



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

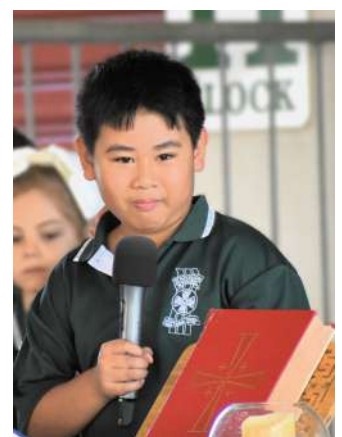
9th May 2025

This week I attended the funeral of Brother Ted Magee, his passing mentioned in last week's newsletter. He held a deep faith and was a Christian Brother for 65 years. He strongly believed that we are all diamonds in the rough, on a life mission to reveal our true lustre. The congregation was full of past students, colleagues, friends and family. He died a popular man, and my thoughts were taken to just how many 'diamonds in the rough' he had helped to chisel into precious gems. Then, with Mother's Day on my mind, I reflected on how integral a mother's love is in helping us to shine in full lustre. When I consider my own life journey as a mother, I appreciate Jesus' mother, Mary. She knew she had a very special young man. One who was very strong and independent. One she had loved unconditionally, but one she knew she had raised to carry his own cross. It was His mother who was always close by his side. The first at the tomb the day after he died. I have no doubt that if Mary could have carried that cross for Jesus, she would have. This is how strong a mother's love is for her children. Sometimes we forget that as mothers we are also diamonds in the rough. We are learning our way, especially in the early days. I believe Mothers do the best with what they know and what they have at the time. Parenthood is the most bitter-sweet experience anyone will ever know. Just like Mary, when we see our children enduring a struggle or challenge, we want to 'carry the cross' for them. However, as many grandmothers might know, this is all part of the growing process. It is sometimes the setbacks and disappointments that knock off those rough edges in order to build character and increase our own brilliance. However, knowing this doesn't make it any easier for a mother's life work. It takes strength, consistency, tenacity and so often self-sacrifice. This Sunday let us remember our mothers, grandmothers and anyone in our life who loves us unconditionally, as it is not always easy to do so. Today, Year Two led us through a beautiful Mother's Day Liturgy where we prayed the following prayer for all our beautiful mothers past and present;

Gracious God, we thank you for the love and care of our mothers and those who are like mothers to us. We place our mothers in your tender care and ask you to give them strength when they are weary, knowledge and understanding when they are unsure, compassion and kindness when they are struggling and hearts full of love and joy. We ask this prayer through Jesus Your Son. Amen

Happy Mother's Day to our wonderful St. Patty's Mothers, Grandmothers and Mother figures. We hope you enjoy your special day!

Thanks to everyone who has registered for the 'Patty's PEN' (Parent Engagement Night) being held next Tuesday, 13th May at 5:30pm. If you haven't yet registered, please do so using the [online form](#) link, for organisational purposes. All are welcome! Mrs. Bianca McLeish (Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator for DCEO) has been invited to engage us in the 'Strength-Based Education Model' currently being embraced here at St. Patrick's. This session should also assist you in ways to support your own children's road to regulation, relationships and resilience. Bianca will also work with our teachers earlier in the afternoon. Please enter the Staffroom from the side entrance to the left of Main Reception. There will be refreshments available as many will be rushing straight from work. I look forward to seeing you there!



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

Welcoming Pope Leo XIV

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) has welcomed the election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the Pope, now to be known by the name Leo XIV.

This represents a momentous event in the life of the Catholic Church, the wider community of Christian believers and, in many respects, the whole world.

Conference President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, said the Catholic Church in Australia offered its heartfelt congratulations.

"The election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as Pope Leo XIV is yet again a sign of the wisdom behind the Italian saying that 'those who enter the conclave as a pope inevitably emerge from the conclave as a cardinal'," Archbishop Costelloe said.

"Cardinal Prevost brought to his most recent role as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops an approachability and willingness to listen which were no doubt developed throughout his many years as an Augustinian missionary in Peru.

"He will be warmly welcomed by the Church in Latin America, as Pope Francis was, by the Church in the United States from where he comes, from the English-speaking world as a native English speaker, and from the whole Church as a man of God steeped in the rich spirituality of his Augustinian Religious Order.

"As Pope Leo XIV, our new pope will bring the benefit of his wide experience to the many challenges and opportunities before him."

Archbishop Costelloe said the new pope would guide the Church with renewed hope and strength.

"The Catholic Church in Australia assures Pope Leo XIV of our prayers, loyalty, and joyful anticipation of his spiritual leadership. May his pontificate be marked by peace, unity, and a deepening of the Gospel message throughout the world," he said.

"Recent Popes have sought ways to be of service to the wider Christian family and we can expect that Pope Leo XIV will follow this same path. The growing sense of unity and common purpose, already evident among Christians, can be a powerful countersign to the fragmentation we see in so many societies and communities."

Archbishop Costelloe said Pope Francis had "reminded us that unity does not demand uniformity, but rather openness to the rich diversity of the many cultures and traditions which are part of our Christian heritage".

Pope Leo XIV paid tribute to Pope Francis in his first remarks, which focused on peace.

"Peace be with all of you," he said.

He urged the faithful to "move forward, without fear, united, hand in hand with God and with each other".

Archbishop Costelloe and Vice President Greg Bennet have indicated they will travel to Rome for the installation. representing the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Church in Australia.





Tracey Cook

APRE

Junior Obstacle Course

Well done to all our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students who participated in the 2025 Obstacle Course last Friday. It was quite the challenge running that distance and going over the hurdles, through the tunnel, under the sticks and through the poison trees. Over 440 laps were run! Well done!

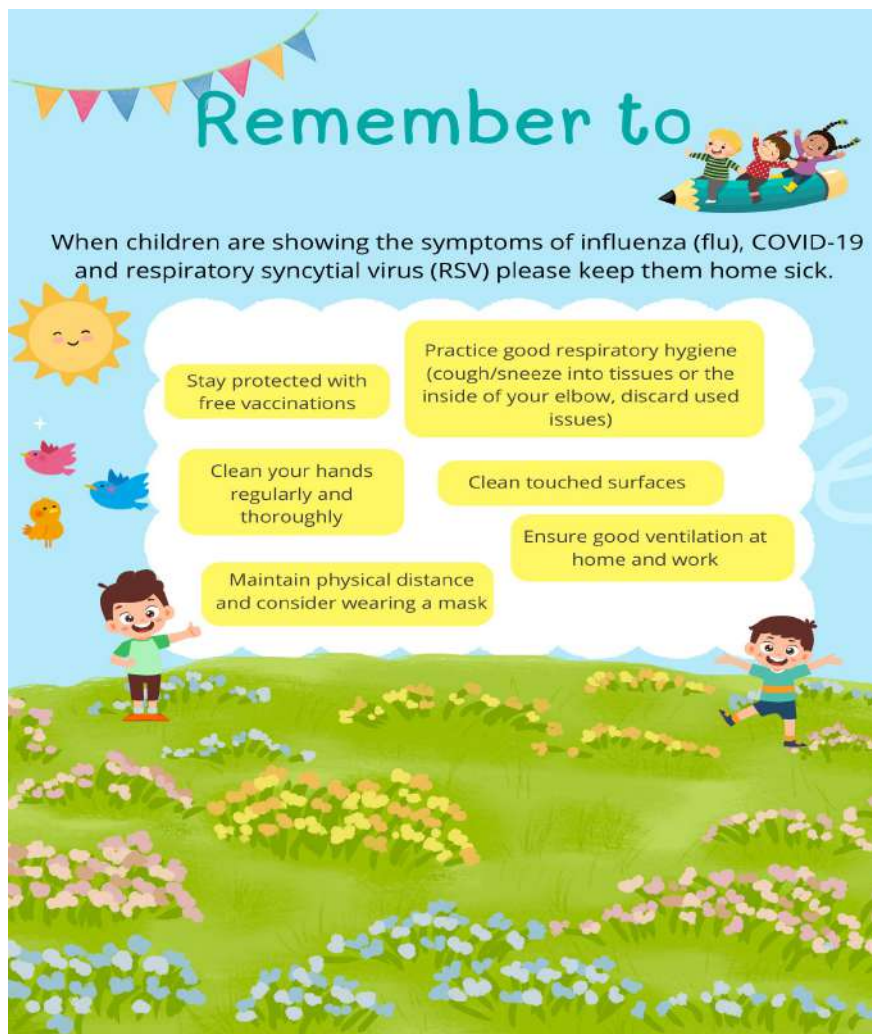
Congratulations to Coolock House who collected the most pegs and won the Shield!

A big thank you to all of the parents and families who came along to support their children. It really added to the atmosphere and encouraged greater participation.



HEALTH REMINDER

The Communicable Diseases Branch of Queensland Public Health have contacted schools reminding us all how quickly acute respiratory infections (ARIs) can spread in school settings. With parents, caregivers and school staff working together we can prevent ARIs from spreading rapidly.



MATHS CHALLENGE



*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!



PARENT ENGAGEMENT MINI CONFERENCE



CSPQ-Diocese of Rockhampton Parent Engagement Mini Conference

Key Speakers:

Mr Michael McCusker

Diocesan Director
Catholic Education,
Diocese of Rockhampton

Dr Kaylene Henderson

(MBBS (Qld) FRANZCP
Cert C&A Psych)

Jacqueline King

Counselling Services
Coordinator Catholic
Education,
Diocese of Rockhampton

All Catholic School Parents, Carers, Principals & School Staff welcome. A free event to support our children's learning and wellbeing.

When: Saturday 24 May

Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm

Venue: Kevin Castles Conference Centre Rockhampton -
152 West St, Allenstown

Morning Tea & Lunch provided

Join us for the whole day or come along to as many sessions as you can.

Information for parents/carers of all ages - Prep to Yr 12.

For more information and to register attendance, visit
<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/cspq-miniconf2025-rok>



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SHALOM COLLEGE

Empowering WOMEN'S evening

THURSDAY 22 MAY 2025

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

Lauren Jackson

Australian Women's Basketball Great

Lauren Jackson is arguably one of Australia's top sportspeople - considered by many to be the country's greatest female basketballer in history. She was the first Australian in history to be selected as the first overall pick in an international and professional draft. She was crowned an All-Star in her first WNBA season.

Lauren has been on top for 15 years playing at the elite level. She has so many honours spanning across several leagues, including the Australian (WNBL), American (WNBA), European (EuroLeague) and Asian (WKBL) Women's Basketball.

In 2012, Lauren had the great honour of being flag bearer for Australia at the London Olympics. At the 2024 Paris Olympics, Lauren became a 5-time Olympic medallist helping the Opals take home the Bronze.

Away from the court, Lauren is a devoted mother to two boys - Harry & Lenny - and works at Basketball Australia as their Head of Women in Basketball and runs their She Hoops program, empowering women in sport.



TICKETS
\$35-50pp
+booking fees

www.trybooking.com/DAEBG

Join us for an inspiring and empowering evening

Thursday 22 May 2025 | 5:30-8:30pm | Shalom College Performing Arts Precinct



SIGNED SINGLET RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT

Money raised goes to Edon Place

All money raised from the event will be shared amongst Shalom College female sporting and performance teams.

The evening will include drinks and canapés in the Foyer from 5:30pm, then from 6:45pm guests will move into the Theatre to see an in-depth Q&A with **Lauren Jackson**.

Tickets include a drink on arrival and canapés.

All male and female students, parents, staff and members of the community are welcome to attend.

*Tickets can also be purchased with cash or EFTPOS from the Shalom College Finance Office

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2025 SEAGALS ALL GIRLS STATEWIDE CARNIVAL



FEATURING WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS VS CENTRAL
QUEENSLAND CAPRAS BMD PREMIERSHIP GAME
(PATHWAY TO NRLW)



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[Seagals All Girls Statewide Carnival](#)



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THE ALL-GIRLS STATEWIDE CARNIVAL IS BACK FOR 2025, AND WE'RE TAKING IT TO ANOTHER LEVEL.

THIS ISN'T JUST A WEEKEND OF FOOTY. IT'S ABOUT GIVING GIRLS AGED 5-12 A CHANCE TO BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAT CAN CONTINUE TO GROW THEIR JOURNEY IN RUGBY LEAGUE — NO MATTER THEIR SKILL LEVEL OR WHERE THEY'RE FROM. ITS ALL ABOUT HAVING AN ALL-GIRLS SPACE FOR THE GIRLS TO GROW THEIR CONFIDENCE AND SKILLS.

WHEN : 4TH JULY TILL THE 6TH JULY

WHERE : HERVEY BAY QLD

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN \$79

THIS INCLUDES TRAINING SHIRT AND FAMILY GATE ENTRY TO THE 2 DAY CARNIVAL AND ALSO TO THE BMD PREMIERSHIP MATCH ON THE SATURDAY

FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE EMAIL NASHY : HBRLSEAGALSCOORDINATOR@GMAIL.COM



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FAMILY FUN
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55A Electra Street, Bundaberg

THURSDAY 29 MAY
2025
10AM TO 2PM

Entry with Gold Coin Donation Appreciated

- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
- FOOD AND DRINKS FOR SALE
- RAFFLE



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TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 22nd April - Friday 25th April		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY		
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	5G
Thursday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	8:40am	5G
Friday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY		
WEEK 2	Week 28th April - 2nd May		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Years 3 to 6	9:00am	Shalom
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course - Prep to Year 2	9:00am	St Patrick's
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 3	Week 5th May - 9th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 4	Week 12th May - 16th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	District Cross Country - no interschool sport	All Day	Avoca SS
WEEK 5	Week 19th May - 23rd May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 6	Week 26th May - 30th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 2
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 2nd June - 6th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Wednesday	Questacon Science Circus	All Day	Prep - 6
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 8	Week 9th June -13th June		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1H
WEEK 9	Week 16th June - 20th June		
Monday	Field Events Day - students born 2015, 2014 & 2013	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1B
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
WEEK 10	Week 23rd June - 27th June		
Monday	Senior Athletics Carnival - students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013	All Day	Shalom
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1C
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - students born 2020,2019, 2018 & 2017	All Day	St Patrick's

2025 SPORT DATES			
2nd May	Junior Obstacle Course	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
16 June	Senior Field Events	Students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013	St Patrick's
23rd June	Senior Athletics Day	Students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013	Shalom College
27th June	Junior Athletics Day	Students born 2020, 2019, 2018 & 2017	St Patrick's
21st November	Swimming Carnival	Years 3 to 6	Bundaberg

2025 TERM DATES	
TERM 1	Monday 28 January - Friday 4 April
TERM 2	Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June
TERM 3	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
TERM 4	Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December