



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

20 June 2025

The Moso Bamboo plant grows in China. After a Moso is planted, no visible growth occurs for up to five years-even under ideal conditions! Then, as if by magic, it suddenly begins growing at the height of nearly two- and one-half feet per day, reaching full height of ninety feet within six weeks. But it's not magic. The Moso's rapid growth is due to the miles of roots it develops during those first five years, five years of getting ready.

I have shared this text, written by Joel Weldon and this following story before, it is a gem which I have kept close as I've navigated my way through not only my career but parenthood. It strongly parallels the teaching and learning process for many as growth and development in young people can sometimes be difficult to measure. The Moso reminds me especially of one young man's journey through the education process. I taught this delightful human in his 3rd and 4th year of schooling. When I first assessed this student in his formative years, he had very little alphabet and next to no phonological awareness. This made the reading process seem impossible for him to grasp. Despite his challenges, he hung on every word and never lost his enthusiasm for learning. He was a pleasure to teach. However, I was often frustrated that despite the intervention poured in from home and school, the progress could not be measured and seemed slight. Years later, I noticed his name appearing alongside 'English' on his High School Awards list. This really caught my attention and made me immensely proud, but also curious. Years later we caught up. He had recently graduated from university as an engineer, so I acknowledged how he must have experienced great success by the end of his school years. His response, 'I could have done better Miss'. Looking perplexed he smiled and in jest said 'I only got an OP 2— should have got an OP 1'. You see it was his work ethic that had developed at a faster rate than his initial success, which proved his biggest asset once all the growth began to occur. Report cards will be released next week, so I thought the Moso Bamboo tree and this young man's story, timely. Report cards are wonderful pieces of information to be shared between Teacher and Parent, but don't always indicate the growth occurring below the surface. For some the progress will be substantial, but for others, the growth is yet to come or is occurring in other facets of life. It is also important to remember that a 'C' level of achievement (for example) should never be underestimated, as it means something very different to when we attended school.

Yesterday, our Senior and Junior Strings students attended a Music Retreat out at Chaverim. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to sharpen their skills. At the culmination of the day we joined parents to sample a taste of talent via a short concert. We are very appreciative of our tutors Kate Hardisty and Bernadette Connolly who first sprinkle seeds to all Year 3 students and then continue to afford their time and expertise to students choosing to continue their musical journey. A big thank you also to Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Botha who accompanied the students throughout the day. We wish these students well as they continue to prepare for the eisteddfod next term.



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It has also been wonderful to watch our Athletics program unfold over the past few weeks. A big thank you to Mr. Egan who has overseen the athletics carnivals for the first time and the preparation Taryn Gollshewsky had dedicated to developing the skills necessary for our students to participate. Jason has had the assistance of many teachers and staff to run heats and field events in preparation for our major carnivals, still left to occur next week. Please ensure you have read the finer details in the newsletter and Face Book posts, to assist us in the smooth running of these important days.

These examples remind us of how important it is to focus on the holistic development of our students. Music, Sport and Service are certainly ways of achieving this growth. It is not every day you get to wear your Pyjamas to school, and I very much appreciate the Mini Vinnies Students who co-ordinated this special day. **\$682** was raised for the St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. Thank you for your support of this special cause and our Senior Students who have lead our school effectively this term. I have been particularly impressed with how well they have worked to connect and engage our younger students in so many ways.

Congratulations to Shaye, Leith and big sister Bronte who welcomed Millie Leia Curd in to this beautiful world. We welcomed Mrs. Katharine Harrington in to Year 1C this week, whilst Mrs. Curd takes Maternity Leave for the remainder of the year. Next Term we also welcome Mrs. Danielle Jacobsen who will begin working as a Teacher Assistant across the school. Danielle has volunteered many hours in Year 3, so it is wonderful to see her join us on a more consistent basis for the remainder of the year.

This has been a busy, yet productive term. Whilst many take this opportunity to relax and reset, our Vacation Care Program is set to kick off with many exciting activities for students who are wishing to engage. What ever you choose, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on the 14th of July, to begin Term Three.



Kim O'Shea-Hard

Principal

Mini Vinnies Team: Making a Big Difference Through Small Acts of Service

Our Mini Vinnies team is proving that no act of kindness is too small. This group of enthusiastic students is dedicated to serving others in our community, living out the values of compassion, generosity, and care.

Mini Vinnies is a program inspired by the St Vincent de Paul Society, encouraging young children to learn about social justice and the importance of helping those in need. St Patrick's has been running our Mini Vinnies program for around 10 years now. Our team meets regularly to plan and carry out projects that make a real difference — from organizing our Caritas fundraisers such as Pancakes for People and the Big Water Walk to engaging with our youngest students in lunchtimes and running awareness campaigns.

The Mini Vinnies team is organized into several smaller groups to help run smoothly and involve every student's unique strengths. These include the **Pastoral Care Team**, focusing on supporting peers and fostering kindness; the **Marketing Team**, spreading the word about their initiatives; the **Communication Team**, sharing updates with the school community; and the **Executive Team**, which leads and coordinates all the projects.

This year, the Mini Vinnies team is proud to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal. As part of their efforts, they organized today's fun and cozy **PJ Day fundraiser**, inviting students and staff to come to school in their pajamas. Our classrooms were filled with laughter and smiles as everyone enjoyed the day while raising funds to help those facing hardship during the cold winter months. Many students shared how much fun they had, saying things like, "It was great to wear my favourite pajamas and help people at the same time!"

Through their service, these young people are not only supporting others but also growing in empathy and leadership. Their commitment reminds us all that service to others is a powerful way to build community and spread kindness.

We are incredibly proud of our Mini Vinnies team and look forward to seeing all the wonderful ways they will continue to impact the lives of those around them.



Tracey Cook

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ATHLETICS—SENIOR FIELD EVENTS

Senior Field Events Day—A Celebration of Energy, Teamwork & Fun!

On Monday, our school grounds came alive with excitement, laughter, and the sound of cheering as students from years 4-6 took part in our much-anticipated **Field Events Day**!

From long jump to shot put and ball games, our budding athletes gave it their all, showing off not only their physical skills but also incredible sportsmanship and team spirit. The day was a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves, support their peers, and most importantly – have fun!

A huge thank you to Mr Egan, Miss G and our dedicated staff for organizing such a smooth and fun-filled day, and to the parents and carers who came to cheer from the sidelines – your support means so much to the students!

Currently the scores are very close with less than 20 points separating the four Houses. **McAuley** are in front with **130 points**.

[Congratulations](#) to all participants – you made us proud with your determination and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing even more incredible talent at our Senior Athletics Carnival.



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School Photo Day is scheduled for **Monday 4 August**.

Photo Orders:

Orders can be placed **online** via 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, 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!

ALPHA 2025

Alpha begins **Thursday 24 July at 4:00pm - 5:30pm** and continues through to the 11th of September 2025. This will be held at the Parish Office on Woongarra Street. This is a wonderful way for adults (Non-Catholic and Catholic) to meet like minded people. This is a relaxed environment which includes a component of hospitality, short video stimulus followed by time to discuss, ponder and question topics of life and faith, in an open and non-threatening way.

To register, those interested need to ring the **Parish office on 4151 6666** for catering purposes.



ALPHA 2025

*Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?
Do you know someone who has questions?*

Come and join our Alpha program - a safe space to ask questions, and explore life, faith and meaning.

When: Every Thursday 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Where: Parish Office, Woongarra Street

Includes: Food and Fellowship

Register at the Parish Office: 4151 6666



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Program Details

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.



ATHLETICS DAY—TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop will be open on Friday. Make sure to **pre-order** from the Tuckshop menu **before Thursday 2:00 pm**.

Sports Day Menu	
Only available on Qkr app	
Hot food	Drinks
Nuggets \$5.10	Glee sparkling fruit drink \$2.50
Party pies \$1.70	Breaka flavoured milk \$3.00
Chicken pie \$5.40	Juice Popper \$2.40
Meat pie \$5.40	Moo Milk poppers \$2.40
Sausage rolls \$4.40	Sparkling water \$2.50
Spring rolls \$5	Water \$2.50
Garlic and cheese bread \$3.80	

Sports day Special	
Cheeseburger \$5.00	Sausage sizzle \$2
Snacks and light refreshments and sausage sizzle Available at the Tuckshop for cash purchase	
Cut off Thurs 26th June 2pm	

SPORT NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS - 2025

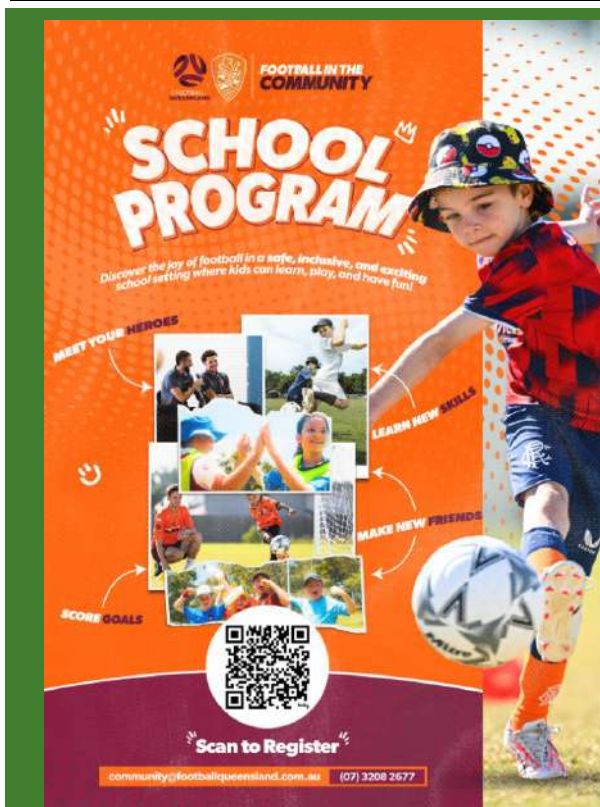
Trial information will be advised in the school's newsletter each week detailing trial information for upcoming individual and team events.

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



Football in the Community Program: Football Queensland and the Brisbane Roar

St Patrick's is excited to announce that the Football Queensland & Brisbane Roar After School Program is coming to our school!

Key program details can be found via scanning the QR code.

All participants must be registered prior to the clinic starting, using this link:

[FQ x Roar School Programs - Football Queensland](https://community@footballqueensland.com.au)

For any questions, please contact FQ x Roar team at community@footballqueensland.com.au.

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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New families need to register and can find the enrolment form at [St Patrick's After School Care](#), while existing families who haven't attended in a while should contact the service for a re-enrolment form. The daily fee is \$63, with some activities at an additional surcharge (see vacation program for further details). All fees exclude any government subsidies. St Patrick's OSHC is an approved child care service and Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate are available.

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

OUT AND ABOUT



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: 22nd Sept – 25th Sept 2025

Contact: 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.



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	www.tybooking.com/DCMAM

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9:00AM - 11:00AM



REGISTER

TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 22nd April - Friday 25th April		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - EASTER MONDAY		
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	5G
Thursday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	8:40am	5G
Friday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY		
WEEK 2	Week 28th April - 2nd May		
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
WEEK 3	Week 5th May - 9th May		
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 4	Week 12th May - 16th May		
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
WEEK 5	Week 19th May - 23rd May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 6	Week 26th May - 30th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 2
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 2nd June - 6th June		
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
WEEK 8	Week 9th June -13th June		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1H
WEEK 9	Week 16th June - 20th June		
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
WEEK 10	Week 23rd June - 27th June		
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	
TERM 1	Monday 28 January - Friday 4 April
TERM 2	Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June
TERM 3	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
TERM 4	Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December