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Newsletter Term Two Week 7

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Principal's Pen – Monica White

Last Thursday, along with Mrs Campbell and Mrs Merefield, I had the privilege of travelling to Rockhampton to witness the Solemn Mass of Installation of Bishop Daniel Meagher as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Rockhampton.

Born in West Wyalong, Bishop Danny was educated by the Jesuit Fathers at St Ignatius' College Riverview before studying economics and law at The University of Sydney. His previous roles include Director of Catechesis for World Youth Day, Director of Mission for Catholic Care, Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate, Administrator of the Cathedral at Broken Hill, Rector of the Good Shepherd Seminary, and most recently Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Bishop Danny brings a wealth of experience to our Diocese and we look forward to welcoming him to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Bishop Danny will be in Bundaberg this weekend to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for the children who have been undertaking their sacramental preparation. We also hope to see Bishop Danny during our 150th Celebrations in August.

We keep Bishop Danny in our prayers as he shepherds the people of our Diocese into this next chapter with faith, hope and compassion.



Monica White

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our families,

Sacramental Program

This weekend some students from St Joseph's will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a special moment in our faith journey. It strengthens and deepens the gift of the Holy Spirit first received at Baptism, helping our young people grow in faith and live more fully as followers of Jesus.



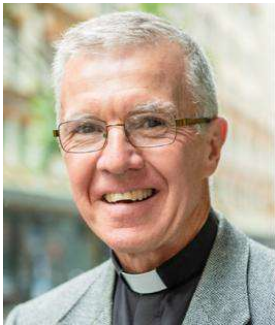
In the Gospels, we see how the Holy Spirit continued the work of Jesus after his time on earth. Before he returned to the Father, Jesus promised his disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit, who would guide and support them in living out his teachings and sharing his message with others.

In the early Church, Baptism and Confirmation were celebrated together, usually by a bishop. Over time, as communities grew, Baptism was more often celebrated by parish priests, and Confirmation began to be received at a later age.

During the Confirmation ceremony, the bishop or priest lays hands on each candidate, praying that the Holy Spirit will fill them with its gifts. The candidate is then anointed with holy oil on the forehead in the sign of the cross, marking them as strengthened in faith. It is also a tradition for each candidate to choose a saint's name, drawing inspiration from that saint's life and asking for their guidance and prayers.

We keep our Confirmation candidates in our prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Welcome to Bishop Daniel Meagher



Last Thursday, clergy, staff, students and parishioners from around the diocese and beyond attended the Mass to officially install Rev Daniel Meagher as the new Bishop of Rockhampton. It was a solemn but also joyful occasion. Bishop Danny was warmly welcomed by many representatives from all services and outreach groups of the Catholic Church and the wider community.

He has come to our diocese with much experience in both service and administration in the Catholic Church, having served as Parish Priest and administrator for a number of Parishes and outreach programs. He comes to us from Sydney where he grew up and has served since his ordination in 1995. [Biography](#)

Bishop Danny will be in town to preside over the rituals for children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. We look forward to meeting with him and making him feel welcome to our parish here in Bundaberg.

You can read more about Bishop Danny's appointment [here](#).

Have a blessed week,

Laura Campbell

Youth Parliament Experience for Years 5 & 6

Last week, our students enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Parliamentary Education team, who delivered engaging learning experiences about Queensland Parliament and democracy.

Year 5 participated in an interactive incursion, exploring how decisions are made and what it means to be an active citizen.

Year 6 attended an excursion to the Brothers Club to take part in Youth Parliament. Hosted by the Queensland Parliament and chaired by Members of Parliament, students debated a motion and shared their ideas in a real-life parliamentary setting.

This hands-on experience built valuable skills in speaking, listening, and respectful debate, while strongly supporting learning in HaSS.

We thank the Parliamentary Education team for providing such a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn how democracy works in action.





The NCCD – What do I need to know as a parent?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) is a yearly count of students by all Australian schools across the country. The aim of the NCCD is to provide the Australian Government with information about the number of students with disability in Australian schools and the type of adjustments they need in order to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students. From 2018, the NCCD has been used by the Australian Government to inform funding for schools, known as the ‘student with disability loading’.

If you are a parent, guardian or carer of a child with disability who requires ongoing adjustments at school, a teacher or another school staff member will consult with you to understand your child’s needs. This collaborative approach ensures the most appropriate adjustments are chosen to support your child’s learning and participation at school. In some cases, an individual education plan (IEP) or personal learning plan (PLP) may be developed to document specific educational goals and to review your child’s progress over time.

Your child will be included in the NCCD if they require ongoing adjustments at school due to a disability as defined by the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#). This is a very broad definition of disability, which includes physical and intellectual disabilities, learning disorders such as dyslexia and dysgraphia, and mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression. The Disability Standards for Education 2005 set out the obligations of schools towards students with disability. Under the 2020 NCCD Guidelines every effort should be made to inform parents/guardians/carers that a student has been included in the NCCD. Where this is not possible, the reasons should be documented.

If your child has a disability, your child’s school will provide information about them for the NCCD, including:

- your child’s year of schooling
- the category of disability that best describes your child’s difficulties (one of four categories is chosen by the school team to reflect your child’s greatest area of need: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional)
- the level of adjustment your child receives at school (one of four levels is chosen by the school team to reflect the type of support your child requires: quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary adjustment, substantial adjustment, or extensive adjustment).

The information collected by schools for the NCCD will ultimately be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education.

While it is not possible for schools or families to ‘opt out’ of the NCCD, the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is treated with utmost importance. Data is collected within each school, and personal details, such as student names and other identifying information, are not provided to local or federal education authorities.

Related resources:

[Fact sheets for parents, guardians and carers about the NCCD](#)

NCCD Website - <https://www.nccd.edu.au/for-parents-guardians-and-carers>

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

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 |
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| <p>Diamond Art Use diamond art to create keyrings and stickers.</p>  | <p>Gymfinity Leap, jump and roll in the ninja room and on the gymnastic mats.</p>  | <p>Hive Inflatables Jump and play on the inflatable obstacle course.</p>  | <p>Cooking with Puff Pastry Bake some afternoon tea treats using puff pastry.</p>  | <p>Peek-a-Boo Honey Learn about bee keeping and taste some honey.</p>  |
| \$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 |
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| <p>Decorate a shirt Decorate a t-shirt with your own design.</p>  | <p>Rhee Taekwondo We will walk to Rhee Taekwondo for a session of self-defence.</p>  | <p>Basketball Practice your basketball skills and play some games with Cubed Sports</p>  | <p>Axolotl Painting Miss Long will walk you through a painting tutorial to create a canvas.</p>  | <p>Movie Time We will travel to Reading Cinemas to enjoy a movie and a snack.</p>  |
| \$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. 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.



PIZZA HUT LUNCH ORDER

FRIDAY 5 June

Orders now open on



Orders close **THURSDAY 4/6/26 at Midday**



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

Week 2 - 1 May - PIZZA HUT

Week 4 - 15 May - BRO'S BAKERY

Week 7 - 5 June - PIZZA HUT

Week 10 - 22 June - SUBWAY

(22/6/26 Athletics Carnival)

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



HOUSE SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED!

Thank you for your house shirt orders they look fantastic! Those who ordered house shirts, they will be sent home with your children today.

SMALLER SIZE NOW AVAILABLE:

We have ordered a limited number of KIDS Size 6 if there are any children that the KIDS Size 8 is too big for (We didn't offer the KIDS Size 6 in the original order). Measurements for a KIDS Size 6 are Length 45cm, ½ Chest 34cm. Please see the office if you want to purchase a smaller size.

MISSED OUT?

We have a limited number of shirts available to purchase in KIDS Sizes 8-12 and MENS XXS – M if you missed out on ordering.

IMPORTANT SIZING INFORMATION

NO EXCHANGES OR REFUNDS FOR INCORRECT SIZE

Please read carefully!

The sizing for our NEW House Shirts **DIFFERS SIGNIFICANTLY** from the sizing we have used in the past for the KIDS SIZING.

To ensure the best fit, we strongly recommend that you **DO NOT RELY ON YOUR CHILD'S USUAL SIZE.**

For example: If your child is usually a size K6 shirt, their NEW House Shirt size will be a K10 going off the new sizing chart.

We strongly urge you to also follow these measuring instructions for any parent shirts being ordered.

SIZING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Select a shirt at home that fits your child well (e.g. their school PE shirt if it fits them well).
2. Please see the diagram below for how to measure the HALF CHEST (A) and LENGTH (B)
3. "A" - Measure the HALF CHEST (across the front, under the arms)
4. "B" - Measure the LENGTH (from collar seam to bottom hem)
5. Compare these measurements with the sizing chart provided below for the new shirts.

Using this method will help you choose the most accurate size and avoid ordering issues.



KID'S NEW HOUSE SHIRT SIZING CHART:

| | K8 | K10 | K12 | K14 | K16 |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HALF CHEST (cm) | 38 | 42 | 46 | 52 | 56 |
| LENGTH (cm) | 50 | 55 | 59 | 63 | 68 |

MEN'S NEW HOUSE SHIRT SIZING CHART:

| | XXS | XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL | 5XL |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HALF CHEST (cm) | 51 | 53 | 55 | 58 | 60 | 62 | 64 | 68 | 72 | 76 |
| LENGTH (cm) | 70 | 72 | 74 | 76.5 | 78.5 | 79 | 81 | 84 | 85 | 88 |

DONATIONS:

If you wish to donate your old style house shirt please send into the office. We will be donating old shirts to WeCare for children in Papua New Guinea.

**ST JOSEPH'S
HOUSE SHIRTS**

**DID YOU HEAR THE BIG NEWS??!!
HOUSE SHIRTS CAN BE WORN EVERY
WEEK FOR YOUR CLASS PE DAY!!!**

Tenison Woods
Rossolini
MacKillop

(Colour and design may differ slightly than shown here)

\$20 PER SHIRT

St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten Bundaberg

Open Afternoon
Thursday 4th June 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Please RSVP via email
kindergarten@rok.catholic.edu.au
Please include your name and
your child's name

Scan me to
complete your 2027
waitlist form



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton



Student of the Week

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| Prep | Delilah | For being a ray of sunshine in our classroom! You begin each day with a smile, always try your best and are kind and helpful to all. |
| 1 | Zander Denzel | For always going above and beyond what's been asked of you. You give everything 100% effort to everything that you do. Well done! For the bravery and determination you show when faced with challenges. Your belief in yourself is going to help you leap over every challenge you face. Well done! |
| 2 | Gabriella & Iveigh-Lee | For your wonderful effort with reading and expression during Literacy groups. Well done! |
| 3 | Lacey | For being a caring and compassionate student and being motivated to take on new tasks and challenges. Keep up the beautiful work, Lacey! |
| 4 | Skye | For excellent improvements in reading comprehension! Keep up the good work! |
| 5 | Sam | For making the extra effort in his work and staying on task. |
| 6 | Rvardios | For meditation and being still serving as a reminder that mediation can be a moment of calm in the stillness. |

Shout Outs

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| Lucas | Teaching another student how to do a weaving craft from Mrs Long |
| Mrs Dexter | For swapping duties with me when I had a last-minute scheduled parent meeting |
| Junior School | For being safe and sensible on the new playground by sharing and waiting in line to try the new equipment. |
| Riley & Oscar - | For being great examples of sportsmanship at soccer |

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 |
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| 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

SHALOM COLLEGE PRESENTS

2026 SHOWCASE

ALL SEASONS. ONE STAGE

DANCE | DRAMA | MUSIC

7PM FRI-SAT
12-13 JUNE

SHALOM PERFORMING ARTS PRECINCT

ADULTS \$20
STUDENT/CONC. \$15
+ BOOKING FEES



BLUELIGHT 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!

BUNDEBERG CIVIC CENTRE | BOURBONG ST. BUNDEBERG CENTRAL

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

ACVVS AGED CARE VOLUNTEER VISITORS SCHEME
Friends for Older People **WWW.IMPACT.ORG.AU**
funded by the Australian Government



Call for Young Artists Postcard Design Commission

We are seeking 5 young artists to create original postcard designs celebrating Bundaberg Region. This paid opportunity invites you to share your creative voice as part of a region-wide project.

Share Your Art. Share Your Place.

Postcard Exchange Project | October 2026

Who can apply

- > Aged 25 and under
- > Living in, or a strong connection to Bundaberg Region or surrounding areas
- > Any visual art style or medium

No professional experience required

EOI Opens 1 May 2026

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Bundaberg Regional galleries

Flourish Family Fun Day

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

FREE EVENT

Incorporating the Welcome Baby Celebration and traditional Teddy Bears Parade

Get ready with Birdie
THIS YEAR'S THEME
GET READY WITH BIRDIE
Supporting children and families to get ready for and get through natural disasters and disruptive events

BOOK A STALL
SCAN HERE

Supported by:

- carriacoon's kids
- BUNDEBERG REGIONAL COUNCIL
- WIDE BAY KIDS
- Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service
- C&K Childcare & Kindergarten
- NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE