



Principal's News

24th July 2026

Kim O'Shea-Hard Principal

I hope the term has started well for all families.

Next week we will celebrate **Catholic Education Week**, with this year's inspiring theme, "**Share Your Light, Inspire Others.**" As Catherine McAuley encouraged those who followed in her footsteps:



This quote reminds us that each member of our community has the ability to bring hope, kindness and encouragement to others through their words and actions.

To mark Catholic Education Week, we have commissioned local artist **Paul Perry** to work with our students in creating a special '**Mercy Place**' mosaic artwork. This project will celebrate our St. Patrick's story of faith being brought across the seas by **Catherine McAuley and the Mercy Sisters**, whose faith, compassion and commitment to serving others continue to inspire our school community today. The mosaic will stand as a lasting reminder that we are all called to share our gifts, be a light for others and to spread the shamrock green throughout our community.

To begin the week, we invite all families to join us for a special **Catholic Education Week Mass** on **Sunday 26 July at 5:30pm at Holy Rosary Church**. We will gather in solidarity with **Shalom College, St Mary's and St Joseph's** to give thanks for the gift of Catholic education and the many ways it enriches our lives.

We would love to see as many staff, students and families as possible at this celebration. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their school uniform, and parents and caregivers may like to add a touch of green (although this is certainly not compulsory).



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Congratulations to all of our students who travelled away, under the Catholic Education banner, to utilise their talents and sportsmanship to represent us at last week's Challenge Cup. The Rugby League Shamrocks gave it their best shot, finishing runners-up in their division. With 11 of the students in Year 5, we very much look forward to what they will collectively achieve next year. Our netballers, went through undefeated, earning them Diocesan Challenge Cup Champions. If being crowned first place, in a 32 team competition wasn't impressive, receiving the letter below suggested that this group of girls were not only winners but absolute champions. My advice on their departure was to give it their best shot, wear the shamrocks with pride and to remember to 'spread the green' on and off the field. This letter is evidence that they absolutely achieved this, as did the Rugby League Players. These opportunities would not be realised without the support of parents and staff. We are very grateful to Mr. Plumb, Mr. Zandona, Mr. Egan, Mrs. Salmon and Miss Egan for being an excellent example of 'sharing their light to inspire others' this Catholic Education Week.

Similarly, we are very grateful to Mr. Luke Jacobson who prepared teams for their first Queensland Futsal Championship, going through undefeated and representing St. Patrick's well. We look forward to seeing our students 'inspire' and 'shine' on stage next week at the Eisteddfod. Best of luck to all of our students and teachers involved!

Thank you for your continued support of St Patrick's and Catholic Education. Together, may we continue to share our light and inspire others through faith, learning and service.



Dear Kim,



We wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the outstanding behaviour, manners and sportsmanship shown by your netball girls during the Challenge Cup grand final. Their conduct was exemplary from start to finish. They demonstrated respect for officials, kindness toward our team and a level of maturity that truly stood out throughout the game.

Your coaches also deserve special recognition. Their leadership, calm guidance and the positive culture they have clearly built within the team were evident in every interaction. The players' behaviour was a direct reflection of the values your staff model so consistently.

Congratulations again on your well-deserved win. Your students represented your school with pride, character and genuine sportsmanship.

Warm regards, Jo and Paula
St Benedict's Yeppoon coaches.



Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE

Catholic Education Week 2026

Next week we look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week, a special time to give thanks for the gift of Catholic schooling in our community. The theme for 2026, Shine Your Light, Inspire Others, invites us to live the Gospel with courage and joy, so our faith is seen in the way we learn, serve and care for one another.

We warmly invite all families to join us for the All Schools Mass on Sunday 26 July at 5:30pm at Holy Rosary Church. This beautiful celebration unites students, staff and families from Catholic schools across our region as we begin the week in prayer. We would love to see as many of our school families there as possible, with students wearing their Formal Uniform. Students are also invited to be part of the choir (please arrive at Holy Rosary by 5:00pm on Sunday for rehearsal).

As part of our celebrations, our Mini Vinnies Team will be selling Kindness Cupcakes (\$2 each) — a sweet reminder that even small acts can help others feel seen, supported and valued. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go toward gifting local homeless people a night off the streets along with a warm meal this winter. Students can pre-order (with payment) on Wednesday 29 July, and cupcakes will be delivered to classes on Thursday 30 July.

We are so proud of our wonderful students, dedicated staff and supportive families who help St Patrick's shine each day.

Thank you for the many ways you inspire others — we can't wait to celebrate with you!



Sports News

Challenge Cup 2026

The St. Patrick's Netball and Rugby League teams enjoyed a fantastic week with their families at the 2026 Challenge Cup competition in Yeppoon. All of our students showed great effort and skill to contribute to their respective team in the carnival which had a record 32 netball teams and 28 rugby league teams from across the Diocese.



Our Netball team went through the carnival undefeated to win the trophy finishing first. St. Patrick's last achieved this feat in 2007! The girls demonstrated teamwork and resilience to defeat tough opposition on the final day.

Our Rugby League players were brave throughout the carnival with all 8 games being close contests. The improvement in their play throughout 2026 and the carnival is a credit to their determination.

A huge thank you to Ms. Salmon, Ms Egan, Mr. Plumb and Mr. Zandona for all their hours and coaching in the months leading up to the Challenge Cup.

And another thank to our sponsors who provided the uniforms for St. Patrick's - PES Electrical, Ian Stanley Plumbing and Hallstone Construction.



FQ Futsal Championship



Well done to our two St. Patrick's Futsal teams who participated in the Football Queensland Bundaberg competition this week at the PCYC.

Both teams played the game in the right spirit showing sportsmanship accompanied with great teamwork and determination. Both the under 10s and under 12 boys teams were undefeated.

A huge thank you to Coach Luke Jacobsen whose training efforts with the boys over the last month certainly improved their skill levels and teamwork.

Congratulations to both teams!



2026 Bundaberg District Primary Athletics Carnival

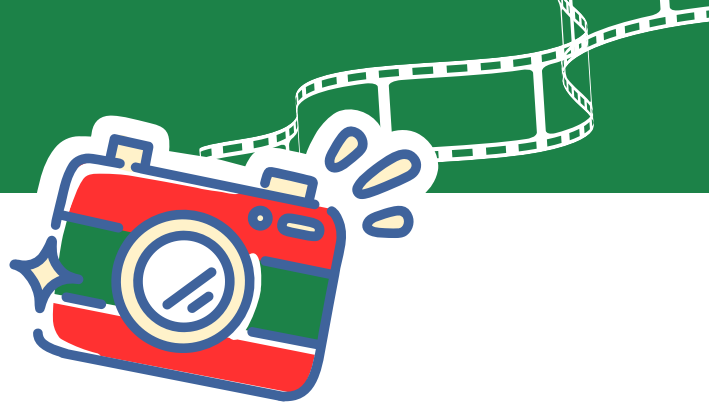
Congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent St Patrick's at the 2026 Bundaberg District Primary Athletics Carnival, to be held at St Luke's in Week 5.

Parents are reminded to please check the email that has been sent regarding your child's selection. To confirm your child's participation, you must accept the Terms and Conditions through the Parent Orbit App. We ask that this be completed as soon as possible to assist with event preparations.

We wish all of our selected athletes the very best of luck and know they will represent St Patrick's with pride!



School Photo Day



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY Monday, 3rd August



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School Photo Day is scheduled for Week 4, Monday 3rd August 2026.

Photo Orders:

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

We prefer orders placed online, however if you are unable to order online, please collect an order envelope from the front office, complete the back of the envelope, and return your completed envelope, with the correct cash payment, to the photographers on photo day. Online orders do not require an envelope returned to school.

What to Wear:

All students are asked to come dressed in their **full formal school uniform**. Prep classes will wear the full sports uniform.

Sibling Photos:

Sibling photos can be ordered online and must be placed by midnight Sunday 2nd August. Only siblings attending St Patrick's Primary School are permitted to be photographed.

Sibling Photos are scheduled to commence at 8:00 AM. Those not taken before school, will be taken later in the day.

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 for photo day.

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

How to report serious cyberbullying

1

Collect evidence

Screenshot the harmful content, webpage address (URL), account username.



2

Report

Report to the online service - if they don't respond, report to [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au).



3

Prevent further contact

Use settings to ignore, mute or block the other person and check your privacy settings.



4

Get more help

Talk to a trusted adult or a counsellor about the impact.



If you are in immediate danger or at risk of harm call **Triple Zero (000)**.
If you need to talk to someone, visit [kidshelpline.com.au](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au) or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Serious cyberbullying means sending or sharing harmful online content that badly upsets someone under 18. It may make them feel harassed (hassled), humiliated (embarrassed), threatened (unsafe) or intimidated (scared to do or say something).



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Reminder: Powers Street Drop Off



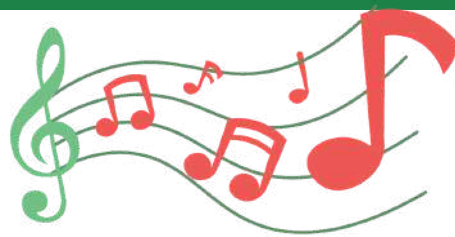
A gentle reminder that at the Powers Street drop off in the morning, please **DO NOT park you car in the drop off area** and walk your child into the school.

To allow the **free flow of traffic**, please park in the available spaces to walk your child in.

Thanks for supporting our community.



Eisteddfod Rehearsals – Week 3



Please note the following additional morning rehearsals for **Week 3**:

Monday 27 July, 7:30am:

Senior Choir and Junior Choir. Senior Choir students are to arrive dressed in their black performance attire.

Wednesday 29 July, 7:30am:

Junior Strings. Students are to arrive dressed in their black performance attire.

Senior Strings: There is no change to the usual rehearsal time.

Thank you for your support in ensuring students arrive on time and prepare for these important rehearsals.



Lost Property

A Friendly Reminder to Label School Belongings



We have had an increasing number of enquiries about missing school jumpers, hats, water bottles, and other personal items.

Please help us by ensuring that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. This makes it much easier for us to reunite lost items with their owners.

We also ask families to check the jumpers and other school items that come home to make sure they belong to your child. If you discover that an item has accidentally been taken home, we would greatly appreciate it if you could return it to the school office as soon as possible so it can be reunited with its owner.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us reduce the number of lost items.

Out and About



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for
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Build your skills, confidence and professional network.



Learn.

Learn from experienced educators and practical real-world experiences.



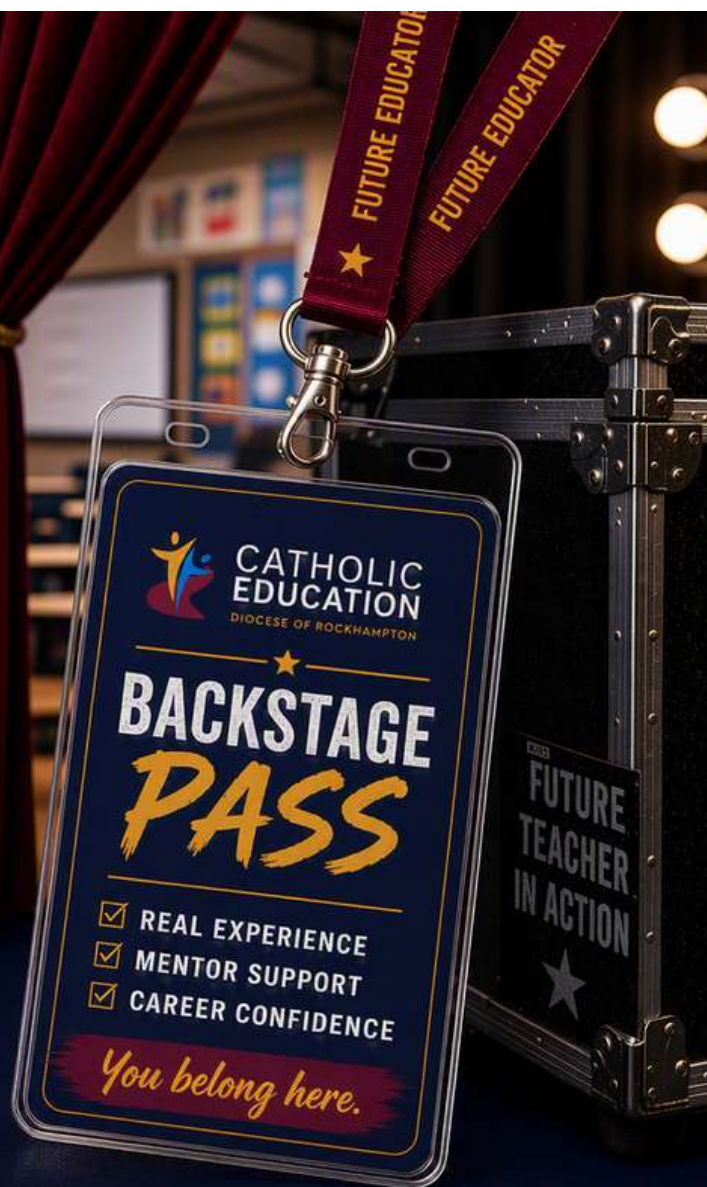
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Grow your potential and shape the future—one student at a time.



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Out and About



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What's happening in Week 3?

Catholic Education Week

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| Sunday | Musical Rehearsal (1:00 PM - 3:30 PM)
All Schools Mass (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM) |
| Mon-Wed | Bundaberg Eisteddfod |
| Tue - Wed | Courtyard Prayer - 6F |
| Tue | NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre
(3:15 PM - 4:15 PM) Weeks 2-7 |
| Thur | Kindness Cupcakes
NAIDOC on the Grass - Shalom
Musical Rehearsal (3:15 PM - 5:00 PM) |
| Fri | Friday Sports - Weeks 2-6 |

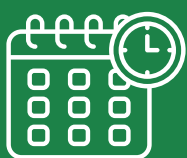


Term 3 Planner: Weeks 1-5

WEEK 1	Week 13th July - 17th July		
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	1H
Tuesday - Friday	Challenge Cup	11:30 am	Selected students
WEEK 2	Week 20th July - 24th July		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	6B
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's Senior Oval
Thursday	All Schools Futsal	All Day	Selected Students
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30 pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 3	Week 27th July - 31st July - Catholic Education Week		
Sunday	All Schools Mass	5:30 pm	Holy Rosary Church
Monday - Wednesday	Bundaberg Eisteddfod	All Day	Strings Ensembles, Choirs & Year 1 Verse Speaking
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's Senior Oval
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	6F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30 pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 4	Week 3rd August - 7th August		
Monday	School Photo Day	All Day	St Patrick's - MPS
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's Senior Oval
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	Tue (PK), Wed (PL), Thur (PS)
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30 pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 5	Week 10th August - 14th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 4
Monday - Tuesday	District Athletics	All Day	Selected students
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's Senior Oval
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	6L
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30 pm	Years 5-6

Term 3 Planner: Weeks 6-10

WEEK 6	Week 17th August - 21st August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 5 and Year 1
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	5S
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30 pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 24th August - 28th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 2
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	5P
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's
WEEK 8	Week 31st August - 4 September		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 6 and Prep
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	4K
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	Father's Day Liturgy - Year 3
Wednesday - Thursday	Year 5 Camp	All Day	Year 5
Friday	Pupil Free Day		
WEEK 9	Week 7th September - 11th September		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	5G
Wednesday - Thursday	Musical Performance	5:30 pm	Shalom College PAP
WEEK 10	Week 14th September - 18th September		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4B
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp	All Day	Year 6
Friday	All Schools Touch	All Day	Selected Students



2026 Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September

Term 4 Tuesday 6th October - Friday 4th December