



Principal's News

31st July 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

Catholic Education Week began on Sunday with our combined Catholic Education Week Mass. Congratulations to Abby Mead, who was acknowledged during the Mass as someone who works quietly yet consistently to help others shine and inspire within the St Patrick's School community.

In Acts 20:35, we are reminded that Jesus taught, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Throughout this week, we have experienced both giving and receiving in abundance. Joy Gems, Acts of Kindness deliveries, the Mercy Place Artist in Residence activity, colouring competitions, and NAIDOC on the Grass all provided wonderful opportunities to celebrate Catholic Education Week. The photos from the week tell a beautiful story of generosity, community, and joy.

This week, **Year 6F** led us in Courtyard Prayer for the final time. It was particularly fitting that their prayer song included the lyrics, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine," which was also the theme of the song performed by our Junior Choir. Their performance earned them **Second Place** at the Bundaberg Eisteddfod.

Our students performed in many individual and group events across the two weeks of the Bundaberg Eisteddfod and achieved some outstanding results. We thank the staff who supported them every step of the way, including **Mrs Brimelow, Miss Zana, and Miss Stone**, who prepared their Year 1 students for Choral Speaking. Not only did these groups achieve a **Second Place** and a **Highly Commended** award, but they also provided students with valuable opportunities to build confidence and resilience.

Ms Kate worked tirelessly with our instrumentalists, leading our **Senior Strings to First Place** and our **Junior Strings to Second Place**, an outstanding achievement. Likewise, **Mrs Morley** dedicated countless early mornings to our school choirs, with the **Junior Choir** earning **Second Place** and the **Senior Choir** receiving a **Highly Commended** award for their efforts.

These achievements come during an especially busy period for Mrs Morley and the Musical Team, who will once again dedicate part of their weekend to rehearsals. A special thank you to **Bec Lovejoy, Tracey Cook (and little sister Kirsty), Sally French, Elke McCrystal, Marlou Malnegro, Sara Salmond, Jessica Cullinan, Nicholas Krebs, Layla Morley, and Freya Cook** for the many hours they continue to invest in our students. Their commitment and generosity make a tremendous difference, and our students will certainly have another opportunity to shine and inspire on stage very soon.



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It has also been wonderful to receive positive emails from parents expressing gratitude for the dedicated staff who continue to contribute to our special part of Catholic Education. Life may not always be Joy Gems and leprechauns, but Catholic Education Week has been the perfect time to show kindness, say thank you, and appreciate the caring and supportive community we are privileged to be a part. Thank you for the part you continue to play in our very own Catholic Education story, it is acknowledged and very much appreciated!



Chief Inspector, Grantley Marcus from QLD Police Service (Bundaberg), expressing gratitude on receiving treats and thank you cards from our students.



Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE

Mercy Place

Mercy Place will be a beautiful gathering place for our school – the place we meet first thing each morning before school and use it for many school and class activities. This area of the school has been a work in progress for many years. It is the brainchild of Mrs O'Shea-Hard. Mrs Jessica Cullinan has been inspired by local artist Mr Paul Perry, who has created many notable artworks around Bundaberg – especially around our local beaches. Mrs Cullinan, Mrs O'Shea-Hard and Mr Perry have collaborated and come up with a design for Mercy Place to enable us to tell the story of our founders from the past and look to our future.

The theme and design reflect who we are as a Mercy school within the Catholic education family. Mercy values—compassion, service, hospitality, and respect—are expressed through colour, symbols, and the many small pieces that will come together as one. The waves will represent the Sisters of Mercy crossing the oceans to Australia to spread Jesus' message as inspired by their founder Catherine McAuley. Shamrocks woven throughout the artwork also connect to St Patrick, who used the three leaves to teach about the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Working with Paul Perry on our Mercy Place Mosaic has been a truly special experience for our St Patrick's community. Paul brought professional artistic guidance into our school, and his generosity has helped make this project feel genuinely shared. In a very real way, the mosaic honours our Mercy charism: creating something beautiful through collaboration, welcome, and care for each person's contribution. We must thank Paul for donating a great deal of his time to complete this beautiful project.

We are also blessed to have an artist of Paul's calibre living locally in Bundaberg. His presence reminds our students that creativity, talent, and vocation can grow right here in our own community, and it strengthens the partnership between school, families, and the wider community.



Our students have loved learning from Paul. They've practised real techniques, as well as patience and perseverance, and they've experienced the joy of contributing to something bigger than themselves — so clearly in the spirit of Mercy.

This mosaic will become part of our school story for years to come. Future students will see a daily reminder of Mercy—faith in action, community, and service. It also beautifully highlights Catholic Education Week by celebrating what Catholic schools do best: forming the whole person and creating learning experiences that connect faith, creativity, and real life.

Sports News

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!

eSafety News



Parenting in the digital world

In today's digital world, parents and caregivers play a vital role in helping children enjoy the benefits of being online – while staying safe.

The Balancing risk and reward report, also based on the 'Keeping Kids Safe Online' survey findings, explores what this looks like in real life.

It covers:

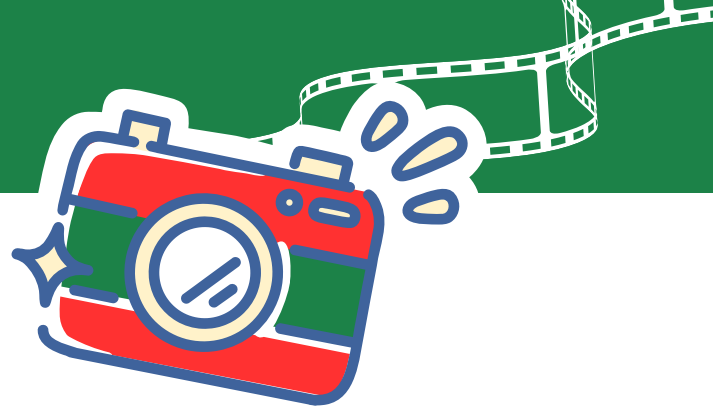
- how parents feel about their children being online
- what they know about their child's digital activities
- how age and gender influence digital parenting
- how lived experiences shape how parents manage their children's online activity
- practical steps to keep children safe

Whether you're confident or unsure, this report offers valuable insights to help you better support your child's online journey.

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School Photo Day



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Monday, 3rd August



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School Photo Day
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!

Save the Date - Frozen Kids Musical

September
9 & 10 2026

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Out and About



What's happening in Week 4?



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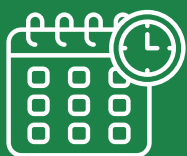
Sunday	Musical Rehearsal (1:00 PM - 3:30 PM)
Mon	School Photo Day
Tue - Wed	Prep vision Screening
Tue-Thur	Courtyard Prayer - PK (Tue), PL (Wed), PS (Thur)
Tue	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre (3:15 PM - 4:15 PM) Weeks 2-7
Thur	Musical Rehearsal (3:15 PM - 5:00 PM)
Fri	Friday Sports - Weeks 2-6

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