



Principal's News

14th August 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

Last Friday, we had a delightful surprise visit from the Director of Catholic Education, Mr Michael McCusker. Mr McCusker personally delivered Catholic Education erasers to our Year 2W class as a heartfelt thank you for their thoughtful message wishing him a Happy Catholic Education Week.

During his visit, he shared the significance of the erasers, explaining that they symbolise an important lesson for all learners. Just as we use an eraser to correct mistakes, we can learn from our errors, grow in understanding, and become stronger through the experience. This is a valuable reminder for our students, particularly in Year 2, as they continue to develop resilience and confidence in their learning.



Over the weekend, we celebrated a significant milestone in the history of Catholic education in our Diocese, marking 150 years since St Joseph's became the first school established in the Rockhampton Catholic Diocese. Bishop Daniel Meagher presided over a beautiful Mass on Saturday, reflecting on the rich heritage that began in 1876 when Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Sisters dedicated themselves to spreading the Good News while providing quality education and pastoral care for Queensland children.

Mary MacKillop's unwavering courage, particularly her determination to ensure rural children had access to a Catholic education, continues to inspire us today. Despite facing significant challenges, including periods of excommunication, she remained steadfast in her faith and mission. Reflecting on her life prompts us to consider the wisdom she gained through adversity and the advice she might offer us if we had the opportunity to sit and share a cup of tea with her.



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Absentees

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As we reflect on our school's heritage, we recognise that we stand on the shoulders of giants. It was wonderful to see several Josephite Sisters present at Saturday's celebrations and to hear stories of the resilience, sacrifice, and dedication that laid the foundations for the thriving educational communities we enjoy today. Bishop Daniel reminded us that our communities were born from Mary MacKillop's deep faith and trust in God's plan. His reflection brought to mind the words of Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



As we look to the future, may we continue to draw inspiration from those who came before us, learning from our experiences and ensuring that every student at St Patrick's feels supported, valued, and encouraged throughout their educational journey.

This week, Year 6L led Courtyard Prayer for the final time. Their message beautifully reinforced this theme, challenging our community to walk in solidarity with one another, to show respect, and to work for the common good. We are certainly approaching the pointy end of our Year 6 students' primary school journey as camp season quickly approaches.

In Week 8, our Year 5 students will travel to Chaverim, while Year 6 will head to K'gari (Fraser Island) in Week 10 to enjoy whale watching and explore the beauty of Hervey Bay. Another exciting opportunity on the horizon is Frozen: The Musical, which has been enthusiastically embraced by many of our Year 5 and 6 students. Be sure to save the date for either Wednesday 9th September or Thursday 10th September 2026. Tickets go on sale on Monday and are expected to sell out quickly, so be sure to secure yours early. You will not be disappointed!

Finally, congratulations to our Athletics Team on their outstanding efforts at this week's Interschool Carnival. A special congratulations goes to our Senior Girls, who secured the Overall Championship Trophy for the third consecutive year. What an extraordinary achievement. Well done, girls!



Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On 15 August, we celebrate a special feast day called the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The word assumption means “being taken up”. The Church teaches that when Mary’s life on earth was finished, God took her into heaven body and soul. That means Mary is with God in heaven in a complete way, not just in spirit.

Why does this matter for us at school? Because the Assumption is a message of hope. It reminds us that God loves us so much, and that we are made for more than just what we can see right now. Even when life feels hard, lonely, or confusing, God is still close to us. Mary’s Assumption reminds us that God’s story ends in life, not loss.

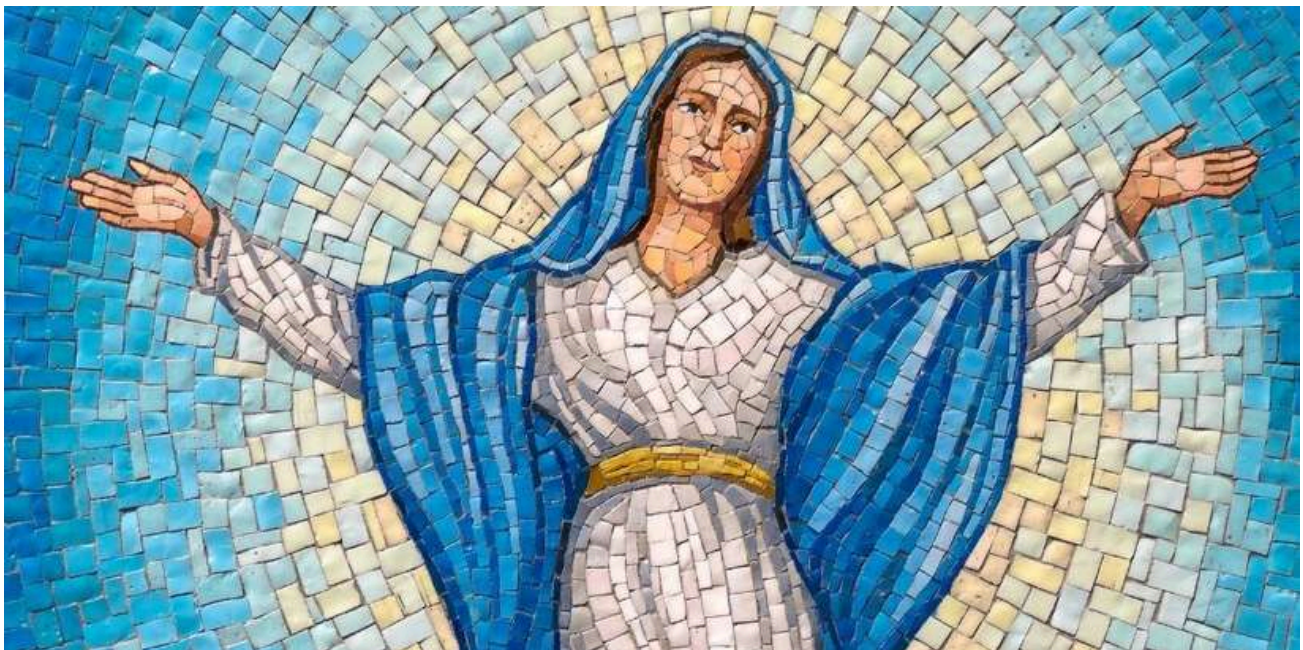
Mary is also a great role model for children. In the Bible, Mary listens to God and says “yes”, even when she doesn’t know exactly what will happen next. We can be like Mary when we:

- try our best with learning, even if it’s tricky
- choose kindness in the playground and the classroom
- include someone who is left out
- say sorry and try again after we make a mistake
- pray when we’re worried or thankful

To celebrate the Assumption, our school can do simple things like:

- pray a Hail Mary together
- add a picture of Mary and some flowers to your prayer space
- write a short prayer asking Mary to help us be brave, gentle, and loving
- do one kind act for someone who needs a friend

On this feast day, we thank God for Mary and ask her to pray for our school community. May we learn to say “yes” to God in the small, everyday moments.



Sports News

District Track and Field Athletics 2026

Well done to all our athletes who represented St. Patrick's at this year's District Carnival. Fantastic effort against talented opposition led to many fantastic results.

This year, the St. Patrick's girls shone over the two days resulting in the school again winning the Nell Curren Trophy for the school achieving the highest points tally in GIRL events.

A big thank you to Ms. Gollshewsky, Mr. Plumb and Mr. Zandona for all their efforts both preparing students with training and at the carnival.

Well done St Patrick's!

AMAZING!



Individual Highlights

Well Done

Sophia K	10 Years Long Jump – 1 st A Schools, 1 st Overall 10 Year High Jump – 1 st Overall 10 Years 100m - 1 st A Schools, 1 st Overall 10 Years 200m - 1 st A Schools, 1 st Overall 10Years Discus – 4 th Overall
Marli Z	10 Years Shot Put – 1 st A Schools, 3 rd Overall 10 Years 100m - 4 th A Schools
Lily P	12 Years Long Jump - 3 rd A Schools, 3 rd Overall
Immogen K	12 Years 100m – 3 rd A Schools, 3 rd Overall
Jate J	10 Years 200m – 1 st A Schools, 2 nd Overall
Archie R	10 Years 100m – 2 nd A Schools, 2 nd Overall
Emerson D	10 Years 800m - 2 nd A Schools, 2 nd Overall

Team Highlights

Girls 9 Years 4x80m Relay	2 nd A Schools	Ivy G, Ella D, Isla R, Harper M
Girls 10 Years 4x100m Relay	1 st A Schools 1 st Overall	Sophia K, Marli Z, Madelyn C, Audrey S
Girls 11 Years 4x100m Relay	1 st A Schools 2 nd Overall	Immogen K, Layla G, Milla P, Mila E
Boys 10 Years 4x100m Relay	2 nd A Schools 2 nd Overall	Archie R, Emerson D, Jate J, Kai D
Girls Tunnel Ball	1 st A Schools 2 nd Overall	
Girls Leader Ball	2 nd A Schools 3 rd Overall	



Father's Day Liturgy

St Patrick's
**FATHER'S
DAY** *Prayer Celebration*
2026

**Thursday Sept 3rd
9AM in the Multi**

Please send your "dad and me" pics
to **spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au**
by Friday 28th August to be included
in the presentation.



A Message from eSafety Australia



Before you click 'post', take a second look

Sharing photos and videos of your child online – also known as 'sharenting' – can feel like a great way to share special moments and keep friends and family in the loop, but even everyday moments can reveal more than you may realise.

Even an innocent everyday post can unintentionally expose personal details such as your child's name, school, location or daily routine. Once something is shared online, it can be copied, saved and reshared in ways you may never see or control.

Simple ways to help protect your child's privacy online:

- ⏸ Pause before you post – could this image or caption identify your child or where they are?
- ⚙ Check your privacy settings, but remember posts can still be reshared or copied.
- 💡 Be mindful of details and avoid sharing school names, locations or routines.

It's also worth thinking about how your child is represented online too.

Every post helps shape their digital identity, often before they're old enough to have a say. If you post in their 'voice' or on their behalf, it's worth asking: would they feel comfortable with this now, and in a few years' time?

Involving them in decisions about what gets shared isn't just respectful, it can be a great learning experience to teach consent, boundaries and digital confidence.

A few simple habits can go a long way. Taking these small steps now not only helps protect your child – it also supports them to manage their own digital identity as they grow.

Learn more



Frozen Musical - Tickets on Sale

Tickets on sale
Monday Aug 17
Via TryBooking



Disney FROZEN KIDS

St Patrick's Catholic School
Bundaberg

Wednesday Sept 9

Thursday Sept 10

5.30pm @

Shalom's Performing Arts Precinct



COMING
THIS
WEEK

What's happening in Week 6?

Mon	Parish Mass - Year 5 & Year 1 PSDE Sessions - Year 5 & Year 6 Musical Tickets on sale
Tue	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre (3:15 PM - 4:15 PM)
Tue - Wed	Courtyard Prayer - 5S
Thur	Shalom Day Musical Rehearsal (3:15 PM - 5:00 PM)
Fri	Friday Sports
Sun	Musical Rehearsals (1:00 PM - 3:30 PM)



Out and About



Online Workshop: Supporting your student with reading

This **FREE** online session will focus on supporting **adolescent and pre-adolescent students** with their **reading**.

If you have ever felt puzzled over how to **support your child's reading**, then **this workshop will offer you a variety of helpful strategies**.

The session will include ideas that align with the **GriffLinC approach**:

Providing a good reading model.

WEDNESDAY 2ND OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Connecting with student interests and prior knowledge.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: 3-4PM
NORTHERN TERRITORY: 4.30-5.30PM
QUEENSLAND: 5-6PM

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: 4.30-5.30PM
NEW SOUTH WALES, VICTORIA, CANBERRA, HOBART: 5-6PM

Supporting vocabulary development.

Facilitating comprehension through conversations about the text.

RSVP HERE



Dr Frances Hoyte



Dr Kylie Bradfield



Dr Deb Brossek

For more information about GriffLinC see:



Bundaberg State High School

SUPPORTED TRANSITION MORNINGS

Bring your hat, water bottle and pencil!



We are offering two supported transitions to support **substantial, extensive and extensive plus** students requiring additional visits to Bundy High.

Visits will include school tour, classroom visit, first day meeting place, practice using canteen and timetables and question/answer time.

Meet at rotunda at front of school!

Tours will take **approx 60 minutes** and require a **staff member from your school to be present**. You can attend one or both days offered depending on your needs.

SCHOOL TRANSITION

**9:30 - 11am
Tuesdays**

staff member from your school to attend

**Week 8 - 24th Nov
Week 9 - 1st Dec**

CONTACT SCHOOL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE

PARENT INFO MORNING

**9:30 - 10:30am
Friday 4th Dec**

Main Administration Building

Includes school tour - please wear comfortable shoes

for more information

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CORAL COAST SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

JOINT CLUB SIGN-ON/ COME AND TRY DAY



**SUNDAY
30th AUGUST 2026**



9AM - 1PM



**Venue: BUNDABERG SOFTBALL GROUNDS,
22 CLAYTON ROAD, THABEBAN.**



CLUBS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AND ALL FEES WILL BE AVAILABLE

TEAM DIVISIONS:



**JUNIOR & SENIOR
T BALL
MIXED DIVISIONS**
* A/ U12, U14 & U16
teams are mixed.



**LADIES SOFTBALL &
MEN'S SOFTBALL**



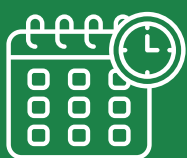
**ALL GAMES PLAYED IN BUNDABERG
WITH THE SEASON TO COMMENCE**

SPECIAL NOTE: All games played in Bundaberg with the season to commence **10th October** through to **12th December 2026** followed by 6 week Christmas holiday break with games resuming on **30th January** through to Grand Finals on **20th March 2027**

**'PLAY ON'
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED**

Term 3 Planner: Weeks 6-10

WEEK 6	Week 17th August - 21st August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 5 and Year 1
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	5S
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30 pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 24th August - 28th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 2
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	5P
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's
WEEK 8	Week 31st August - 4 September		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 6 and Prep
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	4K
Thursday	Whole School Liturgy	8:40 am	Father's Day Liturgy - Year 3
Wednesday - Thursday	Year 5 Camp	All Day	Year 5
Friday	Pupil Free Day		
WEEK 9	Week 7th September - 11th September		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	5G
Wednesday - Thursday	Musical Performance	5:30 pm	Shalom College PAP
WEEK 10	Week 14th September - 18th September		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4B
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp	All Day	Year 6
Friday	All Schools Touch	All Day	Selected Students



2026 Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September

Term 4 Tuesday 6th October - Friday 4th December