Principal's News

23rd October 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

Last Saturday I got to witness our basketballers represent St. Patrick's with great skill, but more importantly, stellar sportsmanship. The girls made it through to the semi-finals under the supervision of Coach Tabby and Mr. Egan, where they went down by a small margin. The boys came out regional champions, winning the Bundaberg Basketball Primary School Cup, thanks to the support of Mr. Plumb. It made me very proud to witness how these young men handled themselves in a very close game, pulling together, showing fabulous team work in order to come out with the win. Whilst I spent my time with the boys' team, Mr. Egan gave similar feedback on our young ladies who wore the shamrocks with pride.

Celebrations of a different kind continued with our week beginning with our Mission Month Mass celebrated by Years 3–6. The Mass provided a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on our Catholic mission and how we can live out the values of Jesus through kindness, compassion, service and care for others.

As we continued through Mission Week, we encouraged our students to look for everyday opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of those around them, remembering that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a meaningful impact. Friday then saw us pull on our crazy socks and donate to this very worthy cause. Catholic Mission has been raising funds and awareness for those in need for a century and our community's financial contribution each year helps this organisation make a difference on our behalf.

It has been wonderful to see our students embracing the spirit of our school community as we move through Term 4. We look forward to another engaging and rewarding week of learning, faith and friendship at St. Patrick's.









Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE



All Saints' Day (1 November) and All Souls' Day (2 November)

Each year the Church gives us two beautiful days that help children see the "big family" of faith. On **All Saints' Day**, we celebrate all the saints — the well-known saints and the many holy people known only to God. It's a day of joy and gratitude, reminding us that holiness is possible in ordinary life, and that God's grace can shine through courage, kindness and prayer.





On **All Souls' Day**, we pray in a special way for all who have died. We remember that love is stronger than death, and we entrust those who have gone before us to God's mercy. This is also a gentle, hope-filled moment for children to learn how Catholics grieve with faith: we remember, we give thanks, and we pray.

These two days belong together. The saints show us what a life shaped by Jesus can look like, and our prayers for the faithful departed express our trust that God continues to hold each person close. As Pope Leo XIV reminds us, even in "darkest nights" God raises up people who persevere in doing good, and Christian hope endures because "the darkness has not overcome" the light of Christ.

In our school community, we can mark these days simply and meaningfully: by naming saints who inspire us, by praying for deceased loved ones, and by choosing one concrete act of service that reflects saintly love — especially towards those who are vulnerable or overlooked.

A Message from eSafety Australia



Build your child's critical thinking skills

Parents and carers play an important role in helping children and young people navigate the online world safely. Encourage your child to be alert to scams, online manipulation, misinformation and AI-generated content by remembering to stop, think and check:

🛑 Encourage your child to pause before clicking a link, sharing personal information, sending money, or responding to unexpected messages. Scammers often rely on people acting quickly without thinking.

🤔 Help your child consider who sent the message, why they are contacting them, and whether they may be trying to create urgency, fear or excitement to influence their decisions.

✔️ Show your child how to verify information by checking trusted sources, confirming requests through official channels, and looking for signs that a message, profile, image or offer may not be genuine. You can also remind them that it's always okay to ask you or another trusted adult if they're unsure about a message, offer or request.

Family tech agreements

Having regular conversations about online safety can help your child build the skills and confidence to make safer choices online. A family tech agreement can help turn those conversations into clear, shared expectations that grow with your child.

Creating an agreement together is a practical way to stay connected, encourage open communication about online safety, and support your child to build the skills, judgement and confidence they need to navigate the online world.

Whether your child is just starting their online journey or preparing for social media, our free agreements for 5 to 8 year olds, 9 to 12 year olds, and 13 to 15 year olds can help support safer, more positive online experiences.

Start your agreement

Sports News

2026 Senior School Swimming Carnival

Reminder



The Senior Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday 20th November** at the **Bundaberg Aquatic Centre for Years 4 - 6**.

Please refer to the email sent earlier last week for further information regarding how to nominate your child's race preference on the **Parent Orbit app** by **Monday, 26th October**.

All students are expected to participate in **at least one event** (maximum three events per child), unless there is a health matter that prevents their involvement in this carnival.

The carnival will involve all Year 4 - 6 students and the aim is to make the day enjoyable for all students with an emphasis on **maximum participation**.

Children will travel by bus from school to the Bundaberg Aquatic Centre, leaving 8:45 am sharp.

What to bring to the pool:

- rashie
- goggles
- towel
- water bottle
- bag to carry belongings

Students may wear their sports uniform and House coloured shirt to school on this day. Students are advised to wear their swimming togs under their uniforms upon arrival at school. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

Please refer to the email for further information or contact the school office if you have any questions.

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

Bundaberg Schools Basketball Competition

Congratulations to the St. Patrick's All School Basketball players.

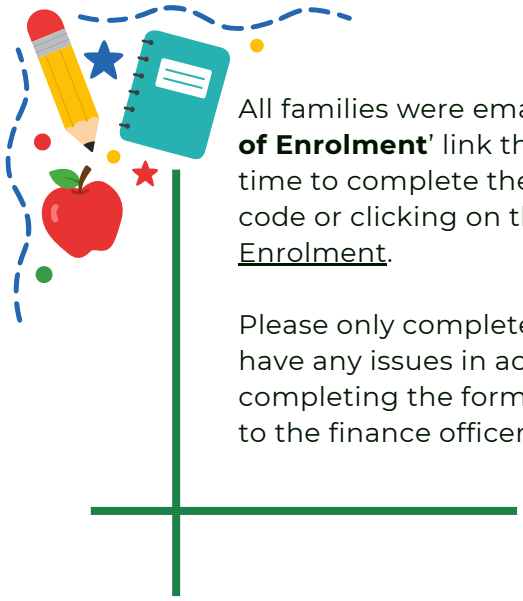
Our Boys team won the tournament with a brilliant undefeated performance. Superb!
Our Girls team made it to the semi-final with some fantastic matches.

Well done!



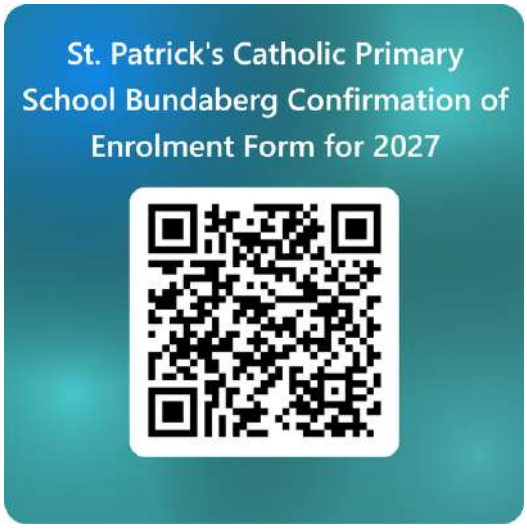


2027 Confirmation of Enrolment



All families were emailed the '**2027 Confirmation of Enrolment**' link this week. Please take the time to complete the form by scanning the QR code or clicking on this link 2027 Confirmation of Enrolment.

Please only complete this form **once** and if you have any issues in accessing the form or completing the form don't hesitate to reach out to the finance officer, Brooke Bone.



Out and About





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Term 4 Planner: Weeks 1-5

WEEK 1	**Week 5th October - 9th October**		
Monday	**KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**		
Tuesday	First Day Term 4	All Day	All Students
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:30 am	Mini Vinnies & Reef Guardians
WEEK 2	**Week 12th October- 16th October**		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 6 and Prep
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:30 am	4F
WEEK 3	**Week 19th October - 23rd October**		
Monday	Mission Month Mass	9:00 am	Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:30 am	3C
Friday	Odd Sock Day (Socktober)	All Day	All Students
WEEK 4	**Week 26th October - 30th October**		
Monday	Prep 2027 Orientation Morning	9:00 am	Prep 2027
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 4
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:30 am	3M
WEEK 5	**Week 2nd November - 6th November**		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 2
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:30 am	3T

COMING THIS WEEK

What's happening in Week 4

Mon Parish Mass - Year 4
Prep 2027 Orientation Morning
Tue - Thur Courtyard Prayer - 3M
Fri World Teacher's Day



Term 4 Planner: Weeks 6-10

WEEK 6	**Week 9th November- 13th November**		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 5 and Year 1
Tuesday & Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	2C
Wednesday	Remembrance Day Memorial	9:00 am	5P
WEEK 7	**Week 16th November - 20th November**		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:30am	2S
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	All Day	Years 4-6
WEEK 8	**Week 23rd November - 27th November**		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:30 am	2W
Tuesday	Cultural Night 2026	5:30 pm	Shalom PAP
Friday	String Ensemble Performance	8:45 am - 10:45 am	Palm Lakes
WEEK 9	**Week 30th November - 4th December**		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Play	9:00 am	Year 1
Monday	Prep End of Year Excursion	10:00 am - 12:30 am	Prep - Reading Cinemas
Tuesday	Year 1 End of Year Incursion	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Year 1
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00 am - 10:30 am	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 4 End of Year Excursion	9:15 am - 12:15 pm	Year 4 - Bundy Bowl
Wednesday	Year 5 End of Year Excursion	8:45 am - 12:15 pm	Year 5 - Bundy Bowl
Wednesday	Year 3 End of Year Excursion	11:45 am - 2:45 pm	Year 3 - Reading Cinemas
Wednesday	Celebration Night 2026	5:00 pm - 6:45 pm	St Patrick's School
Thursday	Year 2 End of Year Excursion	5:45 am - 11:45 pm	Year 2 - BSA
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00 am	St Patrick's School
Friday	Year 6 Assembly - Final Farewell	11:15 am	Year 6
Friday	School dismissed	12:00 pm	St Patick's School



Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday, 27th January - Thursday, 25th March *(9 weeks)*
Term 2 Monday, 12th April - Friday, 25th June *(11 weeks)*
Term 3 Monday 12th July - Friday 17th September *(10 weeks)*
Term 4 Tuesday 5th October - Friday 3rd December *(9 weeks)*