



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG

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Newsletter Term Four Week 3

20 October 2026

Principal's Pen – Monica White

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we move through Week 3 of our final term, there is a growing sense of excitement across the school as students look forward to upcoming events and the end-of-year celebrations.

While there is much to anticipate, this is also an important time to remain focused on learning and personal growth. Term 4 offers valuable opportunities for students to consolidate their learning, challenge themselves and demonstrate just how far they have come throughout the year.

I continue to be impressed by the commitment our students show in their classrooms each day. Whether they are mastering new concepts, developing friendships, participating in sporting activities or contributing to school life, they are building skills and habits that will support them well into the future.

I encourage all students to make the most of the weeks ahead by maintaining strong attendance, approaching their learning with a positive mindset and striving to finish the year with pride in their efforts.

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support. The partnership between home and school plays a significant role in student success, and we appreciate the contribution you make each day.

Together, let's make the most of the opportunities that still lie ahead and finish the year strongly. As we move through the final term, maintaining regular routines remains important. Consistent attendance, punctual arrival and a positive start to each school day help students make the most of the valuable learning opportunities that remain this year.

To ensure student safety and meet our duty of care requirements, families are asked not to drop children off at school before 8:00am. Staff supervision begins at 8:15am. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Monica White

From the APRE – Laura Campbell

Greetings to our Families

Children's Mass

All families are invited to attend the Children's Mass this Sunday 25th October.

Why Mass Matters for Kids: Growing Hearts and Habits

Bringing children to Mass is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Here is a quick look at why Sunday Mass is so important for our children's growth:

- **Time with Jesus:** Mass gives children a peaceful, dedicated space to connect with God and experience His love firsthand.
- **A Sense of Belonging:** Sitting, singing, and praying alongside others teaches kids that they belong to a big, supportive spiritual family.
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- **Faith in Motion:** The physical rhythms of Mass—standing, kneeling, and making the Sign of the Cross—help children express their faith through actions without the need for lots of words.
- **Spiritual Nourishment:** Just as healthy food fuels their bodies, the grace of the Mass strengthens their souls, helping them make kind choices and face the week ahead with confidence.
- **Life-Long Habits:** Making Sunday Mass a routine teaches children that God is the foundation of their lives, building a habit that will support them into Adulthood.

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Socktober



KICK GOALS FOR GOOD
and make a world where every child has a chance to succeed

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SUPPORT SOCKTOBER

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- School supplies
- Learning materials
- Educational support

JOIN US
on our website: SOCKTOBER.DIGS.AU

Bring in items for making sockballs.

SAVE YOUR GOLD COINS FOR DONATING TO CATHOLIC MISSIONS

Shoot Out date: Thursday Oct 29th

Help us make an impact this Socktober. Scan the QR code to donate directly to St Joseph's.

To donate directly to the St Joseph's, please use this QR Code.




SAINTS' PARADE

Sunday 1st November

On All Saints Day we will hold a Saints Parade prior to the 9.00am Mass at St Patrick's Church.

We are asking children from the parish aged from 5-15 years to come as their favourite saint. Each child will dress accordingly and carry a card with the name of the saint they are representing.

St Mary, St Francis of Assisi, St Lucy, St Nicholas, St Therese

If you are interested in your child participating please contact the Parish office with your child's name and the Saint they will be representing.

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg
Ph: 41516666



*Have a blessed week,
Laura Campbell*

Online Safety Resources for Families

Navigating the online world can be challenging for children, young people, and the adults who support them. To help families build confidence and awareness in this space, the Office of the eSafety Commissioner has developed a range of practical and easy-to-use resources.

The **Online Safety Guide** has been designed to help parents and carers better understand the digital environments that children and young people engage with every day. The guide covers a range of important topics including social media, online gaming, cyberbullying, and AI-generated content, while also providing practical strategies to support safer and more positive online experiences.

The resource can help parents and carers to:

- ✓ Understand common online risks and issues
- ✓ Learn what helps in different online situations
- ✓ Start meaningful conversations with their child about their online activities
- ✓ Know how to respond if something goes wrong online

We also recognise that parents are not the only adults supporting children as they navigate the digital world. Grandparents, relatives, and carers play an important role in helping young people stay safe online. The **Online Safety Guide for Grandparents and Carers** has been specifically developed to help trusted adults better understand the online world and provide guidance and support to the young people in their care.

We encourage all families and carers to access these valuable resources and continue working together to promote safe, respectful, and responsible online behaviours.

Online Safety Guide:

[CLICK LINK](#)

Online Safety Guide for Grandparents and Carers: [CLICK LINK](#)

Together, we can help our children develop the skills and confidence they need to thrive safely in an increasingly digital world.



Have a Happy Wednesday!

~ Emma Robinson

Assistant Principal of Curriculum

Finance News

Fees were issued last Friday, October 16, via Parent Orbit / Lounge and are **due for payment on Friday, October 30**, unless you have an approved payment plan in place. If you have a regular payment plan in place this merely serves as a statement for your records. Take time to review your statement and make immediate payment of any outstanding fees if necessary. A reminder to please check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) at Head Office has advised that, from **30 September 2026**, the "Card Not Present" function has been disabled on all school merchant terminals.



As a result of this Head Office directive, St Joseph's will no longer be able to accept credit or debit card payments over the phone. This applies to all payments, including school fees, events, and other school activities.

Parents and carers will still be able to make payments using the following options:

- Online through Parent Lounge / Orbit;
- By BPAY or bank transfer using the payment details and reference shown on your school fee statement; or
- In person at the school office using EFTPOS, where the card and cardholder are present.

Existing direct debit arrangements will not be affected.

Where a payment relates to a particular excursion, event or activity, please refer to the payment instructions provided by the school.

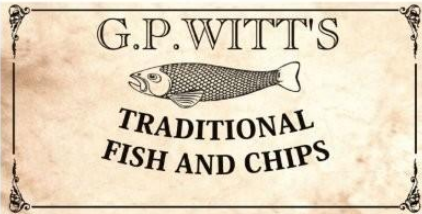
We understand that phone payments have been a convenient option for some families and appreciate your understanding as we implement this change.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Finance Secretary, Sharon Anderson on 4151 4771 or sharon_anderson@rok.catholic.edu.au

Learning Hub News

A promotional graphic for a Book Club. At the top, a red banner with white text reads 'Providing Value to Families'. Below this, the words 'Book Club' are written in large, bold, red letters. In the center, a boy and a girl are shown from the waist up, facing each other and reading books. The boy is on the left, wearing a striped shirt, and the girl is on the right, wearing a blue shirt. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. There are three speech bubbles: one on the left saying 'Orders due by 3pm today.', one on the right saying 'Place orders with Mrs Elliott or online', and one at the bottom left saying 'A perfect gift for Christmas'.

P & F News



FISH & CHIPS - NUGGETS & CHIPS - CHIPS

ORDERS NOW OPEN
for
Friday 30 October, 2026

(orders will close **Thursday 29/10/26** at midday)

ORDER NOW ON:



St Joseph's P&F Term 4 Lunch Order Overview

Week 2 - 16 October - **BRO'S BAKERY**

Week 4 - 30 October - **GP WITT'S FISH & CHIPS**

Week 5 - 6 November - **PIZZA HUT**

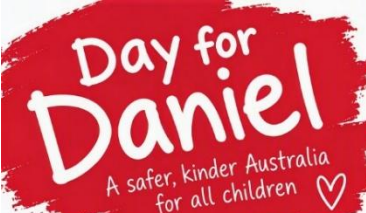
Week 7 - 20 November - **SUBWAY**

If you are available to help serve lunch orders
(approx. 10:30-11:00am),
please contact the School Office



2026

Important Dates



Day for Daniel
A safer, kinder Australia for all children

Wear Red Educate and Donate

Championing child safety across Australia, Day for Daniel is the nation's largest event dedicated to child safety education and awareness.

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

It's a day of action that empowers children to **Recognise, React and Report** when they feel unsafe.

RECOGNISE
When something doesn't feel right

REACT
Trust your feelings and take action

REPORT
Tell a trusted adult

Brighter Safer Stronger Together

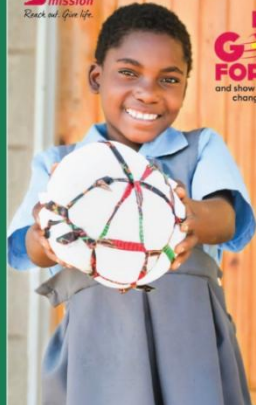
WEAR A RED SHIRT
Show your support for child safety!

After assembly, our whole school will **WALK THROUGH THE CBD** to raise awareness and show our support for safer communities.

Together we can make a difference.



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and show the world what young changemakers can do!



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Student of the Week

Term Four Week 2

Prep	Cayden	Your amazing and enthusiasm effort during Sounds Write Lessons. You have been working really hard to blend sounds to read words. Keep up the great reading!
Year 1	Rajbir	For the effort you have been putting into your reading. Well done!
	Clara	For the effort you put into spelling unfamiliar words while writing. Well done!
Year 2	Liliana and Brooklyn	For the effort you have put into both your writing and reading this week. Well done and keep up the good work!
Year 3	Eden	For making a fantastic start at a new school and for giving everything your best shot! Keep it up, Eden!
Year 4	Frankie	For an excellent effort in reading comprehension. Keep up the good work!
Year 5	Lottie	For showing great leadership in group tasks.
Year 6	Zahli	Zahli consistently demonstrates kindness and responsibility during Buddy Reading. She listens attentively, supports her buddy, and has played an important role in helping them improve their reading skills. Congratulations, Zahli, on the positive impact you have made!

Shout Outs

Term Four Week 2

Thomas M, Ava and Blake	For caring for our school and picking up rubbish. You care for all of God's creation when you act as stewards.
Abigail	For demonstrating kindness and inclusivity by volunteering to sit next to a peer when they needed to move tables at eating time due to limited space.
Zander E and Shresta	For looking after a friend when she was feeling sad. Just like Mary MacKillop you helped her to feel cared for with your attention and empathy.

Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



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

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Shop for Your School – Sugarland Plaza

Shop
for your
School

5 Sep – 10 Oct



**Help St Joseph's win a share of \$3000 in vouchers
just by shopping at Sugarland Plaza**

Every dollar spent at Sugarland Plaza equals one School
Rewards point when receipts are uploaded via the campaign website.

Prize Pool

- 1st Place – \$1,500 Big W Voucher
- 2nd Place – \$1,000 JB Hi Fi Voucher
- 3rd Place – \$500 Best & Less Voucher

Plus register
online for your
chance to win
a \$1000 Woolworths
Gift Card

Term 4 Planner

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	5 th Oct	6 th Oct	7 th Oct	8 th Oct	9 th Oct	10/11 Oct
	King's Birthday Holiday	Term 4 Starts				
2	12 th Oct	13 th Oct	14 th Oct	15 th Oct	16 th Oct	17/18 Oct
	Board Meeting	Mathematics Parents Night	Prep 2027 Information Night		Year 6 Assembly Interschool Sport (Yrs 4-6)	
3	19 th Oct	20 th Oct	21 st Oct	22 nd Oct	23 rd Oct	24/25 Oct
	Prep 2027 Transition morning				Year 5 Assembly Interschool Sport (Yrs 4-6)	
4	26 th Oct	27 th Oct	28 th Oct	29 th Oct	30 th Oct	31 O/1 st Nov
	Prep 2027 Transition morning Mon Repo Excursion (Yrs 4 & 5)		DFV Meeting	Principal Meeting	Year 1 Assembly WTD Day for Daniel Socktober Shootout Interschool Sport (Yrs 4-6)	
5	2 nd Nov	3 rd Nov	4 th Nov	5 th Nov	6 th Nov	7/8 Nov
		Melbourne Cup Day			Year 3 Assembly Interschool Sport (Yrs 4-6)	
6	9 th Nov	10 th Nov	11 th Nov	12 th Nov	13 th Nov	14/15 Nov
	Board Meeting		Remembrance Day		Year 4 Assembly Interschool Sport (Yrs 4-6) Chess Tournament NAIDOC on the Grass	
7	16 th Nov	17 th Nov	18 th Nov	19 th Nov	20 th Nov	21/22 Nov
					Prep Assembly	
8	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov	25 th Nov	26 th Nov	27 th Nov	28/29 Nov
				RACQ Road Safety Yr 5 excursion	Year 2 Assembly RACQ Road Safety	
9	30 th Nov	1 st Dec	2 nd Dec	3 rd Dec	4 th Dec	5/6 Dec
	Christmas Concert		Year 6 Graduation		Term 4 Ends	

Out and About

Do you have children aged 8 – 12,
like talking about the environment
at home &
live in the Great Barrier Reef region
in Queensland?

In my PhD project, I am investigating how
families living in the Great Barrier Reef
region talk at home, experience and feel about
environmental topics.

I would like to invite **parents and children** to participate in this
project. I will ask you ...

- ... to have an **online interview with me (parents only)**,
- ... to **keep diaries/ recordings over a period of 4 weeks** to
share your experiences and perceptions about environmental
talks within your family, and
- ... to have a **follow-up online meeting** to talk about your
diaries.

Interviews are possible
online anytime.

Are you interested in sharing how you
experience environmental talk with your
family at home?
Then get in touch by e-mail or through the
website.

Climotional Change



Hi, my name is Sharlene and I am a PhD
student at the University of Queensland.
Get in touch!
E-mail: s.fechter@uq.edu.au
or visit the website:
www.climotionalchange.de

PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS EVENT!

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

DANCE, GAMES, PRIZES
AND SPOOKY FUN!

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7
5PM - 7PM**

BUNDABERG PCYC
1 CIVIC AVENUE, BUNDABERG

A SAFE, FUN AND SUPERVISED EVENT

Mary Kinross

junior parkrun



Register today!

Free, fun, friendly, weekly, community
2k event.
Organised by volunteers of all ages
for children 4 to 14.
Come together Sunday mornings to
walk, jog, run and volunteer.

**1st Event: 8th November 2026
Time: 8 AM**

**Location: Mary Kinross Memorial Park
Woongarra Scenic Drive, Bargara Queensland**

Regional Australia's first junior parkrun!

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THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

working together, maximising potential

ETS Virtual Training Workshops - Term 4 (2026)

Evolve Therapeutic Services (ETS) teams from across Queensland are continuing to combine forces to bring you free Virtual Training Workshops. From the comfort of your home or office, join us on Microsoft Teams for an engaging and informative workshop experience.

October

- 19th Understanding the Impacts of Trauma on Children and Young People
- 21st Quick Tips: Back to Basics in Mental Health
- 21st Schools making a difference with complex trauma
- 23rd Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social and Emotional Wellbeing
- 27th Transition to Prep

November

- 2nd An introduction to PACE
- 4th Ethics and self-disclosure: what is appropriate to share with young people
- 4th Trauma, the refugee experience, and children in out of home care
- 6th Working with shame
- 10th Teenagers and big behaviours
- 11th Polyvagal Theory: Applications in the school setting
- 16th Anxiety disorders in children and young people
- 16th Christmas considerations for children in care
- 23rd Being with
- 24th Quick tips: Rupture and repair
- 30th Careful compassion

December

- 1st Understanding behaviour through the brain house metaphor: Translating neurobiology into everyday practice
- 3rd Practical therapeutic resources for complex trauma: Introducing the Caveman Series and Taking Care of Yourself Cards
- 4th Dissociation – Dissociative children as little Houdinis

Training Certificate will be automatically generated for participants who attend 80% or more of the training and have a clearly identifiable first and last name recorded in the registration and attendance records. Participants who do not meet these requirements may not receive an automatically generated certificate. Certificates will be emailed within a week and disseminated from the ETS Statewide email account.

To register:

1. Scan the QR Code or click the link for the workshops of your choice.
2. Complete the online registration form. Please ensure all your details are entered correctly, as this is how we will provide you with the registration link.
3. Download Microsoft Teams on your favourite device or computer.

At the time of the workshop, click the link you were provided when you registered. Please ensure your microphone is muted.

Registration close - 5pm two workdays prior to session. Those registered at that time will receive an email with the event details and any associated material. Those who register 1-2 days before the event will not receive associated material required for the session.

Please note: The recording / transcribing of sessions is not permitted in any format.



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.

