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Newsletter Term Three Week 3

30 July 2025

Principal's Pen – Monica White

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week, a chance to recognise the unique spirit and shared mission of Catholic education. This year's theme, *Communities of Faith, Hope and Love*, highlights the enduring values that shape Catholic schools and the diversity of the 313 school communities and 29 kindergartens educating more than 162,000 students across the state. Catholic education offers a high-quality, holistic education to one in every five young Queenslanders.

Our theme Communities of Faith, Hope and Love captures the values that define our schools and the difference we seek to make in the world. It reminds us that schools are not just places of learning. They are places of belonging, encounter and formation. Places where young people are supported to grow not only in knowledge, but in compassion, in faith and in service.

Catholic Education Week provides the chance to honour the people whose quiet efforts allow schools and students to flourish with the Spirit of Catholic Education Award. This year St Joseph's nominated Mrs Laura Campbell for the Spirit of Catholic Education Award. I would like to congratulate Laura on her nomination, and I have included below a section of the nomination details:



Laura has many outstanding leadership qualities, demonstrated daily in her undertaking as Assistant to Principal Religious Education. Laura is genuine, has great integrity, shows care and compassion to all and is always seeking ways to provide support to and be of service to others. Laura always sees the positive in others and seeks ways to foster positive relationships. Laura has been instrumental in the development and implementation of the St Joseph's School RAP and is now providing her insight and wisdom to the Bundaberg Parish RAP team in the formation of their RAP. Laura is the coordinator of our school's Catholic Earthcare and Green Team Groups. Laura is an active member of the Bundaberg Parish, a member of the Sacramental Team as well as a rostered leader Children's Liturgies and assisting at the monthly Children's Mass. Laura embodies and fosters our school community's development of respect and care for people and the environment.



Christmas Concert Raffle Prizes

Our St Joseph's P&F are in the process of organising the Christmas Concert Raffle Prizes, a significant fundraising event each year to allow the P&F to continue to generously support the children at St Joseph's with projects like Buddy Bears and Senior Shirts. They have also been working towards assisting the school to fund a new Junior Playground, which we hope to install next year.

If you know of any businesses who may be able to assist with prizes or cash donations towards prizes for the Christmas Raffle the P&F have an official letter request that can be provided to this business. Please see the office or a member of the P&F if you wish to assist.

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

Grandparents Day

On Monday we celebrated Grandparents Day. It started with a lovely prayer led by Year Four, followed by some time in the classroom and cake and coffee. It was with gratitude that we saw so many family members at school to join in the celebrations.

July 26th marks the **Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, also the grandparents of Jesus.

It was in the home of Saints Joachim and Anne where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus, devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother.

We, too, owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation. The Church invokes this saintly couple as the patron of grandparents.

[\(https://www.catholicculture.org/\)](https://www.catholicculture.org/)

Thank you to all the families who came along to our Grandparents Day – You make a difference in the lives of your grandchildren.



The Courtice Family sharing in the fun

A Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
Please bless our grandparents.
Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.
For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.
For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.
For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.
Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.
Let them find peace and rest from their work.
Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.
And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus,
in the love of their children and grandchildren.
Bless them always until they come to rest in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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](#)



Our oldest student Taj and youngest student Tiaan cutting the cake for Catholic Education Week.

Have a blessed week

Laura Campbell

Curriculum Corner – Emma Robinson

☀ Celebrating Grandparents and the Power of Community in a Child's Life ☀

On Monday, our school was filled with laughter, stories, and the warm presence of some very special guests—our students' grandparents. Grandparents Day was a heartwarming celebration that reminded us just how vital a child's community is in shaping their growth, confidence, and sense of belonging.

👴 👵 A Day to Remember

Grandparents were invited into classrooms to share in the joy of learning, participate in hands-on activities, and experience a moment in the school life of their grandchild. From reading stories and solving puzzles to drawing and playing games, the day was filled with meaningful moments that bridged generations. The smiles on our students' faces said it all—having their grandparents by their side made them feel proud, supported, and deeply loved.



🌱 Why Community Involvement Matters

Children thrive when they are surrounded by a strong, supportive network. Parents, grandparents, extended family, and even close family friends all play a crucial role in a child's development. Here's why that involvement is so powerful:

- **Emotional Security:** Knowing they are loved by many helps children feel safe and valued.
- **Learning Through Stories:** Grandparents bring wisdom, life experiences, and cultural traditions that enrich a child's understanding of the world.
- **Positive Role Models:** Seeing adults engaged in learning and community life sets a powerful example.
- **Stronger School Connections:** When families are involved in school life, children feel more connected and motivated to succeed.



🌈 Beyond the Classroom



Grandparents Day was more than just a fun event—it was a celebration of the village it takes to raise a child. It reminded us that education doesn't happen in isolation. When families and schools work together, children flourish.

To all the grandparents who joined us: thank you for your time, your stories, and your love. Your presence made a lasting impact, and we hope to see you again soon.

Let's continue to nurture these connections and celebrate the beautiful tapestry of support that surrounds each child. Because when a child knows they are backed by a community, there's no limit to what they can achieve. ❤️






Reminder: 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge



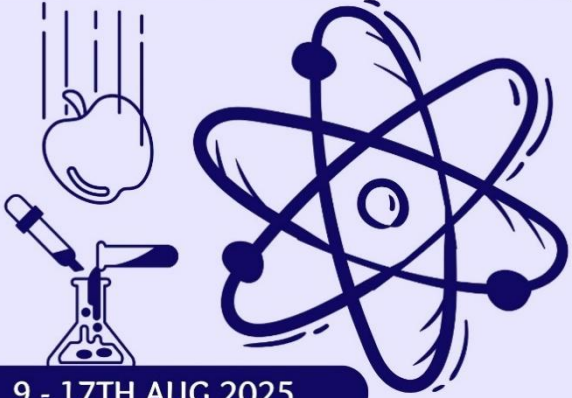
All **St Joseph's students** are taking part in the **2025 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)**, running from **6th May to 22nd August!** **Challenge Requirements:**

- **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! 

SCIENCE WEEK

Decoding the Universe



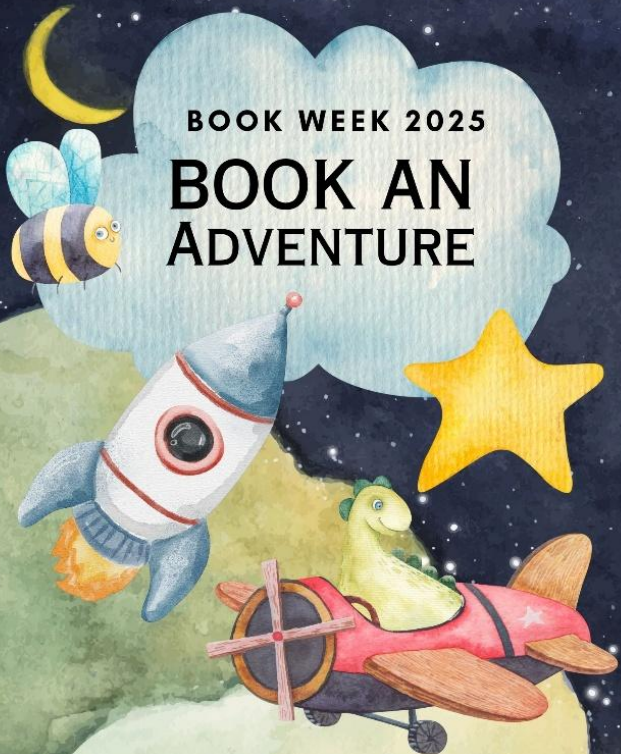
9 - 17TH AUG 2025

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
Gold Coin Donation for Story Dogs
Thursday 21st August ~ 8:35am



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.

School Census



Non-government schools census collection notice 2025

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to advise all staff, parents, guardians and students (where applicable) that it will collect certain information about your school, its staff and student body as part of the non-government schools census collection (the census).

How and what information is collected for the census?

Census information is provided to the department by your school legal entity (the approved authority) via the [SchoolsHUB website](#).

The census provides information about your school and the number and characteristics of the school's staff and student body during a specific reference period. Information and characteristics collected through the census include:

- teaching and non-teaching staff
- students' year level and workload
- students' gender and age (as on 1 July 2025)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students
- students with disability
- students receiving distance education
- day, boarding and overseas students.

The names of students and staff are not collected, apart from the name, position and contact details of the staff member nominated as the primary contact for the census.

Census special circumstance applications

Census special circumstance applications may also be made by schools to include a student/s who did not attend during the census reference period but otherwise meets census eligibility. Schools will provide the department with information and documents about the student demonstrating their eligibility. The department does not require personal information about a student and asks schools to de-identify any documents before providing them.

Purpose of the census collection

The information provided during the census is collected by the department in accordance with the *Australian Education Act 2013* (the Act) and the *Australian Education Regulations 2023* (the Regulations). The Act and the Regulations require the legal entity responsible for the administration of the school (the approved authority) to provide this information to the department to:

- Ensure the provision of Australian Government funding to schools is properly calculated and appropriately managed
- Conduct research, statistical analysis and develop school education policy for the Australian Government
- Meet national and international reporting obligations on school students in Australia
- Publish and provide information about schools to the public.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identified individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with the Privacy Act and the Act and Regulations and any other applicable laws.

Your personal information provided to the department through the census may be:

- Used or disclosed by the department for the purposes outlined above under the heading Purposes of the census collection.
- Disclosed to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to publish on the [My School](#) website and include as high-level data for ACARA's National Report on Schooling in Australia.
- Disclosed to state and territory government departments and authorities in accordance with the Act and Regulations.
- Disclosed to Australian Government departments and authorities in accordance with the Act and Regulations.
- Disclosed to non-government school representative bodies in accordance with the Act and Regulations.
- Disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department decides to audit or verify the information provided by an approved authority about a school. The contracted auditor may use previously collected information or request access to individual student records for comparison purposes. The contractors may pass this information onto officers within the department, if there is a discrepancy in the data provided by the school and the school's records and further investigation is required. The contracted auditor must handle personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act.
- Disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department.
- Used to validate data from other collections undertaken by the department.
- Used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law including under the Act or Regulations, or otherwise permitted under the Privacy Act.

Other than in exceptional circumstances (for example, investigation of fraud relating to overseas students), the department does not disclose any of the personal information collected to overseas recipients.

You can find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website or request a copy from the department at privacy@education.gov.au. The privacy policy includes information about how to access or correct personal information held about you or your child, how to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how the department will deal with such a complaint.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. The approved authority of the school is responsible for providing the information to the department.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide information about data provided for you or your child for the purposes of the census. To find out more about the census collection and reporting, visit [SchoolsHUB](#).

Family Photos

**FAMILY PHOTOS
LAST CHANCE
TOMORROW!**

If you missed out on a sibling photo, there will be a final opportunity to have it taken tomorrow

**in the OSHC Room
from 8:00 AM**

You can place your order online at
qldschooolsphotography.com.au
using School Access Key: **N6D6HE3Q.**



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.



P & F Forum Group



BAKERY LUNCH ORDER



ORDERS NOW OPEN
for
Friday 8 August, 2025
(orders will close **Thursday** 7/8/25 at midday)

ORDER NOW ON:



P&F PIE DRIVE



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



P&F PIE DRIVE

HOW MANY
PIES CAN
YOU SELL?

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BAKED FRESH BY
BRO'S BAKERY



ASK YOUR FAMILY,
NEIGHBOURS, WORK

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NOW
ON



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ORDER USING THIS
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ORDERS CLOSE
14 AUGUST

PICK UP
FRIDAY 22 AUGUST @
SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

Student of the Week

Prep	Alfie , for approaching all learning tasks with persistence and a positive attitude.
1	Brooklyn , for working very hard to 'track the speaker' and to follow instructions. Well done!
2	Hazel and Phoenix , for your amazing alliteration poems this week. Well done!
3	Piper , for her effort and consistency across the board this week, particularly in handwriting. Congratulations for such a positive start to the term!
4	Andi , for excellent research in Science this week! Maryanne , for excellent contributions to class discussions!
5	Logan , for consistently leading by example, respecting others and working hard.
6	Izzy and Kiana , for the dedication you have shown to prepare for the science fair. You work well as a team and are a great example to others. Thanks!

Shout Out

Henry, Lizzie, Delta and Isla	For helping clean and sort our classroom, ready for the day. Extra mention for Henry and Lizzie, who went above and beyond! You demonstrate care and consideration for others when you care for our shared spaces.
Mr Killeen	For the super effort and time taken to work with the Challenge Cup team. We truly appreciate your skills and energy – you show love and care, just like Mary MacKillop.
Dominick	For the way you looked after our new student in Year Two. You have shown compassion and love, just like Jesus.
A massive shout out to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Cooper	For your incredible support during the Challenge Cup! Your dedication, encouragement, and positive energy made all the difference. Whether it was cheering from the sidelines, helping behind the scenes, or keeping our spirits high, we couldn't have done it without you. You're absolute legends—thank you for being such an important part of our journey!
Nate	For caring and taking care of a classmate when he wasn't feeling well. You are a walking Jesus for our school.
To all the Challenge Cup Rugby League Boys	Your sportsmanship and effort on and off the field was amazing. I was so proud of each and every one of you with how you conducted yourselves. Well Done! Mrs Rycen

Term Three Calendar 2025

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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](#)



Apply here






Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care Card 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

Terms and conditions apply.

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saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355

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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\$5 ENTRY

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

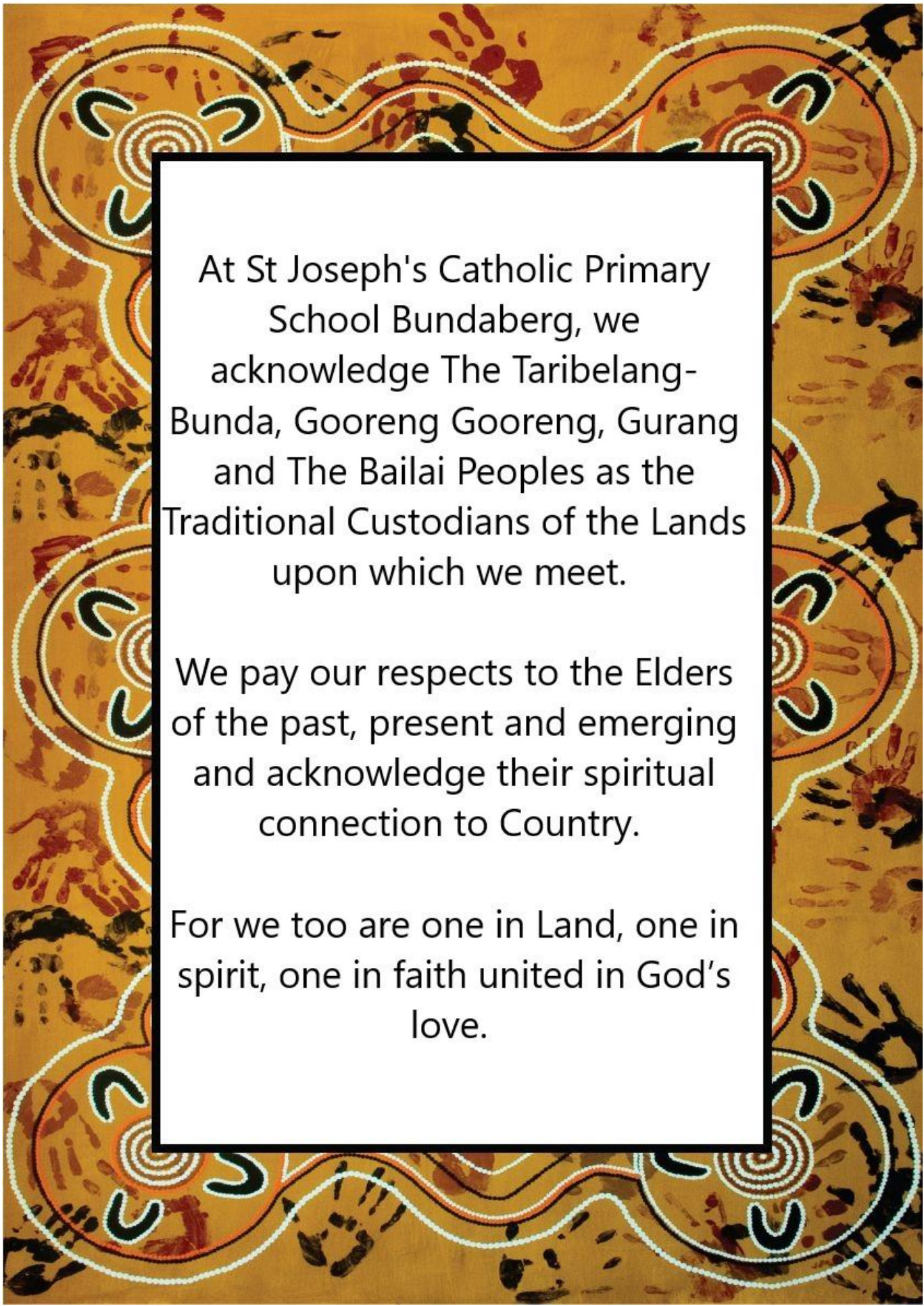
FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

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



**BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE,
 BOORBONG 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.