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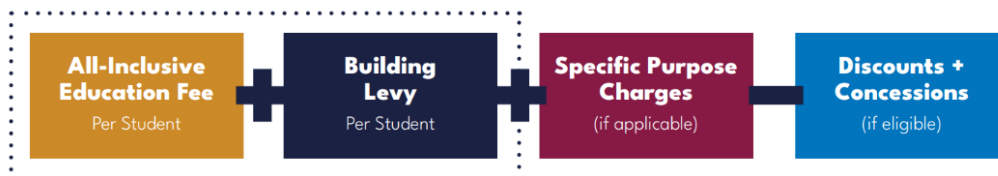
Newsletter Term Four Week 2

15 October 2025

Principal's Pen – Monica White

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the Term Four invoice for 2026 school fees will be issued, completing our first year under the All-Inclusive Fee Model. As we head into the last quarter under the new fee structure it is an opportunity to reflect on the implementation of the new model and to thank our families for their commitment in supporting St Joseph's by paying their school fees in a timely manner. Feedback around the All-Inclusive Fee Model has been positive. Many families have seen the benefits to the model, knowing what they need to budget for the year with all costs associated with whole year level curriculum offerings covered by the All-Inclusive Fee.



St Joseph's welcomes families who respect and support our Catholic Identity, and who seek our values. It is important to remember that in choosing a Catholic education that includes a commitment to paying School fees, which together with Federal and State government funding, supports the ongoing provision of quality Catholic education for all students at our school. The funding support recognises the rights of parents to exercise choice in their education providers. The continuing provision of quality Catholic Education for all students in the Diocese requires that all enrolling parents/caregivers pay school fees and levies as and when they fall due.

Continued enrolment at the school is contingent upon the payment of School Fees, as detailed in the School's Schedule of Fees. Student participation in non-core curriculum activities, such as sporting events, excursions and camps are also contingent upon meeting fee payment arrangements.



School fees must be paid in full by the due date shown on the fee statement, unless an approved Payment Plan arrangement is in place.



For families with an approved Payment Plan arrangement, contact must be made with the School finance office immediately upon missing a payment to make suitable alternative arrangements.



Our Principal will consider applications for School fee concession for families experiencing genuine financial hardship, who provide appropriate supporting evidence. Application is made directly to the Principal to ensure confidentiality is maintained.



Overdue fees may be placed in the hands of a collection agency. If necessary, the School may take legal action to recover the debt to preserve the financial viability of the School. If this action becomes necessary, any costs or expenses incurred by the School will be charged to the parent account.

With Term Four invoices due to be issued shortly it is beneficial to remember that you can view your account information, including balances, in Parent Lounge under the Accounts and Payments tab, and on the Parent Orbit app at any time.

Catholic Missions

Here in Australia, October marks World Mission Month, a celebration of the global work of the Church and the dedication of missionaries, both religious and lay, as they reach out and support children and communities in need around the world.

In 2025, Socktober is raising funds for communities in Zambia, to help ensure access to regular and nutritious food, create opportunities for sustainable farming and help parents to earn a stable income giving families the chance to build a brighter future.



On World Mission Sunday, which falls on 19 October 2025, parish communities around the world will gather to pray for and raise funds to support the work of thousands of crucial church-run programs.

During the month of October St Joseph's School recognises the work of Catholic Mission Australia by holding a fundraising event.

Each year we participate in a Socktober activity. Socktober engages all students to make a difference by raising awareness and critical funds for mission programs supporting children from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds in many countries around the world. (socktober.org.au)

This year students will come to school wearing “crazy socks” as a fun way to raise funds to donate to Catholic Mission. This will be held on Friday 24th October.

As well as a fun way to engage with this important mission, it is a great opportunity for our students to learn about one of the many ways in which the Catholic Church cares for others. It is an active and authentic way to make a difference in the world and is based on the main principals of Catholic Social Teachings of Human Dignity, The Common Good, Subsidiarity, Solidarity, Preferential Option for the Poor and Stewardship of Creation. These become the foundations of our actions for social Justice.

Students at St Joseph's will be able to follow in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop and others like her to build a better world.



On Sunday 26th October, Children's Mass will be again offered to the families of our parishes and school communities. Children's Mass is focused on providing an opportunity to open the message of Sunday's Word of God for our children. Children are involved in all of the ministries and Fr Don's homily is especially directed towards the children attending this Mass.

CHILDREN'S MASS

Bundaberg Parish - All are welcome

**Every 4th Sunday of
the Month**
9.00am Mass
St Patrick's Church

An illustration of a church building with a red roof and a bell tower. In front of the church, four children (two girls and two boys) are holding hands and dancing. Above the church, there is a small illustration of a cross, a chalice, and a host.

Please keep in mind the following dates:



Have a blessed week
Laura Campbell



During Michael Ymers' visit late last term, he encouraged us to share simple, curriculum-linked everyday activities that parents can do with their children.

Each week this term, I will share a new maths activity for you to explore at home. These suggestions are designed to be fun, engaging and directly connected to what your child is learning at school.

ESTIMATING

Estimating is an important skill that applies to all areas of mathematics. Whenever possible, ask your children to make a guess or approximation before revealing the exact answer.

- Estimate the number of jellybeans in a jar
- Estimate how many people are in the room
- Estimate how many pieces of bread are in a loaf
- Estimate the biggest house number on the street you've just turned into
- Estimate how far it is to a point in the distance while driving
- Estimate how long it will take to walk to a particular spot
- Estimate the crowd size at large sporting events, such as football matches
- Estimate how many steps there are from the bottom to the top when walking up stairs

On some occasions, work together to find the actual amount, distance or count and compare it with the estimate. This reflection helps children refine their sense of scale and number over time.

Source: ACU~ Mathematics Teaching and Learning Centre>A Guide for Parents of Primary School Aged Children: Helping your Children with Mathematics. 18 September 2025

Talking About School: Why Children Sometimes Find It Hard

'How was school?' is a big question. To answer, your child has to sum up a whole day and that can be hard for children (and even adults!) to do.

A child might really want to say, *'My day was so jam-packed with ideas and classes and social stuff that I don't know where to start'*. So, it's usually easier just to say, 'OK'.

Why talking about school is important

Talking with your child about the school day shows you're interested in what's going on in their life. This interest boosts your child's mental health, happiness and wellbeing. It can also have a very positive effect on your child's behaviour and achievement. It shows your child that you value school and education, which encourages them to value it too.

When you're in touch with your child's feelings about school, you're more likely to see problems before they get too big. This way you can work on overcoming challenges together.

Strategies for talking about school with your child

When your child first gets home from school in the afternoon, they'll probably be tired and hungry or thinking about other things. It's best to avoid asking your child a lot of questions straight away. You can just let your child know that you're glad to see them and talk about non-school topics for a while. Younger children will probably also like unpacking their bags and going through any notes before you ask about school. Saving questions about homework for later on can also take the pressure off!

Simple, positive and specific questions about parts of the day can get your child talking. It's good to use questions that invite more than a 'yes', 'no' or 'OK' response.

These tips can help you get a conversation going:

Make time to talk. This can often be when you're doing something routine with your child. For example, your child might like to talk when you're walking the dog or preparing dinner together. Another great time is during your evening meal, this also allows all members of the family to share.

Give your child your full attention if they want to talk with you about their day.

Take seriously whatever your child tells you. For example, you can say things like 'That's really interesting. Then what happened?' or 'And how do you feel about that?'

Use respectful language when you talk about the school with or in front of your child. For example, 'I can see that's frustrating, but you need to speak respectfully to him/her', or 'Yes, that seems unfair, but perhaps you don't know the whole story'.

Every afternoon or evening will be different. Even if your child usually likes to share their day with you, there'll be days when they don't want to talk. Sometimes it's a matter of sensing your child's mood and picking the right moment. Some days there

might not be a right moment at all and that's OK. This is a typical part of school-age development as children start to shape their own identities and social worlds. As long as your child knows you're available when they're ready to talk.

Excerpt from: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/school-homework-tips/talking-about-school>

Have a happy Wednesday!

~ Emma Robinson

Assistant Principal of Curriculum



Learning Hub News



Hi everyone, Welcome back to what will be an exciting busy term! I have sent home the last Book Club of the year. It will be due back at school by Wednesday **22nd of October**. There are plenty of bargains in this issue, so please take the time to have a browse through, as it is your last opportunity to grab those Christmas presents and stocking fillers. As you already know by purchasing through scholastic book club, you are in fact helping me gain resources for the library and school for free. A big **THANKYOU** to everyone that has purchased from book club, as you can see it has enabled us to keep our library well stocked.

Remember if you order online you **DO NOT** need to send anything back to school. I have a link where I can download who has put an order in online. When ordering online just go to the parent payment option, you do not need to have a username or password. Please make sure that you select your child's teacher so book club can pack them to the right class, this makes sorting them so much easier. Online ordering is also open a week longer than the due back date at school, so if you miss the school cut off you can order and pay online for another week.

Can you please pop in or flick me an email Jacinta_elliott@rok.catholic.edu.au if your order is a "Christmas Order" so I can put it aside for you to pick up rather than accidentally send it home with your child!

As we come to the end of another school year, we need to make sure that each book is accounted for, to allow this to happen we will be not borrowing the last 2 weeks of term. This means that all library books will need to be returned to the Library by **Thursday the 20th of November**. I will send reminders out closer to the time. To encourage students to remember we will be again awarding a prize to the class who return all their books back first. In previous years this has been very close and is a great motivator to get the students to remember. Also at this time I will need to finalise any books that are missing. Unfortunately, books do go missing quite easily but also have a habit of reappearing just as easily, which is why we don't really worry about books that go missing until the end of the year. If your child has a book that has gone missing and hasn't turned up by the 16th of November, we would ask that a replacement of the book, or money be sent in to buy a replacement be sent in that week as well.

From late October I will be putting out the Christmas books and starting Christmas craft in the library at lunchtimes. I know you are thinking why so early but as the library is shut the last week of term and borrowing stops on the 21st of November, we have to fit it all in before those dates. The children really do enjoy this time of year with these activities and so do we.

If your child is in Year 6 and you don't have any more children attending the school we would really appreciate it if you would consider donating your child's library bag to us, this allows children who are new to the school who don't yet have a bag to start borrowing straight away or any child that forgets to bring theirs to be able to continue borrowing as normal.

I hope that you enjoy the last term of school and once again I thank you for your support through Book Club.

Thankyou!

Jacinta Elliott.

Parent Forum

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SUBWAY

ORDERS NOW OPEN

for

Friday 17 October, 2025

(orders will close Thursday 16/10/25 at Midday)



St Joseph's P&F Term 4 Lunch Order Overview

Week 2 - 17 October - SUBWAY

Week 4 - 31 October - PIZZA HUT

Week 5 - 7 November - BRO'S BAKERY

Week 7 - 21 November - SUBWAY

If you are available to help serve

Pizza & Bakery lunch orders

(approx. 10:30-11:00am),

please contact the school office

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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





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 Woondooma 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.

Prep 2026 Information Session



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>



Student of the Week

Term 3 Week 10

- P Michael**, for showing improvements with your letter sounds this week! Keep up the great work.
- 1 Nate and Archer R**, for demonstrating a positive attitude and working diligently when completing challenging Mathematics tasks.
- James**, for your focus on working hard and productively to complete learning tasks.
- Madelyn**, for your 'can-do' attitude towards everything you do. You are a wonderful role model to others.
- 2 Simon**, for your diligent and persistent attitude towards your learning tasks. You achieve wonderful results because of how hard you work.
- 3 The Whole of Year 3**, for an absolutely amazing term. You have all worked so hard and tried your best in everything you have done. Well done everyone, and let's enjoy our day!
- 4 Joseph**, for excellent contributions to class discussions! Well done!
- 5 Frankie**, for the outstanding commitment you showed towards your name investigation this week, and learning your times tables this term. It's been impressive!
- 6 Hunter**, for diving into our sculpture task with creativity and flair. It was great to see you explore and challenge ideas.

Term 4 Week 1

- P Penelope**, for taking risks and showing persistence with writing tasks this week. You are becoming a great writer.
- 1 Liliana, Savanna-Rose and Archer M**, for working hard to form your letters correctly during journal writing.
- 2 Lacey**, for being a wonderful learning partner. You have helped and cheered on your friends. Well done!
- Seraphim**, for sharing your knowledge with us. You are a wonderful explorer of knowledge! Well done!
- 3 Delta and Makenna**, for doing your best work in every session this week, you have started off Term 4 with a bang! Well Done.
- 4 Isaac**, for a fantastic start to Term 4!
- 5 Lucas**, for outstanding listening and attention to detail in a civics task this week.
- 6 Ethan**, for making mature decisions when faced with challenges this week. Great to see you step up!

Shout Outs

Term 3 Week 10

Astrid	Just like Mary MacKillop you showed a deep compassion for your classmate when you noticed that she was looking sad. You asked her if she wanted to sit with you, placed a caring arm around her shoulders and comforted her.
Phoenix	You displayed compassion and sacrifice when you offered to forgo outside playtime to sit and draw with a friend who couldn't play because of an injury. Your light shines like Jesus.
Miss Lisa O'Connell:	We appreciate the care that you take of our school and classrooms. You show compassion to staff and students and go above and beyond to ensure that our rooms are clean and hygienic. Your bright and bubbly personality shines in our school environment.
Archer R, Brooklyn and Tyde	For being a walking Jesus, when you speak and act kindly. You show care and consideration for others at our school.
Iveigh-Lee, Charley, and Callen	For being loving, like St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, when you play fairly with your peers. You show care and compassion for others at our school.

Term 4 Week 1

Zavier, Oscar Mc, Lottie, Delta, Delilah and Makenna	For the way you worked on the Peace Garden with Mrs Cooper, using your own time during play to make it a beautiful space. You show care for our school community just like Mary MacKillop.
Robb	For the concern and care you displayed for a little Preppie when his bus broke down. Your words and actions make you a walking Jesus in our school community.
Brooklyn, Archer R and, Callen	For being loving like Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop when you play fairly and include others in your games.
Charley, Iveigh-Lee and Tyde	For being courageous like Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop when you try your best in all tasks.
Max P	For helping to reassure fellow bus travellers who are new to bus travel. You made sure that they felt safe and showed care for them just like Mary MacKillop.

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

Student Achievement

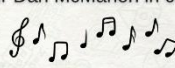


We wish Ace the very best as he heads to Coffs Harbour this week to compete in the Junior Australian Nationals for OzTag.

Farewell Concert for Dan McMahon

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 Four Calendar 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	6 th Oct	7 th Oct	8 th Oct	9 th Oct	10 th Oct	11/12 Oct
	King's Birthday Holiday	Term 4 Starts			Year 5 Prayer Assembly	
2	13 th Oct	14 th Oct	15 th Oct	16 th Oct	17 th Oct	18/19 Oct
	Board Meeting	P&F Meeting	Prep 2026 Parent Information Night		Year 1 Prayer Assembly	
3	20 th Oct	21 st Oct	22 nd Oct	23 rd Oct	24 th Oct	25/26 th Oct
					Crazy Sock Day	
4	27 th Oct	28 th Oct	29 th Oct	30 th Oct	31 st Oct	1/2 Nov
		Prep Transition			Year 2 Prayer Assembly World Teachers Day Day for Daniel	All Saints/All Souls
5	3 rd Nov	4 th Nov	5 th Nov	6 th Nov	7 th Nov	8/9 Nov
		Melbourne Cup Day	Prep Transition	Prep vision screening	Prep Prayer Assembly Chess Tournament	
6	10 th Nov	11 th Nov	12 th Nov	13 th Nov	14 th Nov	15/16 Nov
	Board Meeting	Remembrance Day			Year 6 Prayer Assembly Prep 2026 Parent/Teacher Interviews	
7	17 th Nov	18 th Nov	19 th Nov	20 th Nov	21 st Nov	22/23 Nov
	Enrichment - Yrs 1 & 2 PSDE Year 5	First Aid Training Enrichment - Yrs 3 & 4	PSDE Year 6 Enrichment - Prep		Year 4 Prayer Assembly Enrichment - Yrs 5 & 6 Prep 2026 Parent/Teacher Interviews	
8	24 th Nov	25 th Nov	26 th Nov	27 th Nov	28 th Nov	29/30 Nov
			Year 6 Celebration Day		Year 3 Prayer Assembly Whole School Transition	
9	1 st Dec	2 nd Dec	3 rd Dec	4 th Dec	5 th Dec	6/7 Dec
	Christmas Concert		Year 6 Grad		End of Yea	

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



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:



Wednesday 15 October 2025

5pm-6pm

RSVP [here](#)



Dr Frances Hoyte



Dr Kylie Bradfield



Dr Deb Brosseau

For more information about Griff LinC see:



SHALOM COLLEGE

MAN TO MAN

with Leigh Matthews

THURSDAY 16 OCT 2025

Leigh Matthews is a highly decorated figure in the AFL, renowned both as a player and coach. Matthews earned the iconic nickname "Lethal Leigh" due to his physical as well as skilful style of play. He is officially recognised as the "best player of the 20th century" according to the AFL, is a "Legend" in the Australian Football Hall of Fame, named in the Hawthorn and AFL teams of the century, and is one of the most successful AFL coaches of all time, winning three consecutive premierships with the Lions in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

TICKETS
\$20-40pp
+ booking fee

The evening will include drinks and canapés in the Foyer from 5:30pm, then from 6:45pm guests will move into the Theatre to see an in-depth Q&A with Leigh Matthews.

Tickets include canapés. Drinks will be available for purchase.

Thursday 16 October | 5:30pm-8:30pm | Shalom College Performing Arts Precinct

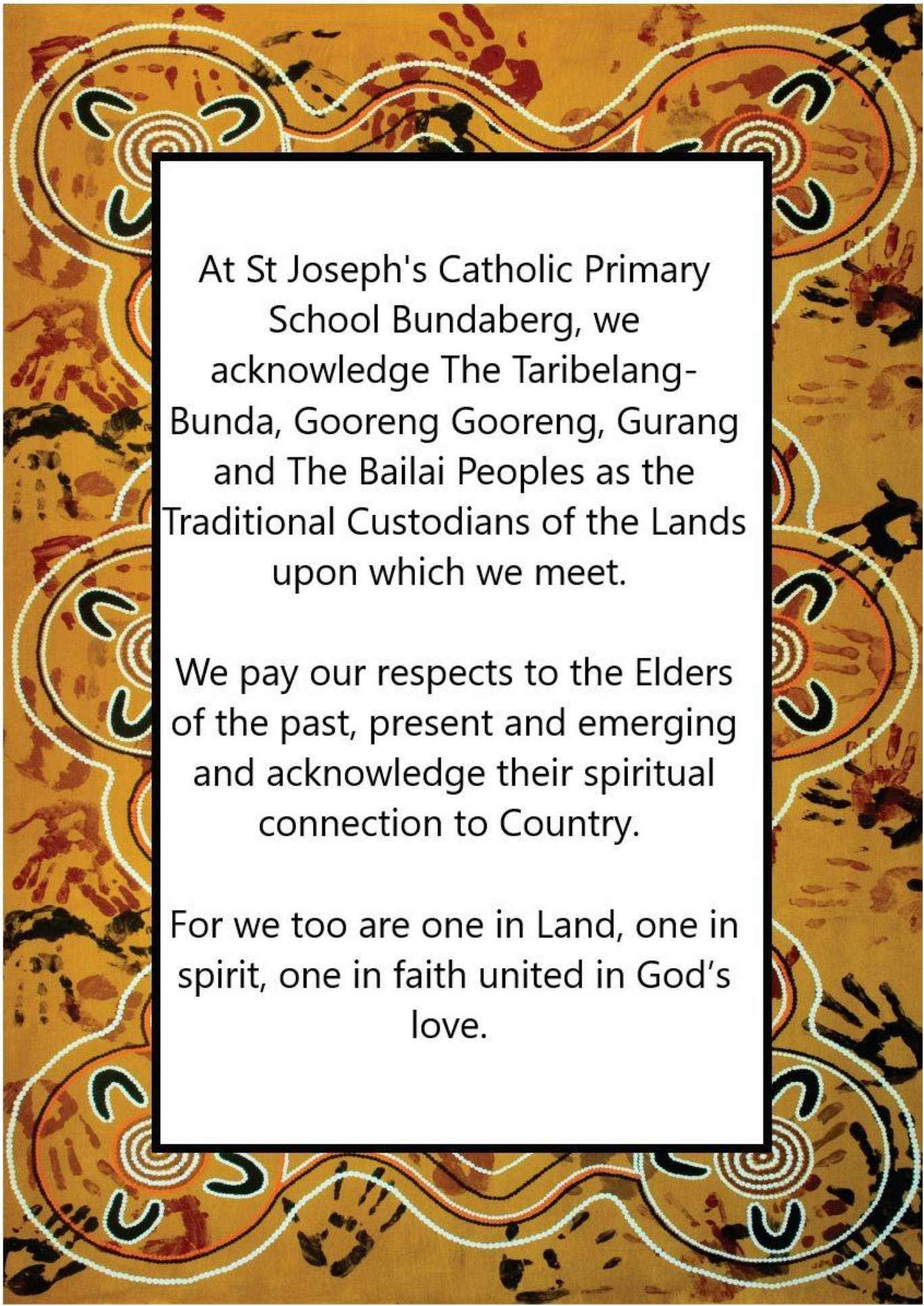
SIGNED BRISBANE LIONS JERSEY RAFFLE, WITH TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT
Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Brave Brothers | bravebrothers.org

All Welcome!

Play cricket!

Sign on today

BROTHERS CRICKET CLUB
BUNDABERG



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.