



Principal's News

24 April 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

Welcome to Term 2 at St Patrick's Catholic School. We hope all families enjoyed a restful and safe holiday break and had the opportunity to spend quality time together. The beginning of a new term is always an exciting time, filled with opportunities for learning, growth and community connection. We look forward to another productive and hope-filled term as we continue to support our students academically, socially and spiritually.

As we return to school routines, we thank families for their ongoing support in ensuring students arrive punctually, in correct uniform and ready to learn.

Today we celebrated a beautiful ANZAC Day celebration lead by 5G. Students were encouraged to reflect on the Mercy Education values of respect, service and compassion, which align closely with not only the ANZAC Day story but also our Catholic faith. Tomorrow, we invite all students to join us at 8am, outside Nature's Emporium/Stag Hairdresser in Bourbong Street to march in solidarity and to honour those who have served and continue to serve our beautiful country.

We are blessed to have many of our own parents who continue to keep up safe and 'serve' our local community. We thank Sergeant Leon Hart for taking a special part in our ANZAC Day Liturgy and Senior Constable Britt Edwards who delivered a cyber safety talk to our students this week.

Next week, we look forward to the Cross Country occurring at Shalom College Monday morning for Years 3-6 and the Junior Obstacle Course will occur on Friday for the Prep to Year 2 Students. Parents, please take note of e-mails and further information attached to this newsletter to ensure students are punctual and well prepared. Thank you for your continued partnership with the school. Together, we strive to nurture each child's faith, learning and wellbeing.

We look forward to a wonderful term ahead at St Patrick's Catholic School.



Click our school crest to go our school website



Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish website



Click the Facebook icon to go to our Facebook page



Absentees

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Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE

Celebrating the Easter Season in Our Church

The Easter season is a time of great joy and celebration in our Church as we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This holy season begins on **Easter Sunday** and lasts for 50 days, culminating in the feast of **Pentecost**.



During this time, we reflect on the gift of new life that comes through Christ's victory over death. It is a season filled with hope, renewal, and gratitude as we celebrate the central mystery of our faith – the Resurrection.

Signs of the Season

In our churches, the Easter season is marked by beautiful symbols of life and light:

- The **Paschal Candle**, representing Christ as the Light of the World, is lit during every Mass.
- White and gold vestments are worn, symbolising joy and victory.
- The word "**Alleluia**", which means "Praise the Lord," is joyfully proclaimed in our prayers and hymns.

A Message of Hope

The Easter season reminds us that no matter the challenges we face, Christ's love is always with us. Let us carry this message of hope and renewal into our daily lives, spreading the joy of Easter to everyone we meet.



Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Mass with Children

Sunday April 26, 2026

9am @ St Patrick's Church

Families are most welcome to attend

Morning tea and coffee will be available after Mass

Anzac Day Parade

A reminder to families about the upcoming **ANZAC Parade**.

Students are to wear their sports uniform, along with either the new bucket hat or formal school hat, and should apply sunscreen before arrival.

We will assemble from 8:00am on Bourbong Street (between **Tantitha and Targo Streets**, near Stag Hairdressers), with the parade commencing at **8:30am**.

Please refer to the email sent home for further information.

All children must remain with teachers until collected by a parent.



Mother's Day

On **Friday, May 8** we will once again be holding our Mother's Day Prayer Celebration. We really value the mothers in our community and would love for you all to join us in celebrating them at our Liturgy on May 8, at **9.00am** in the Multi.

Please ensure you send one photo per family of mum and the kids to spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au no later than **Wednesday May 6** to be included in the presentation.

We look forward to celebrating with all of the special ladies in our community.

Mum & Me



Health Department:

Acute Respiratory Infections

Stop the spread of respiratory illness in schools

Schools can help reduce the spread of illness by sharing these simple vaccination and hygiene messages with staff, students and families.

Get vaccinated

- Vaccination is the best way to prevent severe illness, complications and hospitalisation from acute respiratory infections.
- Getting a flu vaccine before the peak season (winter months) offers the best protection, however vaccination still helps if given later in the season.
- Influenza (flu), COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines are available through GPs, pharmacies or other immunisation service providers.

Practice good hygiene

- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues into a bin straight away.
- Clean hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, taps, tables, remote controls, phones, laptops, benchtops and fridge doors. Clean your hands after cleaning.
- Improve air flow by opening windows or increasing ventilation where possible.

Stay at home when unwell

- Staff and students should stay home when unwell to prevent spreading illness.

STOP THE SPREAD

Concussion Protocols

As we prepare for winter sports, a reminder about the 21 day concussion protocols that are mandatory for schools to implement if you child suffers a concussion. That is, 21 days of graded tracking before returning to sport, consulting your medical practitioner and working with the school to support your child.

The Australian Institute of Sport has plenty of interesting information on their website. www.ausport.gov.au/concussion



- 1 in 5 kids suffer a concussion (Browne, 2016) and that 70% Recover with NO long-term recourse / complications
- Recovery includes:
 - Abstaining from screens
 - 48 hours rest AT HOME (where there is less stimuli)
 - but not being cocooned and doing nothing



Reminder for Families:

Parking & Neighbour Consideration

We kindly remind all families to be mindful of our neighbours during school drop-off and pick-up times. Please avoid parking on grassed areas, as these spaces require regular access for council maintenance, including mowing and upkeep.

To help keep our community safe and respectful, we ask that you:

- Park only in designated areas
- Avoid blocking driveways, footpaths, and access points
- Observe all local parking signs and restrictions
- Be courteous to residents and other road users at all times

Your cooperation helps maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours and ensures a safe environment for everyone in our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.



BookClub

Issue 3



Book club catalogues, **Issue 3**, were sent home with your child this week.

A reminder that all orders need to be made ONLINE via LOOP payment on the Scholastic website via www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. No cash will be accepted.

All orders are due by **Wednesday 6th May**. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.



Every Book Club LOOP order earns a

\$5 DISCOUNT CODE

Included with order confirmation

to spend on our next Issue.

Conditions apply. LOOP orders only. Redeemable once per Issue when you spend \$19.50. 1% surcharge applies to credit card payments.

Sports News

Schools Sports Representatives



Congratulations to the following students on their **Wide Bay Schools Sport** Selection:

Cooper C. (Golf)
Milla P. and Stevie P. (Netball)
William E. (Squash)

Also, congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent **Bundaberg Schools** at the Wide Bay trials.

Basketball U12:

Julian A, Annabelle H, Mila E and Lucy W.

Netball U11:

Georgia S, Mila P, Stevie P.

Rugby League:

Finn M (U12), Boston B (U11) and Iki C (U11)

Soccer:

Archie L, Aiden T and Leonard W.

Hockey:

Lukas L, Jovi S, Lucy B and Sienna M.



Sports News



Cross Country (Years 3-6)



Monday 27 April



Event Times:



Shalom College

1. 9:10am: Boys & Girls (11 & 12 years) 3km - A Division
2. 9:40am: Boys & Girls (10 years) 2km - A Division
3. 10:10am: Boys & Girls (8 years) 1km - A Division
4. 10:20am: Boys & Girls (9 years) 1km - A Division
5. 10:30am: Boys & Girls (10-12 years) 1km - Fun Run

Boys in each age group will start first, with girls starting 30 seconds later.

Students placed first and second in A Division, will be considered for selection to compete at the Bundaberg District Cross Country trials on 15 May at Avoca State School.

Age Champions (10-12 years) and Overall Champion House will be presented immediately after the event at Shalom if time permits. If not, results will be announced after Courtyard Prayer the following day.

Reminder: All students MUST -

- run in school sports uniform with house coloured shirt
- run in footwear
- bring their school hat and water bottle

We look forward to an enjoyable and supportive event for all competitors.



Invitation to all Prep to Year 2 families

Junior OBSTACLE COURSE

1 MAY '26

8:50am - Prep

9:30am - Year 1

10:10am - Year 2

- Students to wear their school sports uniform with their house coloured shirt.
- Tuckshop Sausage Sizzle will be operating as normal on this day for students.



Out and about

Why join our FQ&B School Program at your school?

Make New Friends Learn New Skills Score Goals Meet Your Heroes Exclusive Offers

community@footballqueensland.com.au | (07) 3208 2677

Scan me to register!

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Discover the joy of football in a safe, inclusive, and exciting setting where kids can learn, play, and have fun!

Football Queensland & Brisbane Roar Soccer Clinics

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.

2026 Season
Sundays from 9am

Bargara

LITTLE ATHLETICS

Season Start Sun 19 April
Come 'n' Try Sun 19 & 26 April

BARGARA SPORTS COMPLEX

Family... Fun... Fitness...

Tiny Tots (3 & 4 yr olds) \$85
U6-17 Athletes \$160
Seniors (over 18) \$50 + QA fee

LAQ Online Registrations via Sport80 open February

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.bargaraathletics.org.au
Phone 0400 357 195
secretarybargaraathletics@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook

WE ACCEPT **PLAY ON! SPORTS VOUCHERS**

McDonald's proudly supports

Keppnock scout Group

Ages?

5-17

Open night

Thursday 30th of April
5:45pm - 8:00pm

What to bring? A water bottle, appropriate outdoor clothing including enclosed shoes, a parent or guardian to sign the waiver and are recommended to stay the night



Contact Information
0428337085

gl@keppnock.scoutsqld.com.au

Free sausage sizzle on the night!



Scan me!



11 Elliott Heads Road Keppnock

Out and about



KEPNOCK SCOUTS

OPEN NIGHT

Looking for something fun, adventurous, and skill-building for your kids? Come and see what Scouts is all about!

On the night:

- Basic construction activities
- Introduction to Scouting
- Free sausage sizzle

Parents are encouraged to stay, meet our leaders, see the program in action, and explore how to get involved.

Make new friends, learn new skills, and enjoy the outdoors – Scouts has something for everyone!

Kepnock Scout Group

📍 11 Elliott Heads Road

📅 Thursday, 30 April

🕒 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM

👤 Ages 5–17

 www.facebook.com/kepnockscouts



2026



WE ACCEPT
PLAY ON!
SPORTS VOUCHERS

Don't forget a water bottle
and closed in shoes

Out and about

CONNECT

4 Good



2026 Network Event



Thursday, 11 June 2026
9:30am - 2:30pm
(Registration from 8:45am)



Salvation Army
110 McCarthy Road,
Avenell Heights, Bundaberg



\$25
(Includes morning tea & lunch)

Join us for a dynamic day of networking & collaboration with professionals across the community sector.

- Yarning Circle Learning & storytelling experiences
- Hear from Education Precinct
- Gain insights from Street Law

Connecting Services

Leading change

RSVP: 3rd June 2026

Register Now!

[Link: Click Here](#)



Promotion

When you shop at FootMotion, don't forget to mention that your child is a student at St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School to receive a discount.



FOOTMOTION

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BACK TO SCHOOL

KNOWING YOUR WIDTH

Three icons will help you identify what widths are available in each style.

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B
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SCHOOL SHOES

SPORTS SHOES IN DISGUISE



Is your school registered for our \$5/pair School Rebate Program?



SCAN

To Register your School & for all other Back to School info and T&C's!

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Asics | Gel Kayano Ascent | Spirit New Balance | Nival V6

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We have 6 convenient locations across Queensland and New South Wales and new stores opening!

For up to date location information please scan the QR code to find your nearest store.

FOOTMOTION.COM.AU



FORMAL



JUNIOR



CROSS TRAINERS

Ascent's formal school shoes offer the perfect blend of style, support, and durability. Engineered for comfort and built to last, they're ideal for busy school days, from the classroom to the playground.

Designed for little feet, our junior school shoes feature easy fastenings and lasting comfort. Perfect for active kids, these shoes combine resilience with stability to keep up with every school day adventure.

Combining athletic performance with school-ready style, our cross trainers are perfect for active students. Built for comfort, flexibility, and everyday wear, they're ideal for sports and the classroom.



Ascent's 6-month outsole guarantee will cover any manufacturing faults on the outsole of select school and training shoes that arise during the first six months from the date of purchase.



Term 2 Planner: Weeks 1-5

WEEK 1		Week 20th April - Friday 24th April	
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
Friday	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	9:00am	5G
WEEK 2		Week 27th April - 1st May	
Monday	Senior Cross Country - Yrs 3-6	9:00am	Shalom
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3T
Friday	Junior Obstacle Course - P-2	9:00am	St Patrick's
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 3		Week 4th May - 7th May	
Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
Friday	Mother's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 2
	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 4		Week 11th May - 15th May	
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 and Prep
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3M
Friday	District Cross Country - no interschool sport	All Day	Selected Students
WEEK 5		Week 18th May - 22rd May	
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4B
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6



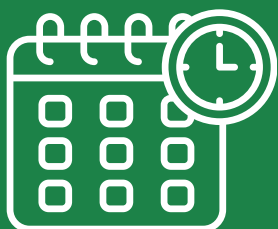
Week 2 Upcoming Events

- Mon** Senior Cross Country - Shalom
Parish Mass - Year 2
- Tue** Guest Speaker: Laree Chapman - Year 2
- Tue-Thur** Courtyard Prayer - Year 3T
- Wed** Sacramental Session - Parents
- Fri** Junior Obstacle Course - Prep - Year 2
Friday Interschool Sport



Term 2 Planner: Weeks 6-10

WEEK 6	Week 25th May - 29th May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 2
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Teachers
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 1st June - 5th June		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 8	Week 8th June -12th June		
Monday	Athletics HEATS (ALL students) & Field Events FINALS (Years 4-6 , excl. born 2017)	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
Friday	Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass	9:00am	Years 2-6
WEEK 9	Week 15th June - 19th June		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1B
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
WEEK 10	Week 22nd June - 26th June		
Monday	Senior Athletics Carnival - students born 2017, 2016, 2015 & 2014	All Day	Shalom
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1S
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - students born 2021, 2020, 2019 & 2018	All Day	St Patrick's



2026 Term Dates

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