



## Religion News

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### The Sermon on the Mount

Recently, I had the opportunity to join in a 6 week Book Club where the focus book was written by Amy-Jill Levine called **'The Sermon on the Mount: Understanding the Kingdom of Heaven'**. To be honest I was worried that the contents of this book would be far too theological, well above my knowledge base and too deep-a-read for this point in the year. I was however pleasantly surprised at the insights I gained from joining in the weekly 'Teams Meetings' led by Dr Peta Goldberg.



In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us what life looks like when we follow him every day. He talks about being gentle, choosing peace, forgiving others, and trusting God even when things feel hard (Matthew 5–7). Jesus also teaches us something very important about prayer. He says prayer is not a performance. It is a real conversation with God our Father, who loves us. That means God listens even when our prayer is quiet, simple, or just a few words.

My absolute favourite part of the school day is when we gather together for Courtyard Prayer. When we pray together at school, at Mass, or at home, we are doing more than saying words at the same time. We are reminding each other that we belong to God's family. We learn to listen respectfully, to be still, and to think about other people—not just ourselves. Praying together helps us build a caring community, because we bring our joys and worries to God as one group. It also teaches us compassion: when a classmate or coworker is sad, sick, or struggling, we can pray for them and then look for ways to show kindness.

Jesus gives us the Lord's Prayer in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:9–13). This is a perfect prayer to say together because it uses family words: Our Father... give us what we need... forgive us... lead us... deliver us. The Lord's Prayer reminds us that God is our loving Father, and that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. It teaches us to thank God, to ask for daily help, and to practise forgiveness—because being part of God's family means we try again when we make mistakes. I love hearing all of our students pray these words together each week.

Praying together doesn't need to be long or complicated. A simple prayer for home might include: thanking God for something good, praying for people who need help, and asking Jesus to guide our choices.

This week, as we begin a new term, remembering the Sermon on the Mount, I invite you all to join us in Courtyard Prayer, where we pray together with peaceful voices and open hearts. When we pray as a community, we are living Jesus' teaching: trusting God, caring for others, and growing into the kind of people who bring God's love to the world.



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# Year 6 Camp 2026 Highlights



# Sports News



## Wide Bay All Schools Touch Tournament

Congratulations to our Touch teams who successfully competed at the Wide Bay All Schools Touch Tournament at the end of Term 3. Our Girls finished 5<sup>th</sup> and the Boys team 3<sup>rd</sup>. A big thank you to Ms. Britt Duncan for giving up her time to come in coach our girls team, as well as Mr. Plumb for his efforts with the boys. Well done!



## Netball Challenge Cup

Congratulations to the St. Patrick's Netball team for their performances in 2026. Not only did they win the Challenge Cup in Rockhampton earlier this year, they also were undefeated in the Bundaberg Primary Schools Cup at the end of Term 3.

Well done girls!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Jessie Salmon and Ms. Macey Egan for all their efforts with the girls throughout the year.



## QRSS Basketball

Congratulations to Julian A. who represented Wide Bay at the recent Queensland State Titles. Wide Bay finished in the top 6 and Julian was superb.

Well done Julian!



## BookClub Issue 7

Book club catalogues, **Issue 7**, 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](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). No cash will be accepted.

All orders are due by **Monday 19th October**.

As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.



PLUS, get a



to spend on Issue 8!

AND don't forget that if you ordered from Issue 6, you have \$5 to spend on this Issue!\*

# A Message from eSafety Australia



## More children are turning to AI. Here's what parents need to know.

Learn more



From helping with homework to answering questions and offering advice, AI assistants are becoming a regular part of many children's lives.

Our [new research](#) found that 78% of Australian children aged 10 to 17 have used an AI assistant, while 8% have used an AI companion, a chatbot designed to provide friendship or emotional support.

While most children used these tools for information, learning, writing, editing and entertainment, more than half reported using them for personal or social reasons, including seeking advice, chat about their feelings or challenges or to 'hang out together'. The research also highlights some important risks. 1 in 5 children who used AI assistants or companions experienced potentially inappropriate or harmful interactions, and around a third shared personal or sensitive information with these tools.

As AI becomes more common, parents and carers play an important role in helping children use these technologies safely. Encourage open conversations about how AI works, remind children not to share personal information, and talk about why it's important to question and verify information they receive from chatbots.

**October is Cyber Security Action Month**, a global initiative dedicated to promoting safer online behaviours and improving cyber resilience.

This year's theme 'Take a second. Stay secure.' is a reminder of how the small choices we make every day – at work, at home, and in our communities – play an important role in keeping us secure online.

### Here are some quick links to get you started:



[How to manage your digital safety settings](#)



[How to spot a scam](#)



[Protecting your personally identifiable information](#)



[Understanding encryption](#)

### Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online.

**Wednesday 22 October 2026, 12:30pm (AEDT)**

Parental controls can be a useful addition to the strategies you use to help protect your child online.

This [45-minute webinar](#) covers:

- what social pressures they may be experiencing online
- how they can build digital resilience and critical reasoning
- how to talk to your young person about what they see and do online
- practical strategies for promoting positive peer interactions and help seeking behaviours.

Register now



# Out and About



**PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS EVENT!**

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

DANCE, GAMES, PRIZES AND SPOOKY FUN!

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7**

**5PM - 7PM**

**BUNDABERG PCYC**  
1 CIVIC AVENUE, BUNDABERG

A SAFE, FUN AND SUPERVISED EVENT

PCYC QUEENSLAND

Blue Light

COSTUMES WELCOME! PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!

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**Bundaberg Art Society**

**Market Stalls Raffle**

Original Art • Prints • Cards • Gifts

**Saturday 17th October 2026**

**9am till 12**

**Bundaberg Woodworkers Guild OPEN DAY**

**Bundaberg Potters Gallery OPEN TOO**

**95c Walker St Bundaberg**



**Mary Kinross**

junior parkrun

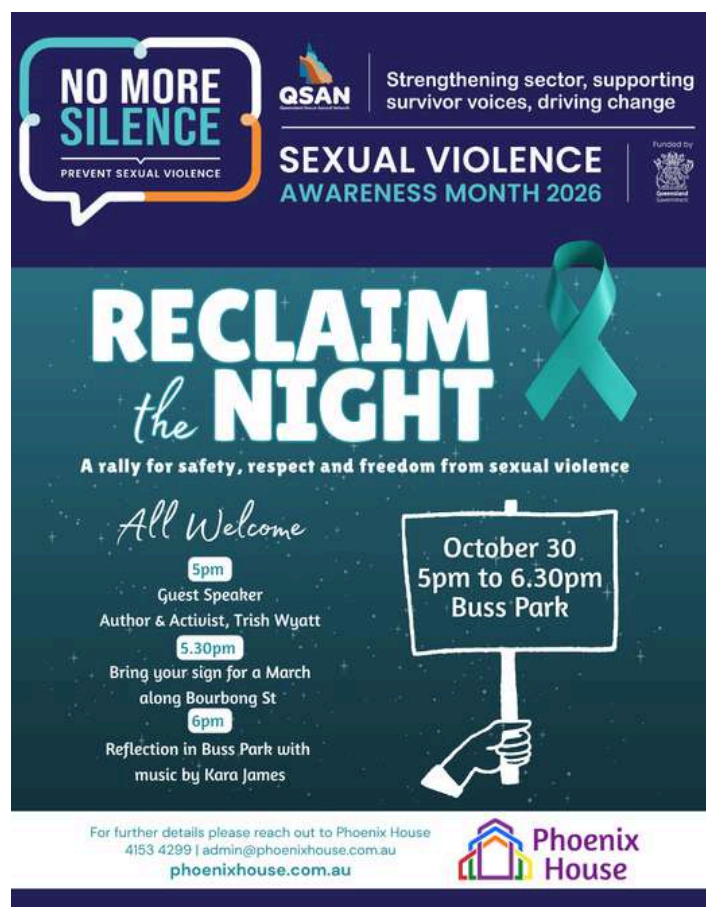
Free, fun, friendly, weekly, community 2k event.  
Organised by volunteers of all ages for children 4 to 14.  
Come together Sunday mornings to walk, jog, run and volunteer.

1st Event: 8th November 2026  
Time: 8 AM

Location: Mary Kinross Memorial Park  
Woongarra Scenic Drive, Bargara Queensland

Regional Australia's first junior parkrun!

Register today!



**NO MORE SILENCE**  
PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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Strengthening sector, supporting survivor voices, driving change

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2026**

**RECLAIM the NIGHT**

A rally for safety, respect and freedom from sexual violence

All Welcome

**5pm**  
Guest Speaker  
Author & Activist, Trish Wyatt

**5.30pm**  
Bring your sign for a March along Bourbong St

**6pm**  
Reflection in Buss Park with music by Kara James

**October 30 5pm to 6.30pm Buss Park**

For further details please reach out to Phoenix House  
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# Term 4 Planner: Weeks 1-5

|                    |                                         |         |                               |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| <b>WEEK 1</b>      | <b>Week 5th October - 9th October</b>   |         |                               |
| Monday             | <b>KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>   |         |                               |
| Tuesday            | First Day Term 4                        | All Day | All Students                  |
| Tuesday - Thursday | Courtyard Prayer                        | 8:30 am | Mini Vinnies & Reef Guardians |
| <b>WEEK 2</b>      | <b>Week 12th October- 16th October</b>  |         |                               |
| Monday             | Parish Mass                             | 9:00 am | Year 6 and Prep               |
| Tuesday-Thursday   | Courtyard Prayer                        | 8:30 am | 4F                            |
| Saturday           | Bundaberg Schools Basketball            | 9:00 am | Selected Students             |
| <b>WEEK 3</b>      | <b>Week 19th October - 23rd October</b> |         |                               |
| 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                  |
| <b>WEEK 4</b>      | <b>Week 26th October - 30th October</b> |         |                               |
| Monday             | Prep Orientation Morning                | 9:00 am | Prep 2027                     |
| Monday             | Parish Mass                             | 9:00 am | Year 4                        |
| Tuesday-Thursday   | Courtyard Prayer                        | 8:30 am | 3M                            |
| <b>WEEK 5</b>      | <b>Week 2nd November - 6th November</b> |         |                               |
| Monday             | Parish Mass                             | 9:00 am | Year 2                        |
| Tuesday-Thursday   | Courtyard Prayer                        | 8:30 am | 3T                            |

COMING  
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WEEK

## What's happening in Week 2?

**Mon** Parish Mass - Year 5 and Year 1  
**Tue - Thur** Courtyard Prayer - 4F



# 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      |
| Tuesday            | Year 3 End of Year Excursion       | 11:45 am - 2:45 pm  | Year 3 - Reading Cinemas |
| Wednesday          | Year 5 End of Year Excursion       | 8:45 am - 12:15 pm  | Year 5 - Bundy Bowl      |
| 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   | 11:15am             | Year 6                   |
| Friday             | School dismissed                   | 12:00 pm            | St Patick's School       |

## Term Dates

**Term 1** Wednesday, 27th January - Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March (9 weeks)

**Term 2** Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April - Friday, 25 June (11 weeks)

**Term 3** Monday 12th July - Friday 17th September (10 weeks)

**Term 4** Tuesday 5th October - Friday 3rd December (9 weeks)

