



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

18 July 2025

Welcome back to Term Three! It was wonderful to see so many students happy to be returning to school this week. Young friends reunited with all the simple, every day things that bring joy to their lives. At St. Patrick's Football, Touch Football, Maker Space, Deck Games, Mud Kitchen and Handball would be up there as the most popular activities of choice. Some of our younger students have amazing imaginations and lately have been working with us to create a little play space down the back corner of our playground. To date it has been growing from bibs and bobs we could find in Mr. Ivan's shed, but this week saw an exciting new addition which is pictured below. A big shout out to Shalom College and Sophie Evans (past student) who heard a pretend fire pit was on the students' wish list. Sophie designed one especially for St. Patrick's. Research is beginning to confirm the positive effect these unstructured, lunch time play episodes are having on brain development. It has been wonderful to watch our students create, explore and investigate out in the sunshine this week. These are the little gem moments that we often take for granted, assuming them to be a natural childhood privilege. However, one has to feel a tad more thankful and grateful when we consider how converse childhood is evolving in countries presently affected by war and unrest. Pope Leo has certainly made 'Peace' a major focus reminding us of Jesus' post-resurrection greeting, *"Peace be with you"*, and highlighting how this message is still relevant for us in today's world, urging reflection on how to find peace amidst our busy lives. Our new water feature at the entrance of our school has been a welcomed addition and hopefully allows a little 'Peace' and 'Tranquillity' to seep into the busyness of our school days.



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This week our Challenge Cup Rugby League and Netball Teams travelled to Yeppoon to compete. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Medley and Miss Macey Egan who coached the girls Netball and then Mr. Matthew Plumb and Cristian Zandona who coached the boys Rugby League. Mr. Egan also attended the carnival for his first time and communicated back how hard our students played whilst wearing the shamrocks. We look forward to sharing results next week.

Could we ask that all families check that their **contact details are up to date** on **Parent Lounge**. Keeping this information current helps us communicate important updates and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students. Please amend with some urgency.

Below you will see our next **Parent PEN** opportunity is on **Tuesday, 26 August 2025** at 5:30 in the Staff Room. This time we are not engaging a guest presenter, but rather offering a relaxed, more traditional P&F style forum. If you would like to attend, please [complete your details](#) and add any agenda items you'd like considered. I am open to suggestions. Hope to see you there! The next Board meeting is the 12th of August at 5:30pm

Catholic Education Week is almost upon us and we have so much to celebrate. We would like to welcome as many Staff, Students and Families to join us at the **5:30PM Holy Rosary Mass on Sunday, 27th July** to a combined Catholic Education Mass.

I hope to see some of you there!

Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal



Patty's PEN

Parents, it's time to connect. Join us for Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night) - a casual event for parents to connect and suggest discussion topics for conversation.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST
@ 5:30 PM
Staff Room

We are open to suggestions for agenda items.

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

A perfect way for parents to engage!

The poster features a green starburst, a green pen, and two photographs: one of two women sitting and talking, and another of a group of people in a room. At the bottom, there are three stylized figures in orange, yellow, and green.

Catholic Education Week 2025 - "Communities of Faith, Hope and Love"

We are looking forward to celebrating **Catholic Education Week 2025 from Sunday 27 July to Saturday 2 August**. This is a special time when Catholic schools all across Queensland come together to celebrate the heart of who we are – communities built on **faith, hope and love**.

This year's theme, "**Communities of Faith, Hope and Love**", invites us to reflect on the strength and beauty of our school family. At St Patrick's, we see these values lived out each day – in our classrooms, playgrounds, prayer gatherings and community events. Catholic Education Week is a chance to celebrate the ways we support each other, grow together in faith, and reach out in kindness.

We warmly invite all families to join us for the **All Schools Mass on Sunday 27 July at 5:30pm at Holy Rosary Church**. This special celebration brings together students, staff and families from Catholic schools across our region to mark the beginning of Catholic Education Week in prayer and unity. We would love to see as many of our school families there as possible. We also extend an invitation to our students to join in as part of the choir at the Mass (please see Mrs Cook or Mrs Morley if you are interested in taking part).

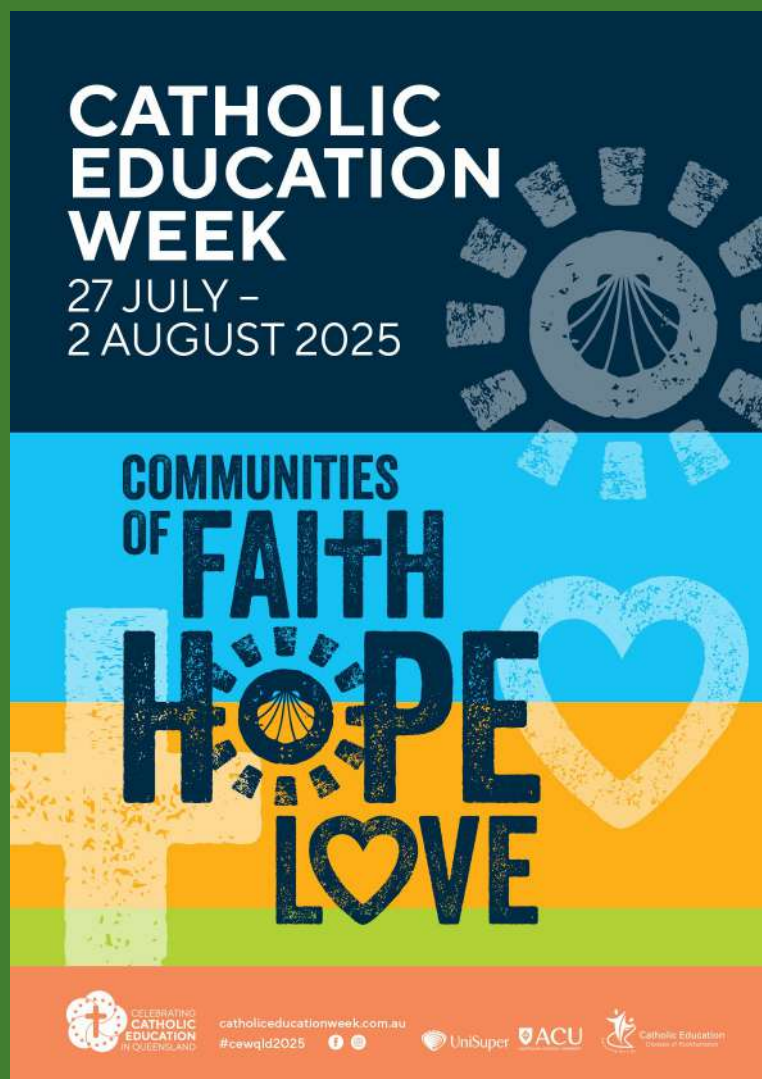
Throughout the week, our students will also take part in a variety of activities to deepen their understanding of our Catholic identity, including classroom challenges, prayer gatherings, creative projects, and acts of kindness.

We are also proud of our wonderful students, staff and families who bring our Catholic school community to life. Thank you for helping us make St Patrick's a place where every child is known, valued and inspired to shine.

We look forward to celebrating this joyful week together!

Tracey Cook

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SPORTS NEWS—ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2025

In the final week of Term 2, St Patrick's held our annual Athletics Carnivals. We had two fantastic days with mass participation across the school. Nine records were broken by several students, including Immogen K from McAuley who broke four records. See the list below.

Congratulations to **McAuley** who won the carnival and coveted **Malouf Cup** by 3 points to a gallant **Xavier** House. Well done to **Xavier** for winning the **Jack Dwyer Spirit Award**. The **Field Events Shield** was won by **McAuley** and the **Fr Meade Trophy** for Ball Games victory was won by **Xavier**.

Thanks to Shalom College for allowing us to use their facilities for our Senior Carnival. A huge thank you to all our staff. Athletics days are not possible without their hard work.

Results from this year's carnivals are as follows:

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
McAuley	Xavier	Coolock	Mackillop

AGE CHAMPIONS

Age Division	Name	House
10yrs Boys 2015	Chase L.	Xavier
10yrs Girls 2015	Immogen K.	McAuley
11yrs Boys 2014	Kelan E.	Coolock
11yrs Girls 2014	Madeline M	Coolock
12yrs Girls Multiclass	Essie M	Coolock
12yrs Boys 2013	Anderson K	MacKillop
12yrs Girls 2013	Giorgi P	McAuley

SHIELDS AND TROPHIES

Field Events Shield	McAuley
Ball Games—Father Meade Trophy	Xavier
Team Spirit Jack Dwyer Memorial Shield <i>For choosing kindness over winning</i>	Xavier

RECORD BREAKERS

Age Division	Name/House	Event/s
5yrs Girls 2020	Havarna K.	50m
9yrs Girls 2016	Sophia K.	80m
10yrs Girls 2015	Immogen K.	Long Jump, 100m, 200m, 800m
10yrs Boys 2015	Chase L.	200m
10yrs Girls 2015	McAuley	4x100m Relay
11yrs Boys 2014	Coolock	4x100m Relay



Malouf Cup & Field Events Shield - McAuley



Team Spirit Award - Xavier

SPORT NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS - 2025

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter each week detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events.

Gaining selection in a Bundaberg District Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg District, students must be born 2013, 2014 & 2015 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March.

Please be aware of the following points:

- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects students in U10, U11 and U12 categories due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg District trials are not 'have a go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb, Ms Gollshewsky or Mr Egan. Students will not be able to participate in the trials without a ***Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form***.
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aquathlon are the exceptions – Wide Bay School Sport are responsible for the selection of these teams.

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Cricket	Boys	2013, 2014 & 2015	Thursday, 24 July (Final Session - selected students from Session 1 & 2 only)	Brothers Cricket Club Nets (parking at rear of Brothers Sports Club)	4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Rugby League	Girls	2013 & 2014	Tuesday 22 July	Salter Oval	3:30 pm to 5:15 pm
Table Tennis	Boys/ Girls	2013, 2014 & 2015	Fridays: 25 July—29 August (excluding 8 August)	Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre, Kendalls Road	12:30 pm to 2:20 pm

Congratulations to Sophia K for coming 2nd and 4th in the QLD Youth Aldridge Equestrian Challenge.



Attention Touch Football Players

On the last day of Term 3 (**19th September**) we may have an opportunity to enter a Boy and/or Girl's Touch Team into a competition being run by the Bundaberg Touch Association. To gauge interest, we will hold a training session at **3:20 pm Monday, 28th July**, down the bottom oval. This is a one-off carnival, so we would need to call on students who already play Touch Football outside of the school, who are in Year 4-6. Parent Volunteer Brit Edwards has offered to share her expertise, playing representative Touch Football most of her life. Whilst we will have a teacher attend this carnival, we will be relying on the parents of participants to transport their own children to and from the event on the day, so please check the date before committing your child/ren for this extra-curricular activity. This training session will help us gauge interest only at this stage.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM



Football in the Community Program: Football Queensland and the Brisbane Roar

St Patrick's is excited to announce that the Football Queensland & Brisbane Roar After School Program is coming to our school!

Key program details can be found via scanning the QR code.

All participants must be registered prior to the clinic starting, using this link:

FQ x Roar School Programs - Football Queensland

For any questions, please contact FQ x Roar team at community@footballqueensland.com.au.



The Girls United Schools Program will also run at St Patrick's at the same time.

This is exclusively for girls and subsidised to only cost \$20 for the full 4-week program.

Similarly, find details at the QR Code and all participants must be registered prior to the clinic starting using this link.

<https://registration.squadi.com/login>

For any questions, please contact the FQ team at womenandgirls@footballqueensland.com.au



Both Programs will run on Tuesdays from 3:15pm—4:15 pm during 22 July 2025 - 12 August 2025.



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

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School Photo Day is scheduled for **Monday 4 August**.

Photo Orders:

Orders can be placed **online** via www.advancedlife.com.au using the unique code: **K5C 1GB PD7**.

What to Wear:

All students are asked to come dressed in their **full school uniform**.

Sibling Photos:

Sibling photos can be ordered online and **must be placed by midnight Sunday 3 August**.

Prep and Year 1 will still depart the school for their excursion to see the Gruffalo at midday. If Prep and Year 1 families are after a sibling photo, they must be taken from **8:00am** on the day in the MPS. A reminder that only St Patrick's Catholic Primary School students are to be photographed, no other family members.

Opting Out:

If you do **not** wish for your child to be included in any school photos, please contact the school directly by email spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au, so we can record your preference on their enrolment.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to another smooth and successful Photo Day!

ALPHA 2025

Alpha begins **Thursday 24 July at 4:00pm - 5:30pm** and continues through to the 11th of September 2025. This will be held at the Parish Office on Woongarra Street. This is a wonderful way for adults (Non-Catholic and Catholic) to meet like minded people. This is a relaxed environment which includes a component of hospitality, short video stimulus followed by time to discuss, ponder and question topics of life and faith, in an open and non-threatening way.

To register, those interested need to ring the **Parish office on 4151 6666** for catering purposes.



ALPHA 2025

*Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?
Do you know someone who has questions?*

Come and join our Alpha program - a safe space to ask questions, and explore life, faith and meaning.

When: Every Thursday 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Where: Parish Office, Woongarra Street

Includes: Food and Fellowship

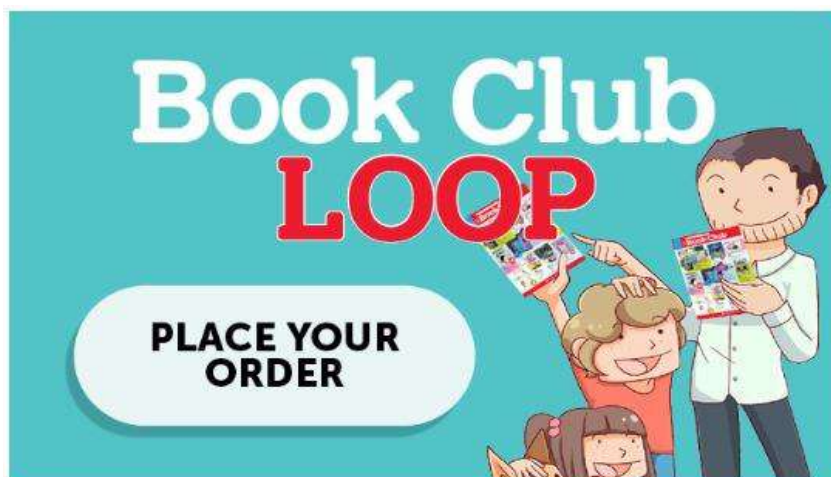
Register at the Parish Office: 4151 6666



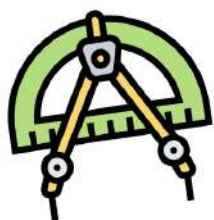
BOOK CLUB

Book club catalogues have been sent home with your child this week. All orders need to be made [ONLINE via LOOP payment](#) on the Scholastic website, as no cash orders can be accepted.

Please go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. All orders are due by **Monday 28th July**. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.



MATH CHALLENGERS—YEAR 5 & 6



Year 5 and 6 MATH CHALLENGERS

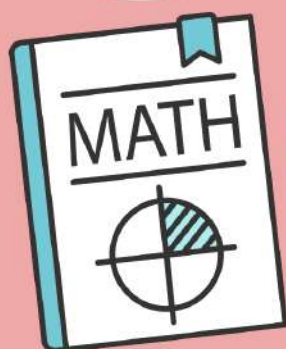


*Do you love
a maths
challenge?*

Join our Maths Challengers Club to participate in fortnightly meet-ups in Mrs Salmon's Year 6 classroom! The group will meet from 8-8:30am on the Wednesday mornings of even weeks of term (weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) to partake in team Maths activities and games!

Some news!

We have signed up 2 groups from Year 6 to participate in the Maths Team Challenge later this term. It is awesome to see our dedicated Maths Challengers group keen to extend themselves!



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REGIONAL QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

Girls Only - U10 and U12 Talent Identification Tournament

This is a tournament style talent identification carnival with Regional QLD FC open for all Regional QLD Schools, Clubs and Academies from Wide Bay to Far North QLD to register.

Where: Mackay

When: 22nd Sept – 25th Sept 2025

Contact: admin@regionalqldfc.com.au

Register: <https://regionalqldfc.com.au/>

Format: 9v9

Players per team: Max 13

U10 Eligibility: Born 2015, 2016

U12 Eligibility: Born 2013, 2014

About Regional Queensland Football Club Ltd

Regional QLD FC is a Not-For-Profit Sporting club based in Mackay, Queensland. Our Focus is to develop Women and Girls in regional Queensland and provide an Elite pathway to A-League in regional QLD. The intent of this tournament is to commence talent identification for a future A-League team in regional QLD. This tournament will occur annually and expand in age groups each year to follow this cohort of Girls through to their adult years.

OUT AND ABOUT



Girls Coaching Program

Smash Barriers, Build Confidence, Play!

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- 🕒 4:00 – 5:30 PM
- 💰 \$50 for full program
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JUL 24TH, 23:30**

Strengthening Young People Against Anxiety

A Karen Young Live Webinar event for
Catholic School Parents

Tuesday 5 August, 2025
7.00-8.30pm

Click on the link to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1F2ru7CCQy-Ey1hGpbn-vw

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

A recording of the webinar will be available for 3 days to registered participants only.



About Karen Young

Karen Young began her career as a psychologist in private practice and is now recognised as a leading authority on child and adolescent anxiety.

www.heysigmund.com

Catholic School Parents
AUSTRALIA



SUPERVISED EVENT

CANTEEN FACILITIES

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

\$5 ENTRY

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

5PM - 7PM PREP TO YR 6

7.30PM - 9.30PM YR 7 TO YR 12

THEME:

BRIGHT COLOURS



BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE,
BOURBONG ST, BUNDABERG CENTRAL

The Blue Light Disco is back again!

This time the theme is bright colours! Bring your friends along for a fun night of dancing, games and prizes to be won. Thanks to Rotary there will be a sausage sizzle available.

See you there!

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Burnett**



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TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 14th July - Friday 18th July		
Monday	Start Term 3 2025		
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday - Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4F
Wednesday - Friday	Challenge Cup	All Day	Selected Students
WEEK 2	Week 21st July - 25th July		
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday - Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4K
WEEK 3	Week 28th July - 1st August		
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK			
Monday - Wednesday	Bundaberg Eisteddfod	All Day	Strings & Choirs/Yr 1
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday - Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4M
Thursday	NAIDOC Celebrations - Shalom	9.00am-1.00pm	Selected Students
WEEK 4	Week 4th August - 8th August		
Monday	School Photo Day		Whole School
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep S
Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep L
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep K
Thursday - Friday	District Athletics - St Luke's	All Day	Selected Students
WEEK 5	Week 11th August - 15th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6H
Tuesday - Wednesday	Prep Vision Screening	All Day	Prep
Wednesday	Year 2 Excursion - Historical Centre	All Day	Year 2
WEEK 6	Week 18th August - 22nd August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Years 5 & 1
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 7	Week 25th August - 29th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday	Patty's Parent Engagement Night	5:30pm	Parents
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
WEEK 8	Week 1st September - 5th September		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Monday - Wednesday	Year 5 Camp - Chaverim Outdoor Educational Centre	All Day	Year 5
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 9	Week 8th September - 12th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay/Campialba	All Day	Year 6
WEEK 10	Week 14th September - 19th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5S