



St Patrick's
Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6
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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

31st October 2025

Celebrating World Teachers' Day

Thank you for your outstanding contribution to
delivering a quality, inclusive
Catholic Education in our
Kindys, Primary Schools and Colleges.

Your commitment is most appreciated.

From all at the
Catholic Education Office



This week, we were delighted to welcome the newest members of the St. Patrick's family during our **Prep Orientation Morning**. It was such a joy to see so many enthusiastic little faces and dedicated parents sharing in this special milestone.

Today, we also celebrated **World Teachers' Day** with a visit from a Coffee Van — a small but heartfelt gesture to show our deep appreciation for our incredible educators. Teachers are truly at the heart of our school community, shaping not only minds but also hearts. Through their dedication, creativity, and care, they inspire our students to grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

As Pope Francis once stated, *"Teaching is a beautiful profession; it allows us to see people grow day by day."* We are deeply grateful for the way our teachers embody this message in all they do.

During the Prep Orientation, we saw firsthand the fruits of their commitment — the enthusiasm, joy, and curiosity of our youngest learners as they began their school journey were a true testament to the nurturing environment our staff create each day. We can't wait to see where each child's St. Patrick's story will lead.

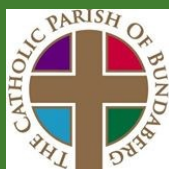
Thanks for the large number of parents that communicated special considerations as we begin to sort classes for 2026. These are now closed. There are a large number to work through and these will be married with Teacher input and finally Class Solver to help us arrive at the best combination for the new school year. Whilst we can't meet everybody's requests, we certainly work to make informed decisions for the common good of all involved. Thanks for your support of the process.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

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Living the Mercy Value of Courage

At St Patrick's, we are proud to embrace the Mercy Education Values, which guide us in nurturing compassionate, faith-filled, and resilient young people. This week, we have focused on the value of Courage—a quality that inspires us to act with strength and faith, even when faced with challenges.

The concept of courage is deeply rooted in the teachings of Jesus and the example set by Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy. Catherine demonstrated great courage throughout her life, trusting in God's providence as she worked tirelessly to serve the poor, educate the young, and care for the vulnerable. Her example reminds us that courage is not about fearlessness but about trusting in God and doing what is right, even when it feels difficult.

In our classrooms and playgrounds, we see the value of courage lived out every day. Whether it is a student trying something new, standing up for a friend, or persevering through a challenging task, courage is at the heart of their efforts. It teaches our students to have confidence in their abilities, to face their fears, and to make choices that reflect their values and faith.

This week, you could chat with your children about ways they can show courage in their daily lives. Some examples include:

- Speaking up for others: Being a voice for fairness and kindness.
- Trying something new: Embracing opportunities to grow and learn.
- Standing firm in faith: Trusting in God's love and guidance, even when it feels hard.

By focusing on courage, we encourage our students to develop a strong sense of hope and resilience, knowing that they are never alone. As Catherine McAuley said, *"We should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us."* Let us continue to guide our children to be lights of courage in their families, school, and community.

May we all find the strength to live courageously, grounded in faith and inspired by love.

Tracey Cook

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TUCKSHOP NEWS—Term 4

Please take note of the following Tuckshop schedule and updates for the coming weeks:

Week 5—Week 8 - Fun Fridays!

- **Lunch:** Sausage sizzle - \$2 each
- **Afternoon Tea:** Ice blocks and snacks available to order through the app

Week 6 Opening Hours

- **Open:** Monday 10 November & Tuesday 11 November
- **Closed:** Wednesday 12 November – Friday 14 November

Week 9 Schedule

- Monday—Wednesday, 1—3 December: Lunch and Afternoon Tea
- Thursday, 4 December: Lunch as normal, Afternoon Tea ice blocks only
- Closed: Friday, 5 December

Reminder:

Please ensure you do not order Tuckshop for your child on days when their class is on an excursion.

TUCKSHOP

schedule

Term 4

→ WEEK 5 - WEEK 8 FUN FRIDAYS!

- ➡ LUNCH **Sausage sizzle - \$2**
- ➡ AFTERNOON TEA **Ice blocks & snacks**
order through the app

→ WEEK 6

- ➡ 10 - 11 November OPEN
- ➡ 12 - 14 November CLOSED

→ WEEK 9 - LAST WEEK OF TERM 4!

- ➡ 1 - 3 December LUNCH & AFTERNOON TEA
- ➡ 4 December LUNCH AS NORMAL | AFTERNOON TEA: **ICE BLOCKS ONLY**
- ➡ 5 December **CLOSED**



OUT AND ABOUT



ALL-GIRLS COME TRY DAY

SUNDAY 16. NOV

Feild 5 Waves Sports Complex
Cnr Thabeban St & Fitzgerald St
8-9am - Ages 4-14 years
9-10.30am - Open ages



Scan to register



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

CULTURAL NIGHT 2025

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27

5.30PM

@SHALOM'S PERFORMING
ARTS PRECINCT

*Tickets available from Monday November 10
via TryBooking*

Join us for the Bundaberg Regional SES Unit 50th Anniversary Open Day



10:00am to 02:00pm
2nd November 2025



7 Kendalls Road, Branyan
Bundaberg SES Facility

Our 50th Anniversary Open Day is a free family-friendly event showcasing the vital role SES volunteers play in keeping our community safe. Enjoy live demonstrations, disaster preparedness information, and historical displays that highlight our proud journey.

Bring the kids along for a fun day out with a free sausage sizzle and jumping castle, while meeting the dedicated volunteers who serve our community.



Interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor?

Make a difference to the lives of school children in your area.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads invites you to apply for the position of a School Crossing Supervisor at **Bundaberg**. This is a casual position.

- Information-
1. Casual rates start at \$38.40 per hour, (maximum of 1.5 hours per day)
 2. Multiple positions available
 3. You will need to be available morning and/or afternoon on all school days
 4. You will need to work in all weather conditions and wear full Personal Protective wear
 5. If you are successful, TMR will provide:
 - a) Health Assessment
 - b) Blue Card (for working with children)
 - c) All personal protective equipment
 - d) Training

Please send your expression of interest and brief work history to your local Road Safety Officer:
Briohny Rutherford - Briohny.C.Rutherford@tmr.qld.gov.au
For more information, please phone: 0409 876 384.

Department of Transport and Main Roads is an equal opportunity employer



TERM FOUR PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 6th October - 10th October		
Monday	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
Tuesday	First Day Term 4		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Mini Vinnies
WEEK 2	Week 13th October - 17th October		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
WEEK 3	Week 20th October - 24th October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Friday	Odd Sock Day (Socktober)	All day	All students
WEEK 4	Week 27th October - 31st October		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2026
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
Friday	Day for Daniel	All day	All students
Friday	World Teacher's Day	All day	All teachers
WEEK 5	Week 3rd November - 7th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
WEEK 6	Week 10th November - 14th November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2W
Tuesday	Remembrance Day Memorial	9:00am	5P
WEEK 7	Week 17th November - 21st November		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00am	Years 3-6
WEEK 8	Week 24th November - 28th November		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
Thursday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	5:00pm-6:30pm	Music
WEEK 9	Week 1st December - 5th December		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Yr 6 Families
	Year 6 Excursion—Norville Pool	10:45am—1:00pm	Year 6
	Year 3 Excursion—Reading Cinema	11:30am—2:15pm	Year 3
Wednesday	Year 1 & 4 Excursion—Shalom PAP—Movie	9:00am—11:00am	Year 1 & 4
	Prep Excursion—Inflatable World	10:00-12:00pm	Prep
	Celebration Night	5:00-7:00pm	Whole School
Thursday	Year 2 Excursion—Norville Pool	9:00am	Year 2
	Year 5 Excursion—Bundy Bowl & Leisure	9:00am	Year 5
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:00am	Whole School
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	Whole School

2026 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Tuesday 27 January - Friday 2 April (10 weeks)
TERM 2	Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June (10 weeks)
TERM 3	Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September (10 weeks)
TERM 4	Tuesday 6 October - Friday 4 December (9 weeks)