



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term Three Week 2

23 July 2025

Principal's Pen – Monica White

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week our St Joseph's Netball and Football Team competed in the Diocesan Challenge Cup Competition. I have heard nothing but positive comments about the great sportsmanship and whole-hearted efforts made by all of the children on these two teams. Even more exciting, in the first year that we have fielded our own football team the boys came away with a win – the Challenge Cup Medal. Unfortunately, the photos taken at Challenge Cup have not been published yet due to media permission restrictions. Presentations will be made to both teams during Friday's assembly and photos will be published soon afterwards.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank the staff who have generously given their time and commitment to the Football and Netball Team – Mr Sean Killeen, Mrs Katrina Clarke, Mrs Allison Newman, Mrs Kim Cooper and Mrs Alyssa Rycen.



The 7 Habits of Happy Families

In a recent article for *Happy Families* Dr Justin Coulson shared a handful of powerful habits that parents can practice which make their families happy.

- 1. Assume Positive Intent** – Children are trying their best with limited skills and resources. Sometimes they can be clumsy. They only have their 'L' plates on.
- 2. Laugh Together** - Shared joy creates bonds that withstand life's challenges.
- 3. Fix Things Fast** - Be the first to apologise, especially if you're the parent. Name what went wrong. Take responsibility for your part. Ask what would help. End with physical connection. A hug, high five, or fist bump resets everyone's nervous system.
- 4. Stay Close** - Children of all ages are biologically wired for connection with their parents.

5. Listen Fully - Being heard creates security and builds trust.

6. Create Meaningful Traditions - Family rituals create stability and identity in an unpredictable world.

7. Have the Hard Conversations - Children need parents who are brave enough to discuss difficult topics.

I would encourage you to read Dr Justin's full article published on the 4th of April, 2025 :

<https://happyfamilies.com.au/articles/the-7-habits-of-happy-families-2>

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

Catholic Education Week

Our theme for Catholic Education Week is “Communities of Faith, Hope and Love”.

At this time the schools of the Catholic Communities celebrate the wonderful opportunities and students and staff that make up our schools.

Please view the video about the launch of this special week: [CEW Launch Video](#)

You are also invited to celebrate Mass with us.

The poster for Catholic Education Week 2025 features a dark blue background on the left with a large, textured white cross. On the right, the background is split into vertical bands of light blue, orange, and green. The text 'CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK' is in large white letters, with '27 JULY – 2 AUGUST 2025' below it. To the right, 'COMMUNITIES OF FAITH HOPE LOVE' is written in large, stylized letters, with 'HOPE' containing a sunburst icon and 'LOVE' containing a heart icon. Logos for QCEC, UniSuper, and ACU are at the bottom left. The website 'catholiceducationweek.com.au' is at the bottom right. A light blue banner at the bottom contains the text 'Join us as our Catholic Schools come together to celebrate Catholic Education Week.' followed by 'Sunday, 27th July' and '5:30pm Mass, Holy Rosary' in a script font.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
27 JULY – 2 AUGUST 2025

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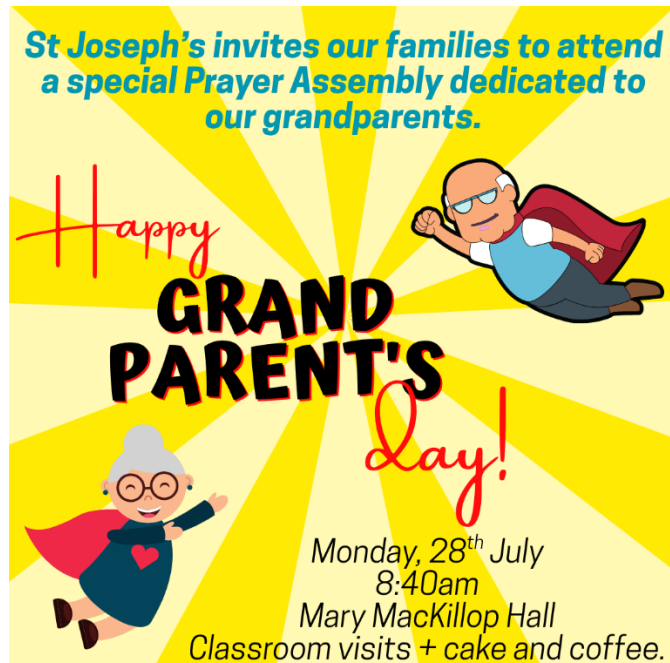
catholiceducationweek.com.au

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to celebrate Catholic Education Week.**

*Sunday, 27th July
5:30pm Mass, Holy Rosary*

Grandparents Day

Jesus' grandparents are remembered on their feast day, celebrated 26th July each year. As a part of our activities for Catholic Education Week, St Joseph's is inviting all grandparents to a special Prayer Assembly and classroom activities. Please see the flyer below.



ALPHA Program

Alpha is a faith discovery program originally begun in London 30 years ago. It is now in 169 countries throughout the world and has been experienced by 29 million guests.

Having conversations about faith, life and Jesus can be hard. But it doesn't have to be. Alpha creates a space where our friends, family, neighbours can explore the Christian faith and the meaning of life in a way that is relaxed and respectful.

The format is simple. Over a number of weeks guests gather to have a meal together, hear a talk on the Christian faith and then have a discussion together in small groups. For so many people Alpha was the catalyst that began, or restored, their faith in Jesus Christ.

A new round of Alpha is currently being offered. Please make contact with the Parish Office for more information or to sign up.



Have a blessed week

Laura Campbell

Curriculum Corner – Emma Robinson

Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics

We're excited to share a fresh and inspiring shift happening in our classrooms! For over a year, St Joseph's has been part of the "Leading Mathematics Education Project". A two-year professional learning initiative focused on transforming mathematics teaching and learning. Our teachers have been exploring best practices and high-impact strategies such as growth mindsets, pedagogical focus, and high-leverage teaching practices. We've been diving into a number of leading mathematics education texts—including *4 Steps to the Effective Teaching and Learning of Mathematics* with a focus on growth mindset, embedded number talks, building fluency routines, and facilitating mathematical problem solving. Guided by these powerful ideas, our teachers are transforming the way students experience Mathematics—from memorising steps to truly thinking, exploring, pushing their boundaries and collaborating with their peers.

Why Are We Doing This?

Every learner in every school deserves an outstanding Mathematics education and ongoing opportunities to become a "confident, creative user and communicator of mathematics" (ACARA, 2019). We believe that all students can succeed in math when given the right environment—one that encourages a growth mindset, curiosity, deep thinking, and meaningful engagement.

What's the Goal?

Our goal is to develop and support high-performance mathematics teachers, leading to outstanding mathematics learning in every classroom across our school. Through targeted professional learning, we're building our teachers' content knowledge, teaching strategies, and leadership skills. Which will lead to high quality mathematical learning for all students in our school.

Four Steps to Effective Teaching and Learning of Mathematics

To support this transformation, we're focusing on four foundational practices that help all students thrive in Mathematics:

Fostering a Growth Mindset:

- We help students understand that mathematical ability is not fixed—it grows with effort, persistence, and learning from mistakes.
- Teachers model positive attitudes toward challenge and normalise struggle as part of the learning process.
- This mindset builds resilience and encourages students to take risks and persevere through complex problems.

Embedding Number Talks:

- Short, daily discussions where students mentally solve problems and explain their thinking.
- These talks develop number sense, flexibility with numbers, and confidence in mental computation.
- Students learn to listen to others' strategies, justify their reasoning, and build a deeper understanding of mathematical relationships.

Building Routines for Fluency:

- We incorporate consistent, engaging routines that build fluency with key concepts like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- These routines are not about speed—they're about accuracy, efficiency, and flexibility.

- Fluency supports students in tackling more complex problems with confidence and ease.

✿ Facilitating Mathematical Problem Solving:

- Teachers support students through rich, open-ended problems that require reasoning, collaboration, and creativity.
- Instead of giving answers, teachers ask questions that prompt deeper thinking and exploration.
- This approach helps students develop critical problem-solving skills and see themselves as capable mathematicians.

☀️ What This Means for Your Child

You might notice your child talking more about math, feeling more confident, or even saying it's fun! That's because they're not just learning math—they're doing math. They're thinking, collaborating, and discovering new ways to approach challenges.

We're proud of the growth we're seeing already, and we're just getting started. As we continue to build thinking classrooms and grow our team of expert math educators, we'll keep you updated on the journey—and we welcome your support and curiosity along the way.



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! 📖

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.

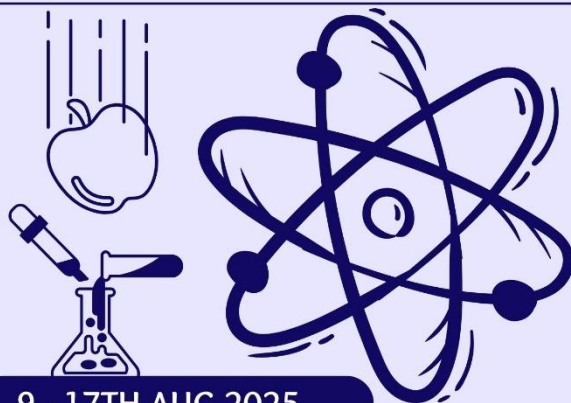
If you believe this payment may have been yours, please contact the school office **as soon as possible**. Proof of deposit will be required to verify the transaction and allocate the funds correctly.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Upcoming Events

SCIENCE WEEK

Decoding the Universe



9 - 17TH AUG 2025

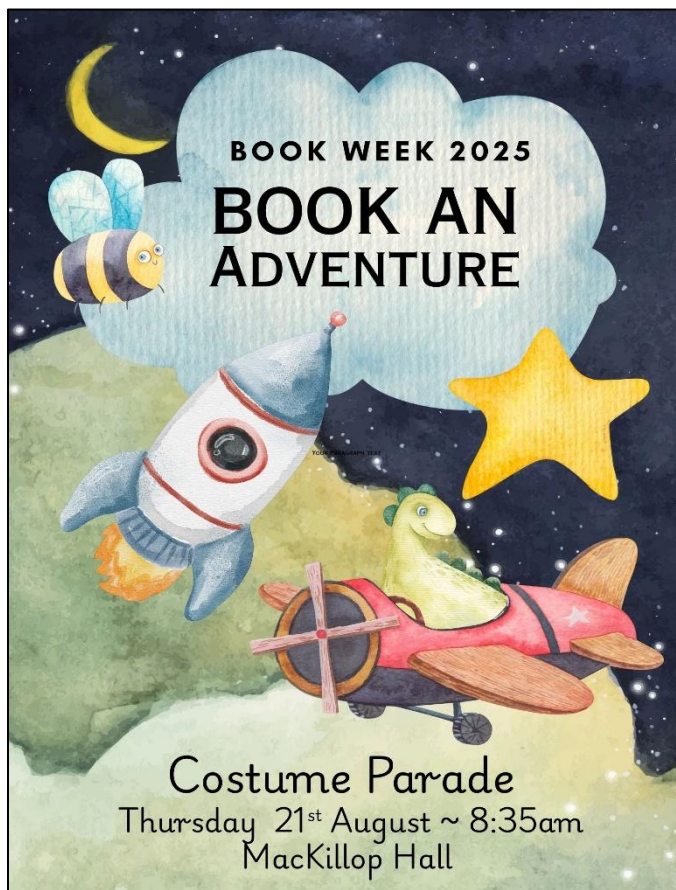
SCIENCE FAIR ~ THURSDAY 14TH AUG

8:30-9:30am in MacKillop Hall

Parents are invited to St Joseph's Science Fair: Join our Years 4-6 students as they showcase captivating experiments and investigations, deliver enlightening talks, and guide hands-on activities. This is one event you won't want to miss!

BOOK WEEK 2025

BOOK AN ADVENTURE



Costume Parade

Thursday 21st August ~ 8:35am
MacKillop Hall



PIZZA HUT LUNCH ORDER

FRIDAY 25 July

Orders now open on



Orders close THURSDAY 24/7/25 at Midday



St Joseph's P&F Term 3 Lunch Order Overview

Week 2 - 25 July - PIZZA HUT

Week 4 - 8 August - BRO'S BAKERY

Week 5 - 15 August - SUBWAY

Week 7 - 29 August - PIZZA HUT

Week 9 - 12 Sept - BRO'S BAKERY

If you are available to help serve
Pizza & Bakery lunch orders
(approx. 10:30-11:00am),
please contact the school office



Shalom Markets

BBQ

St Joseph's P&F are running the
Shalom Markets BBQ on Sunday 3 August

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

6am to 9am

9am to 12pm



Come along for a fun morning to help the
St Joseph's P&F!
Your help is greatly appreciated



School Photo Day



**1 WEEK UNTIL
PHOTO DAY**

CONTACT US
www.qldschoollphotography.com.au
parents@qldschoollphotography.com.au
(07) 3216 6777

SCHOOL ACCESS KEY:
N6D6HE3Q



Queensland School Photography
will be taking our school photos very soon!

PHOTO DAY IS NEARLY HERE!

Tuesday 29th July 2025
Access Key – **N6D6HE3Q**

If you have any questions concerning your school photography please call (07) 3216 6777 or email parents@qldschoollphotography.com.au

Follow these steps to order:

- Online Orders – visit www.qldschoollphotography.com.au to order. Please Note - if ordering online, we have a record of payment and do not require an envelope to be handed in.
- Cash Orders - Complete student details on the order envelope if paying cash - please fill in one envelope for each student purchasing. Please enclose the correct payment (change will not be given).
- Late Orders for individual and class photos can be placed online for 1 week after photo day.
- Separated families – For any concerns regarding delivery to the correct parent, please call us to arrange.
- All students present on photo day will be photographed.



Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

PARISH LADIES' DINNER: The Passionist family groups are again hosting the Parish Ladies Dinner.

DATE: Wednesday August 13th

TIME: 6.00pm

WHERE: Brothers Sports Club– Leprechaun Room.

COST: \$35.00 pp (2 Course Meal including Tea or Coffee).

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Judy Pidcock

There will be a Lucky Door prize and raffles.

Tickets are now on sale at the Parish Office until Wednesday August 6th (CASH ONLY).

Limited Tickets available.

Come along to meet old and new friends.

Raffle prizes are still being accepted at the Parish Office.



Student of the Week

Prep

Madison, you have worked very hard this week to 'track the speaker' and to follow instruction. Well done!

1

Kiara, Callen and Brooklyn, for dedicating an outstanding effort to our Mathematics lessons, especially our challenging tasks.

2

Tayla, for being a bright and bubbly star in our classroom. You brighten up every day with your kindness.

Norie, for always putting your best effort into everything you do. Well done!

Macy, for working hard to follow classroom expectations. What a great start to the term!

3

Theo for always being on the right task in the right place and at the right time.

4

Nixon, for having an excellent start to Term Three.

5

Aylah and Laylah, for persisting with challenging maths tasks. Wonderful growth mindset and keen to learn something new.

6

Evie, Ivy and Connor, for being awesome coaches teaching your peers how to play touch. Great to see you shine as leaders!

Shout Out

Maryanne and Ava

For showing kindness just like Mary MacKillop by comforting a preppie when they were sad and trying to include them in your afternoon play. Your effort and kindness have not gone unnoticed by the OSHC Educators.

Catch of the Week



This is Oscar at Monduran Dam with his first ever barramundi. It was a whopping 1.06m
Catch of the week!

Term Three Calendar 2025

Term Three 2025

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	14 th Jul	15 th Jul	16 th Jul	17 th Jul	18 th Jul	19/20 Jul
	Term 3 Starts		Challenge Cup			
2	21 st Jul	22 nd Jul	23 rd Jul	24 th Jul	25 th Jul	26/27 Jul
	Olympics Unleashed Yr 4-6 P&F Meeting	100 days of Prep			Interschol Sport Plant a Tree Day Yr 3&6	CEW Mass 5:30 pm Holy Rosary
3	28 th Jul	29 th Jul	30 th Jul	31 st Jul	1 st Aug	2/3 Aug
	Catholic Education Week					
4	4 th Aug	5 th Aug	6 th Aug	7 th Aug	8 th Aug	9/10 Aug
	Grufflo's Child			Bundaberg District Athletics	Bundaberg District Athletics Mary MacKillop Feast Day	
5	11 th Aug	12 th Aug	13 th Aug	14 th Aug	15 th Aug	16/17 Aug
	Science Week ~ Decoding the Universe: Explore the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language					
6	18 th Aug	19 th Aug	20 th Aug	21 st Aug	22 nd Aug	23/24 Aug
	Book Week ~ "Book an Adventure"					
7	25 th Aug	26 th Aug	27 th Aug	28 th Aug	29 th Aug	30/31 Aug
					Year 1 Prayer Assembly Eisteddfod, the Year 5 – 6 Interschol Sport	
8	1 st Sept	2 nd Sept	3 rd Sept	4 th Sept	5 th Sept	6/7 Sept
	Micheal Ymer ~ Class Modeling & Discussions				Pupil Free Day	
9	8 th Sept	9 th Sept	10 th Sept	11 th Sept	12 th Sept	13/14 Sept
	Child Protection Week Parent Teacher Meetings					
10	15 th Sept	16 th Sept	17 th Sept	18 th Sept	19 th Sept	20/21 Sept
	Parent Teacher Meetings					
	Enrichment				Year 2 Prayer Assembly	
		Open Classrooms			Prep Prayer Assembly Term 3 Ends	

Bundaberg Sports Trial Dates

2025	BUNDABERG TRIALS				W B TRIALS				QLD CHAMPS	
SPORT	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE
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)
RUGBY LEAGUE GIRLS 11-12YRS	15/17/22 July	Salter Oval	Jason Shears Woongarra SS	E Hodge N Russell M Plumb	1-2 August	Maryboroug h		T Denning N Moore N Russell	15-18 Sept	Townsville (N)
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 Wills A Martin C Gosden T McClintock T Gollshewsky D Tucker	13-15 October	Townsville (N)

Out and About



A video series on navigating neurodivergence

Catholic School Parents Queensland (CSPQ) invites you to watch our special video series featuring Madonna King and Rebecca Sparrow, authors of *Out of the Box: A One-Stop Guide to Navigating Neurodivergence*.


In this 4 part series, Madonna and Rebecca unpack what neurodiversity really means for families today. Drawing on expert insights and lived experience, they offer clear, compassionate, and practical advice on everything from navigating a diagnosis to managing ongoing challenges. These videos are here to help you and your young person feel seen, understood, and empowered.

[Click on this link to access the videos on our website](#)




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ROTARY CLUB OF BUNDABERG CENTRAL



ANNUAL **BIG BOOK** SALE

BUNDABERG RECREATIONAL PRECINCT
(ENTRANCE VIA UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND KENDALLS ROAD)



2025

25 TO 27 JULY


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




ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LANGUAGE AND
LITERACY PROGRAMS IN BUNDABERG AND
THE BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

Tea, coffee and soft drinks
Sausage Sizzle
Light refreshments available

**Buy a raffle ticket or two for a
chance to win great prizes!**

FIND US ON
FACEBOOK



Celebrate Book Week with Rosie & Bubbles!



GET READY FOR A SHELL-TASTIC BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION WITH ROSIE AND BUBBLES, THE PAINT BUNDY READ TURTLES!

OUR FAVOURITE TURTLES ABSOLUTELY LOVE READING, TALKING, RHYMING AND SINGING, AND THEY'RE BURSTING TO SHARE THEIR MOST CHERISHED STORIES WITH YOU, ESPECIALLY THEIR ALL TIME FAVOURITE: "WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT".

Join us for free family fun
Date: Wednesday 20 August, 2025
Time: 9 am to 11 am
Location: Lake Ellen Heritage Hub Playground

- FREE FACE PAINTING
- FREE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
- FREE CRAFT FOR KIDS

BE SUN SMART
 There is shade at the park but please wear a hat, sunscreen and bring your own water.






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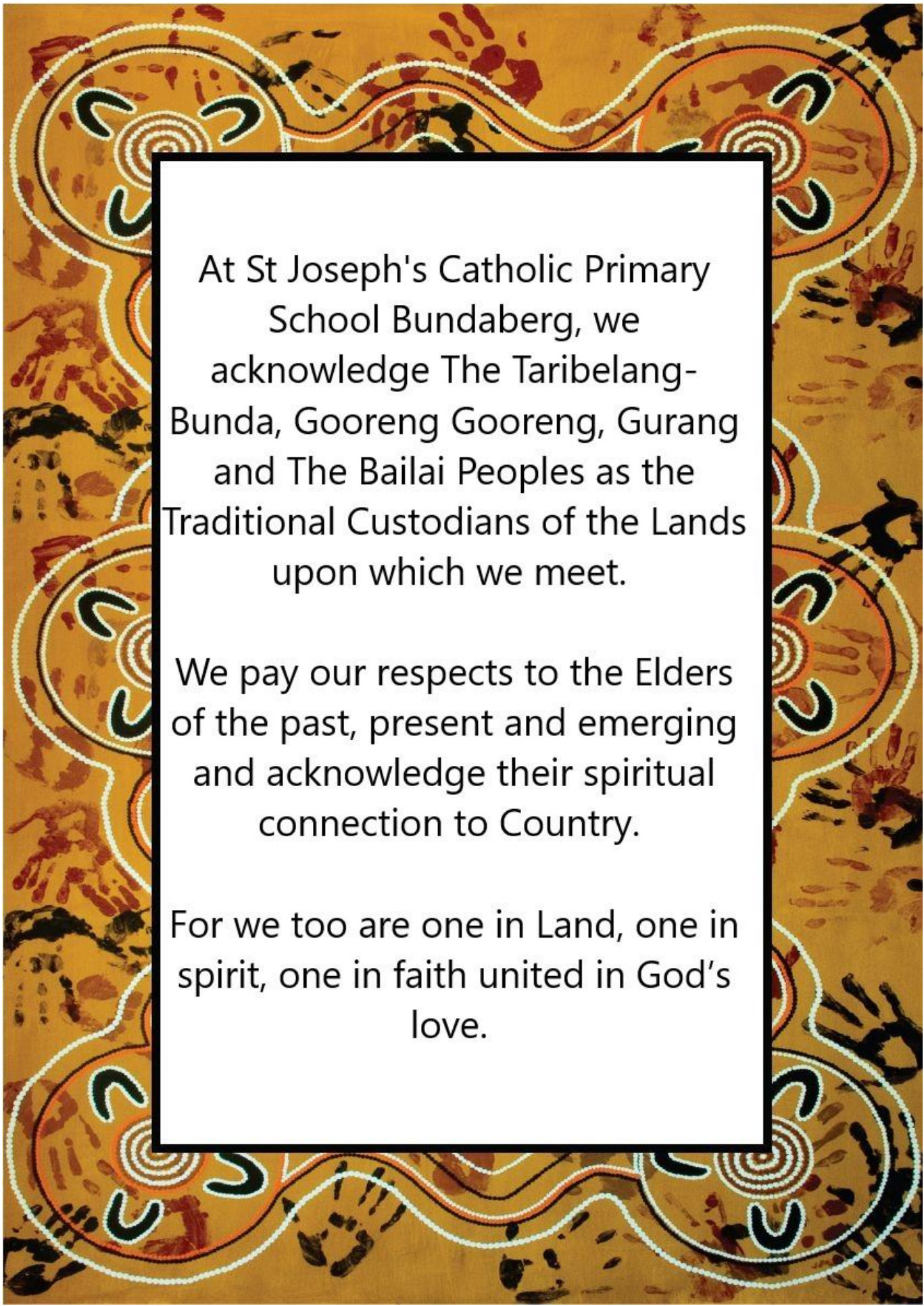
FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

5PM - 7PM PREP TO YR 6
 7.30PM - 9.30PM YR 7 TO YR 12



BUNTABERG CIVIC CENTRE,
BOURBONG ST, BUNTABERG 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.