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Newsletter Term Two Week 10

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## Principal's Pen – Monica White



*Monica White*

**ST JOSEPH'S**  
GROWING AS ONE

# Celebrating 150 Years

1876-2026

**School Community Picnic Day**  
Join us for a day of spirit, fun, and tradition!

*Friday 7th August*  
**School Community Picnic Day**

- 8:30am - School Prayer Assembly - Feast Day of Mary MacKillop,
- 9:15am - Old-fashioned games - rotational activities
- 10:30am - Family picnic - join us for a shared picnic/ playtime
- 11:15am - Bush Dance display
- 12:45pm - 2:00pm - Fun Fair - fun stalls to visit
- Open school - visit classrooms, memorabilia, student artwork
- 150th merchandise for sale

Show your school pride and be part of the celebration!  
Everyone is invited to wear a costume from the "olden days"!

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# Celebrating 150 Years

1876-2026

**Community Celebration Day**  
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*Saturday August 8th*  
**Community Celebration Day**

- 10:30am - Parish Mass for Feast Day of Mary MacKillop,
- 11:45am - Open school: visit classrooms, memorabilia, student artwork, opening of the new paver path garden
- Food and drink vans,
- 150th merchandise for sale,
- 6:30pm - Dinner at The Brothers Club with entertainment.

Questions?  
Dinner tickets  
Contact and information:  
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email: [sjbg@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjbg@rok.catholic.edu.au)

# 150th Celebration Evening

LET'S CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY **08** 6:00PM  
AUGUST

3 COURSE ALTERNATE DROP MEAL  
SPEECHES - LIVE MUSIC

Tickets on Sale Now through the school office - \$85 per person  
07 4151 4771 sjbg@rok.catholic.edu.au

## FUN FAIR BOTTLE STALL DONATIONS

Help us celebrate 150 years!

As part of our 150th Celebrations, we are excited to be holding a Fun Fair for our school community.



Each family is asked to donate:  
**A bottle or jar filled with something fun or useful**

You can donate bought items or fill your own jar or bottle. More than one donation is welcome!

### Ideas for Bottles and Jars include:

- Craft & Stationery**  
Stationery & craft items
- Gifts & Accessories**  
Small toys, ribbons
- Treats**  
Lollies & chocolates
- First aid items**  
First aid items
- Bath & Beauty**  
Bath & beauty products
- Vouchers**

### DROP OFF POINT:

Please place all donations in the box in the office

## We are running a Tea Towel Fundraiser

Children's self-portraits have been arranged onto a unique Tea Towel Keepsake that EVERYONE will love!!

1 for \$20  
2 for \$35  
3 for \$45

**ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY  
17TH JULY**

Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted.

*Would make a great gift  
for grandparents!*

*Payments can be made through  
the St Joseph's school office -  
EFTPOS preferred or cash*



## From the APRE – Laura Campbell

### *Greetings to our families*

The first four weeks of Term Three will be remarkably busy.

- Challenge Cup,
- Children's Mass,
- Catholic Education Week,
- Grandparents Day Prayer Assembly,
- Year Five Day Camps and our
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Days!

Pheew!

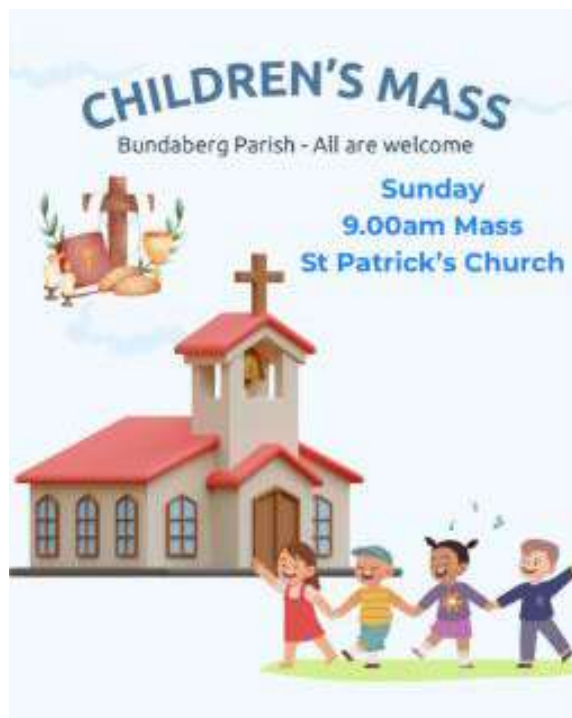
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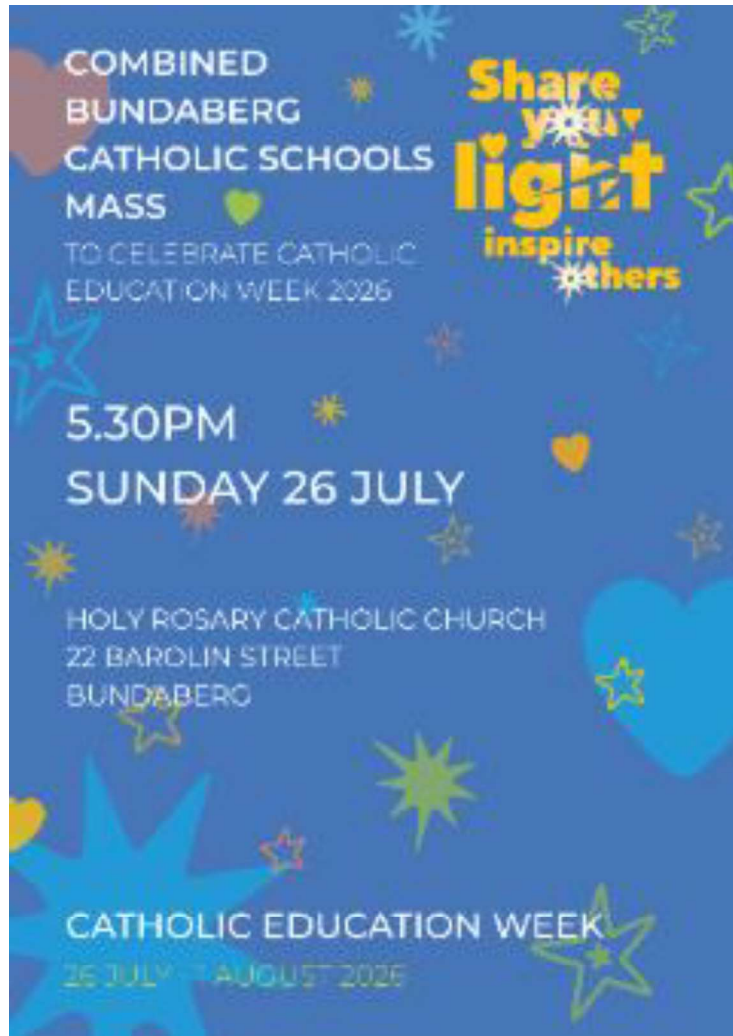
#### **Could I please ask students and families to assist at the following occasions.**

1. A student to read the **First Reading** at the Children's Mass for July. It will be on the **19<sup>th</sup> July** at 9.00am Mass, St Patrick's Church. I would love for one of our students who have just received their Sacraments to volunteer for this privilege.
2. Two students to read the **Prayers of the Faithful** at the Catholic Education Week Mass. This will be at the 5.30pm Mass, **26<sup>th</sup> July** at Holy Rosary Church.
3. Students to attend the Catholic Education Week Mass to represent our school in formal uniforms or take part in the choir.
4. Families to send in photos of grandparents and grandchildren for our Grandparents Prayer Assembly on 31<sup>st</sup> July. Grandparents are warmly welcomed to the Prayer Assembly.
5. Students to attend the **150<sup>th</sup> Mass on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am at Holy Rosary**. Students could choose to do readings (must have received the Sacraments), say the Prayers of the Faithful, sing in the choir or just be present.

If you are able to help with any of the above tasks, please contact me via email:

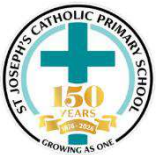
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*Have a blessed week,*

*Laura Campbell*



## Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

## Understanding School Reports: Celebrating Growth and Progress

As we approach the release of **Semester One report cards**, it is a timely opportunity to reflect on how student learning is measured and communicated in schools today. Education has evolved significantly over time, and with this change has come a more balanced, holistic approach to assessing and reporting on student progress.

Modern report cards are designed to provide a **clear picture of where a child is in their learning journey**, not just a summary of test results. They consider ongoing classroom observations, assessments, work samples and demonstrated skills over time.

One area that can sometimes cause confusion for families is the meaning of achievement grades. In today's reporting framework, a **“C” grade indicates that a student is working at the expected level for their age and year level**. This is a positive outcome and reflects consistent effort, engagement and achievement against Australian Curriculum. It means your child is making appropriate progress and meeting learning expectations.



It is important to remember that learning is not the same for every child. Students develop at different rates, have different strengths, and may need more time or support in some areas than others. Reports aim to recognise these variations while also highlighting achievement, improvement and next steps for learning.

Teachers spend a significant amount of time and care preparing reports. This process involves collecting evidence over time, moderating judgements, and ensuring each child's progress and growth is accurately reflected. The comments provided are designed to give families meaningful feedback and to support ongoing learning conversations at home.

We encourage families to view report cards as a starting point for discussion, rather than a judgement. Celebrate your child's efforts and successes, acknowledge the progress they have made, and talk positively about goals for the remainder of the year. Improvement, confidence and resilience are just as important as grades.

If you have any questions or would like further clarification about your child's report, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher. Strong communication and partnership between home and school play a vital role in supporting every student to thrive.

Together, we celebrate not only academic outcomes, but the growth, effort and learning journey of each child.

### **Reminder: 2026 Premier's Reading Challenge**

All **St Joseph's students** are taking part in the **2026 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)**, running from **11th May to 28th August!** This initiative encourages students to **develop a lifelong love of reading** by exploring a variety of fiction and non-fiction books.

**Reading Record Forms** have been sent home—make sure to track your child’s progress!

**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!

Book lists are available at [PRC Website](#). Let’s get reading! 

*Have a lovely break.*

~ **Emma Robinson**

Assistant Principal of Curriculum

## School Photos

**Order forms for school photos were sent home today. Additional forms, including those for family photos, are available from the school office.**



**PHOTO DAY IS NEARLY HERE!**



Queensland  
School Photography  
*"Putting a smile on every face"*

**Follow these steps to order:**

Tuesday 28th July

**School Access Key: GJJQT3QV**

Sibling Photo Time:

Tuesday 28th July @ OSHC Room from 8am

- Online Orders – visit [www.qldschoolphotography.com.au](http://www.qldschoolphotography.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).
- Siblings Photographs - Are only available to students enrolled at this school, not for adults or children outside of this school Siblings must attend at the allocated time and place for photos to be taken. QSP and the school are not responsible for missed sibling photo
- Late Orders for individual and class photos can be placed online for 1 week after photo day. After this, volume printing discount will not be applied.
- 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.

If you have any questions concerning your school photography please call (07) 3216 6777 or email [parents@qldschoolphotography.com.au](mailto:parents@qldschoolphotography.com.au)

# Grandparents Prayer Assembly

## Grandparents Prayer Assembly

We're honoured to welcome all grandparents and special loved ones to join us for Prayer Assembly






31 July 2026 at 8:30am - McKillop Hall

If you have any photos of your grandparents/special loved ones to share with the school please send them through to [sean\\_killeen@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sean_killeen@rok.catholic.edu.au)



## Outside School Hours Care

### Week One

MON 29 June 2026	TUES 30 June 2026	WED 1 July 2026	THURS 2 July 2026	FRI 3 July 2026
<b>Diamond Art</b> Use diamond art to create keyrings and stickers. 	<b>Gymfinity</b> Leap, jump and roll in the ninja room and on the gymnastic mats. 	<b>Hive Inflatables</b> Jump and play on the inflatable obstacle course. 	<b>Cooking with Puff Pastry</b> Bake some afternoon tea treats using puff pastry. 	<b>Peek-a-Boo Honey</b> Learn about bee keeping and taste some honey. 
\$70 \$15 incursion fee	\$70 + \$25 excursion fee	\$70 + \$25 excursion fee	\$70 + \$15 incursion fee	\$70 + \$25 incursion fee

### Week Two

MON 6 July 2026	TUES 7 July 2026	WED 8 July 2026	THURS 9 July 2026	FRI 10 July 2026
<b>Decorate a shirt</b> Decorate a t-shirt with your own design. 	<b>Rhee Taekwondo</b> We will walk to Rhee Taekwondo for a session of self-defence. 	<b>Basketball</b> Practice your basketball skills and play some games with Cubed Sports 	<b>Axolotl Painting</b> Miss Long will walk you through a painting tutorial to create a canvas. 	<b>Movie Time</b> We will travel to Reading Cinemas to enjoy a movie and a snack. 
\$70 + \$25 incursions fee	\$70 + \$15 excursion fee	\$70 + \$25 incursion fee	\$70 + \$15 incursion fee	\$70 + \$25 excursion fee

Please make your booking for the Winter Vacation Care as soon as possible to guarantee priority access.

If you are a new family wishing to attend, please [click here](#) for our online enrolment form.

## Shout Outs

<b>Lacey S</b>	For showing love like Mary MacKillop by having a giving and generous heart.
<b>Tayla</b>	For showing love like Mary MacKillop by having a giving and generous heart.
<b>Thomas M</b>	You were a walking Jesus when you played 'Masters' with some year 1 students. You were encouraging and caring and helped them have lots of fun.
<b>Mrs Clarke</b>	For being so generous with your time by swapping duties and releases with me to help while I am away.

## Student of the Week

<b>Prep</b>	<b>Lane</b>	For giving your best in all learning this week. You have been focused and 'ready to learn'.
<b>1</b>	<b>Maria</b>	For your kindness and your beautiful manners. You are a blessing to our class.
	<b>Rajbir</b>	For the wonderful perseverance that you show when you keep trying hard with all of your schoolwork. Well done!
<b>2</b>	<b>Kiara &amp; Ezra B</b>	For going the extra mile and completing your homework to an exemplary standard! Well done.
<b>3</b>	<b>Ezra F</b>	For being a polite, responsible and enthusiastic student and learner. Keep up the wonderful work, Ezra!
<b>4</b>	<b>Shilo</b>	For a great effort in writing and publishing this week. Well done!
	<b>Anakin</b>	For working hard to complete all tasks to the best of his ability
<b>5</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	For putting in extra effort in his work!
<b>6</b>	<b>Thomas W</b>	Thomas has shown outstanding effort in our small group spelling sessions. He consistently gives 100% effort and always strives to go above and beyond in his learning. This week, Thomas did a terrific job using all five focus spelling words in a single, coherent, meaningful sentence. Thomas should be very proud of the determination and perseverance he demonstrates every day.



# SHALOM COLLEGE

*Save the Dates*

## Year 7 2028

### APPLICATIONS OPEN

**December 2026**

Online | \*Semester Two Year 5 Report Card required

**APPLY** at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)

### INFORMATION EVENING

**Wednesday 10 February 2027**

Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

**REGISTER NOW** at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)

### COLLEGE OPEN DAY

**Tuesday 23 February 2027**

Shalom College Sports Centre

Parents & Students Welcome

**REGISTER NOW** at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)

### APPLICATIONS CLOSE

**Friday 12 March 2027**

Online | Applications Open December 2026

**APPLY** at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)

- **APRIL-MAY 2027:** Appointments for Interviews
- **END OF JUNE 2027:** Notification sent to advise of acceptance outcome

*Pathways to Excellence for all*



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton

## Out and About



BLU LIGHT DISCO

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**\$5 ENTRY**

SUPERVISED EVENT  
CANTEEN FACILITIES  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FRIDAY 17TH JULY | 5PM - 7PM | 7.30PM - 9.30PM  
PREP TO YR 6 | YR 7 TO YR 12

MUSIC | GAMES | PRIZES | GOOD VIBES ALL NIGHT!

BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE | BOURBONG ST, BUNDABERG CENTRAL



IWC NAIDOC

**block party 2026**

**FREE FAMILY EVENT**

**1 July 10am - 2.30pm**

**Bundaberg Recreational Precinct**

A celebration of culture, connection and community

[blockparty.iwc.org.au](http://blockparty.iwc.org.au)

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC WEEK 50 YEARS DEADLY 5-12 JULY 2026



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