



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term Three Week 4

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## Principal's Pen – Monica White

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Each week we present Student of the Week Awards and the common thread for comments are around the students applying qualities of a successful learner. These qualities are often shared by teachers during teachable moments in our Circle Time, Way to Go and Health and Wellbeing lessons. At St Joseph's we promote the importance of growth mindset across all areas of learning and life and today I am sharing with you twelve ways to be a more successful learner. They are the kinds of learning habits or attributes which are particularly useful to individuals and to our wider society.

**1. LEARNING IS FOR LIFE** – We often focus on school when thinking about learning, but school days are just a small fraction of our lives. It is important to be open to learning, often interest led, throughout life.

**2. MISTAKES ARE USEFUL** - If we see mistakes as our friends, as stepping stones along the way, we will do much better in life.

**3. TENACITY MATTERS** - A vital skill is tenacity. Persevering when others have given up and bouncing back from set-backs are the hallmarks of powerful learners.

**4. PRACTISE THE HARD PARTS** - Getting better at anything requires effort.

**5. EMOTIONS ARE IMPORTANT** - How we manage our feelings of struggle and how we read the emotions of those around us is of great importance in life and learning.

**6. MIND AND BODY** - Mind and body are intimately linked. Whether it is our diet, the exercise we take or the muscle memory we acquire as we learn to write or type or ride a bicycle, hand and brain go together.

**7. LEARNING IS A TEAM SPORT** - Being able to work in teams on is essential as a learner.

**8. BE CREATIVE** - Creativity – being curious, generating ideas, solving problems and so forth – is a large part of learning.

**9. HANG OUT WITH THE BEST** - Smart learners seek out experts whenever they can to ensure that they are constantly challenged and mentored.

**10. KNOW WHERE YOU ARE** - Great learners are always asking for feedback to help them know where they are.

**11. SET CHALLENGING GOALS** - A wish is a goal without a plan of action. Whether at school or at work, setting challenging and specific goals will help to keep you on track.

**12. LOOK FOR TRANSFER** - We know that a transfer is helped if, when you first learn something, you think where else you might use it.

As we continue on our life-long journey of learning remembering and practising these 12 habits may enable your success.

## 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.

*Monica White*

## From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

### **St Mary MacKillop of the Cross Feast Day**

Mary MacKillop has a very special place in our hearts at St Joseph's. You may have seen images of her spread throughout the school. She is Australia's first and only saint.

Mary was dedicated to the poor and marginalised people of many rural towns. Members of the order of The Sisters of St Joseph spread throughout Australia and New Zealand to open schools and orphanages.

It was St Mary MacKillop and her group of sisters that first began our school in Bundaberg way back in 1876. We are coming up to our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

We celebrate her feast day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August, this Friday.

The whole school will be attending Mass in Holy Rosary Church at 12:15pm.

I would like to invite all our families to come and celebrate St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day with us.



### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to students from St Joseph's who have recently received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Bishop Michael was in Bundaberg to confirm the candidates and Fr Anthony Nguyen presided over the Mass where our students received their First Holy Communion.

These students spent many weeks preparing and learning about how the sacraments help us grow our relationship with God and our Catholic Community.

These rituals confirm their commitment to following in the footsteps of Jesus and belief in God's love for us all.



Congratulations Vin, Xand, Alaiza and Raphael (past student)

## **Tree Planting**

A couple of weeks ago, Year Five and Year Three students spent time at Baldwin Swamp planting a grove of trees with the Bundaberg Council Rangers. An area of invasive grasses had been cleared to make way for a new forest of native trees.

We were able to plant 460 trees in just over an hour!!

Well done to our students for caring for our environment and being great stewards of God's creation for us.





## **Fun and Courage at Chaverim**

Last week the Year Five students attended two days at Chaverim Outdoor Education Centre.

The students were involved in a number of challenging activities that involved quite a lot of bravery and persistence. Many of the students completed tasks never attempted before and discovered that they could achieve more than they thought they ever could!

Whether they were climbing walls, trekking through the undergrowth or being “donkeys”, everyone had fun and enjoyed their time being together.

Well done to all!



*Have a blessed week*

*Laura Campbell*

### *Year 6 Camp: A 3-Day Journey of Growth, Adventure, and Team Spirit*

As our Year 6 students prepare to return home, their 3-day camp experience is drawing to a close — and what an incredible journey it's been! Set in a beautiful natural environment and based in comfortable cabins, this short but powerful adventure has been packed with opportunities for growth, connection, and unforgettable memories.

#### **Cabin Life: Independence in a Shared Space**

Living in cabins gave students a chance to experience independence in a supportive, communal setting. From organising their belongings to working together to keep their spaces tidy, students learned valuable life skills while enjoying the fun of cabin life with their peers.

- Shared responsibilities encouraged teamwork and respect
- Daily routines helped build independence and time management
- Cabin chats and downtime strengthened friendships

#### **Action-Packed Activities That Inspire**

Over the past three days, students have taken part in a wide range of exciting outdoor activities that challenged them physically, mentally, and socially. Each activity was designed to help students step outside their comfort zones, discover new strengths, and work together as a team.

- **Mountain Bike Riding** - Built perseverance, balance, and risk assessment.
- **Crate Climb** - Developed trust, problem-solving, and communication.
- **Paddleboarding** - Strengthened core stability, patience, and mutual encouragement.
- **Bouldering** - Fostered strategic thinking, resilience, and upper-body strength.
- **Lantern Stalk** - Sharpened observation, and group coordination.
- **Laser Tag** - Enhanced teamwork, quick decision-making, and strategic communication.

#### **Leadership and Teamwork on Display**

Throughout camp, students have had countless opportunities to lead, support, and grow together. Whether guiding a group through a challenge or cheering on a classmate, they've shown empathy, initiative, and a strong sense of community.

- Group rotations gave everyone a chance to lead and contribute
- Team-based challenges fostered trust and cooperation
- Leadership moments helped students step up with confidence

#### **A Meaningful Milestone**

Though the camp was just three days, the impact will last far longer. Students return with stronger friendships, greater confidence, and a deeper understanding of themselves and each other. This experience has been a meaningful milestone in their final year of primary school — one that will be remembered for years to come.

We're so proud of how our Year 6 students embraced every challenge, supported one another, and made the most of every moment. As they pack their bags and prepare to head home, we hope they do so with full hearts and a sense of accomplishment. 🌟






## Reminder: 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge



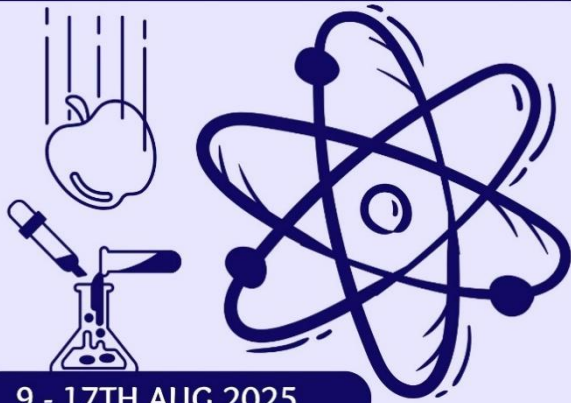
All St Joseph's students are taking part in the **2025 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)**, running from **6th May to 22nd August!** **Challenge Requirements:**

- **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*

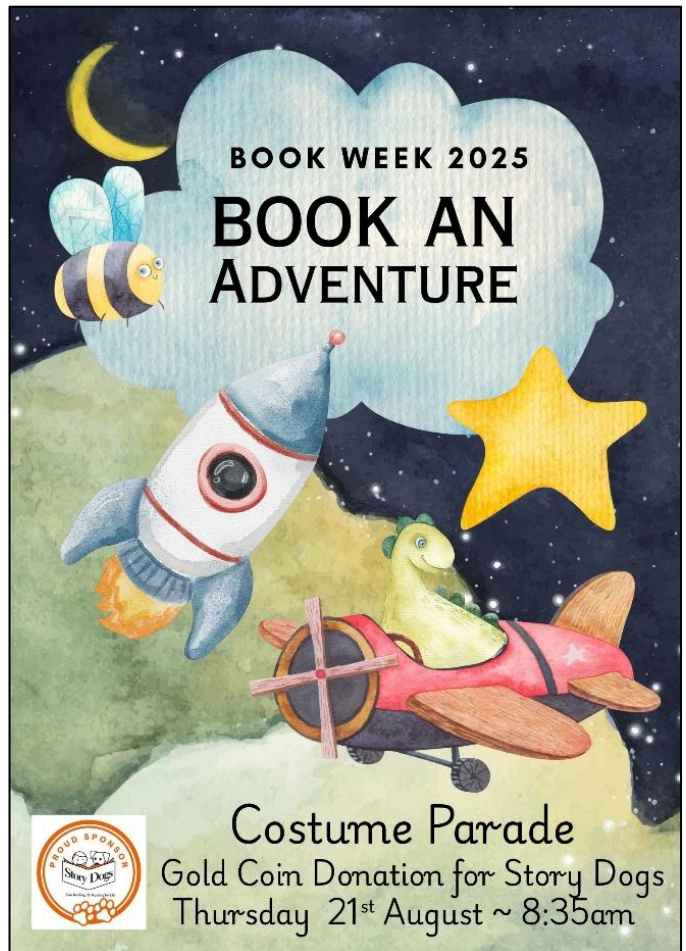


**9 - 17TH AUG 2025**

**SCIENCE FAIR ~ THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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!



**Have a happy Wednesday!**

**~ Emma Robinson**

Assistant Principal of Curriculum

## Finance News

### SCHOOL FEES

**Due Date: Tomorrow, Thursday, August 7**

School fees are due tomorrow unless you have an approved payment plan in place.



## 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 13<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 6.00pm

**WHERE:** Brothers Sports Club– Leprechaun Room.

**COST:** \$35.00 pp (2Course 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 6<sup>th</sup> (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?

GOURMET FAMILY PIES  
BAKED FRESH BY  
BRO'S BAKERY



ASK YOUR FAMILY,  
NEIGHBOURS, WORK

ORDER  
NOW  
ON



OR YOU CAN  
ORDER USING THIS  
QR CODE



ORDERS CLOSE  
14 AUGUST

PICK UP  
FRIDAY 22 AUGUST @  
SCHOOL TUCKSHOP



## Student of the Week

<b>Prep</b>	<b>Kora</b> , for always being a kind and caring member of our class. You go out of your way to help others and your teachers. Thank you for helping to make our class wonderful!
<b>1</b>	<b>Emersyn, Eddie and Mars</b> , for being a helpful, respectful and encouraging learning partner.
	<b>Astrid</b> , for your wonderful retell of Gruffalo's Child. Great work!
<b>2</b>	<b>Ellis</b> , for the great effort you have been putting into all of your work. Well done! <b>Harvey</b> , for always putting your best effort into everything that you do. Well done!
<b>3</b>	<b>Isla and Skye</b> , - for exceptional reading during group time, you are pushing yourself to obtain your goals, well done!
<b>4</b>	<b>Zavier and Riley</b> , for an excellent effort in mathematics this week. Great work in division!
<b>5</b>	No award present as children were on Day Camp
<b>6</b>	<b>Charlie</b> , for your awesome problem skills. Great to see you think outside the box and work so well on your science fair investigation.

## Shout Out

<b>Oscar D</b>	For being a walking Jesus and taking some playtime to make sure our soccer goals were all pegged down safely.
<b>Oscar D</b>	For the way you spent time engaging with a Prep student to ensure he felt included and a part of the school family. You demonstrated love and care for others.
<b>Max R</b>	For showing love and offering many kind comments to your peers when learning to play a new game outside.
<b>Tommy R</b>	For showing compassion like St Mary Mackillop when you gave your bookmark to a year 1 student on Grandparent's Day.
<b>Madelyn</b>	For looking out for people who need help staying calm and focused. The compassion of St Mary Mackillop shines through in your caring nature.

## Term Three Calendar 2025

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Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	19/20 Jul
	Term 3 Starts		Challenge Cup			
2	21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	25 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Jul	29 <sup>th</sup> Jul	30 <sup>th</sup> Jul	31 <sup>st</sup> Jul	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	2/3 Aug
	Catholic Education Week					
4	4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9/10 Aug
	Grufflo's Child			Bundaberg District Athletics	Bundaberg District Athletics Mary MacKillop Feast Day	
5	11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	16/17 Aug
	Science Week ~ Decoding the Universe: Explore the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language					
6	18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	23/24 Aug
	Book Week ~ "Book an Adventure"					
7	25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	30/31 Aug
					Year 1 Prayer Assembly Eisteddfod, the Year 5 – 6 Interschol Sport	
8	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6/7 Sept
	Micheal Ymer ~ Class Modeling & Discussions				Pupil Free Day	
9	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	13/14 Sept
	Child Protection Week Parent Teacher Meetings					
10	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	19 <sup>th</sup> 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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**PAINT BUNDY READ** **ESFAB**

**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.

2025 Children's Book Week 18-23 August

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**HORNETS**  
 WEST BUNDABERG LITTLE ATHLETICS

**West Bundaberg Little Athletics**  
 Bundaberg Super Park Complex  
 Enid Ethel Drive

**Season starts 15th August 2025**

**Registrations Opening Soon**

Watch our socials for more details

- Competition on Friday Nights starting at 5.30pm
- 2 Free come and try nights for new members
- All returning athletes must be financial by 15th August to be eligible to compete

**2025/2026 Fees**

Tiny Tots 3-5yrs - \$75  
 U6-U17 - \$250

Play On vouchers accepted

For further information:  
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 West Bundaberg Little Athletics / Bundaberg Athletic Club

**SUPERVISED EVENT**  
**CANTEEN FACILITIES**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**\$5 ENTRY**

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

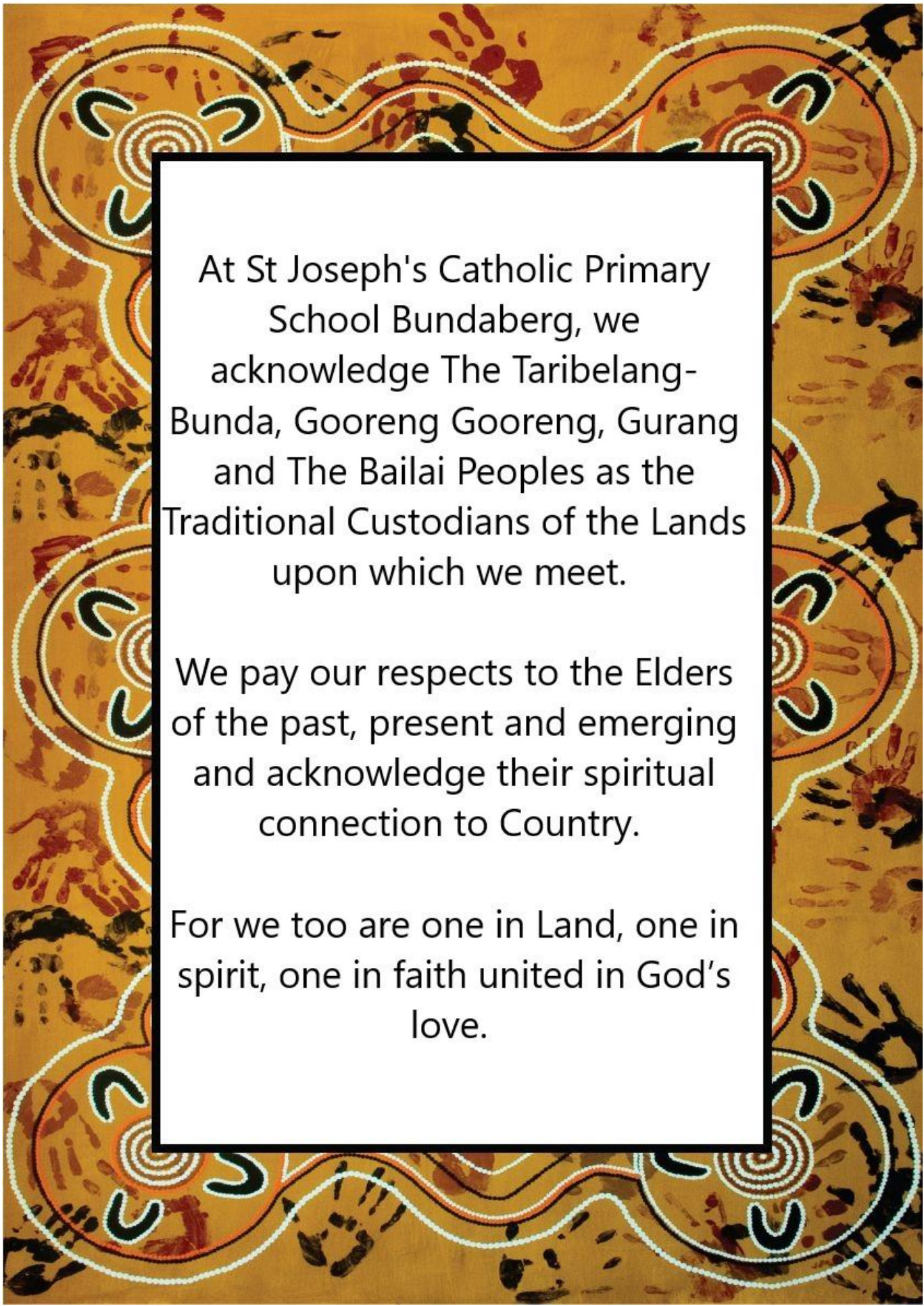
**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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

**THEME: BRIGHT COLOURS**

**BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE,  
 BOURBONG ST, BUNDABERG CENTRAL**





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.