



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

6th February 2024

Week Two began with our Opening Year 3–6 School Mass, celebrated alongside parents and parishioners on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. Known as Candlemas, Fr Don beautifully broke open the significance of this feast day, highlighting how the blessing of candles reminds us that we are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps - to be a "Light to the Nations," and at the very least, a light for one another.

Year 5P continued this message throughout the week, leading us in Courtyard Prayer and reminding us that we are charged to work together as one body in Christ.

We are deeply grateful for the light, joy, energy, and community spirit our students bring each morning. To help us keep everyone safe and appropriately supervised, we kindly remind families that school supervision does not officially begin until **8:15am**.

Students should only arrive before **8:00am** if they are engaged in:

- Before School Care
- Instrumental Music Tuition
- Sports Training
- Choir, Musical or Ensemble rehearsals (as directed by their coaches, teachers or tutors)

With the introduction of Before School Care, families may notice that safety gates are unlocked but closed. Parents dropping children off for early activities may need to unlatch the safety gate to ensure their child's safe entry to the school.

Before School Care has started well and includes a healthy breakfast. It is a much safer option for families needing to begin work early. Early arrivals outside of supervised programs create challenges for staff and can leave students unsupervised, so we thank you for your support in ensuring children arrive at school at appropriate times.

Likewise, we ask that students arrive punctually for the start of the school day. As a school community, we have worked hard to establish predictable, school-wide routines that support students to be settled and ready to learn. Late entry can disrupt learning and may limit a student's opportunity to begin the day positively primed. We understand that life can be messy at times; however, consistency plays an important role in setting students up for success.

Research is beginning to suggest that digitally free mornings can assist with a smoother transition into the school day. I shared this with families at our Prep Induction, and we have certainly felt a calm and settled start to the year. Thank you, particularly to our newest families, for your support in this space.

Next week, new desks will be arriving for many of our classrooms. While this may cause some short-term disruption, we are confident the new furniture will be well received. Need a second-hand desk at home? There may be some available later next week—watch this space!



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Absentees

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS CONTINUED

Today we welcomed Mr Dean Wearmouth, Principal of Shalom College, who visited to distribute Shalom application packages and share important information with our Year 6 students. This was Dean's first visit to St Patrick's, and he was impressed by the way our students presented themselves throughout the morning.

We also welcomed back past students Joon McM (College Captain) & Thomas E (College Vice Captain), along with Violet (College Vice Captain), who generously answered questions from our enthusiastic Year 6 cohort.

Please take careful note of the information included in the application packs. Each year, we unfortunately have a student miss the cut-off date or misplace important paperwork, resulting in placement on a waiting list due to the high demand for enrolments. Below are key details for families with a Year 6 student:

Year 7 2027 - Shalom college Important Dates:

- Information Evening: Wednesday, 11 February 2026 (7:00pm - 9:00pm)
- Open Day: Tuesday, 24 February 2026 (9:15am - 1:00pm)
- Applications open now and close: **Friday, 13 March 2026**

To apply, register for events or for more information, please visit <https://www.shalomcollege.com/enrolment/enrolment-information/>

All applications received by the closing date are guaranteed an interview.

Please note: All siblings must apply before the application close date, otherwise they will automatically be placed on the waiting list.

Thank you for another wonderful week of learning, loving, living, and celebrating together.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

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Sacramental Program 2026

At St. Patrick's, we are blessed to journey with our students, their families and the Parish community as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments. The Sacraments are a special way for children to grow in their faith and relationship with God, becoming more deeply connected to our Catholic community and the Body of Christ.

This year, students who are at least 8 years of age can prepare for the following Sacraments:

- First Reconciliation: A chance for students to experience God's forgiveness and mercy.
- First Holy Communion: Receiving Eucharist for the first time, a central moment in our Catholic faith.
- Confirmation: Strengthening their faith and receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live as true disciples of Christ.

We encourage our families to support their children during this special time of preparation by attending Mass, praying together as a family, and engaging in discussions about faith at home. Parents are also invited to attend the upcoming Sacramental Information Sessions at the Parish Office on either Wednesday, February 11 (5:30pm) or Saturday, February 14 (10:30pm), where there will be an outline of the preparation program and answers to any questions you may have. For more information, please contact Pauline Leahy at the Parish Office (41516666).

Let us keep all our students in our prayers as they take these important steps in their faith journey.

Tracey Cook

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PUPIL FREE DAY

Pupil Free Day

Please note the
Pupil Free Day
this term is Friday
20th February

PREP 2027 ENROLMENT INFORMATION



enrol now

Enrolments for Prep 2027 are already filling fast.

If you are an existing family and haven't yet enrolled a child/children eligible for Prep 2027, please do so as soon as possible to ensure he/she is given priority.

Should you know of others who are hopeful of beginning their St. Patrick's journey in 2027, please forward on this [online enrolment](#) information.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026—ENROL NOW

We are excited to announce that the Parish Sacramental Program will be starting soon! This is a special journey of faith where children and families come together to prepare for the sacrament of **Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation**. To register or find out more, please use the details below. More information on the program can be found on the next page.



Sacramental Program for 2026

Preparation for children eight years or older,
who are Baptised in the Catholic faith,
begins 11 February.

Enrol Now!

Enrol Now!

Enrol Now!

Use this QR Code or
go to our Sacraments page on our website
(www.bundabergcatholic.net.au)
to enrol now!

Enrol Now!



Enrol Now!

If your child is not yet Baptised or is 13 years or older please contact Pauline
at the Parish Office (4151 6666) for details for their preparation.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026



Penance



Confirmation



First Holy Communion

Sacramental Program 2026

Please note all these important dates in your diary/calendar

Parent Sessions start at 5.30pm, in the Parish Office.

Parent/Child Sessions start at 5.30pm, in Holy Rosary Church.

Wed 11 February Parent Information Session (option 1)
or

Sat 14 February Parent Information Session (option 2)

Ash Wednesday - 18 February

Childrens Mass - 22 February

25 February Parent/Child Session

4 March Parent Session

11 March Parent Session

18 March Parent/Child Session

21/22 March **Ritual of Choosing ****

25 March First Reconciliation (Penance)

Passion (Palm) Sunday - 29 March

Easter - 2-4 April

22 April Parent/Child Session (Teaching Mass)

Childrens Mass - 26 April

29 April Parent Session

6 May Parent/Child Session

13 May Parent Session

16/17 May **Ritual of Belonging ****

20 May Parent/Child Session

Childrens Mass - Pentecost Sunday - 24 May

3 June Confirmation Rehearsal

(Parents/Children/Sponsors)

6/7 June **Confirmation**

10 June First Holy Communion Rehearsal

(Parents/Children/Sponsors)

13/14 June **First Holy Communion ****

**** Ritual of Choosing** Saturday

& Ritual of Belonging

You choose your
preferred Weekend Mass

6.00pm St Patrick's Church

Sunday

7.00am St James' Church

8.00am Holy Rosary Church

9.00am St Patrick's Church

5.30pm Holy Rosary Church

SPORTS 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 2014, 2015 & 2016 (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 Golshevsky 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
Students will only be allowed to participate when completing and handing in the forms to the coach/manager at the trials.				
AFL	Boys & Girls	Born 2014 or 2015 (only exceptional 2016)	Mon 9 Feb Mon 16 Feb	ATW AFL Grounds, Claytons Road
Softball	Boys & Girls	10-12 years	Mon 9 Feb Mon 16 Feb	Bundaberg Softball Grounds, Clayton Road (near Waves AFL fields)
Netball	Boys & Girls	10-12 years	12 Feb (11-12 yrs Girls & 10-12 yrs Boys) 17 Feb (10-11 Mixed)	St Luke's Anglican School, 4 Mezger Street
Golf	Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close on Friday 27 February and Wide Bay Trials is Thursday 19 March . A golf handicap will be required for nomination purposes. Please see Taryn Golshevsky if interested or for more information.			

WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT

Swimmers must be born 2016, 2015 & 2014. The 2026 Queensland 10-12 Years Schools Swimming Championships will be held at Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane over 25 – 27 March.

Parents must ensure to submit nominations by survey link by Monday 16th February. Students selected will be notified directly on the parent email provided.

Nominate via this link

10-19 Years [Nomination](#) or QR



10-19 Years [Multi-Class Nomination](#) or QR code



Selection in the Wide Bay Regional Team is gained by submitting times swum in the 50 metre pool in a QSA sanctioned meet. When times are submitted, they must be verified by printouts from Meet Manager and then stamped and signed by the club's secretary or record keeper. If this procedure is not followed, times will not be accepted.



OVER
18
EVENT

Enjoy a Day Out at the
Bundaberg

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Race Day 2026

21 & TIMELESS



<https://www.trybooking.com/DJH1Z>

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE -
ON SALE NOW!

SATURDAY 14 MARCH
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN 11:30AM

Admission \$85

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE
MARQUEE PARTY, 2 FREE DRINK
TICKETS & FINGER FOOD

- FASHION PARADE
- HUGE RAFFLE

SUPERVISED EVENT
CAEN FACILITIES
SAUSAGE SIZZLE



\$5 ENTRY

BLUELIGHT DISCO

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

5PM - 7PM PREP TO YR 6
7.30PM - 9.30PM YR 7 TO YR 12

BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE
BOURBONG ST, BUNDABERG CENTRAL

THEME:
BRIGHT
COLOURS

FREE ENTRY

Fun Time
amusements
FAMILY CARNIVALS

BUNDABERG
FAMILY CARNIVAL
2026

6TH FEBRUARY 5PM TO 9PM
7TH FEBRUARY 5PM TO 9PM
8TH FEBRUARY 9AM TO 1PM

ALEXANDRA PARK WEST

UNLIMITED RIDE ARMBANDS
\$40 ONLINE

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DHPLE](https://www.trybooking.com/DHPLE)

\$50 AT THE TICKETBOX - PER PERSON, PER SESSION
INDIVIDUAL RIDE TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE

RIDES - FOOD - GAMES
SHOWBAGS - MORE

 FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES & GIVEAWAYS
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FTAfamilycarnivals](https://www.facebook.com/FTAfamilycarnivals)



 Save the date!

**RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIP
PROGRAM**

24 February



**Face-to-Face
parent
engagement**

**Shalom College
Bundaberg**

**Tuesday, 24 February
6:30pm - 8:00pm**



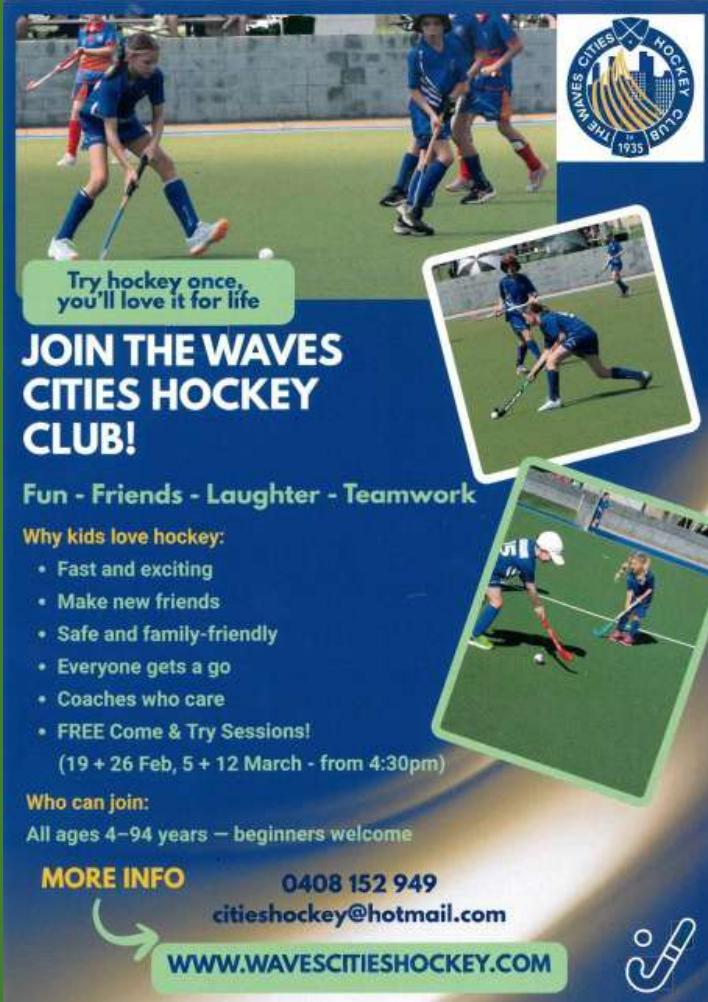
WESTERN SUBURBS JRL COMBINED
COME AND TRY & SIGN ON DAY

21ST OF FEBRUARY 2026 | 9AM TO 12PM
JUBILEE PARK

BOYS & GIRLS AGES U6 - U12 · BOYS U13-16 · GIRLS U13-17

CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS!

Four young players in red and black jerseys are running with the ball on a grassy field.



Try hockey once, you'll love it for life

JOIN THE WAVES CITIES HOCKEY CLUB!

Fun - Friends - Laughter - Teamwork

Why kids love hockey:

- Fast and exciting
- Make new friends
- Safe and family-friendly
- Everyone gets a go
- Coaches who care
- **FREE Come & Try Sessions!**
 (19 + 26 Feb, 5 + 12 March - from 4:30pm)

Who can join:
All ages 4–94 years – beginners welcome

MORE INFO 0408 152 949
citieshockey@hotmail.com

WWW.WAVESCITIESHOCKEY.COM

Waves Cities Hockey Club logo

Three small images showing players in action: one player in blue and red, two players in blue, and two players in blue and red.



Join the Brothers Netball Club!

NET SET GO

Fair Play Vouchers go live on 29/01/2026

Games on Saturday mornings!

IF YOU'RE TURNING 7-10 YEARS OLD IN 2026, WE WANT YOU!

COME & TRY DAY!

19th Feb 4-5 pm
Brothers Netball Courts

Two girls playing netball on a court.



ARE YOU TURNING 7-10 IN 2026

Do you love having fun with friends and want to play netball?

WE WANT YOU!

We are looking For boys & girls to join our club

Come & try
7th February 2026
9am - 11am

@ Bundaberg State High

JOIN OUR CLUB
NATIVES NETBALL CLUB

nativesnetball@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook

Natives Netball Club logo

OUT AND ABOUT



**FREE COME &
TRY DAYS**
**ALL AGES
WELCOME**

**FRIDAY 6 FEB
5PM - 6.30PM**

WHAT'S INCLUDED
FREE BBQ
SOCCER SKILLS & GAMES
MEET THE COACHES & CLUB
COMMUNITY
ZOOOPER DOOPERS

PAST PLAYERS AND NEW FRIENDS WELCOME!!!

UNITED PARK EAGLES

📍 FARTHING PARK
25 MARKS ST BUNDABERG NORTH

**FRIDAY 13 FEB
5PM - 6.30PM**



Brothers All Blacks Hockey Club COME AND TRY

WHEN

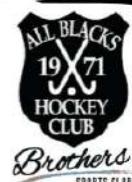
Monday 9th February 2026
Monday 16th February 2026

WHERE

Bundaberg Hockey Grounds
Thornhill Street, Bundy North

WHAT TIME

Ages 5-12: 4pm to 5pm
Ages 13-16: 5pm to 6pm
Women: 6pm-7pm
Men: 6pm to 7pm

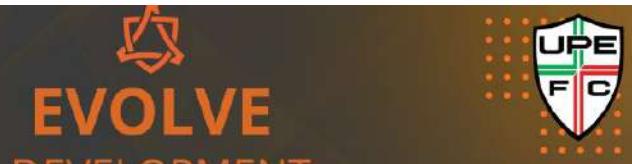


No Experience? No Problem!

We welcome players of all ages!

Just bring a water bottle & closed-in shoes
Equipment is available - so why not give it a go?!

secretary@allblackshockey.com.au



Trial Dates:

20th January 4pm - 5pm
10th February 4pm - 5pm
Farthing Park - 25 Marks st
Bundaberg North

Qualified coaching and skill development
For locally talented U/8 – U/12 players
Pathway to higher-level competition
Clear pathways into senior teams
Carnivals and tournaments across QLD

**REGISTER
FOR TRIALS**



For further information, email us at:
info@oupefc@gmail.com

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EVENT DETAILS

**THURSDAY 23, JULY
PCYC BUNDABERG**

**8:30AM - 3:00PM
20 MINUTE GAMES**

SCHOOL BASED TEAMS

TEAM NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

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TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 26th January-30th January		
Monday	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Tuesday	Term 1 Commences	8.40am	Whole School
WEEK 2	Week 2nd February-6th February		
Monday	Opening School Mass	9.00am	Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
WEEK 3	Week 9th February—13th February		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5S
WEEK 4	Week 16th February—22nd February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8:30am	Whole School
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
Sunday	Children's Mass—St Patrick's Mass	9:00am	All welcome!
WEEK 5	Week 23rd February—27th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
WEEK 6	Week 2nd March—6th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6B
Thursday	Dance Night on oval	5:30pm	Whole School
WEEK 7	Week 9th March—13th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6F
WEEK 8	Week 16th March—20th March		
Tuesday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy & Yr 6 Leadership Induction	9:00 am	Whole School
Wednesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2W
WEEK 9	Week 23rd March—27th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 2
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2S
WEEK 10	Week 30th March—3rd April		
Monday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4K & 4B
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4F
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	5S
Thursday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:00am	Whole School
	Term Concludes	3:00pm	Whole School

2026 TERM DATES

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