



## Principal's News

29th May 2026



**Kim O'Shea-Hard**  
Principal

This week, many Queenslanders were left disappointed after the State of Origin result, but as any good team knows, there is always something to learn in both victory and defeat. Sport has a wonderful way of teaching us about resilience, teamwork and character — lessons that extend far beyond the football field.

Yesterday, whilst many enjoyed waffles, hotdogs and/or a much-needed dose of 'time out' on our Show holiday, I had the privilege of travelling to Rockhampton to witness the Solemn Mass of Installation of Bishop Daniel Meagher as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Rockhampton.

During the celebrations, one message from Bishop Danny particularly resonated strongly. He spoke about the importance of working together as a team and reminded us that in life, just as in sport, we will sometimes make mistakes, face setbacks or experience disappointment. What matters most is how we respond — regrouping, recovering and supporting one another along the way.

These words connect beautifully with the values we strive to nurture at St Patrick's. Whether in the classroom, on the sporting field or in our friendships, we are called to encourage one another, show compassion and work together for the good of all. Success is rarely achieved alone, especially in the realm of education.



Born in West Wyalong, Bishop Danny was educated by the Jesuit Fathers at St Ignatius' College Riverview before studying economics and law at The University of Sydney. His previous roles include Director of Catechesis for World Youth Day, Director of Mission for Catholic Care, Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate, Administrator of the Cathedral at Broken Hill, Rector of the Good Shepherd Seminary, and most recently Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Kim O'Shea-Hard with Bishop Danny Meagher & Monica White (Principal: St Joseph's)



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**Absentees**

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Bishop Danny brings a wealth of experience to our Diocese and we look forward to welcoming him to St Patrick's Catholic Primary School in the near future. We keep Bishop Danny in our prayers as he shepherds the people of our Diocese into this next chapter with faith, hope and compassion.

Recently, we also had the opportunity to farewell Bishop Michael McCarthy, who has been a good friend to our community. This sentiment was captured beautifully in Bishop Danny's words:

**“For the past 12 years, Bishop Michael McCarthy has been a much-loved pastoral leader who served the people of the Diocese with wisdom, care, and compassion...I will do my best to carry forward the great work of Bishop Michael”**

As we journey through the term together, may we continue to model teamwork, perseverance and kindness for our children. Like any great team, we grow stronger when we lift each other up, celebrate one another's strengths and help each other through difficult moments. Perhaps Queensland will regroup for the next game — and perhaps we can all take a lesson from that too.



*St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton*



## Religion News

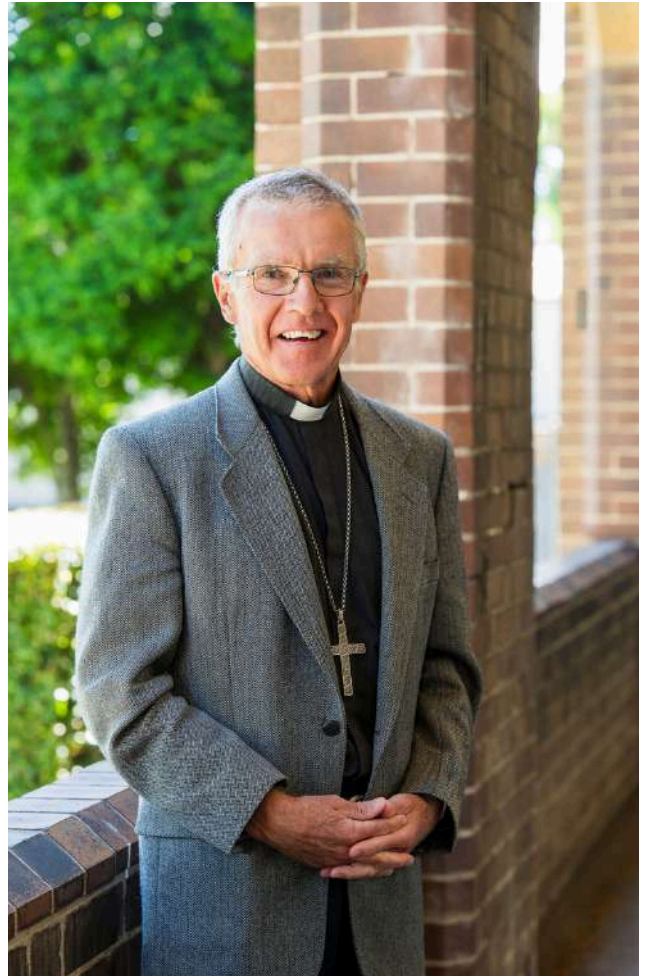
Tracey Cook  
APRE

## Welcome Bishop Danny Meagher

Our school community warmly welcomes Bishop Danny Meagher as he begins his ministry among us. We give thanks to God for his “yes” to the call to serve, and we look forward to walking together in faith, hope and love as a diocesan family.

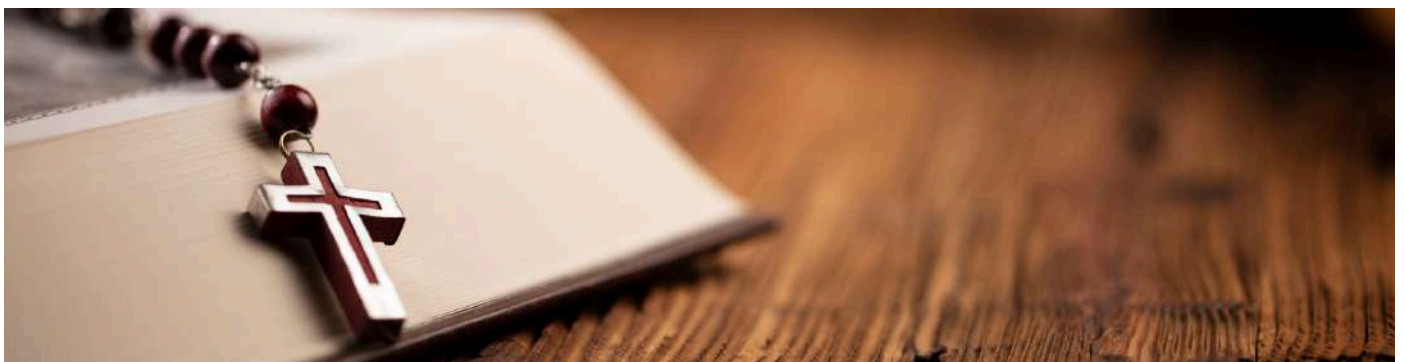
Yesterday, Bishop Danny was formally welcomed at his Mass of Installation at St Joseph’s Cathedral, Rockhampton. This special Mass gathered clergy, parishioners, school communities and guests from across the diocese to pray together and to mark the beginning of his pastoral leadership among us.

A bishop has a special role in the life of the Church. As the chief shepherd of the diocese, the bishop is called to teach the faith, celebrate and safeguard the sacraments, and lead the Church’s mission in unity with the Pope and the wider Church. Bishops also have a particular responsibility to care for God’s people, especially those who are vulnerable, and to encourage communities - parishes, schools and families - to live the Gospel through prayer, service and justice.



As we welcome our new bishop, we recommit ourselves to being a Christ-centred community: listening deeply, caring for those most in need, and seeking the common good in all we do. Please keep Bishop Danny and our whole diocese in your prayers as this new chapter begins.

We eagerly look forward to meeting Bishop Danny in the coming months.



# Sports News

## Schools Sports Representatives

Kelan E, Immogen K and Emerson D on their selection in the **Bundaberg District Schools Cross Country** to team to compete at the Wide Bay Trials.

Well Done!



## Football Queensland and Roar Soccer Clinic



Due to the weather resulting in the clinic being cancelled on Tuesday 26th May, the final session will be held on **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.**



## Bundaberg District U12 School Sports Trials

BDSS Sport	Gender	Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
<b>Students will only be allowed to participate when completing and handing in the forms to the coach/manager at the trials.</b>					
Cricket	Boys	Born 2014, 2015 & 2016	<b>2014 only:</b> Tue 2nd June (Session 1)  <b>2015/2016:</b> Thur 4th June (Session 2)  <b>Selected Students only:</b> Tue 9th June (Session 3)	Brothers Cricket Club Nets (Parking at rear of Brothers Sports Club)	4:00pm -5:30pm
	Girls	10-12 years	Wed 3rd June (Session 1)  Wed 10th June (Session 2)	Brothers Cricket Club Nets (Parking at rear of Brothers Sports Club)	4:00pm -5:30pm

# Mini Vinnies Project

**DONATE** 

## Collection details:



### When:

Week 7 (last week to donate)



### Where:

Labelled baskets near the Lost Property Box



### What:

Sports shoes in good, clean condition (children and adult sizes are gratefully accepted)



**SAVE YOUR SOLES!** 

Old shoes can take new steps toward a better future!

We are fundraising **OLD SHOES** for kids in **PAPUA NEW GUINEA!** 

**WHY IT MATTERS:**

-  Shoes protect little feet from cuts, infections and dangerous things.
-  Shoes help kids go to school with confidence and dignity.
-  Your old shoes can bring hope, health and happiness!

**WHAT TO DONATE:**

-  Gently used shoes (kids, teens, adults)
-  Sports shoes, sneakers and soccer boots (including shoe laces)

**DONATE TODAY!** 

Every pair makes a big difference!

**SAVE YOUR SOLES**  
Small steps from you.  
Big steps for them.

## Free tables up for grabs



Looking for a new home for our old tables!

We have 6x surplus tables for FREE.

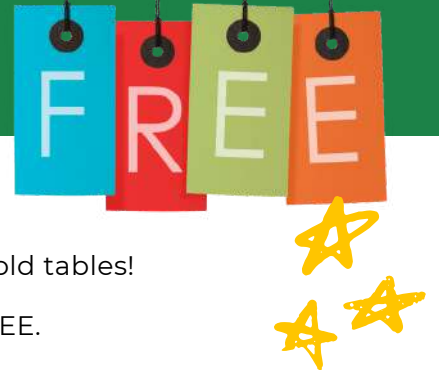
### Collection details:

**Date:** Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** Negotiable

**Location:** Powers Street Entrance

If you're interested, please send an email to [sbpoffice@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbpoffice@rok.catholic.edu.au) by Wednesday, 3rd June, to let us know how many desks you'd like.



**COMING THIS WEEK**

## What's happening in Week 7?

<b>Mon</b>	Parish Mass - Year 4
<b>Tue</b>	Prep & Year 1 Excursion - Moncrieff Theatre
<b>Tue - Wed</b>	Courtyard Prayer - 4F
<b>Wed</b>	Sacramental Session- Confirmation Rehearsal
<b>Fri</b>	Interschool Sport
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	Sacrament of Confirmation



# Out and About



**Bundaberg**  
Aquatic Centre

## LEARN to SWIM!

Our GOswim program builds water safety and swimming skills through progressive levels for all ages – from infants and toddlers to teens and adults. Lessons are led by fully qualified teachers and focus on safe entries, movement, breath control, survival skills, and stroke development

**GOswim** | **SWIMMERS**



- 52-week annual membership
- 48 swimming and water safety lessons
- GOswim Welcome Bag to store your swim gear
- Unlimited student aquatic access outside of lessons
- 4 weeks of unlimited family swim access over summer
- 1-week Summer Holiday Swimming Program



**ENROL TODAY!**

No Joining Fee for the Month of May

Promo Code: MAYFREE



**SCAN ME**

\*Membership conditions: Direct debit membership only. One-week holiday swim program consists of 5 x 30-minute lessons over 5 consecutive days at corresponding site. One week duration of the holiday swim program per new enrolment. Holiday program must be booked in advance and rebilled in the summer season.



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**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**\$5 ENTRY**

**SUPERVISED EVENT**

**CANTEEN FACILITIES**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

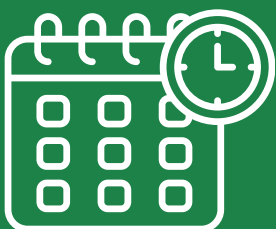
**FRIDAY 17TH JULY** | 5PM – 7PM | 7.30PM – 9.30PM  
PREP TO YR 6 | YR 7 TO YR 12

**MUSIC** | **GAMES** | **PRIZES** | **GOOD VIBES ALL NIGHT!**

**BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE** | BOURBONG ST. BUNDABERG CENTRAL

# Term 2 Planner: Weeks 6-10

<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 25th May - 29th May</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 5 and 1
	Patty's PEN (Parent Engagement Night)	5:30pm	Parents
Tuesday-Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Teachers
Thursday	<b>BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY</b>		
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	Years 5-6
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 1st June - 5th June</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4F
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30pm	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	8:40am	4K
Friday	Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass	9:00am	Years 2-6
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 15th June - 19th June</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	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	8:40am	1S
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - Prep-Year 3	8:30am - 12:00pm	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