



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

27 March 2026

As the Church is adorned in purple and supermarket shelves overflow with bright, sugary eggs, we are reminded that Easter is fast approaching. The Lenten and Easter seasons are the most significant in the Church's liturgical calendar. They provide us with a profound opportunity to reflect on Christ's journey, His ultimate sacrifice, and the promise of new life we celebrate in His resurrection.

As a school community, we are committed to engaging in this sacred time through prayer, reflection, and acts of service. Below you will see our Holy Week Schedule which will stretch across next week and provide a wonderful opportunity to be reminded of the real 'reason for the season'.

This week, Year 2S led our Courtyard Prayer with the uplifting lyrics, *"I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul."* Whilst international fuel supplies may not be flowing so freely, disrupting the travel plans of many, we have more control over the flowing of peace, love, and kindness which is of great comfort. At a time when uncertainty may feel inevitable, let us turn our hearts and minds in gratitude for the hope and renewal that Easter brings.

As we look forward to the culmination of Term One, I want to thank all staff, students, and families for their dedication and commitment to our shared mission. Your support and energy have been truly inspiring, making this term a wonderful beginning to the school year.

As we approach this holy season, I hope Easter provides you with the time and space to enjoy the gift of family and the promise of 'new life'. May this sacred time renew our hearts and inspire us for the journey ahead in Term Two and beyond.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."* - Romans 15:13

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# RELIGION NEWS

## HOLY WEEK

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, we approach Holy Week with hearts full of reflection and hope. Holy Week is the most important week in the Church's liturgical calendar, as it commemorates the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time for prayer, reflection, and coming together as a community of faith to remember God's love for us.

As St Patrick's, we are blessed to mark this significant time of year with various activities and reflections that allow our students to deepen their understanding of Jesus' journey and the significance of Easter.

Here is an outline of the events planned for Holy Week:

### **Palm Sunday Reflection (4B and 4K) – Monday 8.40am in the Multi**

Students in 4B and 4K will lead us in a thoughtful reflection on the events of Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem to the joyful cries of "Hosanna!" This is a time to reflect on welcoming Jesus into our lives with open hearts.

### **Holy Thursday Meditation (4F) – Tuesday 8.40am in the Multi**

Year 4 F will guide us in a meditation on the Last Supper, where Jesus shared His final meal with His disciples and gave us the gift of the Eucharist. This will be a time to reflect on the themes of love, service, and sacrifice.

### **Good Friday Commemoration (5S) - Wednesday 8:40am in the Multi**

Year 5S will lead our school in a solemn commemoration of Good Friday, the day Jesus gave His life for us on the cross. We will take this time to remember His ultimate sacrifice and what it means for us today.

### **Easter Prayer (Prep and Year 6) – Thursday 9am in the Multi**

On Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our faith. Prep and Year 6 students will lead us in a special Easter prayer service to celebrate the joy and hope of the Risen Christ.

### **Easter Hat Parade (Prep to Year 3) - Thursday 10am in the Multi**

Our younger students from Prep to Year 3 will bring the joy of Easter to life with an Easter Hat Parade. We look forward to seeing the creative and colourful designs they've been working on!

### **Mini Fair**

To conclude our Holy Week celebrations, we will hold our annual Mini Fair from 11:15 am, featuring fun activities and stalls for all students to enjoy. Parents are welcome to join us for this joyful event. Students may go home with their parents from 12:30 pm.

We encourage families to take time during this sacred week to pray, reflect, and journey together towards the joy of Easter. May this season bring a renewed sense of faith, hope, and love to you and your families. Don't forget that Thursday, April 2 is a Free Dress Day for students. We look forward to sharing this special time with our students and families.

<p><i>Yr 4 Palm Sunday Reflection</i></p>  <p>Monday March 30 8.40am in the Multi</p>	<p><b>EASTER PRAYER</b></p>  <p>Thursday April 2 9.00am in the Multi</p>
<p><i>Yr 4 Holy Thursday Meditation</i></p>  <p>Tuesday March 31 8.40am in the Multi</p>	<p><b>EASTER HAT PARADE</b></p>  <p>Prep to Yr 3 Thursday April 2 10.00am in the Multi</p>
<p><i>Yr 5 Good Friday Commemoration</i></p>  <p>Wednesday April 1 8.40am in the Multi</p>	<p><b>MINI FAIR</b></p>  <p>Thursday April 2 11.15am in the Multi</p>

Tracey Cook

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# ANZAC DAY PARADE



An email will be sent to all parents in Week 10, with all the information for students wishing to participate in the Saturday ANZAC Day march in town. Last year, we were so proud and impressed by the large number of well presented and beautifully behaved St. Patrick's students, who joined many staff to stand and march in solidarity for those who sacrificed so much for the wonderful life we enjoy today ... lest we forget!

# OSHC - TERM 1 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Book now for Term 1 Holidays. Phone 0417199586 or email [spbg\\_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spbg_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au). Daily fee \$70.

## Easter Holiday Program 2026

Mon, 6 April	Tue, 7 April	Wed, 8 April	Thur, 9 April	Fri, 10 April
<p><b>Easter Monday Public Holiday</b></p> <p>Service Closed</p>  <p><b>Happy Easter everyone!</b></p>	<p><b>"Easter can't be over yet" - Craft &amp; Cooking Day</b></p>  <p>Join in some last minute Easter craft &amp; cooking activities. (as requested)</p> <p><b>\$5 surcharge</b></p>	<p><b>Lego Challenge Day (by request)</b></p>  <p>Work together or by yourself to WIN the Lego Challenge! What will appear this time?</p>	<p><b>Reverse Garbage Day</b></p>  <p>A fun day of transforming items that would normally go into your recycle bin into amazing upcycled creations!</p>	<p><b>Peek A Boo Honey - Incursion -</b></p>  <p>Learn all about bees and why they're so important to our world. <b>DON'T WORRY! THEY WON'T BITE!</b></p> <p><b>\$10 incursion fee</b></p>
Mon, 13 April	Tue, 14 April	Wed, 15 April	Thur, 16 April	Fri, 17 April
<p><b>Make Your Own Lip Balm</b></p>  <p>Winter is Coming!! Let's look after our chapped lips by making our own lip balm using some Peek-a-boo Honey beeswax.</p> <p><b>\$5 surcharge</b></p>	<p><b>Science! - Incursion -</b></p>  <p>Be amazed as Dr Joe explains &amp; helps us discover all the secrets behind another scientific area!</p> <p><b>\$15 incursion fee</b></p>	<p><b>Cube Sports Zumba (by request)</b></p>  <p>Have a great time getting your Boogie on with a high energy Zumba session!</p> <p><b>\$10 incursion fee</b></p>	<p><b>Reading Cinemas - Excursion -</b></p>  <p>A combined excursion with St Joseph's/St Mary's OSHC kids. <b>(DON'T FORGET CLOSED IN SHOES)</b></p> <p><b>\$25 surcharge</b></p>	<p><b>Make Your Own Pizza Day (by request)</b></p>  <p>Put on your chef's hat and whip up your own delicious pizza to eat for Lunch.</p> <p><b>(BYO morning &amp; afternoon tea today)</b></p>

## SPORTS NEWS

### BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2026

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 2014, 2015 & 2016 (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***.
- Cross Country and Athletics nominations will be made by the school after our school carnivals. Swimming & Aquathlon are the exceptions – Wide Bay School Sport are responsible for the selection of these teams.

BDSS Sport		Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Touch	Boys & Girls	Born 2017 or 2015 (only exceptional 2016)	27 March	Shalom College Bundaberg Touch Grounds	3:30pm - 5:00pm
Rugby League	Boys & Girls	Born 2014, 2015 and 2016 (exceptional 2017)	30 March	Waves Sporting Complex (please park at Western end)	3:30pm - 5:30pm



Well done to Milla, Stevie and Georgie who represented Bundaberg at the Wide Bay trials, with Milla and Stevie making the Wide Bay team.

Congratulations!

## FOOTBALL QUEENSLAND & BRISBANE ROAR SOCCER CLINICS—TERM 2

St. Patrick's will once again host the Football Queensland & Brisbane Soccer Clinics during Term 2 on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm over 4 weeks from 5 May to 26 May 2026.

Please refer to the final details of the program and register by scanning the QR code which will take you to the Football In Community Website.

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# TERM ONE PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 26th January-30th January</b>		
Monday	<b>AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Tuesday	Term 1 Commences	8.40am	Whole School
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 2nd February-6th February</b>		
Monday	Opening School Mass	9.00am	Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 9th February—13th February</b>		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5S
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 16th February—22nd February</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8:30am	Whole School
Friday	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>		
Sunday	Children’s Mass—St Patrick’s Mass	9:00am	All welcome!
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 23rd February—27th February</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 2nd March—6th March</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Level</b>
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6B
Thursday	Dance Night on oval	5:30pm	Whole School
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 9th March—13th March</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Level</b>
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6F
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 16th March—20th March</b>		
Tuesday	St Patrick’s Day Liturgy & Yr 6 Leadership Induction	9:00 am	Whole School
Wednesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2W
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 23rd March—27th March</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 2
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2S
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 30th March—3rd April</b>		
Monday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4K & 4B
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4F
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	5S
Thursday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:00am	Whole School
	Term Concludes	3:00pm	Whole School

2026 TERM DATES	
<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 27 January - Thursday 2 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 6 October - Friday 4 December