

WE ARE INVITING THE STUDENTS AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE
IDEAS, DESIGNS OR ARTWORK TOWARDS
CREATING A 150TH COMMEMORATIVE LOGO
FOR 2026.

Criteria:


- School name, Year, 150th
- reflecting values of Love, Faith and Courage
- Growing as One reference
- Please submit by Friday 10th October

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**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL, BUNDABERG**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO A SPECIAL 150TH
MEMORIAL BOOK**

IF YOU HAVE MEMORIES, PHOTOS OR
INTERESTING STORIES FROM YOUR
CONNECTION TO OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE
SEND THEM TO
MONICA_WHITE@ROK.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU



Please also purchase an engraved paver for our new garden.



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AHSN 21 524 580 187 / 035

Celebrating 150 Years of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Share in a little piece of history by purchasing a paver.
We are creating a pathway for a new garden to be laid along the Woodooma
St side of the school. The pathway will be made with the pavers purchased by
you with your children's or family names on them.
We would love to have both past and present community members to
contribute to this pathway.

**OLIVIA
GOMES-VERA**

**The cost of \$25.00 PROVIDES YOU WITH A
PERSONALISED ENGRAVED PAVER TO BE PLACED IN THE
GARDEN IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND
SUPPORT.**

FORMS AND PAYMENTS RETURNED BY 1ST MARCH 2026

ENGRAVING DETAILS – MAX 17 CHARACTERS PER LINE
Please print clearly using ALL CAPITAL LETTERS. Max 3 lines per paver.
Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). No hand drawings.

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L2																	
L3																	

CONTACT DETAILS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Name	Phone	\$25.00 each
		\$

Payments:

1. By EFTPOS at the School Office
2. By card over the phone – school number: 4151 4771 during school hours
3. Cash at the School Office during school hours

www.stjosephs.qld.edu.au

Design a BRICK

*Have a blessed week
Laura Campbell*

Our students inhabit a digital landscape where devices, apps and online communities shape how they learn, socialise and play. Ensuring every child knows how to navigate this space safely is a shared priority for our school community.

Understanding Online Risks

Children can face a range of challenges online, including:

- Exposure to harmful or age-inappropriate content
- Cyberbullying and social pressure
- Privacy breaches and oversharing personal information
- Online scams, grooming and identity theft

Awareness of these risks helps students make smarter choices and builds resilience against digital harms.

School's Safety Measures

To keep our students, secure when online, we:

- Provide a filtered and monitored network across the school
- Embed digital citizenship and online safety lessons into the curriculum
- Train staff to recognise and respond to emerging online safety concerns
- Communicate with parents with regarding online safety concerns
- Maintain clear reporting channels for students who feel unsafe or worried

These measures ensure our learning environment stays positive, respectful and protected.

Partnering with Families

Your involvement strengthens our efforts. We recommend you:

- Have regular, open conversations about your child's online activities
- Set clear guidelines for screen time, privacy settings and app usage
- Use parental controls alongside trust and ongoing dialogue
- Model responsible digital behaviour in your own online routines

Working together means children receive consistent messages about safe and respectful technology use.

Key Online Safety Resources from the eSafety Commission – Parents

The Australian eSafety Commissioner's Parents site (esafety.gov.au/parents) offers:

- Practical guides on parental controls and privacy settings
- Advice on cyberbullying, image-based abuse, grooming and unwanted contact
- Templates for family tech agreements and age-appropriate conversations
- Accessible resources for early years through to teens

Websites and Apps to Watch

Here are some popular platforms where parental awareness is especially important:

Roblox	Popular gaming platform with chat; unmoderated user-created content and potential contact with strangers
TikTok	Short-video app featuring algorithmic feeds; risk of addictive scrolling and exposure to trending challenges
Instagram	Image-and-video social network; cyberbullying, influencers and privacy settings require close monitoring
YouTube	Video-sharing site with ads and auto-play; comment sections may host inappropriate discussions
Discord	Chat servers for gamers and communities; private channels can hide unmoderated or harmful conversations
Fortnite	Multiplayer shooter with voice chat and in-game purchases; ensure chat restrictions and purchase approvals are set

Information sourced from the eSafety Commission 9/07/2025

Have a happy Wednesday!

~ Emma Robinson

Assistant Principal of Curriculum

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

Year 6 - Visit from David Batt

Year 6 had a visit from our Hinkler Federal Member, David Batt. He talked to us all about his role. This was part of our Australian Government Unit.



Outside School Hours Care

St Joseph's Bundaberg OSHC

Week One				
MON 22 September 2025	TUES 23 September 2025	WED 24 September 2025	THURS 25 September 2025	FRI 26 September 2025
Puzzles Complete different kinds of puzzles, from jigsaw puzzles to code crackers and crossword puzzles.	Library Let's visit the library and explore what digital technology they have available.	Despicable ME 4 Today we will walk to the Moncrieff to watch Despicable Me 4.	Lake Ellen We will travel to Lake Ellen to explore the waterways and play at the park.	Badge Making Draw and colour a design to turn into a wearable badge.
				
\$63 + \$5 incursion fee	\$63	\$63 + \$10 excursion fee	\$63 + \$5 excursion fee	\$63 + \$15 incursion fee
Week Two				
MON 29 September 2025	TUES 30 September 2025	WED 1 October 2025	THURS 2 October 2025	FRI 3 October 2025
Milkshakes and Cake Pops Make some yummy treats for afternoon tea.	Wheels Day Bring your scooter or skates for a day of fun. Helmets are a must and padding recommended.	Black Belt Warrior Learn some basic martial art skills with Black Belt Warrior.	Tinaberries Travel to Tinaberries to pick some strawberries and enjoy a freshly made ice cream.	Clay Sculptures Create a, gnome and toadstool using polymer clay.
				
\$63 + \$10 incursions fee	\$63	\$63 \$25 incursion fee	\$63 + \$25 excursion fee	\$63 + \$10 incursion fee

Open these school holidays

Monday to Friday
8am-6pm



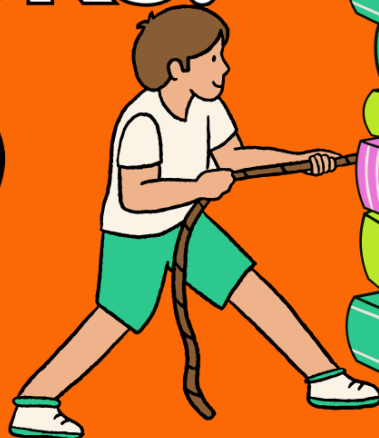
Scan to enrol online or
call 0477 465 679

Learning Hub News

Don't Forget to Return Your

LIBRARY BOOKS!

Prep
to
Year 3.



Student of the Week

- P** **Bruce**, for settling so well into our Prep class. You have learned all of our class routines and expectations quickly! We love having you in our class.
- 1** **Abigail** and **Iveigh-Lee**, for your enthusiasm and hard work during Mathematics.
Corbin and **Charley**, for your accurate and fluent reading during Literacy.
- 2** **Year 2** for being inquisitive, hardworking and respectful students. Well done!
- 3** **Teddie**, for starting each day with a smile and a positive attitude. You keep that going all day long, well done!
Thomas M and **Anakin**, for your enthusiasm and active participation during our maths activities this week. Well Done.
- 4** **Michael**, for fantastic work in Religious Education. Great Artwork on the Holy Trinity!
Lacee, excellent spelling results! Keep up the good effort!
Avery, for always being ready to learn and giving her best efforts to all tasks!
- 5** **Tommy**, for the wonderful results you have achieved recently! Your hard work is reaping rewards!
- 6** **Elise**, you dive into tricky maths challenges with a positive attitude! You always give it a go and keep pushing your thinking - a true growth mindset!

Shout Outs

Isla P and Emersyn

For giving up their playtime to help their friend find his missing lunchbox.

Prep 2027

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

Prep 2027

Online Enrolment Now Open

- ✓ Faith in Action
- ✓ Strong emphasis on Literacy & Numeracy
- ✓ Small Inclusive School
- ✓ Family Orientated Community

ENROL TODAY

 <https://enrol.sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au/primary-school-enrolment/start>

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL'S**

**Prep Information Session
&
ORIENTATION DAYS**

Save the Dates:

- ✓ Wednesday 14th October
5:30pm - Music Room
Parent Information Session
- ✓ Tuesday 28th October
9:00-10:15 am
Prep Orientation Morning & Parent Session
- ✓ Tuesday 11th November
9:00-10:15 am
Prep Orientation Morning & Parent Session
- ✓ 12th or 14th November
Prep Interviews

Farewell Concert for Dan McMahon

The Shalom College Performing Arts Department presents a tribute to Dan McMahon in honour of his incredible leadership and constant support of the arts during his time as principal of the College. The concert will feature performances from all three disciplines of the department and include some of Mr McMahon's favourite music. Join Mr McMahon at 6.30pm to chat over a drink and the concert will commence at 7pm. Complementary cheese platters will be provided, and beer, wine and soft drink will be available to purchase on the night using EFTPOS. This is a FREE event, but there will be an opportunity to donate at the door.

Please RSVP by booking a seat.

Friday 17 October 2025

6:30pm for a 7:00pm start


Shalom College Performing Arts Precinct

9 Fitzgerald Street, Bundaberg Queensland 4670

A Note of Gratitude

**A FAREWELL CONCERT
FOR DAN MCMAHON**

you are invited to join the shalom college
performing arts department as we bid farewell
to Mr Dan McMahon in concert





FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

**6.30 WINE & CHEESE
7.00 CONCERT**

**SHALOM COLLEGE
PERFORMING ARTS PRECINCT**

ENTRY BY DONATION

Spots are limited - please book via the link
www.trybooking.com/DFAWD
or SCAN HERE 



Term Three Calendar 2025

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Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
10	15 th Sept	16 th Sept	17 th Sept	18 th Sept	19 th Sept	20/21 Sept
	Parent Teacher Meetings					
	Enrichment				Prep Prayer Assembly	
		Open Classrooms			Term 3 Ends	

Out and About



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus
1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au



Parent Workshop: Supporting your student with reading

GRIFF LINC
LITERACY IN CONTEXT

This **free** online session will focus on supporting **middle years students** with their **reading**.

If you have ever felt puzzled over how to **support your child's reading**, then **this workshop will offer you a variety of helpful strategies**.

The session will include ideas that align with the Griff LinC approach:


- Providing a good reading model.
- Connecting with student interests and prior knowledge.
- Facilitating comprehension through conversations about the text.
- Supporting vocabulary development.

Wednesday 15 October 2025
5pm-6pm
RSVP [here](#)

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
Dr Frances Hoyte

MONASH UNIVERSITY
Dr Kylie Bradford

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
Dr Deb Brossek

For more information about Griff LinC see: 



Waves Softball are recruiting new players (both young and old) to our sport and are offering an opportunity to join our Home Run Heroes Program.

This six-week program is ideal for kids aged 5-12 who would like to give softball a go.

Delivered by qualified coaches, each session includes:

- ✓ Fun and inclusive skill-based activities
- ✓ Modified games of T-Ball and Softball
- ✓ A great introduction to T-Ball and Junior Softball pathways

Program Dates (Wednesdays):

- 17 September
- 24 September
- 1 October
- 8 October
- 15 October
- 22 October

Time: 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm

Venue: The Waves Sports Complex, Thabeban Street, Bundaberg

Cost: \$60 for all 6 sessions

Equipment: All equipment will be provided

Contact: David Field E: wavessoftball@outlook.com

Further information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/TheWavesSoftball>

BUGK - Bringing Up Great Kids



Thursdays
12.30-2.30pm



7 weekly sessions support parents/caregivers to:

- Reflect upon why you parent the way you do and what you do well
- Learn more about how a child's brain grows and influences their thoughts, feelings and behaviours
- Understanding the hidden meaning of children's behaviours and your response to it
- Reflect upon the subtle messages you send your children everyday and how they respond
- Develop effective skills around deep listening and being present in the moment
- Understand how common barriers can influence your relationship with your child
- Acknowledge how caring for self, fosters positive family relationships

BUGK is facilitated at Peirson Services, 2 Normanby Square, Bundaberg.
For more information
please contact us on 07 4151 2299 or bundaberg@peirsontrust.org.au



FINDING
A NEW WAY

BUGK - Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting after Family Violence



TUESDAYS
12.30-2.30pm

Overview

A nurturing, empowering and kind program for parents and carers who have experienced family violence.

Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting After Family Violence provides a friendly and safe environment for parents to learn from each other and begin a journey of understanding and healing themselves and their children from the impact of family violence.



FINDING
A NEW WAY

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

7 weekly sessions support parents/caregivers to:

- Understand how family violence affects parents' relationships with their children.
- Learn about how parenting is affected by family violence, and how to overcome these impacts in order to feel more confident and effective as parents.
- Identify important messages that parents want their children to know.
- Learn more about the brain development in children and how this influences their thoughts, feelings and behaviour.
- Understand the meaning behind behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs.
- Discover ways to take care of yourself as parents and find help when help needed.
- Learn about your own parenting wisdom, strength and courage.

Date : Tuesdays

Time : 12.30-2.30pm

Where : Peirson Services
2 Normanby Square
Bundaberg

Contact us for next Program dates
ph - 07 4151 2299

email-bundaberg@peirsontrust.org.au

Tuff Masters



6-week program for boys
in grades 4, 5 and 6
that creates a supportive
space to explore
the now, the future and
how to achieve
mastery of the journey.

Mastering
emotional regulation,
impulse control,
socialising,
family relationships,
school issues,
self-acceptance and
critical thinking.



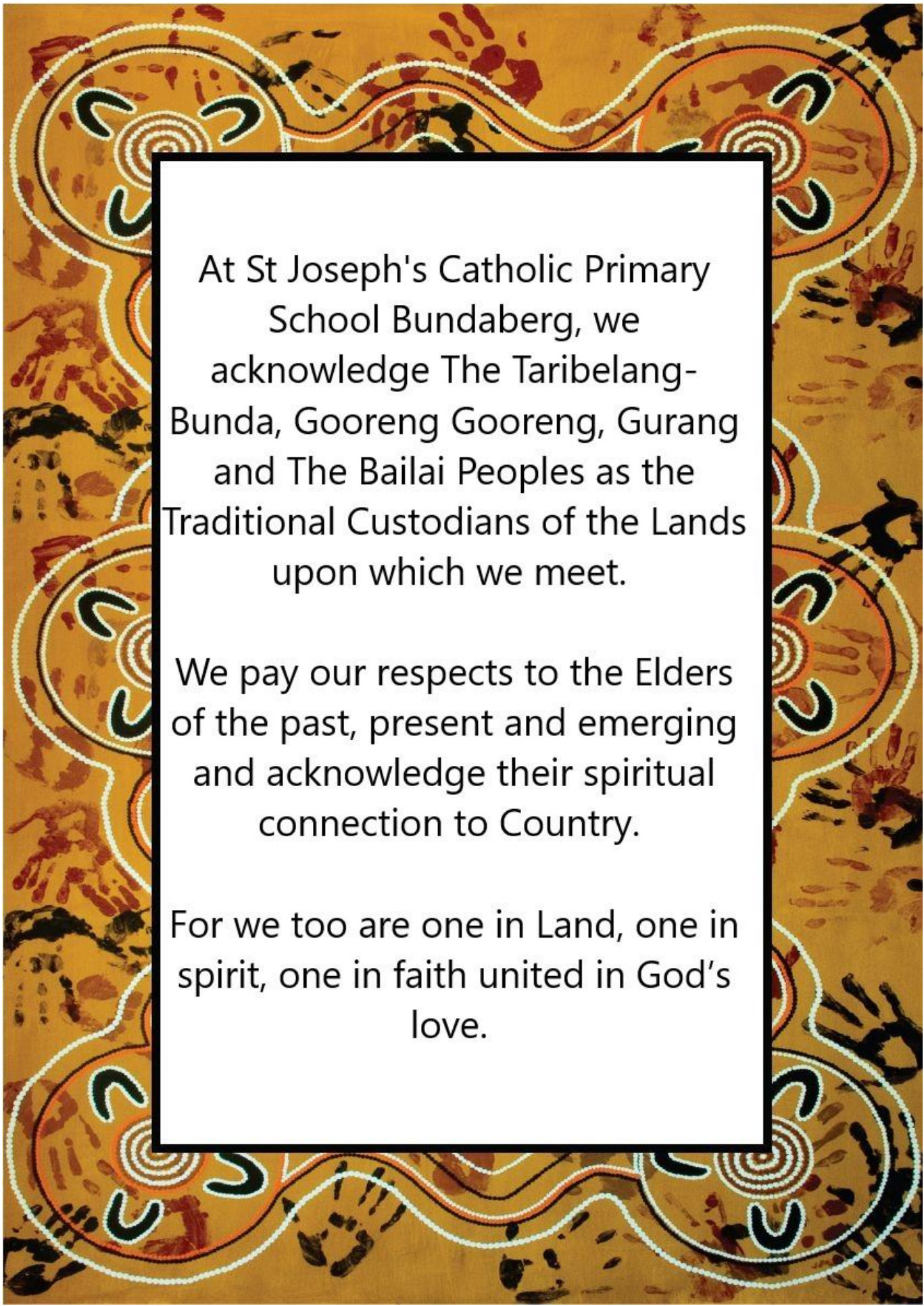
Activity-based, indoor
and outdoor learning
for all abilities to
challenge the mind and
develop vital skills.

Tuesday Afternoons
3.30pm - 5pm

Tuff Masters is facilitated at Peirson Services. For more information
please contact us on 07 4151 2299
or email bundaberg@peirsontrust.org.au



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A NEW WAY



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.