



## Principal's News

19th June 2026



**Kim O'Shea-Hard**  
Principal

The recent State of Origin series has once again captured the passion of rugby league fans across the country, coinciding with the writing of this newsletter. Queensland's thrilling victory this week showcased determination, teamwork and resilience - qualities that inspire our own students every day.

That same spirit was evident in our Under 11 Shamrocks Rugby League team on Tuesday evening as they played their way to victory in the Interschool Bundaberg Championship. Week after week, these students have demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, commitment and pride in representing St Patrick's.

While watching the game unfold, I could not help but draw parallels between our Head Coach, Mr Plumb, and the work of Jesus of Nazareth. The Shamrocks were down 12-0 to Norville State School at halftime, only to surge back and score 18 points in the second half. Like Jesus with His disciples, Mr Plumb built his squad from the ground up, created a clear game plan, and constantly backed his boys to achieve what seemed impossible when the odds were stacked against them. More important than the result on the scoreboard, these students are learning what it means to work together, support one another, and feel connected to a team - something bigger than themselves.



The Music Retreat also took place on Thursday, and we were treated to a wonderful showcase of what was collectively achieved throughout the day and semester. It was a privilege to witness the growth, participation and enthusiasm of this talented group of students and their tutors.

Next week, I will be taking Long Service Leave to attend a special milestone moment for our daughter in Brisbane. This means I will miss both the Senior (Monday) and Junior (Friday) Athletics Carnivals. I am confident these events will once again highlight our students' strong sense of House Spirit and community pride.



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**Absentees**

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Alongside these sporting and cultural achievements, we are equally proud to celebrate a very special milestone in the spiritual lives of our students. Congratulations to the following students who have recently received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion over the past few weekends:

Ysla B, Ayleen B, Justin C, Sophie C, Chase L, Cooper L, Chelsea L, Isabella R, Reuben W and Roman W.

Through these sacraments, our students take important steps in their faith journey, strengthening their relationship with God and deepening their connection with the Church. These sacred celebrations remind us that we are all part of a faith community - united, supported and guided by shared beliefs and belonging.

Across both sport and faith, a common theme shines through: the powerful sense of connection and belonging. Whether on the rugby league field, the track, the stage or at the altar, our students are discovering that they are part of something greater than themselves - a team, a community, and a faith that brings us together.

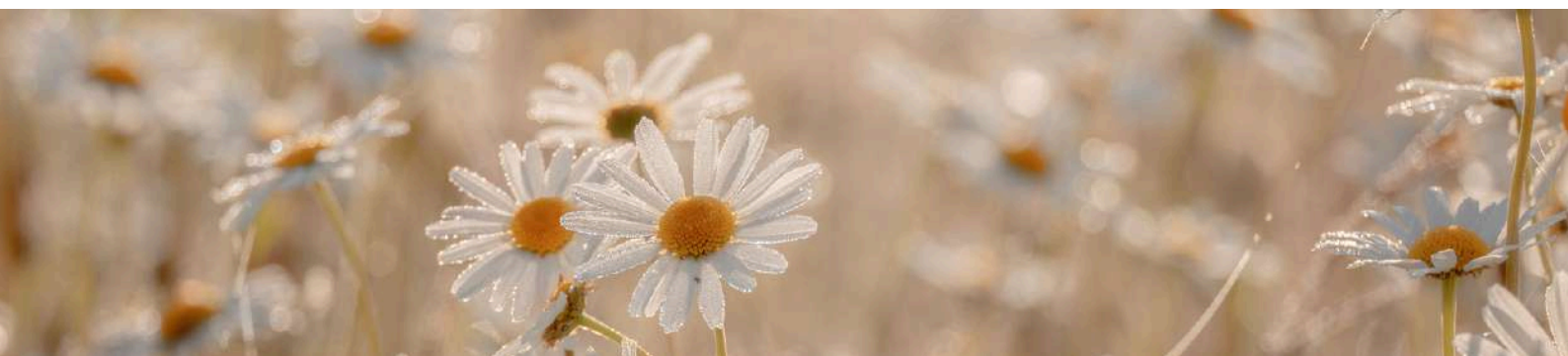
As Scripture reminds us:

***“For just as each of us has one body with many members... so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”***  
***- Romans 12:4-5***

This message speaks beautifully to who we are as a school community. Each student, family and staff member plays a unique and important role, and together we create a place where we hope everyone feels valued and supported.

From the excitement of rugby league to the reverence of sacramental celebrations, we see our students growing in confidence, teamwork and faith. Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families and parish community who make these experiences possible. This week, Prep acceptances were sent out, with applications far exceeding the positions available for 2027. It was a difficult process, having to disappoint so many wonderful families simply due to capacity limits. I believe it is this strong partnership that truly makes our school such a desirable place to live and learn.

Have a wonderful school break when it arrives and I look forward to seeing you all on the 13<sup>th</sup> July, if not around the grounds over the holidays, for those taking part in what looks to be an exciting Vacation Care Program.





## Religion News

Tracey Cook  
APRE

# We are Christ Centred at St Patrick's

At St Patrick's, Christ is at the centre of all we do. This is more than a motto; it shapes how we learn, how we treat one another, and how we serve our wider community. In our classrooms, on the playground, and in our liturgies and prayer, we aim to grow young people who know they are loved by God and who choose to show that love through their words and actions.

A key way we live this out is through service. Our Mini Vinnies Team take the lead in this area – and are such wonderful role models for our students. This term, our Shoe Drive has been a practical reminder that faith is active. By donating shoes for those in need, our students and families have shown generosity, compassion, and a willingness to look beyond themselves. It has also sparked meaningful conversations in classes about gratitude and stewardship - how we can use what we have to help others.

We also shared in the spirit of joyful solidarity through our PJ Day today to support Blackwater Parish. Wearing pyjamas might seem simple, but it is a powerful sign of standing with others and offering encouragement and care. Moments like these help students understand that the Church is one family, and that our choices—big or small - can make a difference to people we may not see every day.



As we continue through the term and into the holidays, we give thanks for a community that keeps Christ at the centre: in our learning, in our friendships, and in the way we reach out. May we keep seeking opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus, bringing hope, kindness, and faith into our school and beyond.

# Sports News

## Schools Sports Representatives

Well done to Sierra R. who got selected in the Wide Bay Rugby League team after representing Bundaberg in the Wide Bay Trials in Murgon.

Sierra is the first St Patrick's girl to make the Wide Bay team in Rugby League and will participate in State Carnival in Term 3.

We are super proud of you Sierra! Well Done!



## Athletics Update

The Festival of Athletics is underway with Senior Field Event Finals being held last week. Our Senior and Junior Carnivals will be held next week. Currently Xavier are a few points ahead of MacKillop with Coolock and McAuley tied for third. Looking forward to mass participation on these days. All parents are welcome to come along and cheer.



# 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.<br>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 Champions 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.





**Monday,  
22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**SORRY  
WE'RE  
CLOSED**

# JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL MENU

**Friday,  
26th June**

## Hot Food

- Nuggets \$5.40
- Party pies \$1.90
- Assorted Pies \$5.60
- Sausage Rolls \$4.50
- Spring rolls \$5
- Garlic and Cheese bread \$3.90

## Drinks

- Glee sparkling fruit drink \$3.00
- Breaka flavoured milk \$3.00
- Juice Popper \$2.50
- Strawberry Moo poppers \$2.50
- Sparkling water \$2.60
- Water \$2.60

Only available on Qkr app

Orders on the App  
Cut off Thurs 25th June  
10:30am\*\*

## Sushi

Tuna, Teriyaki Chicken,  
and Vegetarian.

\$8.50 for a 6 pack

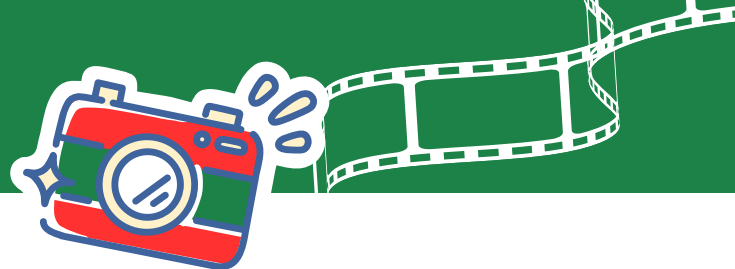


Snacks & light refreshments & Sausage Sizzle Available NEAR the Tuckshop for CASH purchase.



**Sausage sizzle  
\$2**

# School Photo Day



SAVE  
the DATE

Monday  
3 August

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

#### **Photo Orders:**

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

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!

# Shalom College Year 7 2028



# SHALOM COLLEGE

*Save the Dates*

## Year 7 2028

### APPLICATIONS OPEN

**December 2026**

Online | \*Semester Two Year 5 Report Card required

**APPLY** at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)

### INFORMATION EVENING

**Wednesday 10 February 2027**

Shalom Performing Arts Precinct

Parents & Students Welcome

**REGISTER NOW** at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)

### COLLEGE OPEN DAY

**Tuesday 23 February 2027**

Shalom College Sports Centre

Parents & Students Welcome

**REGISTER NOW** at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)

### APPLICATIONS CLOSE

**Friday 12 March 2027**

Online | Applications Open December 2026

**APPLY** at [www.shalomcollege.com](http://www.shalomcollege.com)

- **APRIL-MAY 2027:** Appointments for Interviews
- **END OF JUNE 2027:** Notification sent to advise of acceptance outcome

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# Out and About

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE



AFL PLAY

# GRASS STAINS GUARANTEED

PLAY.AFL/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).

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STARTING TUES 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY | 3:15PM - 4:15PM | \$80 + EXCLUSIVE AFL GOODIES

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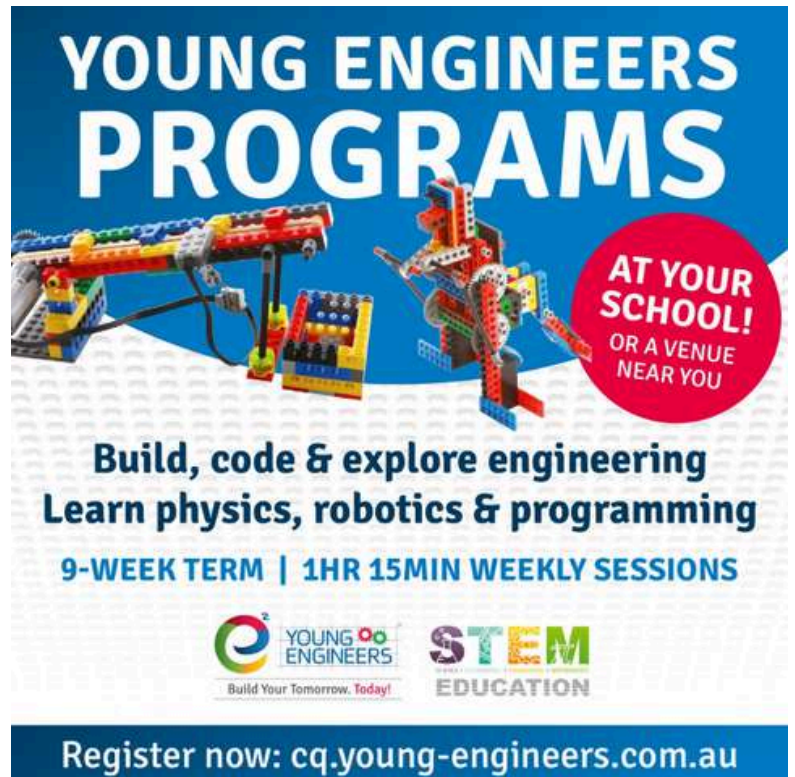
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# Out and About



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## 150th Celebration Evening

LET'S CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY **08** 6:00PM  
AUGUST

3 COURSE ALTERNATE DROP MEAL  
SPEECHES - LIVE MUSIC

Tickets on Sale Now through the school office - \$85 per person  
07 4151 4771 [sjbg@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjbg@rok.catholic.edu.au)

COMING  
THIS  
WEEK

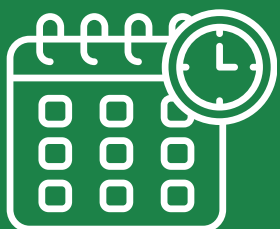
## What's happening in Week 10?

- Mon** Senior Athletics Carnival (Years 4-6) - Shalom
- Tue - Wed** Courtyard Prayer - 1S
- Fri** Junior Athletics Carnival (9:00 AM - 12:30 PM)  
End of Term 3



# Term 2 Planner: Weeks 6-10

| WEEK 6             | Week 25th May - 29th May   |                    |              |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|--------------|
| 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    |
| WEEK 7             | Week 1st June - 5th June   |                    |              |
| 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    |
| WEEK 8             | Week 8th June -12th June   |                    |              |
| Monday             | Athletics HEATS ( <b>ALL</b> students)<br>& 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    |
| WEEK 9             | Week 15th June - 19th June   |                    |              |
| Tuesday - Thursday | Courtyard Prayer   | 8:40 am            | 1B           |
| Thursday           | Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students   | All Day            | Chaverim     |
| WEEK 10            | Week 22nd June - 26th June   |                    |              |
| 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 |

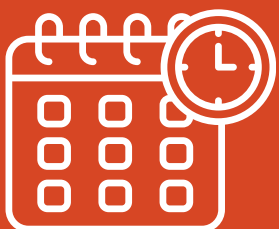


## 2026 Term Dates

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

# Term 3 Planner: Weeks 1-5

| WEEK 1             |                      | Week 13th July - 17th July     |   |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday-Wednesday  | Courtyard Prayer     | 8:40am                         | 1H  |
| Tuesday - Friday   | Challenge Cup        | 11:30 am                       | Selected students                                 |
| WEEK 2             |                      | Week 20th July - 24th July     |   |
| Tuesday-Thursday   | Courtyard Prayer     | 8:40am                         | 6B  |
| Thursday           | All Schools Futsal   | All Day                        | tbc   |
| Friday             | Interschool Sport    | 12:30pm                        | Years 5-6   |
| WEEK 3             |                      | Week 27th July - 31st July     |   |
| Monday - Wednesday | Bundaberg Eisteddfod | All Day                        | Strings Ensembles, Choirs & Year 1 Verse Speaking |
| Tuesday—Thursday   | Courtyard Prayer     | 8:40am                         | 6F  |
| Friday             | Interschool Sport    | 12:30pm                        | Years 5-6   |
| WEEK 4             |                      | Week 3rd August - 7th August   |   |
| Monday             | School Photo Day     | All Day                        | St Patrick's                                      |
| Tuesday-Thursday   | Courtyard Prayer     | 8:40 am                        | Tue (PK), Wed (PL), Thur (PS)                     |
| Friday             | Interschool Sport    | 12:30pm                        | Years 5-6   |
| WEEK 5             |                      | Week 10th August - 14th August |   |
| Monday             | Parish Mass          | 8:40am                         | Year 4  |
| Monday - Tuesday   | District Athletics   | All Day                        | Selected students                                 |
| Tuesday-Thursday   | Courtyard Prayer     | 8:40am                         | 6L  |
| Friday             | Interschool Sport    | 12:30pm                        | Years 5-6   |



## 2027 Term Dates (tbc subject to change)

- Term 1** Wednesday 27th January - Thursday 25th March
- Term 2** Monday 12th April - Friday 25th June
- Term 3** Monday 12th July - Friday 17th September
- Term 4** Tuesday 5th October - Friday 3rd December