

#### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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**Newsletter Term Two Week 5** 

21 May 2025

### From the APRE - Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

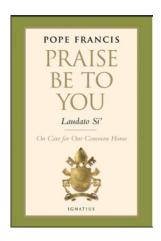
#### Laudato Si'

Laudato Si', which means 'praise be to you', is a letter that Pope Francis wrote in May 2015 to the global community.

In his letter, Pope Franics shared his vision about how Catholics should care for our planet.

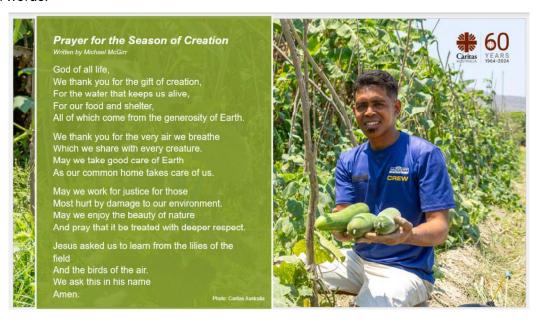
The letter focuses on caring for all creation.

A video explaining this can be found at this <u>link</u>.



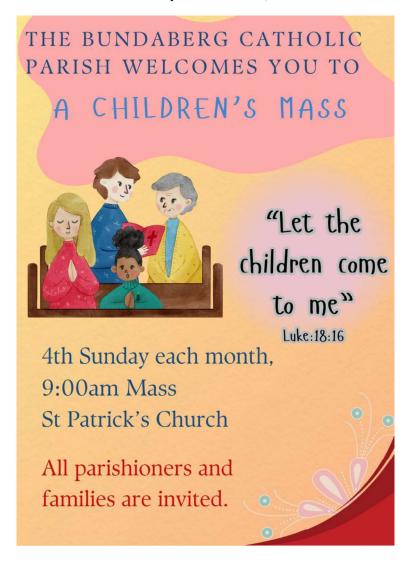
Our Green Team will lead the Prayer Assembly this Friday and will share this video with the students. Please feel free to join us.

At St Joseph's we hope to promote the Catholic Social Teaching of Care for Our Common Home by our actions and words.



#### **Children's Mass**

You are invited to the Children's Mass this Sunday at St Patrick's, 9am.



Have a blessed week,

Laura Campbell

**APRE** 

## Curriculum Corner - Emma Robinson

## **Embracing Inclusivity**

#### Supporting Children with Disabilities

At St Joseph's, we believe that every child deserves to be valued, included, and supported, regardless of ability. Disabilities come in many forms—some visible, others less obvious—but they do not define a person's worth or potential.

As parents, educators, and community members, we play a crucial role in creating an environment that nurtures inclusivity. By fostering understanding and advocating for accessibility, we empower children with disabilities to fully participate in school, friendships, and everyday life.

#### **Understanding Disabilities**

Disabilities can be physical, developmental, sensory, or neurological, and their impact varies from person to person. Some children may have conditions such as Autism, ADHD, dyslexia, or chronic illnesses that affect their daily lives in ways others may not immediately see. These invisible disabilities are just as significant as visible ones and require the same level of support and respect.

#### The Power of Language

The words we use matter. Terms like "disabled," "disability," and "disorder" are not negative—they are accurate and valid. Avoiding these words or replacing them with phrases like "differently abled" can unintentionally downplay the experiences of those living with disabilities. By embracing the correct terminology, we normalize conversations about disability and encourage acceptance.

#### **Creating an Inclusive Environment**

An inclusive environment means that every child feels safe, supported, valued, and empowered. Here are some ways we can work toward inclusivity:

- **Education:** Learn about different disabilities and the challenges they present. Encourage discussions at home and in the classroom.
- **Empathy:** Teach children to approach differences with curiosity and kindness, rather than assumptions or judgment.
- Accessibility: Support initiatives that improve accessibility in schools and community spaces.
- Advocacy: Stand up for equal opportunities, ensuring that children with disabilities receive the accommodations they need to thrive.



#### Leading by Example

Children learn inclusivity by observing the behaviours of the adults around them. By demonstrating empathy, using respectful language, and celebrating diversity, we set a powerful example for the next generation.

At St Joseph's, our mission is clear: to create a welcoming space where every child has the opportunity to succeed. Through education, advocacy, and compassion, we can build a future where inclusivity is not just an ideal but a lived reality.

Together, let's embrace the strengths, challenges, and unique perspectives of every child—because inclusivity is not just important, it's essential!



# <u> I</u> Reminder: 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge 🖳



All St Joseph's students are taking part in the 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC), running from 6th May to 22nd 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!



Congratulations Prep for successfully reading 20 books!!!

#### Have a happy Wednesday!

~ Emma Robinson

Assistant Principal of Curriculum

## **Catholic Parish of Bundaberg**



Click here for Catholic Parish of Bundaberg Newsletter

### **Finance News**

#### **School Fees Due: MAY 29**

School accounts were issued last week via email and the Orbit App / Parent Lounge. Please ensure they are paid by the due date unless there is an approved Payment Plan in place.

#### SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

#### **Direct Deposit**

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your **parent code** located at the top right corner of your statement reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.



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#### **BPay**

*BPay* is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A *BPay* logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement if you choose to pay this way.

#### **Direct Debit**

If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Anderson for assistance.

#### Parent Lounge / Orbit App

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal / Orbit App, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

#### **Centrepay**

Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments.

St Joseph's CRN is 555-055-064-X and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

# P & F Forum Group



# St Joseph's Parents & Friends Forum

#### St Joseph's P&F Forum aims to:

- Build a positive relationship between the school and the parent body through active participation.
- · Assist the school in the provision of resources.
- · Promote and maintain school community spirit.

Please come along to the next meeting, advertised in the School Newsletter, if you are interested to find out more about the P&F Forum.

If you would like to be involved with various projects run by the P&F such as lunch orders, BBQs, school events, please contact the office. We would love to meet you.

# St Joseph's P&F Term 2 Lunch Order Overview

Week 2 - 2/5/25 - PIZZA HUT

Week 4 - 16/5/25 - SUBWAY

Week 5 - 23/5/25 - BRO'S BAKERY

Week 7 - 6/6/25 - PIZZA HUT

Week 9 - 20/6/25 - SUBWAY

Week 10 - 27/6/25 - BRO'S BAKERY

If you are available to help serve Pizza & Bakery lunch orders (approx. 10:30-11:00am),

please contact the school office





# Student of the Week

Р	Rajbir, for giving your best effort in all learning this week!
1	<b>Liulupelosa, Gabriella and Alayna</b> , for the consistent and thorough effort you dedicate to all writing tasks.
2	Xavier and Dominick, for the great effort you put into learning about fractions this week.
3	Shilo and Theo, for their excellent effort in class.
4	Beth, for excellent improvements in reading comprehension. Well Done!  Joseph, for working hard to reach his writing goals. Keep up the good work!
5	Max R, for your increasing success towards a personal goal that you've been working on, keep it up!  Blake, for your increasing success and improvements at 'tracking the speaker'! Keep it up!  Liam, for your excellent efforts and wonderful behaviour! You could receive this award every week, well done!
6	<b>Ethan,</b> for your awesome teamwork skills during our Year 6 Discovery Day. It was great to see you sharing your knowledge in a mature way to work well with others.

# **Shout Out Friday**

Oscar D	For approaching tricky situations in a kind and thoughtful way. Keep shining brightly!
Sophia	For looking out and taking care of the St Joseph's community. Your kind nature is a light in our school.
Zac	For the way you showed care for Mrs Robinson when you protected her from a soccer ball approaching. Your kindness was much appreciated – you saw a need and did something about it.
Charley R	For caring for our common home by picking up rubbish at lunchtime.
Beth	You show kindness just like Mary MacKillop in the way that you look after a preppie that you catch the bus with.
Tommy	For showing the kindness of Mary MacKillop by giving up your time to help some grade 2 students with their Lego building.
Sahara and Sophia	For their caring attitude when they helped escort a Prep to the eating area. You truly show love and consideration for others.
Kaufusi Cup Team	For learning to listen to teammates and work together. You are getting better every week. You are showing courage when you share

## **Qld Health**

#### **Dear School Principals:**

Acute respiratory infections (ARI) April 2025 Acute respiratory infections (ARIs) can spread quickly in schools where large numbers of students learn and play in close contact. ARI prevention is a joint effort. Parents, caregivers, and staff need to work together and take the necessary precautions to prevent ARIs from spreading.

For more information: Schools and early childhood and care providers: Acute respiratory infections (ARI)

Queensland Health

# Schools and early childhood and care providers: Acute respiratory infections (ARI)

April 2024 General communique Communicable Diseases Branch

#### Key messages for sharing in schools and early education and care providers

- Get your FREE vaccinations in 2024 for influenza and COVID-19 if you are eligible.
- Stay at home when you are sick (including keeping sick children home from school or childcare)
- Clean your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- If you need to leave the house while unwell, maintain physical distance from others and consider wearing a mask when you cannot physically distance.
- · Practice good respiratory hygiene by:
  - coughing or sneezing into a tissue or the inside of your elbow
  - discarding used tissues immediately in a bin, and
  - cleaning your hands thoroughly.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, tapware, tabletops, remote controls, mobile devices (e.g., phones, laptops etc), benchtops and fridge doors and clean your hands after cleaning.
- Ensure good ventilation by opening windows and doors and spending time outside in the fresh air.

# **Acute Respiratory Infections (ARIs)**

Viruses that cause acute respiratory infection (ARI), including influenza (flu), COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), can result in significant disruption to schools and the wider community. While the viruses are different, the strategies to prevent them are largely the same.

ARIs can spread quickly in schools where large numbers of students learn and play in close contact with each other. Preventing ARIs is a joint effort and parents, caregivers, and staff need to work together and take the necessary precautions to stop ARIs from circulating. ARIs can cause serious illness and complications in otherwise healthy people.

Schools and early childhood and care providers: Acute respiratory infections (ARI) - April 2024 General communique Communicable Diseases Branch

# Term Two Calendar 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend			
1	21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	26/27 Apr			
	Public Holiday	Term 2 Starts			ANZAC Day				
					ECSI Survey				
					Closes				
2	28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	3/4 May			
			holic Identity Gatheri	ng I	Year 6 Prayer				
		P&F Meeting			Assembly				
		@5pm			Interschool Sports				
					4-6				
3	5 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10/11 May			
	Labour Day	Premier's	, 11dy	o riay	Year 3 Prayer	Mother's Day			
	Holiday	Reading			Assembly	r lother o buy			
	,	Challenge Begins							
		5 0			Japanese				
					Drumming Visit				
					Interschool Sports				
					4-6				
4	12 <sup>th</sup> May	13 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> May	17/18 May			
	Board Meeting	Discovery Day			Year 2 Prayer				
			Kaufusi Cup		Assembly				
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5	19 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> May	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	24/25 May			
			WHS Audit		Interschool Sports 4-6				
6	26 <sup>th</sup> May	27 <sup>th</sup> May	28 <sup>th</sup> May	29 <sup>th</sup> May	30 <sup>th</sup> May	31/1 Jun			
	Reconciliation Week								
	National Sorry			Show Holiday	Year 4 Prayer				
	Day				Assembly				
					Interschool Sports				
					4-6				
7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7/8 Jun			
		Mabo Day			Year 1 Assembly				
					Interschool Sports				
8	9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	4-6 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun	14/15 Jun			
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	Enrichment Yr 1-2	Enrichment Prep			Athletics Carnival				
	Board Meeting								
10	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	28/29 Jun			
					Year 5 Prayer				
					Assembly				
					Term 2 Ends				

# Bundaberg Sports Trial Dates

2025		BUNDAB	ERG TRIALS			-Wi	BTRIALS		QШ	CHAMPS
SPORT	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE
AFL BOYS	17 Feb 24 Feb	ATW. Grounds	M Polusi Alloway SS	N Bigg M Pelusi	1 ZApri	Gymple		B Lethborg B Dean N Frawley	5-8 June	Maroochydore (SunC)
AFL GIRLS	17 Fcb 24 Fcb	ATW Grounds	M Pelusi Alloway SS	J Robson M Pelusi	1 April	Gymple		I Robson M Boor	5-8 June	Margochydor (SunC)
BASKETBALL BOYS	27 Feb 3 March	Basketball	S Mulaney Woongarra SS	T Laycock M Yarsow	23 24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy	TBC T Laycock 5 Sacipovic	12-15 June	Boondall (MN
BASKETBALL GRIS	27 Feb 3 March	B'borg Basketball	S Mulancy Woongarra SS	S Mulaney M Yarrow	23 24 April	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	L Cant E Connell	12-15 June	Moondall (M)
CRICKÉT BDYS	15/17/24 July	Noville	Simon Kelly 89HS	M McDonald A Donnison	3 SAug			A Donnison M Paisons	15-19 September	Bundaberg (V
CRICKET GR15	16/21/23 July	Noville	Simon Kolly BSHS	H Dwyer S Kelly	3 4 Aug			E McLellan E Green	15-18 September	Aspley (MN)
CROSS COUNTRY	16 May 1230pm	Ayocass	Paul As h Kim Alcorn	S Holmes J Clarke	3 June	North Burnett Gayndah	Losh from	C Holmes	Service and the	Bald Hills (MN
BOYS	11/12/18 March	North High Oval	Paul Ash Avoca 55	A Donnison B Gunningham	1 2 May	Heryey Bay	Wondy Mason	D Tucker	31 July-3 August	Tingalpa (ME)
FDOTBALL GRLS	10/17 Maich	North High Oval	Paul Ash Avoca 55	T Golfshawsky P Ash	1 Z May	Hervey Bay	Wendy Mason	T Chappell L Ashfold	31 July-3 August	Tingalpa (ME)
HOCKEY	7 March 17/24	Nominations Due Hinkler	Dean Pickup Oakwood SS Sharon Smith	D Pickup	3 April 2 May	Gymple	tynele	D Pickup S Buit	2.2-25 June 5-8 June	Wacoi (MW) Toowoomba
BOYS	March	Pork.	Kalke SS	HDwyer	Z MOY	Hervey Bay	Badcock	R Worder	p-e sune	(DD)
HOCKEY GIRLS	17/24 Maich	Hinkler Park	Sharon Smith Kalkle SS	S Smith S Kendal	2 May	Heryely Bay	tynelle Badoock	S Kendail R Dickens	5-8 June	Toowoomba (DD)
NETBALL IRLS 11-12 YRS	27 Feb, 6 & 13 Maich	St Luke's	Sharyn Batt Walkervale 55	5 Batt K Hainsen	1/2 April	Kingaroy	Hiden Maudsley	K O'Brien 5 Batt	29 May- 1 June	(SunC)
NETBALL OYS 11-12 YRS	13 Mar	St Luke's	Sharyn Batt Walkervale SS	T Batt K Hansen	2 April	Kingaroy	Hiden Maudsley	K Hansen T Batt	29 May- 1 June	Caloundra (SunC)
MIXED INV 10-11 VRS	27 Feb, 6 & 13 Maich	St Luke's	Sharyn Batt Walkervale SS	RBatt CSmith	30 March	North Burnett		D Farrell K Blaike	31 May- 1 June	Curramundi (SunC)
RUGBY LEAGUE BOYS 11-12YRS	17/24/31 March	Waves Sports C	Jason Shears Woongarea SS	J Alberts N Moore	1 Z May	Hervey Bay	R Messer	R Messer TBC T Pinney	26 June-1 July	Mt Isa(NW)
RUGBY LEAGUE MIXED INV	17/24/31 Maich	Waves Sports C	Jason Shears Woongarra SS	K Van Boek H Russo	10 11 May	South Burnett Murgon Showgrounds		K Van Book C Feiguson R Misser	29 June - 3 July	Brendale (MN
10-11YRS RUGBY EAGUE 10YRS	17/24/31 Maich	Waves Sports C	Jason Shears Woongarra SS	R Elphinstone El Haskins						
UGBY LEAGUE 9 RLS 11-12YRS	15/17/22July	Salter Oval	Jason Shears Woongarra Si-	E Hodge N Russell M Plumb	1:2 August	Maryborough		T Denning N Moore N Burssell	15-18 Sept	Townsville (N
SOFTBALL BOYS	24 Feb 3 Masch	Bundy Softball	A.Ash Avo ca 55	D Manley 5 Smith	3 April	Bundaberg		I MacPherson A Kelly TBC	21-24 August	lpswich (MW)
SOFTBALL GIRLS	24 Feb 3 March	Bundy Softball	A Ash Avo ca SS	D Phillips S Smith	3 April	Bundaberg		D Phillips R Pfingst S Smith	2 1-24 August	lpswich (MW)
SWIMMING			Directly to WB School Sport		17 Feb	Nominations Due		5 Moy C Holmes 1.	23-25 March	Chandler (ME
TENN 5	14 March	Rotary Courts			2 May	Hersey Bay	R Frohloff	C Frohioff R Frohioff	14-17 August	Cairns (P)
TOUCH BOYS	7/14 March	Shalom	Greg Kruger Nowille SS	L Mason 5 Holmes	23-24 April	Gymple		G Kruges S Moy	14-17 August	Roma (SW)
TOUCH GIRLS	7/14 March	Shalom	Greg Kruger Norville SS	G O'Shanesy S Holmes	23-24 April	Gymple		G O'Shanesy F Dichburn	14-17 August	Roma (SW)
TRACK & FIELD Day 1 Day 2 1500M	7 August 8 August 15 August	Stule's Stule's Stule's	PAsh 7 Gollshowsky	PAsh NStitt T Golfshawsky	27 August	Bundsberg		C Holmes 5 Holmes K Sheppard 5 Kelly K Wills A Martin C Gooden T McClentock T Gollshowsky D Tucker	13-15 October	Townsville (N

## **Out and About**







