



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term One Week 7

12 March 2026

Principal's Pen – Monica White

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has brought some unexpected challenges with the weather across our region. I want to sincerely thank our families for your quick responses to our safety communications. Our thoughts and prayers remain with our North Side families; we hope you are safe and that your homes remain protected from the floodwaters.

Catholic Schools Race Day

Weather permitting, the Catholic Schools Race Day is still scheduled for **Saturday, 14th March**. This is always a highlight of our social calendar, featuring fantastic food, live racing, and the glamorous 'Fashions on the Field.'

Why Your Support Matters: Last year, our school received **\$8,000** from this event, which was used to fund vital resources for our students. These funds are shared equally among all Catholic schools in Bundaberg, making it a true community effort.

Thank You:

- To the families who donated generous raffle prizes and vouchers.
- To **Care Right Associates (Phillip and Taylor)** for serving as a major sponsor.

Limited tickets are still available. We hope to see you there for a wonderful day out!

Monica White

Enjoy a Day Out at the
Bundaberg
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Race Day 2026

21 & TIMELESS

OVER 18 EVENT

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJHIZ>

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE -
ON SALE NOW!

SATURDAY 14 MARCH
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN 11:30AM

Admission \$85

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE
MARQUEE PARTY, 2 FREE DRINK
TICKETS & FINGER FOOD

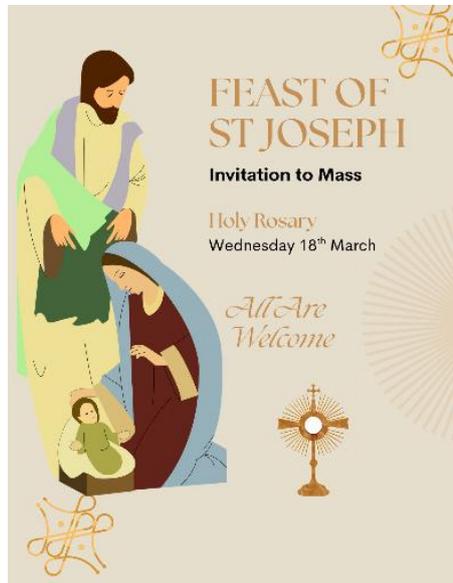
- FASHION PARADE
- HUGE RAFFLE

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

St Joseph's Feast Day Mass

You are invited to join us at Mass on Wednesday 18th to celebrate the feast Day of St Joseph at Holy Rosary Church at 12:15PM.



Green Team – Clean Up Australia Day.

Last week, Green Team members walked to the creek lying along the Walla St Parklands.

Their mission was to clean up any rubbish along the edges of the creek. We found 3 bags worth of rubbish ready to take to the tip!

With the help of Council Rangers, we noticed that a lot of the rubbish was packaging, plastics and paper wrapping, but we even found a broken pair of scissors!

By cleaning up this area, we are stopping any rubbish flowing down into the river and eventually into the ocean. As a Reef Guardian School and a Catholic Earth Care member, we are doing our bit to “Care for our common home”.

After the last few day's of rain, you may notice all the debris and rubbish left behind by people will float along the flooded roads and drains and eventually end up in our rivers and on the reef.

It is vitally important that we work together to care for our environment.

Well done Green Team!





PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent

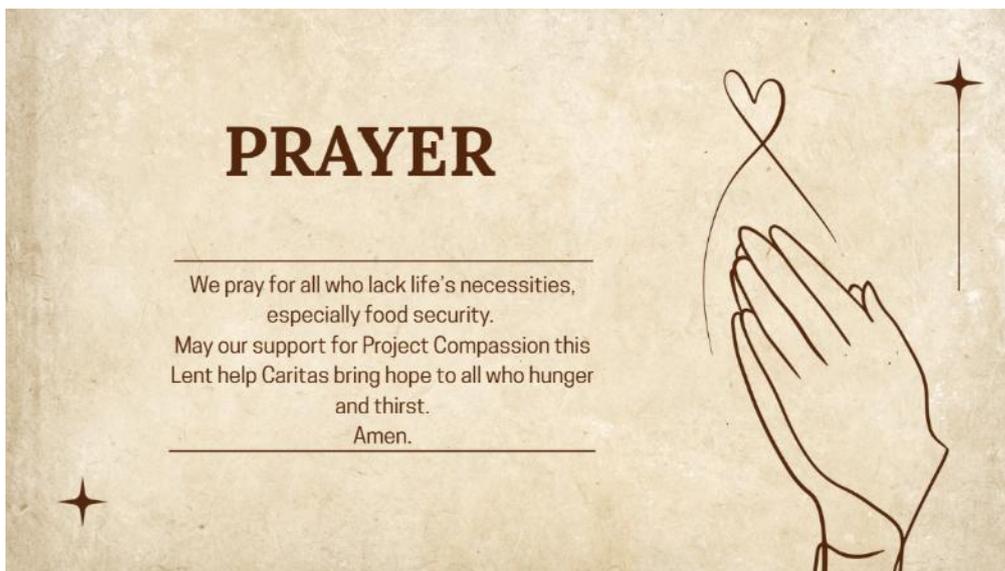
This week's readings remind us that while we often ask "*Why is this happening?*", Jesus invites us to look forward instead of backward. In the Gospel, the man born blind isn't a story of blame, but of possibility—an opportunity for God's work to be revealed. Lent calls us to step from darkness into light, asking not *why*, but "*Where can I go from here?*"

Samuel's anointing of David and Paul's message to the Ephesians both highlight God's ability to work through unexpected people and situations, opening new paths for hope and growth.

Project Compassion shares the inspiring story of **Manaini**, a mother and farmer from remote northern Fiji. Through Caritas-supported training in food processing and organic farming, she has transformed her family's livelihood and become a leader in her community. Her journey shows what becomes possible when we focus on the next hopeful step.

Please be generous and return any monies to school to add to the St Joseph's account.

This QR Code will take you directly to the school account to make any donations by direct debit.



*Have a blessed week,
Laura Campbell*

Assistant Principal – Religious Education

Parent Teacher Meeting

Book on the Orbit App or via Parent Lounge

BOOKINGS OPEN FROM:
Thursday, 12th March at 8:00am
until
Tuesday, 17th March at 3pm



This week Life Ed Queensland is visiting St Joseph's. Healthy Harold and the team are dedicated to supporting and enhancing the vital health messages taught at home and in the classroom. The primary school modules align with the Australian Curriculum for Health and Physical Education, which support teachers achieve key learning outcomes while complementing classroom lessons.

Each module is designed to deliver essential knowledge and skills in an engaging, interactive, and age-appropriate way.

The programs focus on:

- **Respectful Relationships and Emotional Well-being:** Promoting healthy interactions and emotional resilience.
- **Cybersafety and Cyberbullying:** Providing tools to navigate the online world safely and combat cyberbullying.
- **Nutrition and Healthy Eating:** Teaching the importance of balanced diets and physical activity.
- **Personal Safety:** Equipping children with strategies to stay safe in various situations.
- **Safety with Medicines:** Educating on the proper use and potential dangers of medicines.



- **Effects of Smoking and Alcohol:** Highlighting the impact of smoking and alcohol on the body.
- **Legal and Illegal Drugs:** Informing about the risks and effects of drug use.

Sourced: <https://lifeeducationqld.org.au/> 21/01/26



Have a happy Wednesday!
 ~ Emma Robinson
 Assistant Principal Curriculum

ST JOSEPH'S
 GROWING AS ONE

SWIMMING LESSONS

PREP - YEAR 6

Each Day from the 23rd-26th March

YOUR CHILD WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- TOGS
- SWIMMING SHIRT
- TOWEL
- RUBBER THINGS/CRCS TO AND FROM BUS
- GOGGLES (OPTIONAL)
- EAR PLUGS AND CAP (ONLY IF REQUIRED)
- A WATERPROOF BAG TO CARRY THE ABOVE

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser

Monday, 30th March, 2026

Join us for a fun-filled event!
 Raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

GOLD COIN DONATION
 or
 GET SPRAYED AT SCHOOL
\$5 one colour
\$10 multiple colours

Prayer Assembly Roster – Term One 2026

Week	Date	Class
Week 7	13/03/26	Year 1
Week 8	20/03/26	Year 5
Week 9	27/03/26	Swimming Carnival
Week 10	03/04/26	Good Friday – Public Holiday

Inclusive Education Team



Our school community is celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 20 March! There will be a “street stall style” display between 1.40 and 2.50pm. All parents are invited to pop along celebrate with us!

Harmony Day, is a special day where we recognise and value the cultural diversity within our school community. Harmony Day reminds us that “**Everyone Belongs**”, and it provides a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about and appreciate the traditions, languages and stories that make our community unique.

Several students who share a cultural background different from their peers have been invited to contribute to our celebrations. These students have already received a letter to share with their parents to prepare for the day. These have been invited to share aspects of their culture through:

- **Street-stall style displays**
- **Flags and artefacts**
- **Simple cultural clothing**
- **Food tasting (small samples only)**

We thank our families who have already supported their children in preparing these items. We look forward to a vibrant, inclusive day that helps all students develop respect, curiosity and understanding of the many cultures that enrich our school.

We encourage our whole school community to embrace Harmony Day by wearing “something orange” such as orange socks, orange shirt, orange ribbon.

Mrs Campbell, Mrs Roelofs and Mrs Robinson

(Inclusive Education Team)

AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TARIBELANG-BUNDA, GOORENG GOORENG, GURANG AND THE BAILI PEOPLE 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.





BAKERY LUNCH ORDER



LUNCH ORDERS
POSTPONED TO
FRIDAY 20/3/26

If you have already ordered, no need to do anything,
your order will now be for 20/3/26

(orders will **now** close **Thursday 19/3/26** at midday)

The logo for flexischools features a stylized green leaf icon to the left of the word 'flexischools' in a lowercase, green, sans-serif font.

Student of the Week

Prep	Cayden	For amazing us with your scientific knowledge this week when we were learning about how things move.
1	Casey and Harlow	For your amazing work with place value this week. You made sure your monsters ate the correct amount!
2	Mars and Isla	For being a class superstar. You consistently put your best effort into everything you do and set a wonderful example of responsibility for our entire class. Well Done!
3	Astrid	For your exceptional hard work in your writing and typing task this week! Well done!
4	Frankie. Charlie and Teddie	For showing a fantastic improvement in your commitment to completing your work to the best of your ability For your brilliant efforts in PE this week! Well done!
5	Daniel	For putting in extra effort with his buddy at the colour fun run!
6	Theo	For your awesome effort when writing your house captain speech. You have come up with some fantastic ideas.

Shout Outs

Madelyn, Ezra F and Hefron	For showing love by helping pack up in class when no is watching. You are like Mary MacKillop who sees a need and does something about it!
Lilianai and Abigail	For being caring like Mary MacKillop and helping classmates gather their equipment. You are a walking Jesus at our school.
Arlia	For always helping your peers inside and outside of the classroom. You truly shine when you look after others, reflecting the same generous spirit that Mary MacKillop demonstrated.
Ava	For showing love like Mary MacKillop with your care and concern for your fellow classmates.

OSHC Vacation Care

Please make your booking for the Easter Vacation Care before the end of Week 8, 20 March 2026 to guarantee priority access. Any spaces not filled by then will be opened to other schools during Weeks 9 and 10.

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

MON 6 April 2026	TUES 7 April 2026	WED 8 April 2026	THURS 9 April 2026	FRI 10 April 2026
Service Closed Easter Monday 	Library Visit Explore the local Library and play some board games. We will even get our own Library Card 	Moncrieff Theatre Come see Bad Guys 2 at the Moncrieffe and enjoy a snack 	Bird House Building Build and paint a wooden bird house. 	Cubed Sports – Sport-Fit Circuit Test your physical skills with circuit training and games. 
	\$70	\$70 +\$10 Excursion Fee	\$70 +\$15 Incursion Fee	\$70 + \$25 Incursion Fee

MON 13 April 2026	TUES 14 April 2026	WED 15 April 2026	THURS 16 April 2026	FRI 17 April 2026
Bead, Beads, and Beads Make keyrings, necklaces, Hama Beads and a suncatcher 	Innes Park Reserve Explore the playground and rock pools at Innes Park. 	Cubed Sports – Dodgeball Dash Learn the basic skills of dodgeball and be challenged to a group game. 	Reading Cinemas Watch a recent release movie and enjoy a snack 	DIY Rubic Cube Decorate your own puzzle cube and challenge your friends 
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Shalom Event - An Evening for Hannah with Saya Sakakibara



AN EVENING FOR HANNAH
WITH
Saya Sakakibara
2024 BMX OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST AND
3 TIME WORLD CUP WINNER

Thursday 19 March 2026
5:30pm-8:00pm
Shalom College Performing Arts Precinct

Funds raised from the evening will go towards Year 12 student, Hannah, and her recovery

BOOK TICKETS HERE: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJPFL>

Prep 2027

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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>

We kindly ask any families with a child eligible to start Prep in **2027** (born between **1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022**) to submit an application by **Friday, 27 February 2026**. This helps us plan how many places will be needed for younger siblings of current students before offering positions to new families.

You can submit your application here: [Prep 2027 Enrolment](#)

Enrolment interviews will take place from **April 2026**, with offers being finalised by the end of **Term 2**. Please note that once interviews and offers begin, we may be unable to guarantee a place for your child if we have not yet received your application.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

Term One Planner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	26 th Jan	27 th Jan	28 th Jan	29 th Jan	30 th Jan	31 J/1 Feb
	Australia Day	Term 1 Starts				
2	2 nd Feb	3 rd Feb	4 th Feb	5 th Feb	6 th Feb	7/8 Feb
	P&F Meeting			Basketball - Yrs 4-6	Yr 6 Leadership Day	
3	9 th Feb	10 th Feb	11 th Feb	12 th Feb	13 th Feb	14/15 Feb
	Board Meeting	Safer Internet Day		Basketball - Yrs 4-6 Anointing Mass (Yr 6)	National Apology Day Opening School Mass @ 12:15 Gracie Dixon (Yr 5)	
4	16 th Feb	17 th Feb	18 th Feb	19 th Feb	20 th Feb	21/22 Feb
			Ash Wednesday	Basketball - Yrs 4-6	Pupil Free Day Bishop's Inservice	
5	23 rd Feb	24 th Feb	25 th Feb	26 th Feb	27 th Feb	28 F/1 Mar
	Awareness Week					
				Basketball - Yrs 4-6 P&F Welcome Evening	Bishop Visit Colour Fun Run	Rare Disease Day
6	2 nd Mar	3 rd Mar	4 th Mar	5 th Mar	6 th Mar	7/8 Mar
7	9 th Mar	10 th Mar	11 th Mar	12 th Mar	13 th Mar	14/15 Mar
			NAPLAN			Catholic Schools Race Day
8	16 th Mar	17 th Mar	18 th Mar	19 th Mar	20 th Mar	21/22 Mar
	NAPLAN					Harmony Day
9	23 rd Mar	24 th Mar	25 th Mar	26 th Mar	27 th Mar	28/29 Mar
	Swimming Lessons					Swimming Carnival
10	30 th Mar	31 st Mar	1 st Apr	2 nd Apr	3 rd Apr	4/5 Apr
	Crazy Hair Day			End of Term 1	Good Friday	Easter Sunday

