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Newsletter Term Three Week 1

16 July 2025

Principal's Pen – Monica White

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term Three. I hope that all our families enjoyed a quieter change of pace from our busy lives over the June/July school holidays.

We have hit the ground running in Term Three, traditionally always one filled with a variety of school events. The term planner has been included in the newsletter to keep you informed of important dates and events.

Today our St Joseph's Football and Netball Teams begin competing in the Diocesan Challenge Cup Carnival in Yeppoon. I am sure they will have a wonderful time and be great representatives of St Joseph's as they compete against other Catholic schools from across our Diocese. Our thanks go to the dedicated staff who have been supporting these two teams – Mr Killeen, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Newman, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Rycen.



From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families,

Sacramental Program

Every year, the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg offers the opportunity for children to participate in the Sacramental Program. This program provides families and students with the information and faith formation they need to be able to nurture their relationship with God and become more active in the community as part of the Catholic Family.

The program includes the Rite of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. It is conducted from Term One through to Term Three, running several workshops for both children and parents.

We would like to congratulate and offer our thoughts and prayers to those students currently preparing to receive their sacraments. This weekend and next, these students will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion.

Holy Spirit, strengthen our students with your gifts of
Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord,
and serve as a disciple of Christ.

Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit.

Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within so that they can count on your guidance
today and every day.

Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ,
sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

St Theresa of Avila

Congratulations!



Catholic Education Week

Our theme for Catholic Education Week is “Communities of Faith, Hope and Love”.

At this time the schools of the Catholic Communities celebrate the wonderful opportunities and students and staff that make up our schools.

Please view the video about the launch of this special week: [CEW Launch Video](#)

You are also invited to celebrate Mass with us.



The banner is divided into two main sections. The left section has a dark blue background with a large, faint white cross. It features the text "CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN QUEENSLAND" at the top left, followed by "CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK" in large white letters, and "27 JULY – 2 AUGUST 2025" below it. Logos for QCEC, UniSuper, and ACU are at the bottom left. The right section has a bright blue background with the words "COMMUNITIES OF FAITH HOPE LOVE" in large, bold, white letters. The word "HOPE" is stylized with a sunburst inside the letter 'O'. A faint heart shape is visible on the right side. The website "catholiceducationweek.com.au" is at the bottom right.

**Join us as our Catholic Schools come together
to celebrate Catholic Education Week.**

*Sunday, 27th July
5:30pm Mass, Holy Rosary*

Grandparents Day

Jesus' grandparents are remembered on their feast day, celebrated 26th July each year. As a part of our activities for Catholic Education Week, St Joseph's is inviting all grandparents to a special Prayer Assembly and classroom activities. Please see the flyer below.

**St Joseph's invites our families to attend
a special Prayer Assembly dedicated to
our grandparents.**

Happy
**GRAND
PARENT'S**
Day!

Monday, 28th July
8:40am
Mary MacKillop Hall
Classroom visits + cake and coffee.

ALPHA Program

Alpha is a faith discovery program originally begun in London 30 years ago. It is now in 169 countries throughout the world and has been experienced by 29 million guests.

Having conversations about faith, life and Jesus can be hard. But it doesn't have to be. Alpha creates a space where our friends, family, neighbours can explore the Christian faith and the meaning of life in a way that is relaxed and respectful.

The format is simple. Over a number of weeks guests gather to have a meal together, hear a talk on the Christian faith and then have a discussion together in small groups. For so many people Alpha was the catalyst that began, or restored, their faith in Jesus Christ.

A new round of Alpha is currently being offered. Please make contact with the Parish Office for more information or to sign up.



Have a blessed week

Laura Campbell

Curriculum Corner – Emma Robinson

Building a Lifelong Love of Reading

Reading unlocks imagination, broadens horizons, and strengthens critical thinking—skills our students will carry through life. At St Joseph's, we understand that becoming an independent, fluent reader is more than mastering letters and sounds; it's about cultivating curiosity, empathy, and a sense of wonder.



Research-Driven Reading Instruction

Every decision we make around reading is grounded in the latest educational research. Our teachers engage with cutting-edge pedagogies, from phonemic awareness and guided reading to vocabulary development strategies. This ensures that each child not only decodes text accurately but also builds deep comprehension and confidence.

A Rich, Diverse Library Ecosystem

We invest annually in high-quality, language-rich titles across both our Learning Hub and classroom libraries. You'll find:

- Contemporary fiction and timeless classics
- Non-fiction that sparks discovery in science, history, and the arts
- Culturally diverse stories reflecting the backgrounds and experiences of all our students
- Age-appropriate challenge texts that stretch young readers toward the next level

Our librarian, Mrs Elliott, partners with classroom teachers to guide students in selecting "good-fit" books - those matching their reading level and personal interests.

Celebrating Stories All Year Round

Our school calendar bursts with reading-focused events designed to build excitement and community spirit:

- **Book Week** (Week 6): The Learning Hub transforms with vibrant decorations, daily themed activities, and we hold a costume parade where students and teachers dress up as favourite characters.
- **Indigenous Literacy Week & Book Swap** (3rd September): Children bring in books they've outgrown and exchange them for new treasures, fostering sustainable reading habits and celebrating First Nations authors.
- **Premier's Reading Challenge** (Ends 22nd August): - For several consecutive years, St Joseph's has achieved 100 percent participation—an achievement that speaks to our collective passion for reading.




Join Us on Our Reading Journey

At St Joseph's, every child's voice matters—and every story counts. We're committed to nurturing readers who think deeply, connect broadly, and carry a lifelong love of books into their futures. Thank you for partnering with us to build a community where reading isn't just a skill, but a shared celebration.

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! Challenge Requirements:**

- **Prep to Year 2:** Read or experience **20 books**
- **Years 3 & 4:** Read **20 books**
- **Years 5 to 9:** Read **15 books**
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Help us **continue our 100% participation streak** and foster a love for reading! Let's get reading! 

Have a happy Wednesday!

~ Emma Robinson

Assistant Principal of Curriculum

Finance News

Unidentified School Fee Payment



A school fee payment was received on **Monday, 9 June**, via **Westpac Bank**, but it did not include a student name or identifying reference.

If you believe this payment may have been yours, please contact the school office **as soon as possible**. Proof of deposit will be required to verify the transaction and allocate the funds correctly.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

P & F Forum Group



PIZZA HUT LUNCH ORDER

FRIDAY 25 July

Orders now open on



Orders close THURSDAY 24/7/25 at Midday



St Joseph's P&F Term 3 Lunch Order Overview

Week 2 - 25 July - **PIZZA HUT**

Week 4 - 8 August - **BRO'S BAKERY**

Week 5 - 15 August - **SUBWAY**

Week 7 - 29 August - **PIZZA HUT**

Week 9 - 12 Sept - **BRO'S BAKERY**

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



School Photo Day



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2 WEEKS UNTIL
PHOTODAY

CONTACT US

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parents@qldschoollphotography.com.au
(07) 3216 6777

SCHOOL ACCESS KEY:
N6D6HE3Q



Queensland School Photography
will be taking our school photos very soon!

PHOTO DAY IS NEARLY HERE!

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Access Key – **N6D6HE3Q**

If you have any questions concerning your school photography
please call (07) 3216 6777 or email parents@qldschoollphotography.com.au

Follow these steps to order:

- Online Orders – visit www.qldschoollphotography.com.au to order. Please Note - if ordering online, we have a record of payment and do not require an envelope to be handed in.
- Cash Orders - Complete student details on the order envelope if paying cash - please fill in one envelope for each student purchasing. Please enclose the correct payment (change will not be given).
- Late Orders for individual and class photos can be placed online for 1 week after photo day.
- Separated families – For any concerns regarding delivery to the correct parent, please call us to arrange.
- All students present on photo day will be photographed.



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"Putting a smile on every face"

Student of the Week

- 1 Eddie, Tyde, and Charley**, for being a respectful and helpful team member during shared learning.
Prince, for sharing your knowledge with us. It's always great to hear you join in our class discussions.
- 2 Lacey**, for trying hard in everything that you do and showing perseverance throughout the day.
Seraphim, for being a quiet achiever. You try hard in everything you do and share your knowledge with your classmates. Well done.
- 3 Kane**, for your super impressive speed and accuracy during our math and literacy class activities! Well Done.
- 4 Tommy, Lottie and Evelyn**
- 5 Miss Johnson**, for showing initiative, working hard and showing up always ready for anything! You'll be missed!
- 6 Izabella**, for your awesome effort to complete your fable on Book Creator. It was great to see you work so well independently.

Shout Out

Madelyn and Xavier, for caring for God's Earth by offering to clean up rubbish in the gardens next to your eating tables.

Hefron, Simon, and Thomas, for being like Mary MacKillop by always looking for ways to help others.

Year Three, for their positivity and resilience they have shown during this week of change! You have shown courage in the face of change.

Leadership Tea, for living the Gospel values especially in support of your teachers.

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

Term Three Calendar 2025

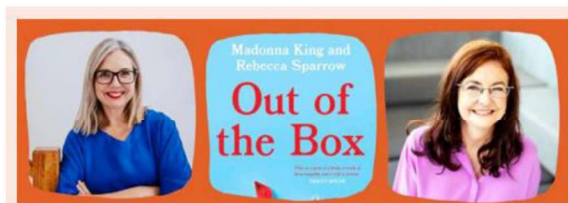
Term Three 2025

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	14 th Jul	15 th Jul	16 th Jul	17 th Jul	18 th Jul	19/20 Jul
	Term 3 Starts		Challenge Cup			
2	21 st Jul	22 nd Jul	23 rd Jul	24 th Jul	25 th Jul	26/27 Jul
	Olympics Unleashed Yr 4-6 P&F Meeting	100 days of Prep			Interschool Sport Plant a Tree Day Yr 3&6	CEW Mass 5:30 pm Holy Rosary
3	28 th Jul	29 th Jul	30 th Jul	31 st Jul	1 st Aug	2/3 Aug
	Catholic Education Week					
4	4 th Aug	5 th Aug	6 th Aug	7 th Aug	8 th Aug	9/10 Aug
	Grufflo's Child			Bundaberg District Athletics	Bundaberg District Athletics Mary MacKillop Feast Day	
5	11 th Aug	12 th Aug	13 th Aug	14 th Aug	15 th Aug	16/17 Aug
	Science Week ~ Decoding the Universe: Explore the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language					
6	18 th Aug	19 th Aug	20 th Aug	21 st Aug	22 nd Aug	23/24 Aug
	Book Week ~ "Book an Adventure"					
7	25 th Aug	26 th Aug	27 th Aug	28 th Aug	29 th Aug	30/31 Aug
					Year 1 Prayer Assembly Eisteddfod, the Year 5 – 6 Interschool Sport	
8	1 st Sept	2 nd Sept	3 rd Sept	4 th Sept	5 th Sept	6/7 Sept
	Micheal Ymer ~ Class Modeling & Discussions				Pupil Free Day	
9	8 th Sept	9 th Sept	10 th Sept	11 th Sept	12 th Sept	13/14 Sept
	Child Protection Week Parent Teacher Meetings					
10	15 th Sept	16 th Sept	17 th Sept	18 th Sept	19 th Sept	20/21 Sept
	Parent Teacher Meetings					
	Enrichment				Year 2 Prayer Assembly	
		Open Classrooms			Prep Prayer Assembly Term 3 Ends	

Bundaberg Sports Trial Dates

2025	BUNDABERG TRIALS				W B TRIALS				QLD CHAMPS	
SPORT	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	COACH MANAGER TRAINER	DATE	VENUE
CRICKET BOYS	15/17/24 July	Norville	Simon Kelly BSHS	M McDonald A Donnison	3-5 Aug			A Donnison M Parsons	15-19 September	Bundaberg (WB)
CRICKET GIRLS	16/21/23 July	Norville	Simon Kelly BSHS	H Dwyer S Kelly	3-4 Aug			B McLellan B Green	15-18 September	Aspley (MN)
RUGBY LEAGUE GIRLS 11-12YRS	15/17/22 July	Salter Oval	Jason Shears Woongarra SS	E Hodge N Russell M Plumb	1-2 August	Maryboroug h		T Denning N Moore N Russell	15-18 Sept	Townsville (N)
TRACK & FIELD Day 1 Day 2 1500M	7 August 8 August 15 August	St Luke's St Luke's St Luke's	P Ash T Gollshewsky	P Ash N Stitt T Gollshewsky	27 August	Bundaberg		C Holmes S Holmes K Sheppard S Kelly K Wills A Martin C Gosden T McClintock T Gollshewsky D Tucker	13-15 October	Townsville (N)

Out and About



A video series on navigating neurodivergence

Catholic School Parents Queensland (CSPQ) invites you to watch our special video series featuring Madonna King and Rebecca Sparrow, authors of *Out of the Box: A One-Stop Guide to Navigating Neurodivergence*.

In this 4 part series, Madonna and Rebecca unpack what neurodiversity really means for families today. Drawing on expert insights and lived experience, they offer clear, compassionate, and practical advice on everything from navigating a diagnosis to managing ongoing challenges. These videos are here to help you and your young person feel seen, understood, and empowered.

[Click on this link to access the videos on our website](#)



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ROTARY CLUB OF BUNDABERG CENTRAL

ANNUAL BIG BOOK SALE

BUNDABERG RECREATIONAL PRECINCT
(ENTRANCE VIA UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND KENDALLS ROAD)

2025

25 TO 27
JULY

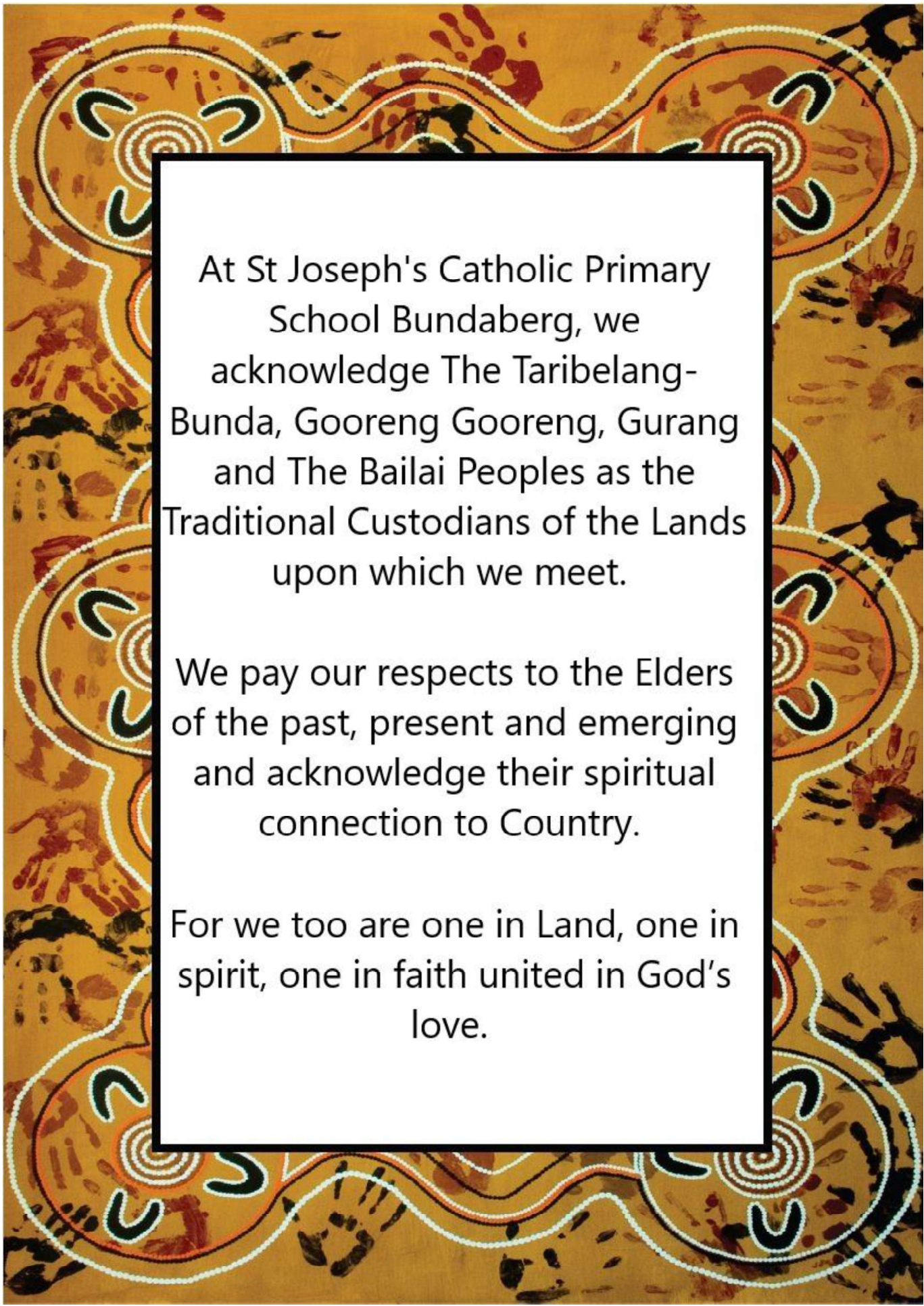
Friday 25 July 9am to 7pm
Saturday 26 July 9am to 3pm
Sunday 27 July 9am to 1pm

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LANGUAGE AND LITERACY PROGRAMS IN BUNDABERG AND THE BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

Tea, coffee and soft drinks
Sausage Sizzle
Light refreshments available

Buy a raffle ticket or two for a chance to win great prizes!

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At St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School Bundaberg, we
acknowledge The Taribelang-
Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang
and The Bailai Peoples 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.