



## Principal's News

12th June 2026



**Kim O'Shea-Hard**  
Principal

Last week, a group of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the presence of our new Bishop, Daniel Meagher. This weekend, they will celebrate their First Holy Communion, marking the culmination of many hours of thoughtful preparation.

During his homily, Bishop Daniel encouraged our students to reflect on the meaning of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, reminding them that while receiving these gifts is important, how they choose to use them is what truly matters. He challenged each of them to continue embracing and living out these gifts in their daily lives. This message was beautifully reinforced during our Courtyard Prayer this week, where our Year 4 students reminded us all to use our gifts to "shine."

We are fortunate to witness our students stepping up and shining in so many ways each day, even though we know that some days are more challenging than others.

Recently, we have also seen our students demonstrating their talents and determination on the sporting field as the interschool season draws to a close. Our Open Rugby League team proudly competed in the Kaufusi Cup, and we congratulate our Year 5 Rugby League team, who will play in the U.11 Bundaberg Interschool Rugby League Grand Final on Field 1 at Salter Oval next Tuesday at 6pm against Norville State School. This has been an amazing achievement and excellent experience for future Challenge Cup encounters. We thank Mr. Plumb and Mr. Zandona for their support of this group of students.

Opportunities to shine in sport are supported by the dedication of many. We are proud of the number of students selected to represent St Patrick's, Bundaberg and the Wide Bay region at higher levels. We also extend our sincere thanks to Mr Egan, Miss Taryn Gollshewsky and our staff for their work in launching the athletics season, which will continue through to our Week 10 Junior and Senior Carnivals.



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**Absentees**

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Behind the scenes, we are continually supported by the generosity of our parent and wider community. Our Challenge Cup Rugby League and Netball teams are proudly wearing impressive new uniforms, thanks to the sponsorship from Hallstone Constructions, Premium Electrical Solutions and Ian Stanley Plumbing.



In addition, proceeds from the Catholic Schools Race Day, totalling over \$5,000, will contribute to the development of a new space in our Junior Playground following the removal of a tree.

We gratefully acknowledge the following supporters of this important community fundraiser including Law of Lakefield, Legacy Properties Bundaberg, The Agency, Cruz the Bakery, Browning's Mechanical Services, Amanda Gear Make Up & Brow Artistry, Murchie Instructions, Tag Team Electrical, More than Milk, Rebecca De Papi & Associates and more. Please see a full list of sponsors on the next page. We also thank all families and community members who purchased tickets and attended the event.

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To our families, students and staff — thank you for sharing your gifts and talents so generously. Together, we continue to build a strong and supportive community where everyone can grow and thrive. It truly takes a village, and we are grateful to each and every one of you.

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# Thank you!

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The Catholic Schools of Bundaberg would like to thank the following businesses for their generous monetary & service donations which have helped to make this day possible.

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## Religion News

Tracey Cook  
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## Celebrating the Sacraments

Last week, our parish community had the great joy of celebrating with our Sacramental students as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Danny. It was a reverent and hope-filled liturgy, and a special moment for each student as they were strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and called to live as witnesses of Jesus in their daily lives — at home, at school, and in our wider community.

We extend our sincere congratulations to all students who were confirmed, and our heartfelt thanks to Bishop Danny for his presence, prayer, and encouragement. We also acknowledge the important role of families, sponsors, and our parish team in nurturing each student's faith. Your guidance, example, and commitment make a lasting difference, and we are grateful for the partnership between home, school, and parish that supports our young people on their journey with Christ.

This weekend, our newly confirmed students will take the next significant step as they receive their First Holy Communion. For many, this will be a deeply meaningful moment as they come to the Lord's table for the first time, invited into a closer relationship with Jesus and welcomed more fully into the Eucharistic life of the Church. As a Catholic school, we are proud to walk alongside our students as they grow in understanding, reverence, and love for the sacraments.

We ask our community to please keep these students and their families in your prayers over the coming days. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them, may the Eucharist strengthen them, and may they always know they belong to a community that supports them with faith, hope, and love.



# Mini Vinnies Fundraiser – PJ Day!



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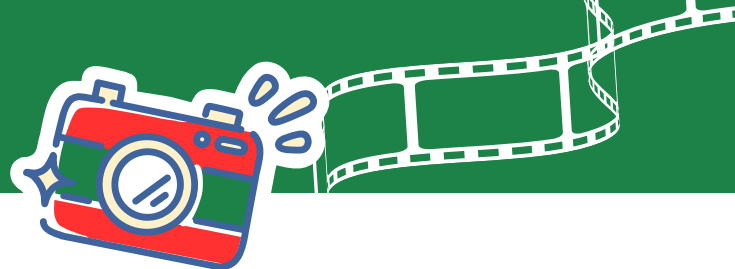
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## St Pat's PJ DAY!

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Friday June 19

Mini Vinnies Fundraiser

# School Photo Day



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**School Photo Day is scheduled for Week 3, Monday 3th August 2026.**

### **Photo Orders:**

Orders can be placed online via [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using the unique code:  
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We prefer orders placed online, however if you are unable to order online, please collect an order envelope from the front office, complete the back of the envelope, and return your completed envelope, with the correct cash payment, to the photographers on photo day. Online orders do not require an envelope returned to school.

### **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 2 August. Only siblings attending St Patrick's Primary School are permitted to be photographed.

### **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!

# Athletics Carnival Program Details

**Monday  
22nd June**

**Senior Athletics Day (Years 4, 5 & 6) at Shalom College**

Students born 2017 do not compete in the 200m and 800m events.  
800m is a nomination event and students born 2014, 2015 and 2016 can nominate on the day.

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

8:30 am	<b>Bus Departure to Shalom College</b>	
9:00 am	200m Finals – winners determined on times	Students Born 2014, 2015 & 2016
9:45 am	Ball Games	All students across Years 4, 5 and 6
11:00 am	<b>Lunch</b>	
11:15 am	80 & 100m Run Offs, Semi Finals & Finals	1. All students compete in Run Offs and Semi Finals. 2. Finals – Top 8 sprinters born 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
12:30 pm	Relays	Students Born 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
1:30 pm	800m Finals	Students Born 2014, 2015 & 2016
2:30 pm	<b>Bus Departure to St Patrick's</b>	

**Friday  
26th June**

**Junior Athletics Day (Years Prep, 1, 2 and 3) at St Patrick's Senior Oval**

Year 6 House Captains need to be at St Patrick's at 8:00 am to assist with the setting up of equipment.

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

<b>JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL</b>	
9:00 am	50m, 60m & 80m Finals
9:45 am	Ball Games & Tabloids
11:00 am	<b>Lunch</b>
11:30 am	Relays
12:15 pm	<b>Whole School Presentations in the Multi St Patrick's</b>
	(Age Champion from the Senior Carnival will be awarded in the 2014, 2015 & 2016 age groups)
12:30 pm	<b>Normal School Routine</b>

## 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 sport shoes may be worn on the day, no spiked footwear is permitted;
- Sunscreen to be applied before arrival at school;
- Coloured zink and hair spray are not permitted;
- Please ensure your child has sufficient water and food for required days.



# Out and About

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[PLAY.AFL/GRASS-STAINS](https://play.afl.com.au/grass-stains)



4-7 YEAR OLDS\*



7-12 YEAR OLDS

\*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

## ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Introduction to Birdie's Tree

The Bundaberg Family and Baby Network is pleased to host this workshop, introducing the Birdie's Tree resources and providing practical strategies to support children and families in person-centred disaster preparedness, response and recovery

**Wednesday 24 June 2026  
9.30am-11am  
Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre  
111 Targo Street, Bundaberg  
Morning Tea Provided**



Facilitated by Carinbundi, this workshop will be delivered by experts from Queensland Centre for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health (QCPIMH) - creators of the award-winning Birdie's Tree set of storybooks, videos and resources.

Attendees who complete the Workshop will receive a Birdie's Tree Resource Kit for use in their own settings.

Please RSVP to Tina Marshall by 19 June 2026  
[tmarshall@carinbundi.com.au](mailto:tmarshall@carinbundi.com.au)  
For more information phone 0407 741 464



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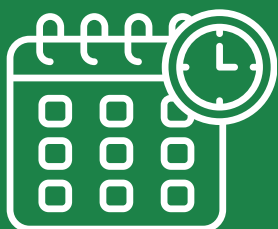
## What's happening in Week 9?

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| <b>Tue</b>       | Year 3 Excursion: Mon Repos      |
| <b>Tue - Wed</b> | Courtyard Prayer - 1B            |
| <b>Wed</b>       | First Nations (Year 5 & 6) Lunch |
| <b>Thur</b>      | Music Retreat                    |
| <b>Fri</b>       | Mini Vinnies Free Dress          |



# Term 2 Planner: Weeks 6-10

<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 25th May - 29th May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40 am	Year 5 and 1
	Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night)	5:30 pm	Parents
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Teachers
Thursday	<b>BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY</b>		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30 pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 1st June - 5th June</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40 am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30 pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 8th June -12th June</b>		
Monday	Athletics HEATS ( <b>ALL</b> students) & Field Events FINALS ( <b>Years 4-6, finalists will be notified</b> )	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	4K
Friday	Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass	9:00 am	Years 2-6
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 15th June - 19th June</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	1B
Thursday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 22nd June - 26th June</b>		
Monday	Senior Athletics Carnival - Years 4-6	All Day	Shalom
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	1S
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - Prep - Year 3	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	St Patrick's



## 2026 Term Dates

- Term 1** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Term 2** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Term 3** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December