



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

21st November 2025

This week, our Year Two students led us in Courtyard Prayer, reminding us to *"shine... from the inside out... for the world to see."* As we draw near to the culmination of another year together, I find myself reflecting on the many ways our community has indeed shone throughout 2025.



In the spirit of Catherine McAuley—whose courage and compassion shaped a legacy of Mercy—our students, staff, and families have continued to live out her vision of faith in action. Catherine reminded us that *"we should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us."* This year, our students have wholeheartedly embraced this call: shining in the classroom, on the playground, within our parish, and across the wider community.

Today, we witnessed many students shine at our swimming carnival. Some shone through their athletic ability; others through the way they encouraged, supported, and celebrated their peers. Equally heartening has been seeing our students create Christmas decorations for our local hospitals—small acts of kindness that will brighten someone's day at a time when joy is needed most.

Our staff, too, have shown their generosity by dedicating their annual 'Secret Santa' to unknown faces who may need a gift more than we do. Their daily commitment to your children already fills our hearts to the brim, and yet they continue to give in ways that reflect the true light of Mercy.

It is through the learning, friendships, outreach, and generous hearts of our students that we come to understand what it truly means to let God's light radiate through our gifts.

We also have several highlights still to come:

- **Cultural Night** – Thursday, 27th November at the Shalom Performing Arts Precinct
- **Year 1 Nativity** – Monday, 1st December
- **Year 6 Graduation** – Tuesday, 2nd December
- **Celebration Night** – Wednesday, 3rd December
- **End of Year Liturgy and Farewell Assembly** – Friday, 5th December

I very much look forward to watching our students continue to *shine* right up to the final day of term.

Kim O'Shea-Hard
PRINCIPAL

**ST PATRICK'S 2025
WEEK 9 EVENTS**

 <p>Yr 1 Nativity Play Monday Dec 1 9am in the Multi</p>	 <p>Yr 6 Graduation Tuesday Dec 2 RSVP via Parent Orbit 9am in the Multi</p>
 <p>Celebration Night Wednesday Dec 3 P-Yr 2 5:15pm Yr 3-6 6:15pm In the Multi</p>	 <p>End of Year Liturgy & Yr 6 Assembly Friday Dec 5 Liturgy 9am Assembly 11:15am In the Multi School concludes @12pm</p>



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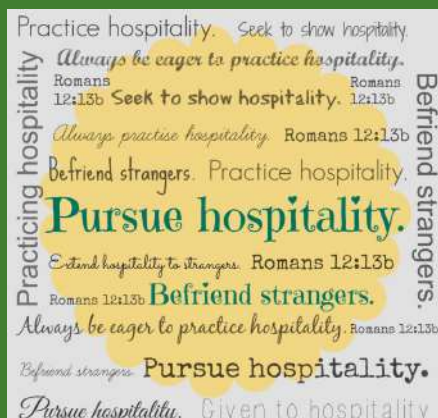


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The Value of Hospitality in Mercy Education



At St Patrick's we are committed to embodying the values of Mercy Education in all that we do. One value that resonates deeply within our school community is hospitality. This value is at the heart of our Catholic faith and is inspired by the example of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all people with love, compassion, and kindness.

Hospitality is more than just opening our doors to others; it is about creating a sense of belonging and inclusion for everyone we encounter. It calls us to be attentive and open-hearted, to recognise the dignity in every person, and to foster relationships built on respect, understanding, and care.

Living Hospitality in Our School Community

In our school, we strive to live out the value of hospitality in many ways:

- **Welcoming and Inclusive Environment:** We aim to create a space where every student, staff member, and visitor feels seen, valued, and respected. This includes celebrating the unique gifts and talents of each individual and embracing the diversity that enriches our community.
- **Acts of Kindness:** Whether it's a simple smile, a helping hand, or a kind word, we encourage students to practise acts of kindness that make others feel welcome and loved.
- **Support for Those in Need:** As part of our Catholic mission, we support those in our local and global communities who are in need. Through initiatives such as our Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal and Reef Guardians Garden fundraiser, we teach our students the importance of selflessness and compassion.

Hospitality in Action

One of the most beautiful examples of hospitality in action can be found in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37). In this story, Jesus reminds us that we are called to care for one another, regardless of our differences. This message is at the core of our Mercy tradition and guides us in creating a school community that reflects God's love for all.

Encouraging Hospitality at Home

Hospitality is a value that can be nurtured at home as well. Here are a few suggestions for practising hospitality as a family:

1. **Welcome Guests:** When visitors come to your home, involve your children in welcoming them. Encourage them to offer a smile, a kind word, or even help set the table.
2. **Acts of Service:** Find ways to serve others in your community, such as volunteering at a local charity, donating to those in need, or cooking a meal for a neighbour.
3. **Celebrate Diversity:** Teach your children to embrace and appreciate the differences in others, fostering respect and understanding.
4. **Create a Caring Space:** Encourage your family to listen to and support one another, creating a home where everyone feels loved and valued.

Thank you for your ongoing support in nurturing these values within our school community. May we all continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Tracey Cook

CULTURAL NIGHT



Get ready for a magical evening as we proudly prepare to host our Annual Cultural Night at the Shalom Performing Arts Precinct (Thursday Nov 27 @5.30pm). This much-anticipated event will bring together our students, families, and staff in a joyous celebration of talent, community, and faith.

The night promises to showcase the incredible musical abilities of our students across a variety of performances. From the youngest performers to the most senior, each group will share their unique gifts, highlighting their dedication, creativity, and hard work.

The evening will begin with a heartwarming performance by our **Year 3 Strings**. These young musicians, many of whom will be performing for the first time on such a grand stage, are sure to captivate you with their enthusiasm and budding musical skills. Their performance will set the tone for an evening of celebration and joy.

The **Junior String Ensemble** will follow, demonstrating their growing technical abilities and teamwork as they perform a series of delightful pieces. A testament to the hours of practice and the guidance of their dedicated music teachers.

The **Senior String Ensemble** will then take to the stage, impressing the audience with their polished performance and sophisticated musicality. Their talent and passion for music will undoubtedly inspire everyone in attendance.

The **Junior Choir** will bring smiles to our faces with their heartfelt and energetic renditions of classic and contemporary songs. Their sweet voices will fill the Performing Arts Precinct with joy and hope.

Not to be outdone, the **Senior Choir** will deliver a powerful and emotionally moving performance. Their harmonies and stage presence will captivate hearts, reminding everyone of the beauty of music in bringing people together.

The evening will also feature standout performances by piano soloists, who are set to display remarkable skill and poise.

The night will conclude with a performance by the **Year 6 Strings and Singers**, a fitting finale to an evening that celebrates the artistic talents of our St Patrick's students. Their performance will be a testament to the growth and development they have achieved during their time at the school and is sure to leave a lasting impression on all who attend.

Our Annual Cultural Night will be a wonderful reminder of the power of the arts to unite and inspire. And also reflect our commitment to fostering creativity, collaboration, and excellence in our students. We must thank our amazing teachers and tutors for their dedication to our music program; Mrs Kate Hardisty, Mrs Bernadette Connolly, Mrs Bridget Perry, Ms Christie Jacobsen and Mrs Jed Morley.

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

SAVE THE DATE

CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUNDABERG



Mass with Children

Sunday Nov 23, 2025

9AM @ ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Families are most welcome to attend

Morning Tea and a coffee van will be available after Mass

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*

SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS

Preparing for social media changes

From **10 December 2025**, some social media platforms must prevent Australians under 16 from creating or keeping accounts.

eSafety has [updated its guidance](#) on which platforms are likely to be **age-restricted**. These include Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X, and YouTube.

Platforms we consider do not currently meet the criteria for 'age-restricted social media platform' and are therefore **not age-restricted** include Discord, GitHub, Google Classroom, LEGO Play, Messenger, Roblox, Steam, WhatsApp, and YouTube Kids.

Technology changes quickly, so this list isn't fixed. We'll keep sharing updates on [our website](#).

To help young people, families and educators prepare, eSafety has released a package of resources on a [dedicated online hub](#) and will run [live webinars](#) to provide information and answer questions.

From 10 December, you will need to be 16 or over to have an account on social media.



For more details go to **eSafety.gov.au**

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2026 CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT

All families were emailed the '2026 Confirmation of Enrolment' link on Tuesday 18th November, if you haven't already, could you please complete the form by scanning the QR code or clicking on this link [2026 Confirmation of Enrolment](#).

Please only complete this form **once** and if you have any issues in accessing the form or completing the form don't hesitate to reach out to the finance officer, Brooke Bone.



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 9 Schedule

- **Monday—Wednesday, 1—3 December:** Lunch and Afternoon Tea
- **Thursday, 4 December:** Lunch as normal, **Afternoon Tea—ice blocks only!**
- **Friday, 5 December:** **CLOSED**

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 at the top with the text 'TUCKSHOP' in bold, uppercase letters, and 'schedule' in a large, black, cursive script below it. 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. An 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**

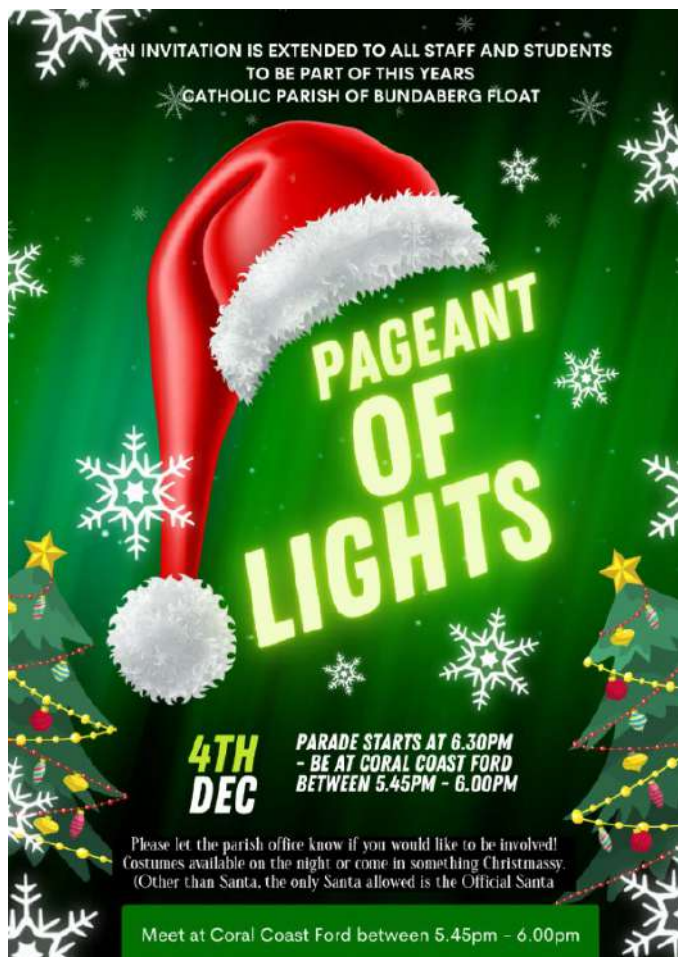
TERM 4 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Book now for Term 4 Holidays. Phone 0417199586 or email spbg_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au.

Mon, 8 Dec Tie Dye Hat Day (as requested)  Let's tie dye our very own bucket hat to wear to OSHC these holidays! \$10 surcharge	Tue, 9 Dec Wet Play Day  Bring your togs, towel & water pistol. We'll provide the zooper doopers, water, water pistols & balloons! \$10 surcharge	Wed, 10 Dec Silent Disco in the Multi  Put on your headphones and get your dancing shoes on ready for our silent disco. \$10 surcharge	Thur, 11 Dec XMAS Craft Day  As much Christmas craft as you can squeeze into your day! \$5 surcharge	Fri, 12 Dec - Incursion - Safety Squad - Cube Sports  A fun and informative session with your own mini first aid kit to take home. \$20 surcharge
Mon, 15 Dec - Excursion - Reading Cinemas Zootopia 2  A trip to the movies with our friends from St Mary's OSHC. \$25 surcharge	Tue, 16 Dec Christmas Movie Day  Let's see how many Christmas movies we can watch in ONE DAY! \$15 surcharge	Wed, 17 Dec - Incursion - "LEGO" - Xmas Kits (as requested)  Choose a Christmas kit or ornament trio to assemble, then take home to decorate your house. \$15 surcharge	Thur, 18 Dec - Incursion - Cooking  Help make some yummy Christmas food for us to eat tomorrow at our Christmas party! \$15 surcharge	Fri, 19 Dec Secret Santa & Xmas Party  Choose a secret santa gift from under the OSHC tree. AND enjoy Christmas lunch together.
SERVICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR				
Mon, 12 Jan Do Nothing Day (as requested)  Let's just chill-ax today and do nothing "special" at all.	Tue, 13 Jan Wet / Messy Day  You bring your togs & towel and we'll provide the messy fun! \$10 surcharge	Wed, 14 Jan - Incursion - World Cup Soccer - Cube Sports  Enhance your soccer skills with this fabulous soccer session. \$10 surcharge	Thur, 15 Jan Yoga & Spa Day (as requested)  Relax & feel pampered OR try a (yoga) pose.	Fri, 16 Jan GYG for Lunch!  Let's order our lunch and get it delivered to oshc for a special treat. (still need morning tea) \$15 surcharge
Mon, 19 Jan Wheels Day (as requested)  Bring your own scooter or skates AND HELMET. (please NO bikes)	Tue, 20 Jan Make Your Own Drink Bottle Workshop  You choose the bottle, glitter and stickers and we'll do the rest. \$10 surcharge	Wed, 21 Jan STUDENT PROTECTION TRAINING AND OFFICE/SHED CLEAN UP DAY SERVICE CLOSED	Thur, 22 Jan Australia Day Activities  Thong throwing contests, eat a lamington or two! What else can we do??	Fri, 23 Jan - Excursion - Reading Cinemas Grand Prix of Europe  A movie date with St Mary's OSHC. \$25 surcharge

OUT AND ABOUT

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS
TO BE PART OF THIS YEARS
CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUNDABERG FLOAT



PAGEANT OF LIGHTS

4TH DEC PARADE STARTS AT 6.30PM
- BE AT CORAL COAST FORD
BETWEEN 5.45PM - 6.00PM

Please let the parish office know if you would like to be involved!
Costumes available on the night or come in something Christmassy.
(Other than Santa, the only Santa allowed is the Official Santa)

Meet at Coral Coast Ford between 5.45pm - 6.00pm

THE ROCHFORD STRING ENSEMBLE & INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND PRESENT

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YEAR 7 2027

APPLICATIONS OPEN DECEMBER 2025*

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 11 February 2026
Shalom Performing Arts Precinct
Parents & Students Welcome

COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 24 February 2026
Shalom College Sports Centre
Parents & Students Welcome



APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

APRIL-MAY 2026: APPOINTMENTS FOR INTERVIEWS
END OF JUNE 2026: NOTIFICATION SENT TO ADVISE OF ACCEPTANCE OUTCOME

* Year 5 Semester 2 Report must be uploaded with application.
Further information will be available at www.shalomcollege.com prior
to applications opening.

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)