



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

6 June 2025

Maya Angelou once said *'do the best you can, until you know better, then when you know better, do better'*. I believe as parents and educators navigating this fast paced world, we are forever trying to seek knowledge to help us 'do better' by our children and students. At the end of the day, we all aim to do the best with what we know and what we have. This has always been true of each generation. For example, when I look back at photos of me as a young child, I appeared to have tanned, olive skin. When I questioned my mother as to why, she explained how she would sit me out in the sun daily, as Vitamin D was known to be important. My skin became a lot 'fairer' once the slip, slop, slap jingle hit our screens. I was horrified when I learnt this information, as I would never have sat my own children out in the sun, because we 'knew better'. Ironically, I am today Vitamin D deficient, so it is all about balance! I think this might also be true in to the future, as more information evolves around the use of technology in infancy (especially the first 3 years of life) and it's impact on the developing brain. Again, it is 'balance' we seek.

It is so important to keep abreast of research and developments for the betterment of our young. This year our teachers have been engaging in some excellent professional development around spelling and in particular, phonological awareness. Another area where teachers, teacher assistants and OSHC have been upskilled is the strength based approach to learning, also known as trauma informed practice. When we first hear the word 'trauma' we think of worst case scenarios, however, trauma for one individual student could in fact be born from simply transitioning from home to school, of a morning. Either way, this school wide approach to learning has been proven to build resilience and promote a culture developed from something we've always fostered at St. Patrick's, positive relationships.

**Patty's PEN**

Parents, it's time to connect. Join us for Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night) - a casual event for parents to connect and suggest discussion topics for conversation.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**10 JUNE 2025**

**@ 5:30 PM**

**Staff Room**

With Host: Bianca McLeish  
Student Wellbeing Coordinator  
Strength Based Educational Model

**FUTURE PATTY'S PEN SESSIONS AND TOPICS**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

- ✓ Casual and welcoming space to connect with other parents
- ✓ Share your ideas - suggest topics for future discussions
- ✓ Light snacks and beverages will be provided

A perfect way for parents to engage!

Next Tuesday, 10th June, Bianca McLeish's Parent Engagement Night will be held at **5:30PM** in the staffroom (look for the sliding door left of Main Reception). I am looking forward to seeing some of you there to share how we are presently engaging your children in a strength-based education model of learning and why. Above all, this will provide an opportunity for parents/caregivers to connect in a relaxed and welcoming gathering. If you haven't already, please register your interest via the [online form](#) registration link to register your interest for planning purposes. Refreshments will be

We are at the culmination of 'Prep 2026' interviews. Once again, we have been overwhelmed with applications. When I ask 'why St. Patrick's?' families comment on how they consistently hear our parents speak highly of this community. I explain to prospective parents that this speaks volumes about the support we have been afforded by present and past families. This is the culture we also crave to maintain, as we welcome new families in to our community. We strive to keep lines of communication open, acknowledging that sometimes life can get 'messy' but there is a shared commitment to achieving best outcomes for our/your children/students despite the season of life. It certainly does take a village to raise amazing humans and I am thankful that we are all working collectively to achieve this end goal. I don't take this parent body for granted and think we are very blessed to have the support of so many. Thank YOU! Thank you! THANK YOU!

**Kim O'Shea-Hard**  
Principal

### Understanding Pentecost: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost is one of the most important celebrations in the Church's year. It takes place fifty days after Easter Sunday and marks the moment when the Holy Spirit came down to Jesus' disciples, giving them the courage and power to begin their work of sharing God's love with the world.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He spent some time with His disciples, teaching and preparing them for the mission ahead. Then He returned to His Father, promising to send the Holy Spirit to be with them always. The disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together and hoping for this gift.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit arrived suddenly and powerfully. The Bible tells us that a sound like a rushing wind filled the house where the disciples were gathered. Then, what looked like tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them. This wasn't a real fire to hurt them, but a sign of the Spirit's presence.

With the Holy Spirit, the disciples were filled with new strength. They could speak in different languages, so people from many nations could hear God's message in their own words. This miracle helped spread the Good News of Jesus quickly and far.

Because of this event, Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church" — the day when the Church truly began its mission in the world. The Holy Spirit continues to guide and help Christians today, giving them gifts like wisdom, courage, and love.

When we celebrate Pentecost, we remember that the Holy Spirit is with us too. We are invited to open our hearts to this gift, to be brave in our faith, and to share kindness with others, just like the first disciples did.

Our churches use the colour red on Pentecost, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit and the love that burns in our hearts.

So, Pentecost is a joyful time to remember the powerful gift of the Holy Spirit and to thank God for the ways He helps us live as His followers every day.



**Tracey Cook**

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## WINTER UNIFORM



As the cooler months begin to settle in, it's important to ensure that all students at St Patrick's are dressed appropriately and comfortably for winter while maintaining our high standard of school pride and identity. Here's a quick checklist for our Winter Uniform:

- ◇ Bottle green fleece jumper **with St Patrick's logo**
- ◇ OR water-resistant bottle green softshell jacket
- ◇ Name embroidered (surname or first name + initial) on opposite side to logo
- ◇ Bottle green or black tracksuit pants
- ◇ Black stockings for girls - if required

### **Uniform suppliers in Bundaberg:**

- **Inn Style Mensland** - 32 Electra Street Ph: 4151 6788
- **Lowes (Sugarland Shoppingtown)** - Sugarland Shopping town Ph: 4151 3948
- **Shawline Embroidery** - 17 Walker Street Ph: 4152 8139

We thank all parents and caregivers for the time, care, and attention you give in ensuring your child is prepared for school each day. Your support makes a tremendous difference - not only in helping students feel confident and warm but also in maintaining a positive and unified school culture.

# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

## Program Details

### **Friday 13 June: 100m & 200m Heats at Shalom College (Students Born 2013, 2014 & 2015)**

On this day, all students compete in 100m Heats. 200m is a nomination event only and students can nominate on the day.

### **Monday 16 June: Field events day at St Patrick's Catholic School (Students Born 2013, 2014 & 2015)**

**Tuckshop is available for lunch only.**

9:00 am	Normal Classroom Routine			
	Rotation	10yrs – Born 2015	11yrs – Born 2014	12yrs – Born 2013
10:00am	1	Long Jump	Shot Put	Ball Games & Relay Practice
11:15am	Lunch			
11:40am	2	Ball Games & Relay Practice	Long Jump	Shot Put
1:00pm	Afternoon Tea			
1:15pm	3	Shot Put	Ball Games & Relay Practice	Long Jump
2:30pm	Normal Classroom Routine			

### **Monday 23 June: Senior Athletics Day at Shalom College (Students Born 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016)**

Students born 2016 do not compete in 200m & 800m events.

800m is a nomination event and students born 2013, 2014 & 2015 can nominate on the day.

**No Tuckshop facilities are available for participating students at Shalom on this day.**

8:30am	Bus Departure to Shalom College	
9:00am	200m Finals	Students Born 2013, 2014 & 2015
9:45am	Ball Games	Students Born 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016
11:00am	Lunch	
11:15am	80 & 100m Semi Finals & Finals	Students Born 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016
12:30pm	Relays	Students Born 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016
1:30pm	800m Finals	Students Born 2013, 2014 & 2015
	Year 3 Students return to school	
2:30pm	Bus Departure to St Patrick's	

### **Friday 27 June: Junior Athletics Day at St Patrick's Senior Oval (Students Born 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020)**

House Captains need to be at St Patrick's at 8:00am to assist with the setting up of equipment.

**Tuckshop will be a pre-order system from a limited menu.**

JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	
9:00am	50m, 60m & 80m Finals
9:45am	Ball Games & Tabloids
11:00am	Lunch
11:30am	Relays
12:15pm	Whole School Presentations in the Multi St Patrick's
	(Age Champion will be awarded in the 2013, 2014 & 2015 age groups)
12:30pm	Normal School Routine

## Uniform for Carnival Days

- **Black shorts** (no other colours or a team's insignia);
- **House coloured shirt** (polo shirt is preferred for sun protection);
- School sports **cap** or school formal **hat** to be worn;
- Alternate sports shoes may be worn on the day, no spiked footwear is permitted;
- **Sunscreen** to be applied before arrival at school.
- Coloured zinc and hair spray are **not** permitted.
- Please ensure your child has sufficient **water** and **food** for required days.



## SPORT NEWS

### BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS - 2025

Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter each week detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events.

Gaining selection in a Bundaberg District Team is the first step on the pathway to representing Wide Bay and Queensland. To represent Bundaberg District, students must be born 2013, 2014 & 2015 (only exceptional 10 year old students will be given permission to trial in team sports). The majority of team sport trials occur in February and March.

Please be aware of the following points:

- Team sports are selected in an U12 category and it is very unlikely that a 10 year old student would be selected, with the exception of Rugby League. Rugby League selects students in U10, U11 and U12 categories due to the contact nature of the sport.
- Bundaberg District trials are not 'have a go' trials. St Patrick's has a responsibility for sending students who we feel display high ability in the chosen sport and a high level of behaviour.
- Students wishing to trial must have a consent form issued by the school with authorisation from Mr Plumb, Ms Gollshewsky or Mr Egan. Students will not be able to participate in the trials without a ***Bundaberg District Primary Schools nomination form***.

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Cricket	Girls	2013, 2014 & 2015	Monday, 14 July (Session 1) Wednesday, 16 July (Session 2)	Brothers Cricket Club Nets (parking at rear of Brothers Sports Club)	4:00 pm to 5:15 pm







# LEARN TO DRIVE AGE 5. THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT.

## The Bundaberg Golf Club

Come and join us for the next FREE come and try MyGolf clinic. This 90mins session will focus on giving participants plenty of opportunities to explore skills and to build confidence around putting, chipping and full swings.

**Time:** Sunday 10:00am – 11:30am

**Dates:** 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Cost:** FREE

**Registration:** Register through the QR code or find us at [www.golf.org.au/mygolf](http://www.golf.org.au/mygolf)

**Enquiries:** Jamie 0457 158 825



Scan to find  
a program.



[golf.org.au/mygolf](http://golf.org.au/mygolf)



# PEDAL FOR A PURPOSE

Supporting carers for Kids with Cancer



Sunday 15 June  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**FREE**  
team registration  
thanks to  
**Active Women  
and Girls  
Grant**

## Event Highlights:



Teams of 2-6 riders  
(family or friends, all ages)



Prizes and giveaways for all  
participants



Coffee van and gelato



Free burger and drink for each  
participant



Kids' corner: face painting  
and mini cycle track



*Pedal for a Purpose* is for women and children only – mums, grandmas, and kids are all welcome to ride! Men are welcome to come along to support and volunteer on the day.

**Acknowledgement:** The Pink Flamingos gratefully acknowledge the Queensland Government for providing funding through the Active Women and Girls Program to support the Pedal for a Purpose initiative, encouraging more women and children to get on bicycles and enjoy the benefits of active living.

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## CQU Bundaberg Campus

Wednesday 9th July 2025 to Thursday 10th July 2025

Eligibility	Date	Time	Fee	No. of Days	Book online*
Yr 1 - 9	9 July- 10 July	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$183	2	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/DCMAM">www.trybooking.com/DCMAM</a>

\*Always consult the booking link for any changes. Every effort is made to ensure this brochure is accurate but all changes are reflected online.

From Sustainable farming to self-driving cars, **Advanced Engineering & Robotics** model a range of real-world situations that teach students a complete understanding of how the technology works and used to solve the issue at hand. The engineering lessons engage kids with a hands-on learning environment and immerse them in the applications and possibilities of modern technologies. Through PBL (Project-based Learning), students combine hardware, Lego® compatible building blocks, and coding to create a prototype and solve real-world problems. The projects are redesigned to encourage students to invent other viable solutions to these real-world issues and explore ways to utilize existing technology. The completion of these projects will boost confidence and create problem solving ability in students to overcome any challenge from working in their future jobs to solving our world's current or future problems. **All activities are adjusted to the student age and tackle different challenges on each day.**



Limited spots available!  
Early bird discounts  
apply for a short time.



**Build Your Tomorrow. Today!**

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**For more information  
please call 0424 985 172**

[pavle@young-engineers.com.au](mailto:pavle@young-engineers.com.au)  
[cq.young-engineers.com.au](http://cq.young-engineers.com.au)

**Engineering & Robotics Program** provides theoretical knowledge in software and mechanical engineering combined with mathematics and physics.

**Electronics:** Our electronic kits are specifically designed to minimise assembly time which creates more opportunity to explore the learning's behind how each experiment works. Learn to build circuits in the classroom.

**Build-Up Program** is designed for little children where they start from learning the basics of building Lego Models including improving them and end up building models independently with a friend and enjoying group game.



# Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months,  
and **ANZ will match it up to \$500.**

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18 years  
or older



A regular  
income  
(you or your  
partner)



Attend  
free online  
financial  
education  
workshops



Are studying  
yourself or  
have a child  
at school, or  
starting next  
year



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or **Pensioner**  
**Concession**  
**Card**

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# TERM TWO PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 22nd April - Friday 25th April</b>		
Monday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY</b>		
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	5G
Thursday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	8:40am	5G
Friday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY</b>		
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 28th April - 2nd May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Years 3 to 6	9:00am	Shalom
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course - Prep to Year 2	9:00am	St Patrick's
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 5th May - 9th May</b>		
Monday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY</b>		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 12th May - 16th May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	District Cross Country - no interschool sport	All Day	Avoca SS
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 19th May - 23rd May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 26th May - 30th May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 2
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Thursday	<b>BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY</b>		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 2nd June - 6th June</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Wednesday	Questacon Science Circus	All Day	Prep - 6
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 9th June -13th June</b>		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1H
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 16th June - 20th June</b>		
Monday	Field Events Day - students born 2015, 2014 & 2013	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1B
Thursday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
Friday	Free Dress Day-Mini vinnies Winter Appeal	All Day	St Patrick's
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 23rd June - 27th June</b>		
Monday	Senior Athletics Carnival - students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013	All Day	Shalom
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1C
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - students born 2020,2019, 2018 & 2017	All Day	St Patrick's

2025 SPORT DATES			
2nd May	Junior Obstacle Course	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
16 June	Senior Field Events	Students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013	St Patrick's
23rd June	Senior Athletics Day	Students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013	Shalom College
27th June	Junior Athletics Day	Students born 2020, 2019, 2018 & 2017	St Patrick's
21st November	Swimming Carnival	Years 3 to 6	Bundaberg

2025 TERM DATES	
<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 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