



Principal's News

22nd May 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

As we journey through the joyful season of Pentecost, we are reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Last week, Year 3M students beautifully sang about these gifts, including courage, wisdom and the hope given to God's people. Pentecost celebrates the moment the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and sent forth to share the Good News with the world. This week Year 4B reminded us that our own school community, is called to live this same mission each day when we *'live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God'*.

Ysla B, Ayleen B, Justin C, Sophie C, Jamie-Lee E, Chase L, Cooper S, Chelsea L, Isabella R, Reuben F and Roman R are preparing to receive the Gifts of the Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation, along with their first experiences of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We met this week to let these students know that they have our support as they continue their journey through these special Sacraments.

We warmly invite families to join us for our monthly St Patrick's Children's Mass at 9:00am on Sunday, 24 May. Celebrating Mass together provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to strengthen the connection between home, school and parish.

May the Spirit of Pentecost continue to inspire us all to "Learn, Love God, Live the Gospel, Witness the Faith and Celebrate Life."

Parents are reminded to [register](#) for our Parent PEN (Parent Engagement Night) next Monday, 25 May, at 5:30pm in the Staffroom. This will be another wonderful opportunity to relax, enjoy each other's company and hear practical ideas to support our children's reading development. We hope to see you there!

Please note next Thursday is the Show Public Holiday-Enjoy!



Click our school crest to go our school website



Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish website



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Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE

Pentecost: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost is a joyful feast in the life of the Church, often called the “birthday of the Church”. Celebrated fifty days after Easter, Pentecost remembers the moment the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus’ disciples. The Bible describes a powerful sign of God’s presence: a sound like a strong wind, and “tongues of fire” resting on each person. The disciples, who had been frightened and unsure, were filled with courage and hope. They began to speak about Jesus in ways that people from many nations could understand. This reminds us that God’s love is for everyone, and that the Church is called to welcome all people.



For our school community, Pentecost is a beautiful time to pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder. These gifts help us grow not only as learners, but as disciples of Jesus. When we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us, we are asking for help to make good choices, to be patient, to forgive, to stand up for what is right, and to care for others - especially those who might be feeling left out or struggling.

Pentecost also reminds us that faith is lived out in everyday actions. Being “Pentecost people” can look like using words that build others up, listening with respect, including someone who is alone, and serving our community with generosity. As we celebrate this feast, we give thanks for the Spirit at work in our classrooms, on the playground, in our families, and in our parish. We can celebrate Pentecost as a community at the Mass with Children this weekend (9am on Sunday May 24) at St Patrick’s Church.

May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire our school to be a place of welcome, peace and joyful learning.

Children’s Mass

Bundaberg Parish.
All family and friends of
St Patrick’s are welcome.

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

09.00 AM

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH



Sports News

	<h2>2026 ATHLETICS CARNIVALS</h2>	
<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 22 JUNE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Years 4-6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shalom College</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY 26 JUNE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prep - Year 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Patrick's Senior Oval</p>

Bundaberg District U12 Scool Sports Trials



BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Cricket	Boys	Born 2014, 2015 & 2016	2014 only: Tue 2nd June (Session 1) 2015/2016: Thur 4th June (Session 2) Selected Students only: Tue 9th June (Session 3)	Brothers Cricket Club Nets (Parking at rear of Brothers Sports Club)	4:00pm -5:30pm
	Girls	10-12 years	Wed 3rd June (Session 1) Wed 10th June (Session 2)	Brothers Cricket Club Nets (Parking at rear of Brothers Sports Club)	4:00pm -5:30pm

Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night)



Parents, it's time to reconnect.

Join us for Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night) - a casual event for parents to connect and learn more about how to assist your child's learning in reading.

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, 25TH MAY

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Staff Room

- ✓ Casual and welcoming space to connect with other parents.
- ✓ Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

A perfect way for parents to engage!



Welcoming Guest Presenter

Mrs Kathleen Roby
Diocesan Consultant

"Importance of reading, looking at words, vocabulary, and more."



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Mini Vinnies Project

Collection details:



When:

Weeks 5, 6 and 7



Where:

Labelled baskets near the Lost Property Box



What:

Sports shoes in good, clean condition (children and adult sizes are gratefully accepted)

SAVE YOUR SOLES!

Old shoes can take new steps toward a better future!

We are fundraising **OLD SHOES** for kids in **PAPUA NEW GUINEA!**

WHY IT MATTERS:

- Shoes protect little feet from cuts, infections and dangerous things.
- Shoes help kids go to school with confidence and dignity.
- Your old shoes can bring hope, health and happiness!

WHAT TO DONATE:

- ✓ Gently used shoes (kids, teens, adults)
- ✓ Sports shoes, sneakers and soccer boots (including shoe laces)

DONATE TODAY!

Every pair makes a big difference!

SAVE YOUR SOLES
Small steps from you.
Big steps for them.

Solemn Mass of Installation

SOLEMN MASS OF INSTALLATION

of Bishop Daniel Meagher
as the 11th Bishop of Rockhampton

Date: 28 May 2026

Time: 10:30am

Location: St Joseph's Cathedral - Rockhampton

Bishop Daniel Meagher's Solemn Mass of Installation will be streamed live on the St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton YouTube channel, Thursday 28th May, 2026 at 10:30am.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>



Important: School attendance

Following the Bundaberg Show Public Holiday on Thursday 28 May, please note that Friday 29 May is a normal school day.

Classes will operate as usual, including Interschool Sport, and full student attendance is expected.

COMING
THIS
WEEK

What's happening in Week 6?

Mon	Parish Mass - Year 5 and Year 1 Patty's PEN
Tue - Wed	Courtyard Prayer - Teachers
Thur	Bundaberg Show Holiday - Pupil Free Day
Fri	Interschool Sport



Out and About



Families in our community are being invited to host a high school student from Europe. For many students, this is their first time away from home, and the experience they have in Australia depends on the warmth of the family that welcomes them. Could it be your family?



What is hosting?

- Welcoming a young person into your daily family life
- Sharing meals, routines and conversations
- Supporting them at a local high school
- Including them in family outings



Why families love hosting

- A global experience for your children
- "Big brother/big sister" connections
- Sharing your family life and traditions
- Lifelong friendships



Who are they?

- Our students are aged 15-18 from Europe. (often Spain, Italy, France or Germany)
- They are carefully selected and supported
- They have chosen Australia as their exchange destination

Who we are...

Students of the World is an Australian owned and operated not-for-profit exchange provider. We are registered with the relevant education departments across Australia.

Support for hosts

- Local support in your area
- 24/7 contact
- Financial contribution to assist with expenses
- Support from our experienced team

Perfect for families who enjoy having a full table and making meaningful connections!



Interested in hosting? Scan the QR code or contact us: team@studentsoftheworld.org.au or visit our website: studentsoftheworld.org.au



BLUELIGHT DISCO

- SUPERVISED EVENT
- CANTEEN FACILITIES
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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ENTRY

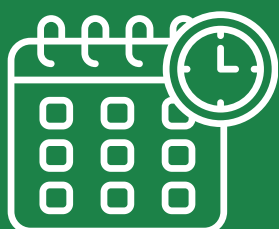
FRIDAY 17TH JULY	5PM - 7PM PREP TO YR 6	7.30PM - 9.30PM YR 7 TO YR 12
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BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE | BOURBONG ST, BUNDABERG CENTRAL

Term 2 Planner: Weeks 6-10

WEEK 6	Week 25th May - 29th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 and 1
	Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night)	5:30pm	Parents
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Teachers
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 1st June - 5th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 8	Week 8th June -12th June		
Monday	Athletics HEATS (ALL students) & Field Events FINALS (Years 4-6, finalists will be notified)	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass	9:00am	Years 2-6
WEEK 9	Week 15th June - 19th June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1B
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
WEEK 10	Week 22nd June - 26th June		
Monday	Senior Athletics Carnival - Years 4-6	All Day	Shalom
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1S
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - Prep - Year 3	All Day	St Patrick's



2026 Term Dates

- Term 1** Monday 27th January - Thursday 2nd April
- Term 2** Monday 20th April - Friday 26th June
- Term 3** Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September
- Term 4** Tuesday 6th October - Friday 4th December