



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

14th February 2025

Today we inducted our Year Six students as leaders of St. Patrick's for the duration of 2025. The liturgy was hinged around a commitment to living out St. Patrick's Mission Statement which challenges us to learn, love God, live the Gospel witness the faith and celebrate life. Florence B shared the words of Peter (4:10) reminding our community that 'each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in service of others. So use your gift well'. In the lead up to this induction Year Six students were asked to consider what leadership entails and commit to accepting this responsibility. All Year Six students have now been badged as leaders and challenged to consider how they would embrace the role of leadership both individually and collectively. On St. Patrick's Day, House Captains, Mini-Vinnies and Reef Guardian delegates will be announced as an extra layer of leadership.

Last year you might remember me sharing my favourite example of how to lead a community on a journey, modelled to us by geese. I have seen many versions of this 'life lesson' from nature and have included the following link for those for whom the concept is new. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrgz6pgSutI>

Students viewed this clip and were asked to identify how they'd use their gifts and talents to benefit the community on their Year Six, St. Patrick's journey. Responses included;

- Helping our little buddies when leaving their parents is so tough this time of the Year (Oliver B).
- Like strong birds that drop back to help weaker ones, making sure everyone is included this year and helping anyone having a bad day along the way (Daniella H).
- Having empathy for others and always keeping an open mind by putting ourselves in the shoes of others (Caelan D).
- Helping on sausage sizzle days, Mini-Vinnies or Reef Guardians (Marlia L).
- Striving for balance. I feel like we are having a calm, happy start to the year whilst also being energetic and lively (Leonard L).

This cohort have certainly started the year in full flight by nominating themselves for committees, trying out for sporting teams and adopting their 'Little Buddies'.

It is important to provide a myriad of opportunities to harness the enthusiasm and energy of young men and woman and we are lucky to have Jesus' servant leadership as a model to developing good, strong, moral leaders for a world that will need them tomorrow.



This week we welcomed to the flock Mrs. Estelle Pretorius as our new Administration Assistant. Estelle holds a Diploma in Executive Office Management as well as B. Com in Business. She also brings experience in educational administration at BCC and has run her own Marketing and Communications business. Estelle is already a great addition to St. Patrick's. Please be sure to introduce yourself and make her feel welcome when you next visit our office. We are so appreciative of Mrs. Carly Zandona who has kept the cogs turning so well, at this busy time of the year, with the support of Brooke Bone.

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*  
Principal



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**Absentees**

4994 8336

[spb\\_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spb_absentees@rok.catholic.edu.au)

## Mass With Children

All of our school community are invited to join with the Bundaberg Parish for the first Mass with Children for 2025 on Sunday, February 23 at 9.00am here at St Patrick's Church. This is always such a lovely way to connect with our Parish and have the students involved in the Mass. If your child would like to be involved in this Mass or any future Masses please make contact with me during next week. We would love to see you all there and there will be a light morning tea after the Mass too, feel free to bring a plate to share.

## Sacramental Program 2025

Also, don't forget that this year's Sacramental Program is about to begin. If your child is 8 years or older they are most welcome to join in this year's program to complete their Sacraments. It is always such a special time for our students in their faith journey. Please see the image below for more details from the Parish.

Tracey Cook

APRE



Reconciliation



Confirmation



First Holy Communion

### Sacramental Program for 2025

Preparation for children eight years or older, who are Baptised in the Catholic faith, begins in February.

**Enrol Now!**  
**Starting soon!**

Use this QR Code or go to our Sacraments page on our website ([www.bundabergcatholic.net.au](http://www.bundabergcatholic.net.au)) to enrol now!

**Enrol Now!**



If your child is 13 years or older please contact Pauline at the Parish Office (4151 6666) for details for their preparation.



### ADMINISTRATION CARPARK

Parking in the Mulgrave Street Administration Carpark is for staff only. This carpark has been specifically designed for a Pick Up and Drop Off Zone and Parents are not to park in this area from 7:45am – 8:45am and 2:45pm – 3:30pm, as parking and reversing severely disrupts the Pick Up and Drop Off process during these times. The only exception to this is for our families who use our designated Disabled Parks in the staff carpark. Please also be mindful of our neighbours and ensure that you do not park across driveways.

## YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

Today we gathered to recognise our school leaders, as they accepted the responsibilities of leadership here at St Patrick's in 2025.

We know that each of our Year Six students will bring their own gifts and talents to their role as leaders this year. As the leaders of our school, they take on an important role within our community. They have committed to supporting all students, to set a good example, to accept help and advice, and to demonstrate their faith through their actions and words.

We wish them well for their year of leadership.



## PREP 2026 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Enrolments for Prep 2026 are already filling fast. If you are an existing family and haven't yet enrolled a child/children eligible for Prep 2026, please do so as soon as possible to ensure he/she is given priority. Should you know of others who are hopeful of beginning their St. Patrick's journey in 2026, please forward on this information.

## MATHS CLUB

### Maths Challengers Announcement!

Calling all Year 5 and 6 students! Are you ready to embark on an exciting journey through the world of numbers and puzzles? Join the St. Patrick's Maths Challengers, our fortnightly maths club, where fun and challenging math tasks await you! We meet every second Wednesday of the term (even weeks) from 8:00 to 8:30 AM. Come along to explore, solve, and conquer math challenges with your friends. Let's make math an adventure together!

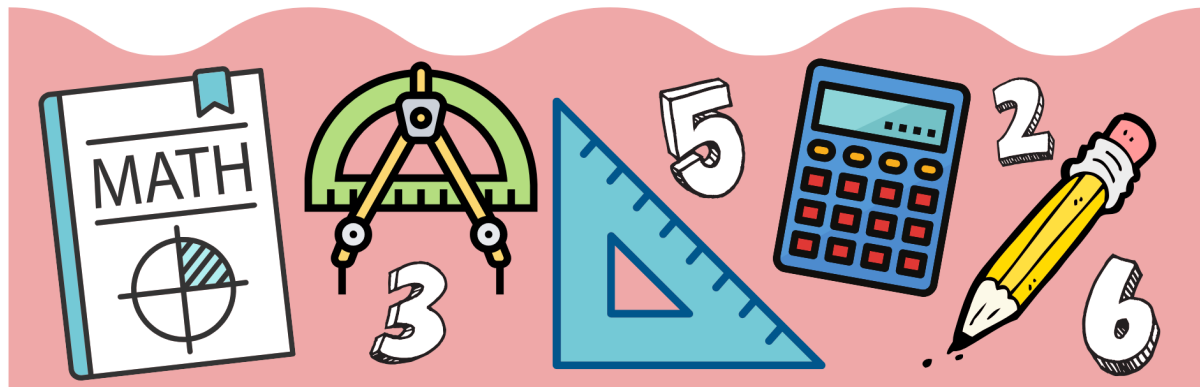
This term we will meet in Week 4, 6, 8 and 10!

To sign up this week, students will find a sheet outside Mrs Salmon's classroom where students can write their names. (6S is the middle classroom of G Block)



*Do you love  
a maths  
challenge?*

Sign up to our Maths Challengers Club to join fortnightly meet-ups in Mrs Salmon's Year 6 classroom! The group will meet from 8-8:30am on the Wednesday mornings of even weeks of term (weeks 4, 6, 8, 10) to partake in team Maths activities and games!



## PUPIL FREE DAY—FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

To accommodate our working parents, OSHC will be operating on **Friday, 21 February**.

For more information or to book your spot:

- phone the OSHC Co-Ordinator on 0417199586; or
- email at [spbg\\_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spbg_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au); or
- book online: <https://saintpatricks.qld.edu.au/out-of-school-hours-care/>

**Limited spots available.**

**Pupil Free  
Day**

# ABSENTEEISM

## Every day counts

### MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day 📖📚📝📎



It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

### EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

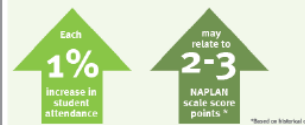
Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep It's where good habits begin

### ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



#### What parents can do

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletters
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

## WOULD YOU LET YOUR CHILD MISS A YEAR OF SCHOOL?

One day off each fortnight is equal to missing more than a year of schooling by the end of Year 12 for your child.

A reminder to our families to develop good habits with your child by ensuring they always attend school, unless there is a reasonable excuse. The more time your child has at school, the more likely they will achieve in their learning.

For more information Go to the Every day counts website: <https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts>



May 2021

## UNIFORM POLICY REMINDER

A kind reminder below about uniform and safety at St Patrick's:

### HAIR

- All students**—Minimum cut is gauge 2 and no shorter. All hairstyles are to be natural in colour, conservative and graduated/blended in style. NO tracks, shaved patterns, mullets, 'horseys' and/or rat's tails are permitted. Part-line haircuts are acceptable with the fringe to be cut above the eyes.
- Boys** hair is to be collar in length and short on sides. Styles to be worn off the face and the fringe to be cut above the eyes.
- Girls** students with longer hair below shoulder length must be tied back with white, bottle green or black hair bands, ribbons, hair ties and clips. However, large clips are a safety issue, especially during outside play and PE classes. Hence, we request they not be worn, especially those with long flowing ribbons.

### GUM

- We continue to stress to our families that gum is not to be brought to our school.

Thanks for your support.



Example: Ribbon is suitable, but preferably not on PE days.

## OTHER UNIFORM POLICY—SPORTS HATS



Please be reminded that our new Sports Bucket Hats are only to be worn when your child wears their sports uniform and not to be worn with the formal uniform.

# SPORTS NEWS

## BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2025

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 2013, 2014 & 2015 (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	
Netball	Girls	11-12 years	Thursday 27 February	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
		10-11 years	Thursday 6 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
	Boys	11-12 years	Thursday 13 March	Multi—St Luke's Anglican	3:30 to 5:00pm
Basketball	Girls & Boys	2013, 2014 & 2015	Thursday 27 February Monday 3 March	Bundaberg Basketball Stadium	4:15 to 5:30pm
		2013, 2014 & exceptional 2015 players	Friday 7 March Friday 14 March	Shalom College	3:30 to 5:15pm
AFL	Girls & Boys	2013, 2014 & exceptional 2015 players	Monday 17 February Monday 24 February	ATW AFL Grounds	3:45 to 5:15pm
		2013, 2014 & 2015	Monday 24 February Monday 3 March	Bundaberg Softball Grounds, Clayton Road	3:30 to 5:00pm
Golf	Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close on Friday 7 March. A golf handicap will be required for nomination purposes. Please see Taryn Gollshewsky if interested or for more information.				

## WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORT

**Swimmers must be born 2015, 2014 & 2013. The 2025 Queensland 10-12 Years Schools Swimming Championships will be held at Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane over 23–25 March.**

Parents must ensure to submit nominations by survey link by Monday 17th February. Students selected will be notified directly on the parent email provided.

### Nominate via this link

10-19 Years Nomination

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/dBghgB1>



10-19 Years Multi-Class Nomination

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/n/dLghJ4D>



Selection in the Wide Bay Regional Team is gained by submitting times swum in the 50 metre pool in a QSA sanctioned meet. When times are submitted, they must be verified by printouts from Meet Manager and then stamped and signed by the club's secretary or record keeper. If this procedure is not followed, times will not be accepted.

Tickets now on sale via the link  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CYNQM>

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE  
BUNDABERG

*Catholic Schools*

RACE DAY 2025  
CHEERS TO 20 YEARS!



SATURDAY 15 MARCH  
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE  
MARQUEE GATES OPEN 11:30AM  
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!

*Admission \$85*

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE MARQUEE  
PARTY, 2 FREE DRINK TICKETS,  
FINGER FOOD & A BUS TO THE CBD



- ◆ FASHION PARADE
- ◆ HUGE RAFFLE





**HOCKEY TRAINING  
COME & TRY**

**JUNIOR TRAINING STARTS @ 5PM**

If you would like to bring a friend, you can!

Under 7s, Under 10s, Under 12s,  
Under 14s, Under 16s

**TRY FOR FREE**

We're a **FairPlay** activity provider

**WHERE:**  
Hockey Fields, 1 Thornhill St  
BUNDABERG NORTH

**Monday**  
**10th Feb**  
**17th Feb**  
**24th Feb**

**COACHES:**  
U7s & U10s - Jack Beveridge  
U12s - Heidi Hannay  
U14s - Brendan Cook  
U16s - Gerry Dorgan



**JUNIOR GOLF**  
**COME & TRY DAY**

**WHERE:** Bundaberg Golf Club One Mile Rd North Bundaberg

**WHEN:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 10.30am to 12pm

All Juniors aged 4 to 17 years are welcome to come along and try their hand at golf under the watchful eyes of PGA Professional Jamie Bashforth.

What to bring/wear: Hat, sunscreen, water, shoes and chairs for family members. Golfing equipment will be available if required.

Is the next Minjee Lee or Cameron Smith out there??? Come along and try out!!!

**NB All Participants go into 2 lucky draws for a half hour lesson with Jamie.**



**COME AND TRY DAY**  
**23 February 2025 at 9am**  
**New & Returning players welcome**

**Boys and Girls aged 5-12yrs**  
**Boys u16's**

**Sign On for our Girls Teams (13's, 15's and 17's)**

**Come along and enjoy a fun morning meeting the coaches, volunteers and players**



We are also seeking interest for coaching and volunteers for our girls teams please email [brothersjuniorrugbyleagueclub@gmail.com](mailto:brothersjuniorrugbyleagueclub@gmail.com)





**SUPERVISED EVENT  
CANTEEN FACILITIES**

**\$5  
Entry**

# BLUE LIGHT DISCO

## FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

5pm - 7pm Prep to Yr 6 | 7.30pm - 9.30pm Yr 7 to Yr 12  
Bundaberg Civic Centre, Bourbong St, Bundaberg Central

**Bundy Bowl & Leisure Complex**

**P.T.O. for more..**

## Schools

### School Groups, Day Care & Vacation Care

At Bundy Bowl & Leisure Complex & FUNPARK  
17 Lester Street, Bundaberg. PH 41 524334  
Email: jeanette@bundybowl.com.au  
www.bundybowl.com.au

### School Rates

- 1 game of TENPIN with shoe hire—\$8.50 per student
- 2 games of TENPIN with shoe hire—\$16.50 per student
- DODGEM car ride (height restrictions apply) \$7.00 per student
- 3D Jurassic PUTT Mini golf—\$7.50 per student
- School LASERTAG - \$9.00 per student
- MATRIX LED Challenge - \$4.00 per student

**Bulk School Rate** (1 game of TENPIN with shoe hire \$7.50pp)  
\* (schools committing to bowling a min. of 4 consecutive weeks.)  
\* **Includes:** Tenpin Bowling Program with Coaching by accredited coaches for 4 weeks

### Packages

**No. 1** 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$8.50**  
(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 1 hour) Per student

**No. 2** 1 Game TENPIN + LASERTAG **\$18**  
(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 1 1/4 hours) Per student

**No. 3** 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$20**  
PLUS \$5 Arcade Credits  
PLUS choose **ONE** other activity below: Per student

- One Dodgem Car ride OR 1/2 hour Big Dipper Slide OR 3D Jurassic Putt Putt

**No. 4** 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$25.00**  
PLUS \$5 Arcade Credits  
PLUS choose any **TWO** activities below: Per student

- One Dodgem Car ride OR 1/2 hour Big Dipper Slide OR 3D Jurassic Putt Putt

(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 2.5 hours)



**No. 5 Ultimate** 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$31.00**  
1 DODGEM car ride Per student  
1/2 Hour Big Dipper SLIDE or Wild West  
1 Game LASERTAG  
1 round 3D JURASSIC PUTT PUTT  
(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 3 hours)



### Little Critters

**ZOO Club Playcentre**—\$6.50  
ages 1—5 UNLIMITED PLAY  
**Big Dipper Slide & Playcentre**—\$7.50  
ages 6-13 UNLIMITED PLAY

### Half & Half

**HALF & HALF (A)** \*Children 8 years and under  
Half a Game of Tenpin Bumper Bowling (approx 30 mins)  
Plus Half an Hour on the Big Dipper Slide & playground  
**\$12.00** per child (allow approx. 1.25 hrs duration)

OR

**HALF & HALF (B)** \*Children 8 years and under  
A Game of Jurassic Putt Putt (approx 30 mins)  
Plus Half an Hour on the Big Dipper Slide & playground  
**\$12.00** per child (allow approx. 1.25 hrs duration)

- Cheeseburger or Chicken Nuggets \$15.50 each served with Hot Chips
- Hot Dog (plain) - \$7.50
- Homemade 9" Pizzas—\$15.00 ea (Ham & Pineapple Or Pepperoni)
- Cordial Juugs—\$7.00 \* Softdrink Juugs—\$8.50
- Fresh Sandwich Platters also available—\$60.00 ea (serves 5 persons)
- Children's Hot Platter—\$60.00 ea (serves 5 persons) (Hot chips, Sausage rolls, min pies, Cheerios, Chicken nuggets & prawn crackers)

**FEED THE CROWD**  
\* WE CAN DO KIDS COMBO MEALS FOR LARGE GROUPS



**DODGEMS Restrictions:** children need to be min. of 130cm in height to Drive and no less than 120cm in height to be a passenger.

### HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER:

- 16 Lanes Tenpin Bowling with automatic computer scoring \* COSMIC Glow Bowling (if avail)
- Zone 3 Laser Tag \*Matrix LED Interactive Floor Challenge
- 3D glow in the dark Jurassic themed PUTT PUTT
- BIG DIPPER SLIDE, Indoor Play Centre & Zoo themed Play Centre
- Crazy DODGEMS car track \* Wild West Cannonball Shootout
- Wide Bay's Largest Interactive Family Amusement VIDEO GAMES ARCADE
- POOL TABLES, KARAOKE, ESCAPE ROOMS
- Licensed CAFÉ facilities capable of catering to small & large groups.
- Fully air conditioned modern facility providing all weather entertainment.

### FOR BOOKINGS

**PH. 41524334** or visit us online [www.bundybowl.com.au](http://www.bundybowl.com.au)



# TERM ONE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 27th January-31st January		
Monday	<b>AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mrs Cook & Friends
WEEK 2	Week 3rd February-7th February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Friday	Opening School Mass	9.00am	Years 3-6
WEEK 3	Week 10th February–14th February		
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5S
Friday	Year 6 Leadership Induction	9.00am	Whole School
WEEK 4	Week 17th February–21st February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
Friday	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>		
WEEK 5	Week 24th February–28th February		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 1 & 5
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6A
WEEK 6	Week 3rd March–7th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8:40am	Whole School
Thursday	St Patrick's Dance Night	5:00pm for 5:30pm start	Whole School
WEEK 7	Week 10th March–14th March	Time	Year Level
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2N
WEEK 8	Week 17th March–21st March		
Monday	St Patrick's Day Liturgy	9.30am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Leaders Announced (during Liturgy)	9.30am	Whole School
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2C
WEEK 9	Week 24th March–28th March		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 2
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2W
WEEK 10	Week 31st March–4th April		
Tuesday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4M & 4K
Wednesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4F
Thursday	Good Friday	8.40am	5S
Friday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:15am	Whole School

## 2025 SPORT DATES

2 May	Junior Obstacle Course	Prep to Year 2	St Patrick's
9 May	Cross Country	Years 3 to 6	Shalom College
20 June	Senior Athletics Day	Students born 2016, 2015, 2014 & 2013	Shalom College
27 June	Junior Athletics Day	Students born 2020, 2019, 2018 & 2017	St Patrick's
21 November	Swimming Carnival	Years 3 to 6	Bundaberg

## 2025 TERM DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 28 January - Friday 4 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Tuesday 22 April - Friday 27 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December