



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

7th November 2025

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." — Genesis 2:15

This verse reminds us that we were fashioned and formed by God to be stewards of His creation. It also echoes the deep connection our Traditional Owners have to this sacred land on which our beautiful school is built. Whilst we have much to learn from these Ancestors, we are all called to grow in our understanding of the earth as a gift to be shared and protected for future generations. It is undeniably good for the soul to be out in nature.

Here in Bundaberg, often referred to as a "food bowl", we celebrate the health and wellbeing benefits of 'farm to table' living. Our Reef Guardians are constantly finding ways to increase our awareness of stewardship, and this term Year 2 and Mrs. Clarey have joined forces to begin a new project that is creating a domino effect of interest, knowledge, and undeniable beauty at our Powers Street entrance.

The students have been learning, decorating, planting, and now enjoying the fruits of their labour. This week, their garden produced enough lettuce to be packaged and sold to staff for a small donation, with proceeds going directly back into maintaining the garden.

Year 3C's Courtyard Prayer reminded us that Jesus was not only kind but strong. We are called to care not only for our environment but for each other, as we hear in **Matthew 25:40**:

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me". This week's *Mercy Moments* shone a light on a group of Year 4 boys including Leo, Bailey, Oliver, Xavier, Byron, Chase, Jate, and Alex who were spotted during their lunch breaks spreading kindness, compassion, and a sense of community among their peers. It was wonderful to acknowledge such a large group of young men showing the courage to "spread the green." Miss Isabella S., also pictured, was identified as an aspiring Reef Guardian. She continually shows leadership through daily *Mercy Moment* initiatives that highlight her care for our environment and her encouragement of others. These are all beautiful examples of what it means to follow the Catholic call to care for God's creation and each other.



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Last week, I shared how blessed we are to have such dedicated Teachers and Staff at St. Patrick's. Looking ahead to next year, while there are no major changes, we are thrilled to welcome two wonderful additions to our team.

Clare Ferris (Clarke) will return to us from Matthew Flinders on the Sunshine Coast. Clare has worn many hats during her time at St. Patrick's—including Classroom Teacher, Learning Support, and Leadership Team member. A proud past student herself, Clare's own children also attended St. Patrick's. She is a gifted educator, eager to return to the community that has been so significant in her life.

Brooklyn Stone will also rejoin our community, coming to us from St. Therese's Catholic School Monto. Many will remember Brooklyn beginning her career here as a Teacher Assistant while completing her studies. She will join some of our staff next week for *Sounds-Write* training, ensuring she is ready to hit the ground running in 2026.

A full list of staffing for next year will be released closer to the end of the term.

Kim O'Shea-Hard
PRINCIPAL



Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

This year, our **Mini Vinnies Team** has truly embraced the words of St Vincent de Paul: *"Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows."*

This wonderful team of young people has worked tirelessly throughout the year, giving their time selflessly to help others in need, without seeking recognition. As they conclude their incredible efforts for the year, they are undertaking one final **major work of mercy**: the **Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal**.

Every year, the **St Patrick's School community**, led by our Mini Vinnies Team, comes together to donate items for our Christmas Appeal. These donations are collected by **St Vincent de Paul** and distributed to families in need, helping to bring joy and hope during the Christmas season.

This year, we are asking each year level to contribute specific items to help us create well rounded **Christmas hampers** for local families in need:

- **Prep:** Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- **Year 1:** New (unused) toys
- **Year 2:** New (unused) books
- **Year 3:** Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- **Year 4:** New (unused) board games, card games or sports equipment
- **Year 5:** New (unused) Christmas decorations
- **Year 6:** Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks

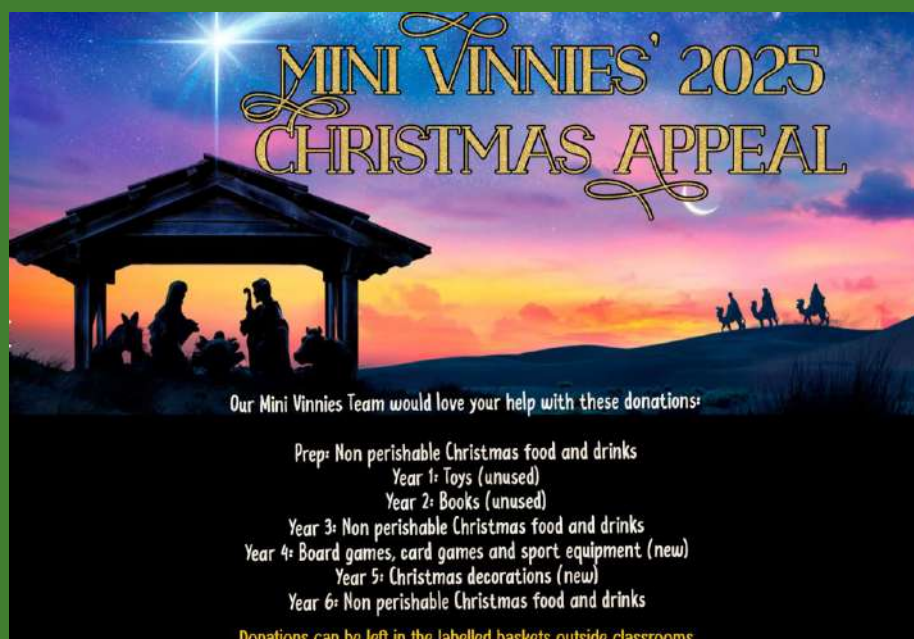
Starting from **Monday, November 10 until Friday 28 November**, donation baskets will be placed outside each year level for collection.

We encourage all families to join in opening their hearts and sharing the joy of Christmas with those in our community who need it the most. Together, we can make a difference and bring the light of Christ into the lives of others.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Tracey Cook

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ZOOPER DOOPERS FUNDRAISING

Cool down this term and help us raise money to build a school community garden!

Dates:

Week 6

Tuesday – 11/11/25

Wednesday – 12/11/25

Thursday – 13/11/25

DETAILS:

Money will be collected in the morning and you will get a number on your hand like Sausage Sizzle



Price:

\$2 a Zooper Dooper

WHEN AND WHERE?

Eating time at first lunch.
Come to the tuckshop to collect your Zooper Dooper!

IMPORTANT

Make sure your rubbish goes in the general waste bin!

Proudly Organised
by the Reef
Guardian Team



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.

The graphic features a large orange banner with the word 'TUCKSHOP' in bold, uppercase letters. Below it, the word 'Schedule' is written in a large, black, cursive font. To the right, 'Term 4' is written in white on an orange background. A silver paperclip is attached to the right side of the banner. Below the banner, there are three sections of information, each preceded by an orange arrow icon. The first section is for 'WEEK 5 - WEEK 8 FUN FRIDAYS!' and lists 'LUNCH Sausage sizzle - \$2' and 'AFTERNOON TEA Ice blocks & snacks order through the app'. The second section is for 'WEEK 6' and lists '10 - 11 November OPEN' and '12 - 14 November CLOSED'. The third section is for 'WEEK 9 - LAST WEEK OF TERM 4!' and lists '1 - 3 December LUNCH & AFTERNOON TEA', '4 December LUNCH AS NORMAL | AFTERNOON TEA: ICE BLOCKS ONLY', and '5 December CLOSED'. To the right of the text, there are two polaroid-style photos: one showing hands making a sausage sizzle and another showing a row of colorful ice blocks. A large orange asterisk is placed below the Week 6 section.

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please come and join us for our Remembrance Day
prayer service, to honour our brave service men
and women.

St Patrick's
REMEMBRANCE
DAY

Prayer Service

Tuesday November 11, 2025
9.00am in the Multi

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*

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



**THE ROCHFORD STRING ENSEMBLE &
INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND
PRESENT**

ONCE UPON A SOUNDTRACK

7PM - NOVEMBER 28TH

**COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE CHARACTER
AND JOIN US ON A MUSICAL ADVENTURE**

SHALOM COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS PRECINCT



SHALOM ROWING COME & TRY

OPEN TO ALL YEAR 7 TO 12 STUDENTS

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

3.30PM TO 5.30PM

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

7.00AM TO 9.00AM

OPEN TO ALL YEAR 6 (YEAR 7 2026) STUDENTS

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

3.30PM TO 5.30PM

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

7.00AM TO 9.00AM

Bundaberg Rowing Club, Quay St

(at the back of the Rowers on the River Restaurant)

Please bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, thongs, fairly tight fitting clothes

REGISTER NOW



ALL WELCOME!



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 \$50.40 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:
Briahny.Rutherford@dmr.qld.gov.au
For more information, please phone: 0409 879 364.

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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)