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## Principal's Pen – Monica White

### Swimming Carnival

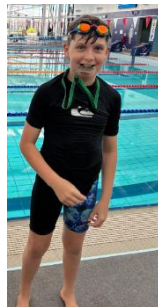
Congratulations to MacKillop for winning the 2026 Swimming Carnival. We also congratulate this year's Swimming Age Champions:

2017 – Theo & Delta

2016 – Thomas & Delilah

2015 – Flynn & Millie

Open – Zac & Zahli



Thank you to Sean Killeen for organising the Swimming Carnival. It was a smoothly run event and a great day was had by all, including by the Junior school who enjoyed a fun Wet Play morning at school.

Updating emergency contacts

We request that the school is provided with contact details for all parents listed in the enrolment contract as well as at least one additional emergency contact. This will allow the school to respond quickly if the need arises. Contact details, including emergency contacts, can be updated using Parent Lounge or the Orbit App.

### ANZAC Day March

The school will be participating in the ANZAC Day March on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Details of the March will be included in the first newsletter next term. Please keep an eye out for details of this important remembrance event. /

Wishing our St Joseph's community a blessed Easter filled with the hope, joy, and renewal of the resurrection. May this holy season bring peace, love, and light to your heart and home. "He is risen!"—rejoice in the promise of new life and the warmth of God's blessings.



*Monica White*

## From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our families,

### **Holy Week**

Holy Week is a special time when Christians reflect on the final days of Jesus' life.

*Palm Sunday* remembers Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where people greeted him with palm branches. The blessed palms we receive at Mass are later burned to create ashes for the next Ash Wednesday.

On *Holy Thursday*, we recall the *Last Supper*, when Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples and washed their feet - teaching us about love and service.

*Good Friday* is a quiet, reflective day when we remember Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross.

*Holy Saturday* invites us to pause and wait with hope, just as Jesus' followers did. That evening, the Easter Vigil begins with the lighting of the Paschal Candle.

*Easter Sunday* celebrates Jesus' resurrection - a joyful reminder of hope, renewal, and new life.



### **Family Activity Idea**

Create a "Resurrection Garden"

Using a small bowl, soil, a few stones, and some grass or flower seeds, families can build a simple mini-garden representing the empty tomb. Watch it grow together throughout the Easter season as a reminder of new life.



Please join us for a re-enactment of the events of Holy Week.

**FAMILY INVITATION**



# Holy Week

**STUDENT  
RE-ENACTMENT -  
MACKILLOP HALL - 2PM  
THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

Our Parish extends a welcome to our families to celebrate this most important season.

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

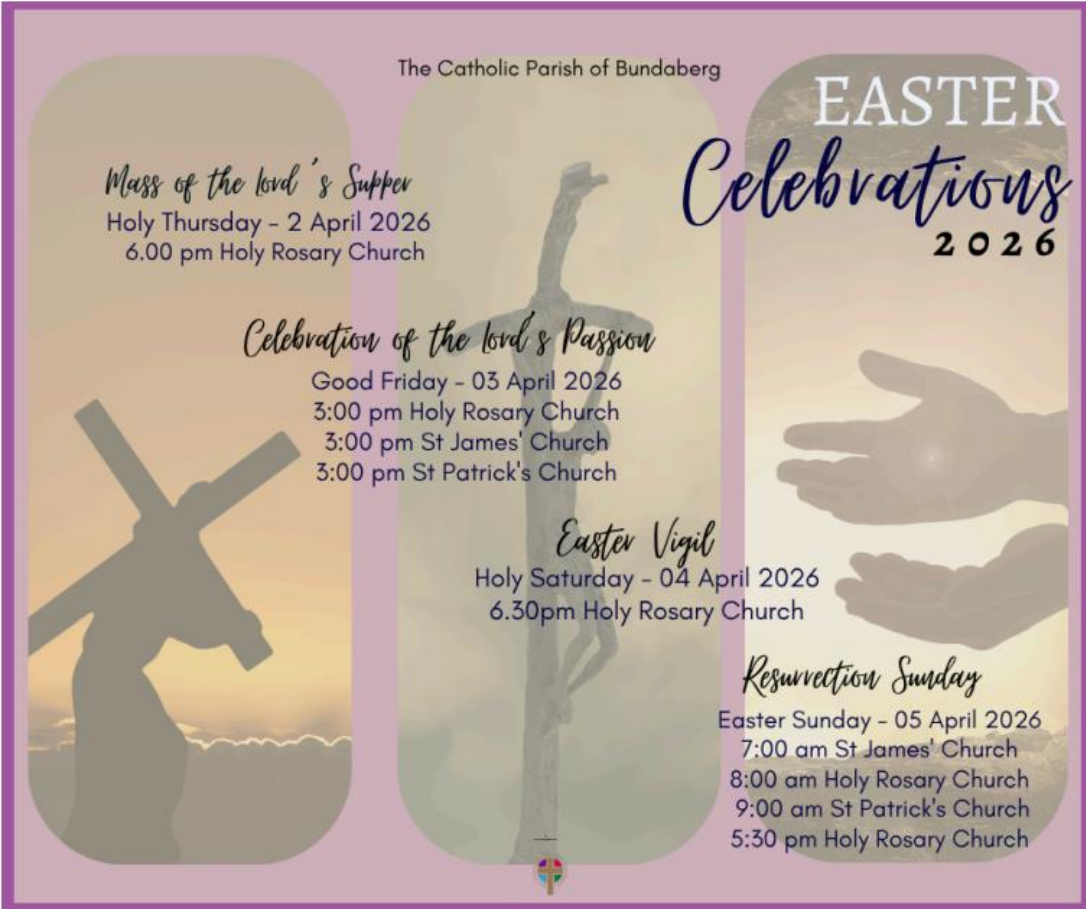
## EASTER Celebrations 2026

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*  
Holy Thursday - 2 April 2026  
6.00 pm Holy Rosary Church

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion*  
Good Friday - 03 April 2026  
3:00 pm Holy Rosary Church  
3:00 pm St James' Church  
3:00 pm St Patrick's Church

*Easter Vigil*  
Holy Saturday - 04 April 2026  
6.30pm Holy Rosary Church

*Resurrection Sunday*  
Easter Sunday - 05 April 2026  
7:00 am St James' Church  
8:00 am Holy Rosary Church  
9:00 am St Patrick's Church  
5:30 pm Holy Rosary Church



Wishing all our families a blessed and joyful Easter.

## Celebrating Diversity at Our Harmony Day Celebration

Last week, our school community came together to celebrate Harmony Day, a special event that recognises and embraces the rich cultural diversity that makes our school such a vibrant and welcoming place.

Students and staff proudly wore orange, the official colour of Harmony Day, symbolising respect, inclusiveness, and a sense of belonging for everyone. The day was filled with colour, connection, and meaningful learning as students explored the many cultures represented within our school community.

Many students shared cultural artefacts, food, artworks, music, and experiences that reflected their own family backgrounds, creating opportunities for learning from one another.

A highlight of the celebration was seeing students confidently share their heritage and listen with curiosity and respect to others. These moments reminded us that while we may come from many different cultures, we are united by the values of empathy, inclusion, and friendship.

Harmony Day is a powerful reminder that **“Everyone Belongs”**. Events like this help our students develop understanding, compassion, and pride in both their own identities and the diverse world around them.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers, staff, and students for making Harmony Day such a positive and joyful celebration. Together, we continue to build a school community where diversity is celebrated and everyone feels valued and included.



## PROJECT COMPASSION

### Holy Week

(Week beginning Monday 30 March)

As we mark Holy Week, we reflect on another year of turning our faith and love into action through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Throughout Lent, we've witnessed the power that our school community can generate when we come together as one and heard four incredible stories of resilience and strength which offer a window into the kind of transformative impact we can achieve.

In Tanzania, **Sisilia's** life was changed with access to nearby clean water. She can now spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dreams of one day becoming a pilot.

**Monoranjon**, from Bangladesh, learnt climate-resilient farming techniques, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

In rural Fiji, **Manaini** learnt food processing and gardening skills through Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, creating more income opportunities to support her children's education.

And in Gaza, **Caritas Jerusalem** staff remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

*But the work isn't done yet, and there is still time to donate!* Will you help make this our school's most meaningful Project Compassion yet?

### St Joseph's Project Compassion QR Code.

Please use the QR code to make a donation on behalf of St Joseph's School.



Thank you for standing with us as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

*Have a blessed week,*

*Laura Campbell*

Assistant Principal – Religious Education

## Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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



## Fun and Educational Activities for Kids During the Easter Break

The Easter break is a fantastic time for children to explore, learn, and have fun. Whether you're looking for hands-on crafts, science experiments, or outdoor adventures, there are plenty of engaging activities to keep kids entertained while fostering their curiosity and creativity.

### Fun and Educational Activities for Primary School Kids During the Australian Easter Holidays

The Easter holidays are a fantastic time for primary school children to explore, learn, and have fun! Here are some exciting activities that combine education with creativity, making the break both enjoyable and enriching.

#### 1. Science Fun: Easter Egg Experiments

Kids can explore science in a hands-on way with fun experiments like:

- **Egg Drop Challenge** – Encourage them to design a contraption to protect an egg from breaking when dropped.
- **Bouncing Egg Experiment** – Teach them about chemical reactions by soaking an egg in vinegar until it becomes rubbery!
- **Jellybean STEM Challenges** – Build towers or bridges using jellybeans and toothpicks to test engineering skills.

## 2. Easter-Themed Literacy Games

Boost reading and writing skills with Easter-themed word games:

- **Easter Egg Story Starters** – Let kids pick an egg with a fun prompt inside and write a short story based on it.
- **Easter Hunt Riddles** – Hide clues in an Easter egg hunt that encourage problem-solving and reading comprehension.
- **Bunny Book Club** – Read Easter-themed books together and discuss the stories.

## 3. Creative Crafts and Art

Crafting is a great way to develop fine motor skills while fostering creativity:

- **DIY Bunny Masks** – Kids can cut and decorate their own Easter bunny masks.
- **Salt Dough Easter Eggs** – Make and paint salt dough ornaments in Easter shapes.
- **Nature Collage Eggs** – Collect leaves, petals, and twigs to create beautiful nature-inspired Easter egg artwork.

## 4. Outdoor Adventure and Active Play

Get kids moving while enjoying the autumn weather:

- **Obstacle Course Egg Hunt** – Hide eggs in a backyard obstacle course for an active twist on traditional hunts.
- **Easter Scavenger Hunt** – Create a checklist of natural items to find in a park or garden.
- **Plant a Carrot Garden** – Teach kids about gardening by planting their own Easter bunny carrot patch.

## 5. Cooking and Baking Together

Cooking is a great way to introduce literacy, math and science in a practical way:

- **Bunny Pancakes** – Shape pancakes into bunnies and decorate with fruit.
- **Chocolate Egg Making** – Melt and mold chocolate to create homemade Easter eggs.
- **Hot Cross Bun Decorating** – Let kids ice and decorate store-bought hot cross buns with creative designs.

These activities help primary school kids stay engaged in learning while having fun during the Easter holidays. Whether indoors or outdoors, there's plenty to explore!

*Wishing all of our St Joseph's Families a happy and safe Easter Break!*

*~ Emma Robinson*

Assistant Principal Curriculum

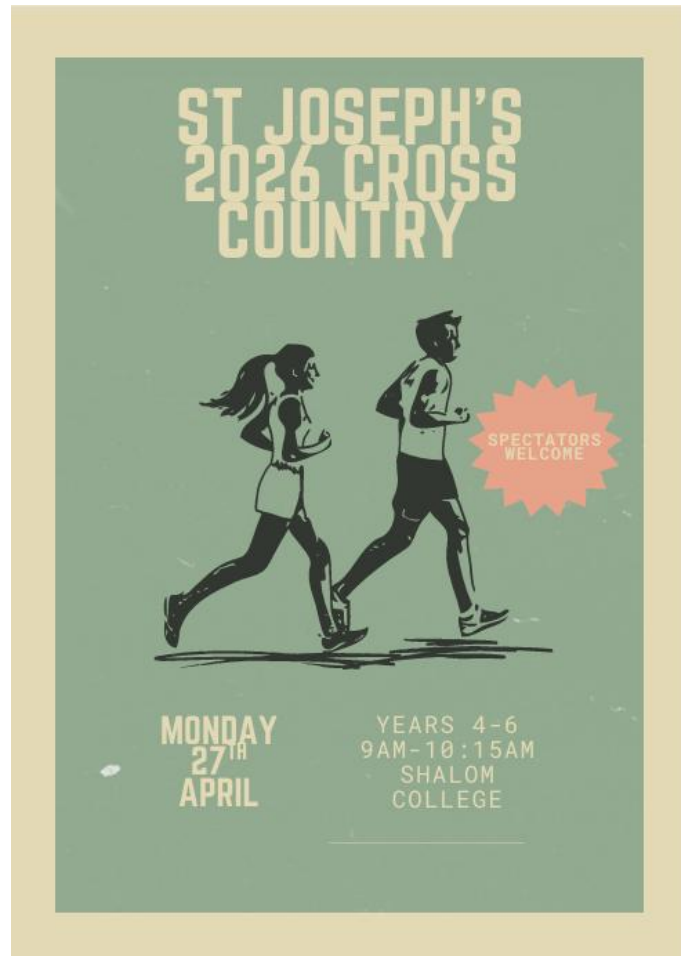
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WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THE ELDERS OF THE PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SPIRITUAL CONNECTION TO COUNTRY.

FOR WE TOO, ARE ONE IN LAND, ONE IN SPIRIT, ONE IN FAITH UNITED IN GOD'S LOVE.



## Cross Country



## 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>



A promotional banner for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg. The background is a green and blue gradient with diagonal stripes. On the right side, there is a photograph of four children in school uniforms smiling in front of a playground. The text 'ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG' is at the top. Below it, 'Prep 2027' is written in large white letters, followed by 'Online Enrolment Now Open' in teal. A list of four bullet points with checkmarks describes the school's features. A blue button with the text 'ENROL TODAY' is positioned below the list. At the bottom left, there is a small circular logo and a URL: 'https://enrol.sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au/primary-school-enrolment/start'.