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Newsletter Term Two Week 4

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Principal's Pen – Monica White

At St Joseph's we have 6 non-negotiable rules that staff discuss, model and practise with students. These 6 rules are the foundation of our classroom rules and expectations. Each week as a school we focus on one of the non-negotiables:

1. Correct school uniform
2. Moving safely and quietly
3. Care for people, places and things
4. Right place, right time, right task
5. Speaking/acting kindly
6. Practise safe online behaviour

This week our focus has been on the first rule – Correct school uniform. Coincidentally, on Monday night the School Board approved an amendment to the Uniform Policy. Wearing House shirts on the day of their PE Lesson is now part of the uniform. The School Sports shirt is to be worn on Fridays and for any event where students are representing the school. Below are the updated days for wearing the correct uniforms:

Monday	Prep & Year 2 House Sport Shirt, Years 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Formal Uniform
Tuesday	Formal Uniform
Wednesday	Formal Uniform (Year 6 Leadership Shirt)
Thursday	Year 2 Formal Uniform, Years 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 House Sport Shirt
Friday	School Sports Shirt

Prep - Tuesday to Friday – Sports Uniform

Within and beyond the school gates, a tidy uniform identifies us as part of a community we are proud of. By showing up in the correct uniform, from the right shoes to the shirt tucked in, we send a clear signal that we are **ready to work, ready to learn, and ready to represent** the very best of our school.

This week students have been reminded of the uniform expectations and the importance of a note from their parents if there is an occasion that the correct uniform was not possible. Students who are repeatedly not wearing their uniform correctly will be spoken to by me to remind them of the school expectations.

Monica White

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Uniform Code

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The wearing of St Joseph's uniform presents a statement to the community about our school. Students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. It is important that the uniform be worn correctly and with pride at school or when in the community. Students are expected to maintain a neat and tidy appearance.

Prep Students and School & House Sports Uniform

- St Joseph's teal polo shirt – to be worn on Fridays
- House shirt – MacKillop, Tenison-Woods or Rossolini – to be worn on PE Lesson day
- Girls – Black polyester sport skirt with logo **or** Unisex microfibre black sport shorts with logo
- Boys - Unisex Stubbies microfibre black sport shorts with logo * No cargo pockets or basketball shorts
- Black leather shoes and white socks as detailed below.

Years 1 – 6 Formal Uniform

GIRLS

- St Joseph's teal check formal dress
Or St Joseph's teal check blouse with black polyester skirt
- * It is suggested plain black sports underwear be worn under the formal dress

BOYS

- St Joseph's teal check shirt, tucked in
- Black Scags drill rugger style shorts with logo
- * No cargo pockets or basketball shorts



Standard Items for all Year Levels

SHOES

- Plain black leather shoes or joggers
- No canvas, mesh or suede shoes or boots
- No marks, brands or stripes visible on shoes



HATS

- St Joseph's black formal hat with logo, preferably embroidered with name on brim
- Optional item - St Joseph's black bucket hat with logo, preferably embroidered with name on brim.

SOCKS



BAGS

- available from AASTAT Stationery, 13b Electra St, Bundaberg and are an optional item.
- * If you choose to purchase another backpack it is preferred that it be **plain black** in colour.
- * All students must have a library bag to protect books taken between school and home.

Winter Uniform

- St Joseph's unisex black fleecy **or** microfibre zip front jacket
- Boys - Plain black tracksuit pants
- Girls - Plain black stockings or leggings
- No skivvies are to be worn under the uniform
- If jacket and tracksuit pants are worn together and the jacket is removed, then tracksuit pants also to be removed.

Other Uniform Code Details

HAIR

- All students – Minimum cut is gauge 2 and no shorter. All hairstyles are to be natural in colour, conservative and graduated/blended in style. No tracks, mohawks, mullets and/or rat's tails are permitted.
- Hair longer than shoulder length, must be tied back with appropriate school-coloured ribbons, bands or clips only.

JEWELLERY

Minimum jewellery is permitted with the school uniform.

- Earrings – one pair of studs or sleepers only in the lobe of the ear.
- Signet rings or holy medallions under shirt/dress.
- Analogue/digital watches for students from Years 4 to 6.
- Watches for the younger children are not recommended.
- No nail polish or make-up is to be worn to school.

SMART WATCHES

Smart watches are not permitted as they present privacy issues. If required for medical purposes Principal will provide approval. Smart watches are considered to be watches with any of the following features:

- Wi-Fi or 3G/4G connectivity
- Inbuilt camera
- Ability to display photos
- Capable of sending or receiving text messages or notifications from another device.

Uniform Suppliers

All new uniforms can be purchased from:

The Uniform Shop,
17 Walker Street, Bundaberg
Phone: 4152 8139
shawemb@bigpond.com

House Shirts and Various second-hand uniform items are available from the St Joseph's P&F.

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

Children's Mass

Each month our parish celebrates a Mass with a special focus on making it child oriented.

I invite everyone to Mass on Sunday 24th May, with a special invitation to all those students receiving their Sacraments this year.



Shout Outs!



Each week, our staff and students are invited to nominate members of our school community who have shown actions that reflect our core virtues through a *Shout Out*.

At our Catholic school, we celebrate the virtues of Love, Faith and Courage. These values are inspired by the examples of St Joseph, Mary MacKillop, and most importantly, Jesus.

When we see kindness, compassion, inclusion, care for others and the environment, or acts of courage and faith, we witness these virtues in action and our shared connection to God.

If you notice someone in our community living out these values, we encourage you to nominate them for a *Shout Out!*

Have a blessed week,

Laura Campbell

Assistant Principal – Religious Education

The Power of Reading

Reading is one of the most valuable habits a child can develop. It strengthens language skills, builds imagination, and opens doors to new ideas and worlds. As we continue to nurture a love of learning at school, we're encouraging students to explore reading in all its forms, across a variety of genres and through different, enjoyable reading experiences.

Why Reading Matters

Children who read regularly tend to develop stronger vocabulary, improved comprehension, and greater confidence in their learning. But beyond academics, reading helps children:

- Build empathy by seeing the world through different perspectives
- Strengthen focus and concentration
- Develop creativity and curiosity
- Discover personal interests and passions

The more children read, the more they grow not just as learners, but as thinkers and storytellers.

Exploring Different Genres

Every child is unique, and so are their reading preferences. Encouraging students to explore a range of genres helps them discover what excites them and keeps reading fun. Some popular genres include:

- **Fantasy** – magical worlds, mythical creatures, and imaginative adventures
- **Realistic Fiction** – stories that reflect everyday life and relatable experiences
- **Mystery** – puzzles, clues, and problem-solving
- **Non-fiction** – facts about animals, science, history, and real-world topics
- **Graphic Novels** – visual storytelling that supports comprehension and engagement
- **Poetry** – rhythm, language play, and creative expression
- **Biographies** – inspiring stories of real people and their achievements

Trying new genres helps children stretch their thinking and discover new favourites.

Reading Comes in Many Forms

Reading doesn't have to look the same for every child. In fact, offering variety can make reading more accessible and enjoyable. Children can read:

- **Printed books** – the classic, hands-on reading experience
- **Audiobooks** – great for long car rides, quiet time, or supporting comprehension
- **E-books** – adjustable text size and built-in features can support emerging readers
- **Magazines and articles** – short, engaging texts for quick reading bursts
- **Comics and graphic novels** – highly visual and motivating for many learners
- **Shared reading** – reading with a parent, sibling, or friend

All of these count as reading. What matters most is that children are engaging with language and stories in ways that feel enjoyable and meaningful.

How Families Can Support Reading at Home

A few simple habits can help nurture a lifelong love of reading:

- Set aside a regular reading time each day
- Visit the local library together
- Talk about books your child is reading
- Model reading - let children see adults enjoying books too
- Encourage choice; children are more motivated when they pick their own books

When reading becomes part of everyday life, children begin to see it not as a task, but as a joy.

Growing Readers, One Story at a Time

By exploring different genres and embracing a variety of reading experiences, children build confidence, curiosity, and a genuine love of stories. Together—at school and at home—we can help every child discover the magic of reading.

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!

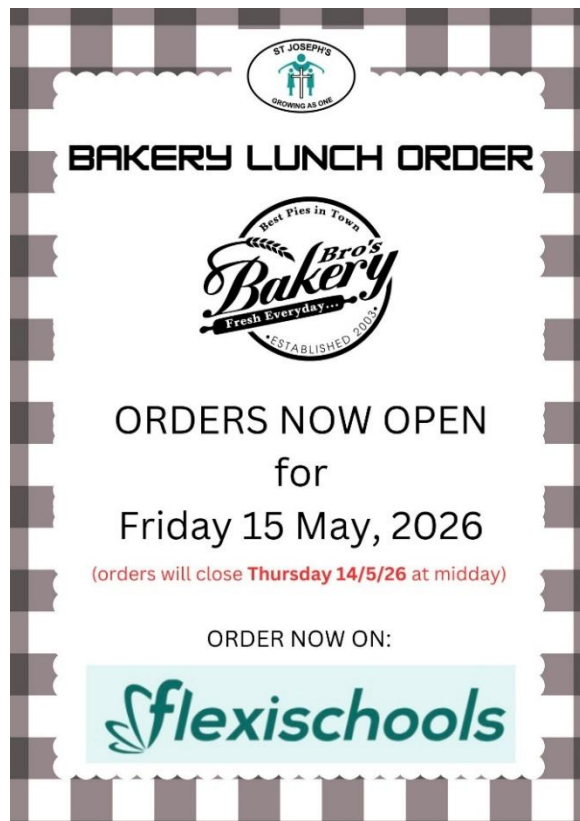
Book lists are available at [PRC Website](#). Let's get reading! 

Have a happy Wednesday!

~ **Emma Robinson**

Assistant Principal Curriculum

P and F News



The poster is framed with a brown and white checkered border. At the top center is the St Joseph's logo with the text "ST JOSEPH'S" and "GROWING AS ONE". Below this is the text "BAKERY LUNCH ORDER" in bold, black, uppercase letters. In the center is the Bro's Bakery logo, which is circular and contains the text "Best Pies in Town", "Bro's Bakery", "Fresh Everyday...", and "ESTABLISHED 2008". Below the logo, the text reads "ORDERS NOW OPEN for Friday 15 May, 2026". Underneath that, in smaller red text, it says "(orders will close Thursday 14/5/26 at midday)". At the bottom, it says "ORDER NOW ON:" followed by the FlexiSchools logo, which features a stylized leaf icon and the word "flexischools" in a green, lowercase font.

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

Story Dogs – Miss Jan and Miss Darcy



Miss Jan and Miss Darcy are wagging their tails with excitement as they invite all families and friends to come support the Story Dogs Stall at the Neighbourhood Watch Community Fun Day!



Fun Reading 🐾 Reading for Life

BUNDABERG
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Neighbourhood Watch Queensland
www.nhwq.org

June 6th
Alexandra Park West
9am-2pm

FREE!
OUTDOOR GAMES
FACE PAINTING
LIVE MUSIC

FREE Tip Fit
Anti-Theft Screws
SAFE PL8
DON'T GIVE CRIME A FREE RIDE

FOOD & DRINKS

LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000
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BUNDABERG FIRE SERVICE

CRIME STOPPERS
A Community Volunteer Organization

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For More Information **Neighbourhood Watch Bundaberg**

Student of the Week

Prep	Zara Rose	For being brave and using a big voice to answer questions in Prep.
1	Shresta	For being a wonderful part of our class family. You always put your best effort into everything that you do.
	Alfred	For trying hard with your learning this week. Well done!
2	Corbin & Ezra	For your fantastic effort in learning and writing this week. You are a superstar in the class, well done!
3	Harvey	For consistently setting a great example to his peers during learning and play. Keep up the awesome work, Harvey!
4	Luke & Theo	For working hard on all set tasks this week. Well done!
5	Sushan & Henry	For settling in positively and having a great learning attitude.
6	Max R	For listening to feedback and using it to improve his paragraph writing. Even though it was tricky at first, he took the time to think carefully about the suggestions he was given and made changes to fix and strengthen his work. His perseverance and willingness to learn are fantastic to see—well done, Max!
	Frankie	For his focus and effort in writing three mini paragraphs for his Youth Parliament speech. He stayed persistent and put in lots of concentration to get his ideas down, even when it was challenging. His hard work and determination really paid off—well done, Frankie!

Shout Outs

Sushan	For giving positive feedback in the moment to teammates in soccer for interschool sports, saying “good defending” and encouraging them. You are a walking Jesus at our school.
Mrs Jerome & Ms Long	For being supportive and helpful at interschool sports. You demonstrate care and love for our students and staff.
Nate	For generously giving away your balloon to another student, showing compassion and empathy, just like Mary MacKillop.
Mrs Von Stien	For always keeping the Year Six room clean and tidy. It is really appreciated. You are a walking Jesus at our school.

Term Two Planner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	20 th April	21 st April	22 nd April	23 rd April	24 th April	25/26 April
	Term 2 starts					ANZAC Day
2	27 th April	28 th April	29 th April	30 th April	1 st May	2/3 May
	Cross Country P&F Meeting				Jump into Joey's Interschool Sport (4-6)	
3	4 th May	5 th May	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May	9/10 May
	Labour Day Holiday				Interschool Sport (4-6)	
4	11 th May	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May	16/17 May
	Board Meeting	Discovery Day (Yr 5)			District Cross Country	
5	18 th May	19 th May	20 th May	21 st May	22 nd May	23/24 May
			Year 6 Government Incursion	Year 6 Youth Parliament	Year 5 Government Incursion Interschool Sport (4-6)	
6	25 th May	26 th May	27 th May	28 th May	29 th May	30/31 May
		National Sorry Day		Bundy Show Holiday Episcopal ordination	Interschool Sport (4-6)	
7	1 st June	2 nd June	3 rd June	4 th June	5 th June	6/7 June
					Interschool Sport (4-6)	
8	8 th June	9 th June	10 th June	11 th June	12 th June	13/14 June
9	15 th June	16 th June	17 th June	18 th June	19 th June	20/21 June
	Board Meeting					
10	22 nd June	23 rd June	24 th June	25 th June	26 th June	27/28 June
	Athletics Carnival	High Jump			End of Term 2 Semester 1 Reports Published	

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.



Out and About



Reconciliation starts with **you.**

Are you all in?

Registrations now open for Bundaberg & Gayndah Primary Schools

IWC Reconciliation Art Project



Register Now

artproject.iwc.org.au






3X3 BASKETBALL

FAST. FUN. DEAD.

BUNDABERG

MONDAY - 29th JUNE 2026
9AM - 3PM

BUNDABERG PCYC

8-16

Have you had your 715

HEALTH CHECK IS REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A 715 HEALTH CHECK COMPLETED BY IWC BEFORE PLAYING.

IWC 715 HEALTH CHECK CLINIC DAYS
21 & 22 MAY 2026

BOOK YOUR HEALTH CHECK TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!



CONNECTING & THRIVING MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES EVENT BY



SAT 23 MAY 2026

VOLLEYBALL SOCIAL GAMES

10 AM - 2 PM
The Hangar @ Shalom College

Free Food
Diversity of cultural entertainment
Yard Games & Art activity

Transport support available for groups, families or individuals - contact us to discuss



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comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au





VOLUNTEER TODAY

BE PART OF THE TEAM TO SUPPORT SOMEONE TODAY!

Would you be willing to dedicate just one hour a week or fortnight to brighten the day of an elderly person in a Residential Aged Care Home or in the home of a client who receives Support at Home (formerly known as a Home Care Package)? Whether it's sharing a conversation over a warm cup of tea, playing a game together, or simply enjoying some music, your regular visits can have a profound impact on their quality of life.

Phone 4153 4233 or 1800 179 233 to contact us



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Friends for Older People
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Flourish Family Fun Day

Tuesday 30 June
9 am - 1 pm
Boreham Park, Avenell St

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FREE EVENT

Incorporating the Welcome Baby Celebration and traditional Teddy Bears Parade

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GET READY WITH BIRDIE
Supporting children and families to get ready for and get through natural disasters and disruptive events



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