



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

13 June 2025

This week, Year 1H ran Courtyard Prayer sending us forth with the message 'God is everywhere'. With Pentecost still firmly in our minds, this reminded us to look a little deeper to find the Holy Spirit at work through the actions of others. The senior students have certainly set up opportunities over the past few weeks for younger students to feel connected and loved. Caelen D showed amazing leadership when he co-ordinated his peers to find junior 'Ball Throwing Champions' during playtimes. Seeds of friendship and a love of reading were evident as students and staff supported each other through cold mornings on our brand new deck. However, God was most evident this term in the **'Mercy Moments'** that were witnessed and reported. Mercy Moments, as explained earlier in the year are those 'real life' examples of what it means to **'spread the green'** at St. Patrick's. Students and Staff are able to nominate examples which are then shared with the community. Students then decide which **Mercy Education Value** is being actioned. These include **respect, justice, compassion, courage, hospitality and service**. The following are some of the Mercy Moment Highlights from this term.

**Ellie-Mae A** was identified as displaying **'courage'** when she recently entered the Bundaberg Show equestrian competition, as a four year old student, wearing our green uniform. Ellie-Mae walked away with ribbons and accolades for her efforts, but the most impressive thing for our community was to see such a young person pushing herself out of her comfort zone to turn a gift into a talent. **Florence B** was reported by more than one source, as a student who had displayed **service, compassion** and **courage** when supporting younger members on the bus of an afternoon and morning. **Bella S** was nominated as a person who consistently reflects **service** in her stewardship of nature. Then just this week on assembly, Koa Mc shared how he had witnessed the Mercy Education Value of **Compassion** when he saw **Mason G** (a Year 6 leader) give his own jumper to a younger student who was cold. All of these are great examples of how God's work certainly is being seen whilst our students are busy 'spreading the green'.



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It is always more complex and challenging to see the good in our day and each other when we are tired, so these examples are good reminders to keep us focussed on ending the term well.

A big THANK YOU to the parents that joined us on Tuesday night for our Parent Engagement Evening. It was a relaxed, yet informative evening. Most importantly it was a great opportunity to connect with some dedicated and supportive parents from our community. We have asked for some links to be provided at a later date, as a way of communicating with parents who could not attend.

This was Mrs. Shaye Curd's last week before she begins Maternity Leave. We wish the Curd Family all the best on the delivery of Baby # Two. Mrs. Katharine Harrington began transitioning in to 1C this week and will do so for the remainder of the year. Katharine did the same when Shaye took leave with her first child. She knows the Year 1 Students and curriculum very well. Mrs. Morley will be retained in 1C of a Monday.

Annette Hammermeister was officially farewelled this week with a beautiful courtyard blessing. Annette has relinquished her one day a week teaching position to take on the role of Work Place Health and Safety Officer at Shalom College. Matthew Plumb will return to 5P Full Time to enable this to occur. Annette has so many skills to take in to this role, so whilst we are excited to see her take on this new challenge, we are also sad to finally say 'goodbye' to Annette. Annette has been a parent, teacher and leader in this community for a couple of decades. She shared heart felt words of thanks and gratitude which were reciprocated. We wish her all the best and know she will remain a great 'friend' of the St. Patrick's community.



***Kim O'Shea-Hard***

Principal



### Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal

As temperatures drop and winter sets in, many people in our local community face the cold without the comfort of warm clothes, blankets, or even a safe place to sleep. In response, our Mini Vinnies Team have decided to support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, a national campaign that helps provide essential items to those experiencing hardship during the winter months.

On Friday, June 20, our school will be getting cosy for a cause as our Mini Vinnies Team hold PJ Day in support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal!

Students are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite pyjamas, dressing gowns, slippers (enclosed versions only), or even onesies - all while helping raise awareness and support for people in our community who are doing it tough this winter. While we'll be warm and comfortable for the day, it's a great opportunity to reflect on those who don't have the same luxuries.

We're asking students to bring a gold coin donation to join in the fun. All donations will go to Vinnies, who work hard to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness or hardship during the colder months.

The St Vincent de Paul Society, works year-round to support people in need, and the Winter Appeal is one of their most important campaigns. By participating, our school community will not only provide monetary support but also help raise awareness of homelessness and poverty in our local community.

By wearing our pyjamas and giving generously, we'll be showing that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

We can't wait to see our school filled with fuzzy PJs and generous hearts. Thank you in advance for your support in helping make this Pyjama Day a success! Your generosity will help someone stay warm, fed, and cared for this winter. Together, we can show what it means to live out our school's mission in a practical and meaningful way.

Let's continue to be a light for others in our community - this winter and always.



# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photo Day is scheduled for Monday 4 August.

## Photo Orders:

Orders can be placed **online** via [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using the unique code: **K5C 1GB PD7**.

## What to Wear:

All students are asked to come dressed in their **full school uniform**.

## Sibling Photos:

Sibling photos can be ordered online and **must be placed by midnight Sunday 3 August**.

**Prep and Year 1** will still depart the school for their excursion to see the Gruffalo at midday. If Prep and Year 1 families are after a sibling photo, they must be taken from **8:00am** on the day in the MPS. A reminder that only St Patrick's Catholic Primary School students are to be photographed, no other family members.

## Opting Out:

If you do **not** wish for your child to be included in any school photos, please contact the school directly by email [spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au), so we can record your preference on their enrolment.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to another smooth and successful Photo Day!

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# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

## Program Details

**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, bucket hat** 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
	Boys	2013, 2014 & 2015	Tuesday, 15 July (Session 1) Wednesday, 17 July (Session 2) Thursday, 24 July (Final Session - selected students from Session 1 & 2 only)	Brothers Cricket Club Nets (parking at rear of Brothers Sports Club)	4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Rugby League	Girls	2013 & 2014	Tuesday 15 July, Thursday 17 July and Tuesday 22 July	Salter Oval	3:30 pm to 5:15 pm

### School Sports Representatives

Congratulations to Immogen K and Essie M for their selection in the Wide Bay Cross Country team will compete at the Queensland State Schools Championships.



## HEALTH ALERT — Whooping Cough

Recently we have had students diagnosed with Whooping Cough. It is contagious, so please note the following from Queensland health in relation to coming to school:

- Pertussis is contagious until 5 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment has been completed, or until 21 days after onset of cough.
- Infants under 6 months of age and pregnant women are of particular high risk and should see their GP if they have had contact with a Pertussis case.



# VACATION CARE

## Term 2 Holiday Vacation Care – Book Now!

Vacation Care will be available during the Term 2 holiday at OSHC! Bookings are essential and can be made via the **Xplor parent app**. Please note that some excursion days have limited vacancies due to bus capacity. The full program, permission forms and additional details will be shared via a communications post on Xplor. Paper copies are also available from the OSHC room/junior library.



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For any questions, email [spbg\\_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spbg_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au) or call **0417 199 586**. We can't wait to see you these holidays!



## Term 2 Holiday Program

Mon, 30 June	Tue, 1 July	Wed, 2 July	Thur, 3 July	Fri, 4 July
<b>Nerf Gun Battle</b> (by request)  <p>Let's grab our goggles and team mates again! Byo Nerf Gun or borrow one of ours. Standard size darts only.</p>	<b>Wakka Boy - Incursion -</b>  <p>Listen to Adrian speak about this culture and paint your very own set of Story Stones to take home.</p>	<b>Dr Joe Travelling Scientist - Incursion -</b>  <p>Rocks &amp; Crystals Bring your favourite rock/crystal and Dr Joe will tell you all about it.</p>	<b>Pickleball - Excursion -</b>  <p>Let's walk across the road again but this time try out Pickleball! It's so much fun!</p>	<b>Lego Challenge Day</b> (by request)  <p>Work together or by yourself to WIN the Lego challenge!</p>
	\$20 surcharge	\$15 surcharge	\$10 surcharge	
Mon, 7 July	Tue, 8 July	Wed, 9 July	Thur, 10 July	Fri, 11 July
<b>Wildlife Unleashed - Incursion -</b>  <p>Meet some new furry, scaly, spiky friends!</p>	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> (by request)  <p>We enjoyed it so much last year, we're doing it AGAIN! Work together as a team and find all the items on your list.</p>	<b>Cube Sports - Incursion - Basketball -</b> (by request)  <p>Enjoy a fun and action-packed basketball session!</p>	<b>Reading Cinemas "Elio" - Excursion -</b>  <p>A combined excursion with St Mary's &amp; St Joseph's OSHC kids.</p>	<b>Hive Inflatables - Excursion -</b> (by request)  <p>A high energy, FUN joint activity with St Joseph's OSHC kids.</p>
\$20 surcharge		\$10 surcharge	\$20 surcharge	\$20 surcharge

# 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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# 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



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# REGIONAL QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

## Girls Only - U10 and U12 Talent Identification Tournament

This is a tournament style talent identification carnival with Regional QLD FC open for all Regional QLD Schools, Clubs and Academies from Wide Bay to Far North QLD to register.

**Where:** Mackay

**When:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025

**Contact:** [admin@regionalqldfc.com.au](mailto:admin@regionalqldfc.com.au)

**Register:** <https://regionalqldfc.com.au/>

**Format:** 9v9

**Players per team:** Max 13

**U10 Eligibility:** Born 2015, 2016

**U12 Eligibility:** Born 2013, 2014

## About Regional Queensland Football Club Ltd

Regional QLD FC is a Not-For-Profit Sporting club based in Mackay, Queensland. Our Focus is to develop Women and Girls in regional Queensland and provide an Elite pathway to A-League in regional QLD. The intent of this tournament is to commence talent identification for a future A-League team in regional QLD. This tournament will occur annually and expand in age groups each year to follow this cohort of Girls through to their adult years.



## WINTER HOLIDAYS ENGINEERING, ROBOTICS & ELECTRONICS 2 DAY CAMP WONDER KIDZ

CQU Bundaberg Campus

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Eligibility	Date	Time	Fee	No. of Days	Book online*
Yr 1 - 9	9 July- 10 July	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$133	2	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/DCNAM">www.trybooking.com/DCNAM</a>

\*Please email the booking link for any changes. Every effort is made to ensure this brochure is accurate but all changes are released online.

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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