



Principal's News

28th August 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

Frozen the Musical is certainly starting to come to life in our school community in preparation for Week 9. Tickets sold out very quickly, which is a wonderful testament to the excitement surrounding the production and the dedication of the 66 students and 12 staff members who have invested countless hours into bringing this story to the stage.

This week, through our Book Week celebrations, we have been reminded of the power of stories to help young people navigate important life lessons. Jesus was a great storyteller. Through His imagination and wisdom, He created parables that resonated deeply with His audience and continue to inspire us today.

As I reflect on *Frozen*, I can see many parallels with the Parable of the Lost Son. At the heart of both stories is the powerful theme of love and its ability to overcome fear, separation and broken relationships. The Parable of the Lost Son reminds us that God's love for us is unconditional and grounded in forgiveness and reconciliation. Similarly, Anna demonstrates remarkable selflessness and courage in her efforts to save her sister. The story also highlights the importance of self-acceptance as a pathway to restoring relationships with others, a principle that aligns closely with our commitment at St Patrick's to nurturing restorative practices and mending broken relationships within our community.



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Next week, our Year 5 students will travel to Chaverim for their first camp experience as a cohort. We hope this opportunity will help students build new connections and strengthen existing friendships while creating lasting memories with their peers and teachers.

Next Thursday morning, we will celebrate Father's Day with a special liturgy. We give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers and father figures who guide, encourage and support our children. Their love, wisdom and example play an important role in helping our young people grow in confidence, resilience and faith.

Father's Day is also an opportunity to recognise that families come in many different forms. For some, this day brings special memories, while for others it may be a time to remember someone who is no longer with us or to celebrate those who have stepped into a fathering role. In all these circumstances, we give thanks for the love, care and support that surround our children each day.

May our Father's Day celebrations be filled with joy, gratitude and plenty of opportunities to say, "I love you" to the special father figures who make a difference in our lives.

Wishing all our families a happy and blessed Father's Day.

Please remember that **next Friday is a Pupil Free Day.**





Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE

Communal Vocal Prayer

Communal vocal prayer is one of the wonderful ways we express who we are as a Catholic school. When we pray aloud together, we are reminded that faith is not something we keep to ourselves — it is something we share, practise, and grow into as a community. These shared moments help students learn the language of prayer, build confidence to participate and lead, and recognise that every person is valued and belongs. Praying with others also shapes our hearts: it invites us to be grateful, to notice the needs of those around us, and to respond with compassion and hope.



A particularly special expression of this in our school is Courtyard Prayer. In the midst of busy school days, the courtyard becomes a simple, sacred gathering place where we pause, become still, and turn our attention to God. Students and staff come together to offer prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and intercession — for our school, our families, those who are unwell or struggling, and for peace and justice in our world. Courtyard Prayer helps us remember that our community is strongest when we listen, speak kindly, and lift one another up in prayer.

We warmly invite all members of our school community — parents and carers, grandparents, parish representatives, and friends of the school — to join us for Courtyard Prayer whenever you are able. Whether you attend regularly or simply when the opportunity arises, please know that you are always welcome. Your presence strengthens our shared faith and reminds our students that prayer is at the heart of Catholic life, connecting home, school, and parish as one community.



Year 5 Camp - 2-3 September

Don't forget!

A friendly reminder to all Year 5 families to please send in any **medication** (accompanied with the signed medication form available from reception) to the school office **as soon as possible**. Please refer to the email sent to home for further information.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wednesday 2 September

7:00 AM: Students are to be at St Patrick's. Please drop their bags in the **George Street bus shed** area.

7:15 AM: Bus packing to prepare departure.

7:45 AM: The bus will depart from George Street for Chaverim sharp as we have a strict timetable to adhere to.

Thursday 3 September

5:15 PM: Bus returns to St Patrick's at George Street



WHAT TO BRING?

Outdoor Gear

- Raincoat/Spray Jacket
- Hat
- Water bottle (2 litres)
- Sunscreen and insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- A small daypack
- Swim suit, board shorts and sun shirt, old pair of runners or wet shoes, swim towel (canoeing)



Personal Gear

- One pair of sturdy and comfortable sandshoes
- One pair of thongs or sandals
- Warm clothes for night activities
- Sufficient shorts (mid-thigh) and t-shirts (with sleeves)
- Sufficient socks and underwear
- Warm top or jumper
- Large plastic bag (for used clothes and shoes)

Sleeping Gear

- Pillow, pillow case, single fitted sheet
- Warm sleeping bag
- Pyjamas (and teddy)



Accessories

- Personal toiletries
- One towel (for bathing)

Remember to have all items clearly named so anything left behind can be returned!

A Message from eSafety Australia



eSafety put Roblox on notice

We've secured a court-enforceable undertaking from Roblox to do more to protect children from grooming, sexual exploitation and abuse online.

Following our investigation and testing of the gaming giant's safety systems, we identified gaps we considered to put children at risk, including allowing contact between children and adults they do not know.

Roblox has committed to boosting safety on its platform and to an independent third-party audit to assess the effectiveness of its safety measures. If Roblox breaches the undertaking, we won't hesitate to take further action if necessary.

This development is part of our broader work to improve safety and accountability across the online gaming sector, so parents and carers can feel more confident that platforms are taking steps to better protect children and support safer online experiences.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Father's Day



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

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

Please send your "dad and me" pics to spbooffice@rok.catholic.edu.au by  to be included in the presentation.

Father's Day Dad Bags



Thank you for your support in pre-ordering Dad Bags for Father's Day - it was a huge success! ♥
All proceeds will go towards supporting Paddy's Patch.

 Dad Bags will be delivered to classrooms on **Wednesday 2 September** to be sent home with students.



Last-Minute Gifts

Last-Minute Gifts will be available to purchase on **Thursday 3rd September** at the **Mulgrave Street and Powers Street gates**, selling cookies and sweets for **\$2** each.



Sports News



Bundaberg School Cup Cricket

Last week St Patrick's entered three teams in the Bundaberg School Cup cricket competition. We are very proud of the effort and behaviour of all teams under the guidance of Miss Tabby and Mr Farr.

The girls won their grand final in the mixed competition while the boys finished runners up and fourth in the boys competition.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who supported us throughout the day .

Matt Plumb

Bundaberg Athletics Trials

Congratulations to Kelan E after winning the **12 years Boys 1500m** event at the Bundaberg trials last week.

He will now represent Bundaberg at the upcoming Wide Bay Carnival.



**You're always a winner
if you never give up!**



Out and About



SPRING HOLIDAYS

ENGINEERING, ROBOTICS & ELECTRONICS 2 DAY CAMP WONDER KIDZ

CQU Bundaberg Campus

Wednesday 30th September 2026 to Thursday 1st October 2026

Eligibility	Date	Time	Fee	No. of Days	Book online*
Yr 1 - 9	30/09 to 1/10	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$183		www.trybooking.com/DPDNQ

* 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 designed 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 we tackle different challenges on each day.**



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



Are you traveling through Central Queensland these holidays? Check out our other locations on our main web page.

For more information
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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.

Build Your Tomorrow. Today!

**COMING
THIS
WEEK**

What's happening in Week 8?

Mon - Fri

Mon

Tue

Tue - Wed

Wed - Thur

Thur

Fri

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parish Mass (Year 6 and Prep)

Bundy Cup Netball (4:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

Courtyard Prayer - 4K

Year 5 Camp

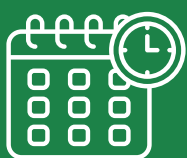
Father's Day Liturgy (9:00 AM)

PUPIL FREE DAY



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	9:00 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