



## Principal's News

15<sup>th</sup> May 2026



**Kim O'Shea-Hard**  
Principal

This term has started with many sporting events, and we have seen our Year 5 and 6 students enthusiastically engaging in Friday interschool sport. Last Wednesday afternoon, our Rugby League Shamrocks played their first competitive game as part of the Kaufusi Cup. This week, I congratulated them at assembly for being "winners". They looked at me somewhat perplexed, as this was not reflected on the scoreboard. I then shared how an official stopped to congratulate our team on their outstanding sportsmanship and the "great attitude" they displayed throughout the game.

At St. Patrick's, we enjoy wonderful success on the track, field, court and stage. However, it means even more to me and our community when we see students wearing our crest with pride and challenging themselves to be the best versions of themselves, even under pressure to perform.

There is certainly much to celebrate as we reflect on the students presently experiencing success on the representative stage in their chosen sports. Even Miss Taryn Gollshewski has endured international travel recently to maintain her position on the world stage. Her determination and commitment provide a wonderful example for us all.

Sport and competition are great rehearsals for life. There will be wins, there will be losses; some days the results will feel fair, and on others they may not. What makes me even prouder than another trophy for the mantelpiece are the many students, parents, staff and community members who, under challenging circumstances, choose to be "winners" on days when it may be easier to succumb to defeat. Equally inspiring are those who step forward as "cheerleaders", supporting others through difficult moments during the week, month or even throughout life.

We are almost halfway through Term Two. The words below may serve as a timely reminder of what it really takes to maintain a "winning" attitude — one that can positively influence everyone around us.



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**Absentees**

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## Winners vs Losers

Winners see challenges as opportunities to grow.  
Losers see challenges as reasons to give up.

Winners encourage others when times are tough.  
Losers look for someone else to blame.

Winners show courage when the pressure rises.  
Losers allow fear to decide their next step.

Winners celebrate effort, teamwork and improvement.  
Losers focus only on the scoreboard.

Winners lift others with their words and actions.  
Losers tear others down to feel stronger.

Winners understand that success is not only measured by trophies,  
but by character, resilience and heart.

This “winning” attitude continues to be modelled and encouraged in our students by the coaches, teachers and tutors who invest so much of themselves into these wonderful young men and women. Not to mention the support of our community’s greatest “cheerleaders” — our parents and caregivers.

Great job, St. Patrick's!

***“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”***  
***- Philippians 4:13***





## Religion News

Tracey Cook  
APRE

St Patrick's is excited to support a practical work of charity this term through our Mini Vinnies Team, who are leading a "Save Your Soles" shoe drive for children in Papua New Guinea. Many of us have **sports shoes, sneakers or soccer boots** sitting at home that still have plenty of wear left in them, but no longer feel comfortable, never quite fitted properly, or have simply been outgrown. Instead of ending up in landfill, these shoes can be given a second purpose and make a real difference to a child who needs quality footwear.

Since 2020, Angela, who lives in Hervey Bay and grew up in Papua New Guinea, has been collecting good-quality pre-loved sports shoes and sending them to children in PNG. Her goal is twofold: to reduce waste by diverting shoes from landfill, and to help children access footwear that allows them to run, play sport, walk safely to school and take part fully in daily life. Dr Therese Ryan, one of our wonderful school volunteers here at St Patrick's supports Angela's efforts and has invited our Mini Vinnies to partner in this initiative as part of their service to others.

Thank you for your generosity, for supporting the leadership of our Mini Vinnies Team, and for helping your shoes travel a little further for a wonderful cause.

### Collection details:



**When:**

Weeks 5, 6 and 7



**Where:**

Labelled baskets near the Lost Property Box



**What:**

Sports shoes in good, clean condition (children and adult sizes are gratefully accepted)

**SAVE YOUR SOLES!**

Old shoes can take new steps toward a better future!

We are fundraising **OLD SHOES** for kids in **PAPUA NEW GUINEA!**

**WHY IT MATTERS:**

- Shoes protect little feet from cuts, infections and dangerous things.
- Shoes help kids go to school with confidence and dignity.
- Your old shoes can bring hope, health and happiness!

**WHAT TO DONATE:**

- Gently used shoes (kids, teens, adults)
- Sports shoes, sneakers and soccer boots (including shoe laces)

**DONATE TODAY!**

Every pair makes a big difference!

**SAVE YOUR SOLES**  
Small steps from you.  
Big steps for them.

Let's walk together for kids in **PAPUA NEW GUINEA!**

# Patty's PEN

## Parents, it's time to reconnect.

Join us for Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night) – a casual event for parents to connect and learn more about how to assist your child's learning in reading.



### Welcoming Guest Presenter

**Mrs Kathleen Roby**  
Diocesan Consultant

*"Importance of reading, looking at words, vocabulary, and more."*

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

## SAVE THE DATE

**MONDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

**Staff Room**



- ✓ Casual and welcoming space to connect with other parents.
- ✓ Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

A perfect way for parents to engage!



## Parent Engagement Opportunities

Thanks to the parents who took the opportunity to access the session run last term for parents wanting to know more about the Respectful Relationships Education Program to be implemented by Queensland Schools this year. Feedback has been received and sessions will be offered throughout the term by DCEO with a more specific focus. Please look out for a recent e-mail with more information and the links necessary to access if you are left wanting to know more.

## Patty's PEN-Date Saver! Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026-5:30PM-St. Patrick's Staffroom

This year our Strategic Plan is very much hinged on increasing reading accuracy and consequently, comprehension by reducing the cognitive load for our students. This year we have spent time, deep diving into data and opening up conversation around best practise at St. Patrick's School. We are aware that the introduction of the reading process starts at home, prior to joining our community and we then join forces to assist students along their own individualised learning journey. For these reasons, we have invited special guest Kathleen Roby who is a Consultant from DCEO and a colleague who has assisted us in extrapolating data sources at our school. Kathleen will join us in running a session for parents to share tips and tricks to support your children through the home reading process and ways to complement their learning and the school's commitment to increasing outcomes in this space.

This is a great opportunity to relax, mingle with like minded parents and consolidate your knowledge of how to bolster and support your child's learning. We hope to see you there if you are available.


# Sports News


## 2026 Athletics Carnivals

From 2026, St Patrick's Athletics Carnivals will be split by year level to maximise student participation.

Sprint Heats for all Years 4-6 students will be held at St Patrick's on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 9:00am**. These heats are used to determine finals for the carnival days. Parents are not required to attend.

### Senior Athletics Carnival


 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

 Shalom College


 Years 4-6

Students born in 2017 will not compete in the 200m or 800m events. The 800m is a nomination event for students born in 2014-2016. No tuckshop facilities will be available at Shalom on the day.

### Junior Athletics Carnival

 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

 St Patrick's Senior Oval

 Prep-Year 3

The day will include sprint finals, ball games, relays and presentations.

**A limited-menu tuckshop will operate via pre-order only.**

Please refer to the email sent home on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 for further important information.



2026  
ATHLETICS  
CARNIVALS



MONDAY  
22 JUNE

Years 4-6

Shalom  
College



FRIDAY  
26 JUNE

Prep - Year 3

St Patrick's  
Senior Oval

## St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten Bundaberg

Open Afternoon  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Please RSVP via email  
[kindergarten@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kindergarten@rok.catholic.edu.au)  
Please include your name and  
your child's name

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# Out and About

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SAT 23 MAY 2026

# VOLLEYBALL SOCIAL GAMES



10 AM - 2 PM

The Hangar @ Shalom College

Free Food

Diversity of cultural entertainment

Yard Games & Art activity



### Transport support available

for groups, families or  
individuals - contact us to  
discuss



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# Term 2 Planner: Weeks 1-5

WEEK 1		Week 20th April - Friday 24th April	
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
Friday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	9:00am	5G
WEEK 2		Week 27th April - 1st May	
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Yrs 3-6	9:00am	Shalom
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course - P-2	9:00am	St Patrick's
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 3		Week 4th May - 7th May	
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Wednesday	Tell Them From Me opt-out forms due	All Day	Years 4-6
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 4		Week 11th May - 15th May	
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 and Prep
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3M
Friday	District Cross Country	All Day	Selected Students
WEEK 5		Week 18th May - 22nd May	
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4B
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6

COMING  
THIS  
WEEK

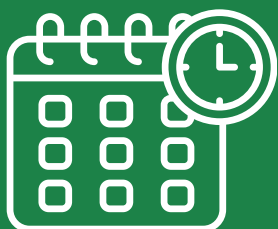
## What's happening in Week 5?

- Mon** Tell Them From Me Survey  
Parish Mass - Year 3
- Tue** Football Queensland Brisbane Roar Soccer Clinic
- Tue-Thur** Courtyard Prayer - Year 4B
- Wed** Sacramental Session - Parent & Child
- Fri** Friday Interschool Sports
- Sun** Pentacost 2026



# Term 2 Planner: Weeks 6-10

WEEK 6	Week 25th May - 29th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 and 1
	Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night)	5:30pm	Parents
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Teachers
Thursday	<b>BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY</b>		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 1st June - 5th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 8	Week 8th June -12th June		
Monday	Athletics HEATS ( <b>ALL</b> students) & Field Events FINALS ( <b>Years 4-6, finalists will be notified</b> )	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass	9:00am	Years 2-6
WEEK 9	Week 15th June - 19th June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1B
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
WEEK 10	Week 22nd June - 26th June		
Monday	Senior Athletics Carnival - Years 4-6	All Day	Shalom
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1S
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - Prep - Year 3	All Day	St Patrick's



## 2026 Term Dates

- Term 1** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Term 2** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Term 3** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December