Principal's News

6th November 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

I have had the opportunity to meet Bishop Danny a few times now and we very much look forward to inviting him in to visit St. Patrick's in to the new school year. I read a letter from him this week, which summarised his vision for the Diocese of Rockhampton and I thought it was a good one to share with our community.

People ask me about my vision for the Diocese.

Imagine yourself with the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Jesus had ascended to Heaven ten days earlier and had asked the Apostles to stay together and pray. So, you're there praying with them.

Then, a mighty wind blows through Jerusalem and tongues of fire appear over your heads. It's the Spirit of God. God's power. His love has descended from Heaven and for the first time in history, filled human hearts, including your heart.

The Holy Spirit brings with it indescribable energy, enlightenment, love, joy. And you know, as did the Apostles, that this new life is meant for everyone.

Now, we return to our own parish, or school or office, but we return with the energy and love experienced at Pentecost.

My vision for the Diocese is this. It is what happens when God's Spirit then spreads through us and then out through the Diocese.

Picture this:

- *Our parishes filled with a community of disciples, generously sharing their gifts for the good of all.*
- *Our schools genuinely, happily and proudly Catholic bringing our students not only an excellent education but the fullness of life.*
- *Our CatholicCare staff and St Vincent de Paul members offering compassionate, person-to-person care, only wanting the best for those we serve. Being Christ to them.*
- *Our youth ministries teeming with life.*
- *Scores enquiring about priesthood and religious life.*

Why not?
Do you remember the many times Jesus despairingly asked his disciples, "O men of little faith, why did you doubt?". Only have faith, Jesus used to say again and again.

Faith moves mountains. Faith unlocks the power of God.

So, this is my vision. All of us together, our communities, our parishes, our schools, all teeming with life.

Bishop Danny (2026)



Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE

Cultural Night 2026

Get ready for a wonderful evening as we prepare to host our Annual Cultural Night at the Shalom Performing Arts Precinct on Tuesday the 24th of November, commencing at 5.30pm. This special event will bring together our students, families and staff in a celebration of talent, community and faith.

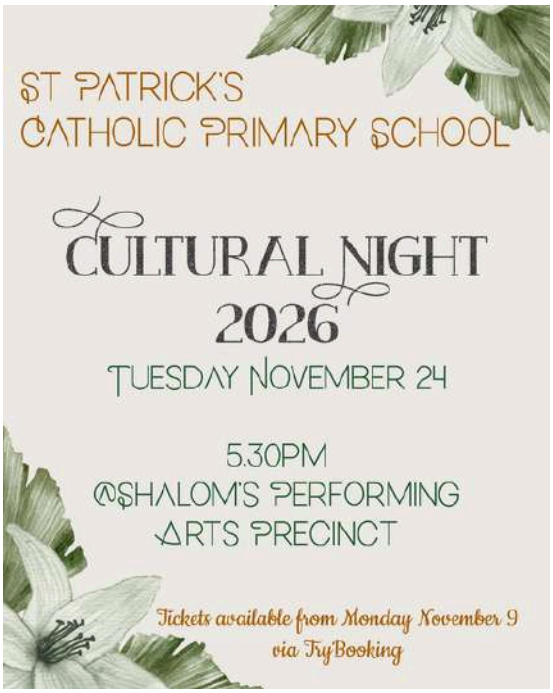
Throughout the night, our students will share their gifts through a rich variety of musical performances, reflecting their dedication, creativity and hard work.
We will begin with our Year 3 Strings. For many of these young musicians, this will be their first time performing on such a significant stage, and their enthusiasm and emerging skills are sure to delight. The Junior String Ensemble will then perform, showcasing growing technique and teamwork—supported by many hours of practice and the guidance of their music teachers. Following this, the Senior String Ensemble will take the stage with their customary polished and expressive performances that are always a inspiring.

Our choirs will also feature prominently. The Junior Choir will lift the room with energetic and heartfelt renditions of both classic and contemporary pieces, while the Senior Choir will present powerful performances marked by strong harmonies and confident stage presence.

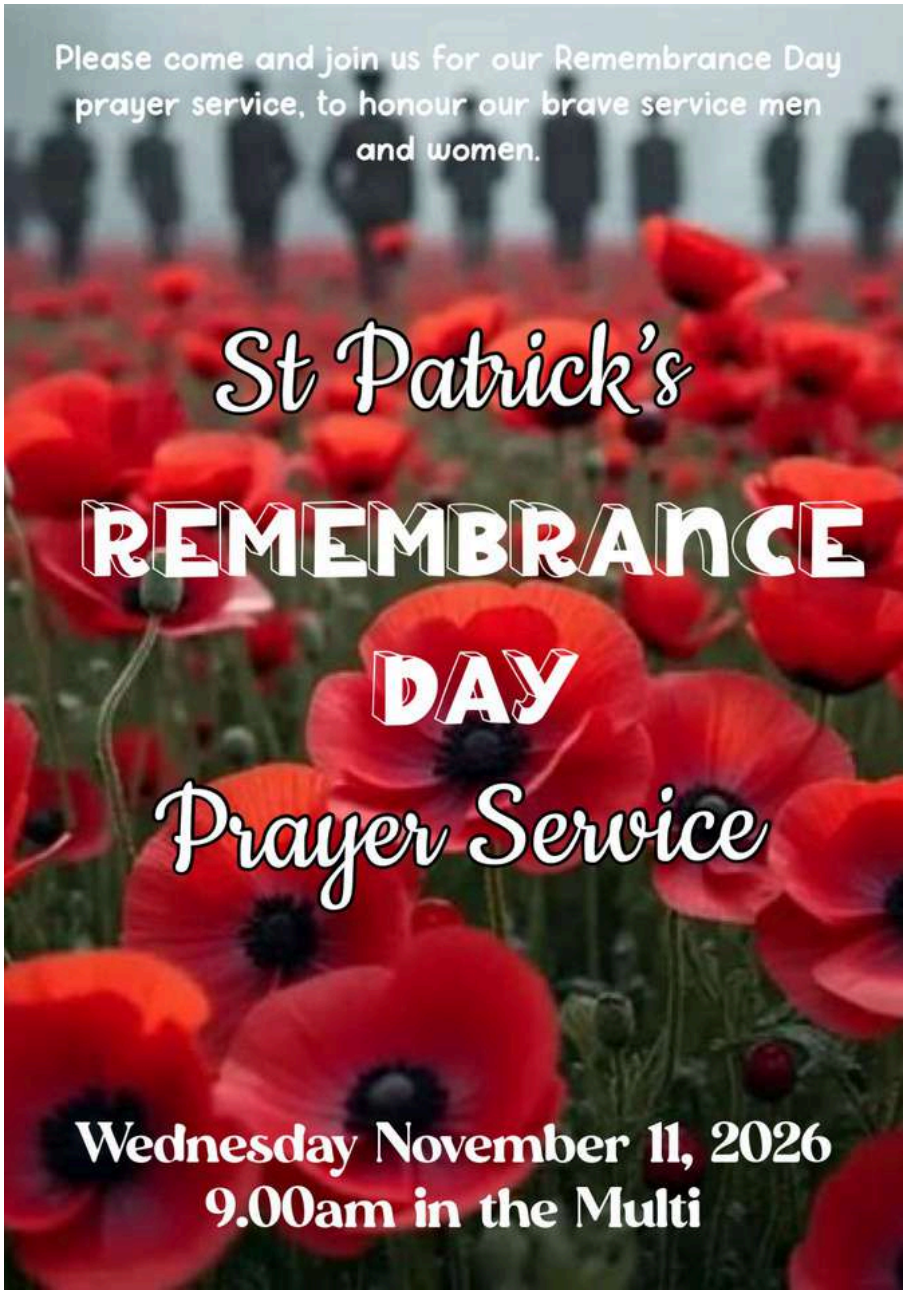
The program will also include standout piano soloists, who will demonstrate their skill and poise. We will conclude with our Year 6 Strings and Singers, a fitting finale that reflects the growth our students have achieved during their time at St Patrick's.

Our Annual Cultural Night is a beautiful reminder of how the arts can unite and inspire, and it reflects our commitment to nurturing creativity, collaboration and excellence. We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated teachers and tutors for their outstanding support of our music program: Mrs Kate Hardisty, Mrs Bernadette Connolly, Ms Christie Jacobsen and Mrs Jed Morley. Tickets go on sale as of Monday, November 9 via Trybooking: https://www.trybooking.com/DRHUF.

We look forward to sharing this special celebration of the gifts God has bestowed upon our community.



Save the Dates





A Message from eSafety Australia



Online gaming safety under the spotlight

Our latest report reveals how major online gaming platforms, including Roblox, Fortnite, Minecraft and Steam, are (or are not) keeping kids safe online.

While most services use tools to proactively detect unlawful and harmful material, the quality and coverage of these tools differed significantly across platforms.

With around 9 in 10 Australian children aged 8 to 17 playing online games, the findings highlight the need for stronger, more consistent safeguards to help protect young people from risks such as grooming, harmful content and other serious online harms.

Looking for ways to support safer online gaming? Share our quick and practical resources with your school community.

🎮 For parents and carers: Gaming Guide and info sheets
🎮 For young people: Online gaming advice and support

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Read the report



Out and About









Term 4 Planner: Weeks 6-9

WEEK 6	**Week 9th November- 13th November**		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 5 and Year 1
Tuesday & Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	2C
Wednesday	Remembrance Day Memorial	9:00 am	5P
WEEK 7	**Week 16th November - 20th November**		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:30am	2S
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	All Day	Years 4-6
WEEK 8	**Week 23rd November - 27th November**		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:30 am	2W
Tuesday	Cultural Night 2026	5:30 pm	Shalom PAP
Friday	String Ensemble Performance	8:45 am - 10:45 am	Palm Lakes
WEEK 9	**Week 30th November - 4th December**		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Play	9:00 am	Year 1
Monday	Prep End of Year Excursion	10:00 am - 12:30 am	Prep - Moncrieff Theatre
Tuesday	Year 1 End of Year Incursion	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Year 1
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation End of year excursion	9:00 am - 10:30 am 10:45 am - 1:30 pm	Year 6 Norville Pool
Tuesday	Year 4 End of Year Excursion	9:15 am - 12:15 pm	Year 4 - Bundy Bowl
Wednesday	Year 5 End of Year Excursion	8:45 am - 12:15 pm	Year 5 - Bundy Bowl
Wednesday	Year 3 End of Year Excursion	11:45 am - 2:45 pm	Year 3 - Reading Cinemas
Wednesday	Celebration Night 2026	5:00 pm - 6:45 pm	St Patrick's School
Thursday	Year 2 End of Year Excursion	5:45 am - 11:45 pm	Year 2 - BSA
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00 am	St Patrick's School
Friday	Year 6 Assembly - Final Farewell	11:15am	Year 6
Friday	School dismissed	12:00 pm	St Patick's School



Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday, 27th January - Thursday, 25th March *(9 weeks)*
Term 2 Monday, 12th April - Friday, 25 June *(11 weeks)*
Term 3 Monday 12th July - Friday 17th September *(10 weeks)*
Term 4 Tuesday 5th October - Friday 3rd December *(9 weeks)*