



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

21st February 2025

A good beginning is of great importance - Catherine McAuley



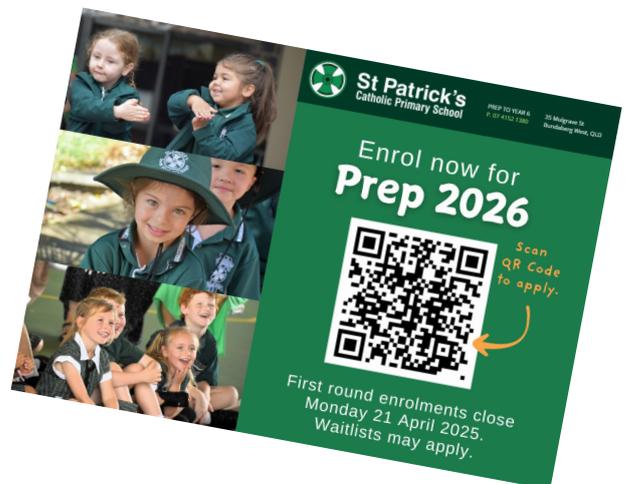
This week we have seen a beautiful display of Mrs. Cook's amazing photography capturing the happy faces of our students, hinged around Catherine McAuley's great advice

'a good beginning is of great importance'.

This quote is a personal favourite, and I believe very true. This week we have started to see some fruits from a 'good start'. We have fewer Prep students struggling to separate from their parents of a morning (and vice versa) evidence that St. Patrick's is fast becoming a big part of their new normal. We know, even as adults, a new start takes a lot of courage (a Mercy Education value). It can be tempting to remain the same, in order to avoid discomfort, but essential if we want to grow and develop. A crab is a great example of how 'growing' can be uncomfortable. In order for growth to occur, a crab has to break out of its shell many times over. Initially each new shell is soft and gel like, making them vulnerable for a short time. Then, as if by magic, this new layer hardens in to a much larger, stronger shell which eventually becomes comfortable once more. This is what we witness in many of our students each year, when stretched safely but surely to build resilience, through new challenges, new learning, new friendships, new teachers and new experiences.

Parents who are seeking a 'good beginning' for their children have been invited to attend a 'Walk Through' with myself and Year Six helpers next Monday, 24th April, 2025. This will hopefully give them a sense of St. Patrick's, as they make decisions for their Kindergarten aged children. Students from local Kindergartens, along with current 2026 enrolments, have been invited along to our Mr Fye's Magic Show at 9:15am, in preparation for a 9:30am start. The 'Walk Through' for any interested parents will be from 10:15am and we ask that attendees sign in via our Mulgrave Street entrance. First round enrolments for Prep 2026 will close on the 21st April, so please extend the invitation to any friends and families who you know are interested. Alternatively, find the QR Code below to directly access the online enrolment process. A big THANK YOU to existing families who have already completed the process, in order to secure their child/children's place.

Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal



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Absentees

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LENT 2025



Wednesday of Week 6 (March 5) is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of the liturgical season of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This means it is a time where we pray, act kindly towards other people, give up things we enjoy and give to others, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter. Our liturgy will be held in the Multi at 8.45am on March 5, led by Year 6S.

For forty days, we accompany Jesus on his passionate journey to Calvary and we see the courage he shows, despite his suffering. Like Jesus, we try to show kindness to others. Lent is a time of hope as we renew our relationship with God. During these forty days, it is an opportunity for us to take time to reflect on our lives, say sorry for any wrongdoing and focus on our relationship with God.

Every year during Lent we set the students challenges to help raise money for Project Compassion. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Soon students will receive their small donation boxes to take home to find a few coins to put in it during Lent and then return it to school on the day of our Lent challenge. Our Lent challenge this year is the 'Big Water Walk'.

Remember also, Tuesday March 4 is Shrove Tuesday, which means our Mini Vinnies 'Pancakes for People' fundraiser will be held. Students can purchase 3 mini pancakes for \$2. More information will be communicated in the coming weeks about our Lent fundraisers.

Our fundraising efforts for Lent culminate in the last week of school with our annual Mini Fair (more details about the Fair will be provided soon). We look forward to giving Lent 100% by uniting against poverty.

Tracey Cook

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CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT
COMPASSION
Unite Against Poverty this Lent



ADMINISTRATION CARPARK

Parking in the Mulgrave Street Administration Carpark is for staff only. This carpark has been specifically designed for a Pick Up and Drop Off Zone and Parents are not to park in this area from 7:45am – 8:45am and 2:45pm – 3:30pm, as parking and reversing severely disrupts the Pick Up and Drop Off process during these times. The only exception to this is for our families who use our designated Disabled Parks in the staff carpark. Please also be mindful of our neighbours and ensure that you do not park across driveways.

BUDDY TIME

At St Patrick's we value the connections made between our youngest and oldest students, we believe in nurturing these relationships to benefit all of the students in our care. As Catherine McAuley says, 'A good beginning is of great importance.' Something we embrace whole-heartedly at St Patrick's with our buddy time.



PREP 2026 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Enrolments for Prep 2026 are already filling fast. If you are an existing family and haven't yet enrolled a child/ children eligible for Prep 2026, 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 2026, please forward on this information.

DANCE NIGHT—THURSDAY, 6 MARCH

Welcome Dance Night will be held on Thursday 6th March. Our annual dance night is a wonderful way to welcome new families to the school and for our students to showcase their dancing talents they have developed through their Physical Education lessons.

Gates Open—5:00pm

Parents are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with your family on the oval before the dancing begins.

Dance presentation begins 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

The dance presentation will be held on the senior oval. Students will be seated in designated areas and supervised by teachers in their respective year levels during the performances. Students will remain with their classmates in their designated areas for the duration of the performances, with parents sitting in an area behind the children. Folding chairs are recommended for parents. Each student will be involved in 3-4 dances. Our students have worked very hard to learn their dances and are looking forward to this performance to showcase their skills.

To create a great atmosphere, we encourage the children to dress in the themes to complement their performances, although this is not a compulsory requirement.

This Year our themes are:

Prep and Year 1 - Pirates

Year 2, 3 & 4 - Minions

Year 5 & 6 - Dancers



MR FYE MAGIC SHOW



St Patrick's
Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6
P. 07 4152 1380

35 Mulgrave St
Bundaberg West, QLD

Enrol now for
Prep 2026



Scan
QR Code
to apply.

First round enrolments close
Monday 21 April 2025.
Waitlists may apply.



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	
Netball	Girls	11-12 years	Thursday 27 February	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
		10-11 years	Thursday 6 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
	Boys	11-12 years	Thursday 13 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
Basketball	Girls & Boys	2013, 2014 & 2015	Thursday 27 February Monday 3 March	Bundaberg Basketball Stadium	4:15 to 5:30pm
Touch Football	Girls & Boys	2013, 2014 & exceptional 2015 players	Friday 7 March Friday 14 March	Shalom College	3:30 to 5:15pm
AFL	Girls	2013, 2014 & exceptional 2015 players	Monday 24 February	ATW AFL Grounds	3:45 to 5:15pm
Softball	Girls & Boys	2013, 2014 & 2015	Monday 24 February Monday 3 March	Bundaberg Softball Grounds, Clayton Road	3:30 to 5:00pm
Squash	Girls & Boys	2013, 2014 & 2015	Monday 24 March	Bundaberg Squash Courts—1 John Street	4:00 to 5:00pm
Hockey	Girls & Boys	2013, 2014 & 2015	Monday 24 March Monday 31 March	Hinkler Park, Thornhill	4:00 to 5:00pm
Golf	Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close on Friday 7 March. A golf handicap will be required for nomination purposes. Please see Taryn Golschewsky if interested or for more information.				

Tickets now on sale via the link
<https://www.trybooking.com/CYNQM>

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE
BUNDABERG

Catholic Schools

RACE DAY 2025
CHEERS TO 20 YEARS!



SATURDAY 15 MARCH
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE
MARQUEE GATES OPEN 11:30AM
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Admission \$85

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



- ◆ FASHION PARADE
- ◆ HUGE RAFFLE





HOCKEY TRAINING COME & TRY

WHERE:
Hockey Fields, 1 Thornhill St
BUNDABERG NORTH

JUNIOR TRAINING STARTS @ 5PM

If you would like to bring a friend, you can!

Under 7s, Under 10s, Under 12s,
Under 14s, Under 16s

TRY FOR FREE

We're a **FairPlay** activity provider

COACHES:
U7s & U10s - Jack Beveridge
U12s - Heidi Hannay
U14s - Brendan Cook
U16s - Gerry Dorgan

Monday
10th Feb
17th Feb
24th Feb



JUNIOR GOLF COME & TRY DAY

WHERE: Bundaberg Golf Club One Mile Rd North Bundaberg

WHEN: Sunday 2nd March from 10.30am to 12pm

All Juniors aged 4 to 17 years are welcome to come along and try their hand at golf under the watchful eyes of PGA Professional Jamie Bashforth.

What to bring/wear: Hat, sunscreen, water, shoes and chairs for family members. Golfing equipment will be available if required.

Is the next Minjee Lee or Cameron Smith out there??? Come along and try out!!!

NB All Participants go into 2 lucky draws for a half hour lesson with Jamie.



COME AND TRY DAY

23 February 2025 at 9am

New & Returning players welcome

Boys and Girls aged 5-12yrs

Boys u16's

Sign On for our Girls Teams (13's, 15's and 17's)

Come along and enjoy a fun morning meeting the coaches, volunteers and players



We are also seeking interest for coaching and volunteers for our girls teams please email brothersjuniorrugbyleagueclub@gmail.com





Blue Light Disco

SUPERVISED EVENT
CANTEEN FACILITIES

\$5 Entry

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

5pm - 7pm Prep to Yr 6 | 7.30pm - 9.30pm Yr 7 to Yr 12
Bundaberg Civic Centre, Bourbong St, Bundaberg Central



Schools

School Groups, Day Care & Vacation Care

At Bundy Bowl & Leisure Complex & FUNPARK
17 Lester Street, Bundaberg. PH 41 524334
Email: jeanette@bundybowl.com.au
www.bundybowl.com.au

School Rates

- 1 game of TENPIN with shoe hire—\$8.50 per student
- 2 games of TENPIN with shoe hire—\$16.50 per student
- DODGEM car ride (height restrictions apply) \$7.00 per student
- 3D Jurassic PUTT Mini golf—\$7.50 per student
- School LASERTAG - \$9.00 per student
- MATRIX LED Challenge - \$4.00 per student

Bulk School Rate (1 game of TENPIN with shoe hire \$7.50pp)
* (schools committing to bowling a min. of 4 consecutive weeks.)
* **Includes:** Tenpin Bowling Program with Coaching by accredited coaches for 4 weeks

Packages

No. 1 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$8.50**
(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 1 hour) Per student

No. 2 1 Game TENPIN + LASERTAG **\$18**
(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 1 1/4 hours) Per student

No. 3 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$20**
PLUS \$5 Arcade Credits
PLUS choose **ONE** other activity below: Per student

- One Dodgem Car ride OR 1/2 hour Big Dipper Slide OR 3D Jurassic Putt Putt

(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 2 hours)

No. 4 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$25.00**
PLUS \$5 Arcade Credits
PLUS choose any **TWO** activities below: Per student

- One Dodgem Car ride OR 1/2 hour Big Dipper Slide OR 3D Jurassic Putt Putt

(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 2.5 hours)



P.T.O. for more..



No. 5 Ultimate 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$31.00**
1 DODGEM car ride Per student
1/2 Hour Big Dipper SLIDE or Wild West
1 Game LASERTAG
1 round 3D JURASSIC PUTT PUTT
(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 3 hours)



Little Critters

ZOO Club Playcentre—\$6.50
ages 1—5 UNLIMITED PLAY

Big Dipper Slide & Playcentre—\$7.50
ages 6-13 UNLIMITED PLAY

Half & Half

HALF & HALF (A) *Children 8 years and under
Half a Game of Tenpin Bumper Bowling (approx 30 mins)
Plus Half an Hour on the Big Dipper Slide & playground
\$12.00 per child (allow approx. 1.25 hrs duration)

OR

HALF & HALF (B) *Children 8 years and under
A Game of Jurassic Putt Putt (approx 30 mins)
Plus Half an Hour on the Big Dipper Slide & playground
\$12.00 per child (allow approx. 1.25 hrs duration)

- Cheeseburger or Chicken Nuggets \$15.50 each served with Hot Chips
- Hot Dog (plain) - \$7.50
- Homemade 9" Pizzas—\$15.00 ea (Ham & Pineapple Or Pepperoni)
- Cordial Juvs—\$7.00 * Softdrink Juvs—\$8.50
- Fresh Sandwich Platters also available—\$60.00 ea (serves 5 persons)
- Children's Hot Platter—\$60.00 ea (serves 5 persons) (Hot chips, Sausage rolls, min pies, Cheerios, Chicken nuggets & prawn crackers)

FEED THE CROWD
* WE CAN DO KIDS COMBO MEALS FOR LARGE GROUPS



DODGEMS Restrictions: children need to be min. of 130cm in height to Drive and no less than 120cm in height to be a passenger.

HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER:

- 16 Lanes Tenpin Bowling with automatic computer scoring * COSMIC Glow Bowling (if avail)
- Zone 3 Laser Tag *Matrix LED Interactive Floor Challenge
- 3D glow in the dark Jurassic themed PUTT PUTT
- BIG DIPPER SLIDE, Indoor Play Centre & Zoo themed Play Centre
- Crazy DODGEMS car track * Wild West Cannonball Shootout
- Wide Bay's Largest Interactive Family Amusement VIDEO GAMES ARCADE
- POOL TABLES, KARAOKE, ESCAPE ROOMS
- Licensed CAFÉ facilities capable of catering to small & large groups.
- Fully air conditioned modern facility providing all weather entertainment.

FOR BOOKINGS

PH. 41524334

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www.bundybowl.com.au



TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 27th January-31st January		
Monday	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mrs Cook & Friends
WEEK 2	Week 3rd February-7th February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Opening School Mass	9.00am	Years 3-6
WEEK 3	Week 10th February–14th February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5S
Friday	Year 6 Leadership Induction	9.00am	Whole School
WEEK 4	Week 17th February–21st February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 5	Week 24th February–28th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 1 & 5
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6A
WEEK 6	Week 3rd March–7th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8:40am	Whole School
Thursday	St Patrick's Dance Night	5:00pm for 5:30pm start	Whole School
WEEK 7	Week 10th March–14th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2N
WEEK 8	Week 17th March–21st March		
Monday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy	9.30am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Leaders Announced (during Liturgy)	9.30am	Whole School
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
WEEK 9	Week 24th March–28th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 2
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2W
WEEK 10	Week 31st March–4th April		
Tuesday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4M & 4K
Wednesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4F
Thursday	Good Friday	8.40am	5S
Friday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:00am	Whole School

2025 SPORT DATES

2 May	Junior Obstacle Course	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
9 May	Cross Country	Years 3 to 6	Shalom College
20 June	Senior Athletics Day	Students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013	Shalom College
27 June	Junior Athletics Day	Students born 2020, 2019, 2018 & 2017	St Patrick's
21 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