



**PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

**8th November 2024**

I felt extremely grateful and uplifted by the message being shared by 3T in their prayer for us this week. Each morning, we found solace in the lyrics of the 'Lighthouse song' which goes something like 'My lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow you. I trust the promise. You will carry me safe to shore'. It is one of our favourite songs and Year 3 framed it so well when they asked;

'Jesus, bring your peace to me in all I do today.

Help me...

Not to lose my temper  
Not to lose my patience  
Not to lose my hope  
Not to lose my way



All through today, I pray that your peace in Jesus guides'

This certainly is a positive message for each of us as we navigate our way through the second half of Term 4. Thanks to the generous families that have already sent in donations for our St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal. This is one activity we do each year which proves a beacon of light for those most at need this Christmas season. It has been driven so well by our Mini Vinnies Team. Please take note of the special events that follow in the lead up to the end of what has been a fast, busy and very productive year!

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 19th November	Cultural Night	5:30pm	Shalom PAP
Friday 29th November	Senior Swimming Carnival		Bundaberg Swim Academy
Monday 2nd December	Year 1 Nativity Play	9:00am	MPS
Tuesday 3rd December	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	MPS
	End of Year Excursion—Year 6	10:45am—12:30pm	Norville Pool
	End of Year Excursion—Year 3	11:30am—2:00pm	Reading Cinemas
Wednesday 4th December	End of Year Excursion—Prep & Year 1	8:45am—11:15am	Shalom Movies
	End of Year Excursion—Year 2	9:00am—11:15am	Inflatable World
	End of Year Excursion—Year 4	11:00am—1:30pm	Shalom Movies
	Celebration Night	5:00pm—7:00pm	MPS
Thursday 5th December	End of Year Excursion—Year 5	9:00am—12:00pm	Bundy Bowl
Friday 6th December	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	MPS
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:00am	MPS
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	More information to come

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*



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**Absentees**

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### 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT—HOPE

Advent, a wonderful season within our church's liturgical year! Over the next few weeks, we will reflect on the meaning behind each of the Sundays in Advent.

The first Sunday of Advent in 2024 will be Sunday, December 1st. The theme for this first Sunday of Advent is hope. After a tumultuous year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.



The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to centre our thoughts on hope. It's a beautiful chance to remember the hope God offers to our world, and the hope He's given us through Jesus. On the first Sunday of Advent, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity; aim to stir up in your hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. During Advent, we can pray that hope will rise up in our spirits in a concrete and life-giving way.

### MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Every year the St Patrick's school community, led by our Mini Vinnies Team, donates items to assist those less fortunate at Christmas. St Vincent de Paul collects these donations from us and distributes them to families in need. We are asking each year level to donate specific items for our Christmas Appeal. By each year level donating something different we will be able to make Christmas hampers for local families in need. Donations can be placed in the labelled baskets outside classrooms.

**MINI VINNIES' 2024  
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

*Our Mini Vinnies Team would love your help with these donations:*

- PREP: NON PERISHABLE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINKS
- YEAR 1: TOYS (UNUSED)
- YEAR 2: BOOKS (UNUSED)
- YEAR 3: NON PERISHABLE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINKS
- YEAR 4: BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES AND SPORT EQUIPMENT (NEW)
- YEAR 5: CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS (NEW)
- YEAR 6: NON PERISHABLE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINKS

*Donations can be left in the labelled baskets outside classrooms*

*We need your help to make Christmas special for those in need.*



## CULTURAL NIGHT



### ST PATRICK'S ANNUAL CULTURAL NIGHT

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 5:30pm  
Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

**LIMITED TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE via the Trybooking website**



<https://www.trybooking.com/CWTIF>

**\$5 per ticket**

**No tickets will be sold at the school office.  
Performing students will not require a ticket.**

### STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 5:00pm for a 5:30pm START

Students performing at the 2024 Cultural Night include Year 3 students, Junior and Senior Choir and Junior and Senior Strings. All students will be required to wear the following uniforms for performances:

Group	Performance uniform
Year 3	Year 3 Strings performance uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White dress shirt – long sleeve button up with collar</li><li>• Long black dress pants</li><li>• Black socks and school shoes</li></ul>
Junior Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prep: School uniform</li><li>• Years 1-2: Formal school uniform</li><li>• Year 3: Strings performance uniform (see above)</li></ul>
Senior Choir Junior Strings Senior Strings	Performance Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black shirt – long sleeve button up with collar</li><li>• Long black dress pants</li><li>• Black socks and school shoes</li><li>• Year 3 students in Junior Strings will wear Year 3 Strings performance uniform</li></ul>

Following their performance, children will sit together in the Performing Arts block, under teacher supervision to watch other performances. At the conclusion of the evening all performing students will receive a small goodie bag from their tutors and be released to parents in the foyer of the PAP.

All performing students will travel by bus to Shalom from 11:30am onwards on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November for a rehearsal on stage at the Performing Arts Precinct. Students will return to school by approximately 2:00pm. If your child is required to catch a bus at 2:45pm please inform the office or make alternative pick-up arrangements on that day in the event that the returning buses are delayed.

## CELEBRATION NIGHT

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WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Our annual Celebration Night is our last social event of the year to showcase our students perform Christmas Carols to their families. To ensure the event is weatherproof, we will hold the event in the MPS and due to limited space, it will be run over two sessions as follows.

Session 1 - Prep, Year 1 & Year 2

Arrive at 5:00pm for a 5:15pm start. Concludes at approximately 5:45pm.

Session 2 - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Arrive at 6:00pm for a 6:15pm start. Concludes at 7:00pm. We ask that you do not arrive before 6:00pm to allow students and parents of Prep - Year 2 to depart the school.

Please bring a folding chair for adults and siblings. Students will sit with their cohort at the front of the stage area. Parents and siblings will sit behind the seated students. Parents attending both sessions are welcome to bring dinner, however, please keep in mind we have limited space in the multi.

All students are to wear Christmas colours, unless classroom teachers have specified otherwise.

Parents should be aware that school staff are not supervising students during this evening. All students attending should be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for their supervision, and this includes high school age children.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM—NEW SPORTS BUCKET HAT

We are pleased to advise the introduction of a new sports bucket hat to our uniform range. Our formal hat will remain compulsory with the formal school uniform, with the new bucket hat being an optional purchase to wear with our sports uniform and on special sport event days.

The hat has some great design features including better sun protection than our original sports cap, a toggle to help with a more secure fit and the underside showcases our sports house colours for Xavier (Red), Coolock (Gold), McAuley (Green) and Mackillop (Blue).

If you are interested to purchase a hat for 2025, they will be available for sale from Innstyle Mensland from next week. The hat is priced at \$34.45 which includes embroidery for a student name.



## SPORTS NEWS—SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 29 November at the Bundaberg Swim Academy.

The format for the carnival will be as follows:

Years 3 & 4: 9:00am – 11:00am

Years 5 & 6: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Presentations: 2:00pm at School (Overall Points and Age Championships for students born 2012-2014)

All students are encouraged to nominate for an A/B/C division race in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke events. Students must nominate in at least one event. Novelty events will be included in the program. The carnival will involve all students and the aim is to make the day enjoyable for all students with an emphasis on maximum participation.

**'A' DIVISION RACES (Age Champion Event)** – 50m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 50m events need to be able to swim correctly and confidently the entire 50m. **Please note that all children born 2016 are not eligible to enter A Division races and must nominate for either B or C Division only.**

**'B' DIVISION RACES** – 25m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 25m events will be starting in the pool and swim correctly and confidently the entire 25m.

**'C' DIVISION RACES** – 12m event in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Students nominating for 12m events will be starting in the pool and swim with or without the assistance of a kickboard to a half-way rope.

Children will travel by bus to the Bundaberg Swim Academy with their class teacher who will supervise students in travel and throughout the carnival. Students may wear their school sports uniform and House coloured shirt to school on this day. Year 3 & 4 students are required to wear their swimming togs under their uniform upon arrival to school. Year 5 & 6 students can elect to do the same, or alternatively change into their swimming gear, sun-shirt and thongs/sandals prior to leaving the school grounds. Underwear, uniform, shoes and socks will remain at school and children will change into their uniforms upon returning to school after the carnival. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

All students are required to wear a sun-shirt as this meets with sun-safety regulations. The school will provide sunscreen for students. The only items that students will take with them to the pool are goggles, towel/s, water bottle and a bag to carry their belongings. Lunch and afternoon tea will be at normal times at school with the Year 5 & 6 students eating before leaving the school.



# ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE GROUP

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY? YOU'RE INVITED TO**

*Join our Conference Group*

**Have a spare 1 to 2 hours a week?  
We are passionate about assisting people in need.**

**HOW YOUR PASSION AND SKILLS CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

- Interviewing people in need, listening to their stories, giving them assistance
- Packing hampers, re-stocking shelves, updating the database
- Using computer skills
- You can also volunteer in the store or warehouse.
- Enhance and share your faith journey with other like-minded people and more...

Meetings are held fortnightly at 12:30pm (not necessary to join).  
Training provided; no experience necessary.  
Family Support is open Mondays, Tuesdays  
and Thursdays (9am to 11:30am)

Express your interest by scanning the QR code  
or emailing: [bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au)  
National Police Check will be required.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
QUEENSLAND  
*good works*

“Have a spare 1 to 2 hours a week and want to make a difference in your community? You're invited to join our Support Centre and Conference/Group. How your passion and skills can help make a difference:

- Interviewing people in need, listening to their stories, giving them assistance etc.
- Answering phones, booking appointments, updating the database etc.
- Using computer skills

Enhancing and sharing your faith journey with other like-minded people.

Meetings are held monthly, 12:30pm. (Not necessary to join). Training provided, police check required, no experience necessary. Family Support is open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (9am to 11:30am) There are other skills required not listed, why not enquire now? EMAIL: [bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:bundaberg.office@svdpqld.org.au) Phone: 4339 3751 Forms: <https://forms.office.com/r/MHsttcDpq8>”

## OUT AND ABOUT



**SHALOM ROWING**  
**COME & TRY**

**OPEN TO ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS  
GOING INTO YEAR 7 AT SHALOM IN 2025**

**MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER  
3.30PM TO 5.30PM**

**FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER  
3.30PM TO 5.30PM**

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER  
7AM TO 9AM**

**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!**

Your crew  
becomes your  
family



Rowing is the  
ultimate team  
sport



## HOT SHOTS

TENNIS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Our qualified coaches will provide personalised instruction to help your child to develop technically and tactically in a fun and nurturing environment. The program will foster sportsmanship and enhance their coordination, speed, strength, and agility.

Costs

Term Fee : \$70  
Annual Club  
Membership : \$20

All  
equipment  
provided!

When :

Tuesday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm

Thursday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 9.45 am

\*One session may be attended by your child each week.

Where :

6C Powers St, Bundaberg West

For bookings and additional information

Phone : 0434345048



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TENNIS CLUB

## OUT AND ABOUT



Help give families a hand-up to get kids back-to-school ready

# BUNDABERG POP-UP SHOP JANUARY 2025

Bundaberg Recreational Precinct Exhibition Room (Off Main Pavilion), Douglas Lane

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Open: Mon: 8am – 4:30pm | Tues to Thurs: 8:30am – 4:30pm | Fri: 8am – 12pm



[www.schoolsavvycq.com](http://www.schoolsavvycq.com)

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## What is school savvy?

As a *not for profit*, community-driven initiative, School Savvy takes the position that there is no place for casting judgement on anyone who needs to ask for help.

### Program Overview

School Savvy CQ is an annual back to school resources initiative designed to assist both junior and senior school students from families who are struggling financially.

Basic stationery supplies and second-hand school uniforms are made available to families at very low-cost, during pop-up shops held throughout January of each year.

The goal of School Savvy is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to be well-equipped and ready to make the most of each new school year, regardless of their family's financial position.

CatholicCare has successfully run School Savvy CQ for the past six years, with pop-up shops opened across Bundaberg, Childers, Gin Gin, Gracemere, Mackay, Rockhampton, the Capricorn Coast, and Mount Morgan. In 2024, School Savvy CQ opened a brand new pop-up shop in Gladstone.

### Eligibility

School Savvy does not individually assess pop-up shop attendees against any set eligibility criteria. Instead, an honesty system is actively promoted and encouraged where users:

- Only access the program if they are struggling financially
- Take only the resources they need
- Consider others when purchasing

School Savvy believes strongly in not setting an eligibility criteria because of the stories that attendees tell. The reasons for families needing to access School Savvy supplies vary greatly. From unexpected job losses to grandparents who take custody of children at short notice, a lot of School Savvy attendees are often in temporary situations where they do not qualify for alternative assistance programs.

### School Savvy 2024 by the numbers



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# TERM FOUR PLANNER

<b>WEEK 7</b>		<b>Week 11th November - 15th November</b>	
Monday	Remembrance Day Memorial	9:00am	5P
	Guitar Showcase—Stage Area	2:00pm—3:00pm	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
<b>WEEK 8</b>		<b>Week 18th November - 22nd November</b>	
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles		Music
<b>WEEK 9</b>		<b>Week 25th November - 29th November</b>	
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2L
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am	Years 3 & 4
		11:00-12:30pm	Years 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 10</b>		<b>Week 2nd December - 6th December</b>	
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
	End of Year Excursion Year 6—Norville Pool	10:45am - 12:30pm	Year 6
	End of Year Excursion Year 3—Reading Cinemas	11:30am - 2:00pm	Year 3
Wednesday	End of Year Excursion Prep/Year 1—Movies at Shalom	8:45am-11:45am	Prep & Year 1
	End of Year Excursion Year 2—Inflatable World	9:00am - 11:15am	Year 2
	End of Year Excursion Year 4—Movies at Shalom	11:00am—1:30pm	Year 4
	Celebration Night	5:00-7:00pm	Whole School
Thursday	End of Year Excursion Year 5—Bundy Bowl	9:00am - 12:00pm	Year 5 & 1
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:00am	Whole School
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	Whole School

## 2025 TERM DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	Tuesday 28 January - Friday 4 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December