



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

13th February 2026

Last week I mentioned how Dean Wearmouth and the Shalom College Captains personally delivered application packages to our Year 6 students, taking the time to answer their questions as they begin to look beyond the familiar gates of St Patrick's. I could see our Year 6's engaging with genuine excitement, alongside just a touch of understandable trepidation.

I love that our students are often very sad to leave our school gates, yet ready to embrace the challenge ahead. Our students have a strong history of settling well and thriving in their first year at Highschool, and I believe this is largely because we (as school and parents) hold high expectations of them throughout their primary years.



It may also come as no surprise that we continue to form strong leaders, with both male College Captains, Thomas E. and Joon McM being St Patrick's Old Boys. It was a joy to see Thomas reunite with his former 'Little Buddy' Archie (pictured) as he prepared to take on the same responsibilities with his own Prep Little Buddy this week. As Scripture reminds us, *"In everything set them an example by doing what is good"* (Titus 2:7). Archie said he remembered Thomas reminding him to listen to his teachers and feeling as small as an ant beside him. Archie said having a Big Buddy made him feel welcome, comfortable and safe. The Year 6's have now come full circle and it was wonderful to see them engaging with their newest Little Buddies today.



Today, Mr Jason Egan and I addressed the Year 6 cohort about leadership. We asked students to consider what it truly means to *'spread the green'* at St Patrick's — a question they also explored during their enrichment day on Monday with their specialist teachers. Please follow the [link](#) to access a video they made to reflect one group's findings. Students were then invited to reflect on those within their classes who consistently model these values and to vote for peers they believe could take on an additional tier of leadership in 2026.

House Leaders, Mini Vinnies and Reef Guardian Leaders will be considered in the coming weeks, with these positions to be announced at the Year 6 Induction, which will coincide with our **St Patrick's Day celebrations on the 17th March, 2026**. As we look ahead to the Year 6 Induction and St Patrick's Day celebrations, we are reminded that "spreading the green" is about far more than wearing a colour — it is about living our Mercy values each day. We pray that our Year 6 students recognise the quiet influence they carry: that through their words, actions and example, they can bring light where there is uncertainty and encouragement where there is hesitation. May they lead with gentle strength, grounded in faith, and continue the proud tradition of St Patrick's students who not only wear the green, but truly live it.

**Kim O'Shea-Hard**

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to go our  
school  
website



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**Absentees**

4994 8336

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

## RELIGION NEWS

### Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

Wednesday of Week 4 (18 Feb) is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of the liturgical season of Lent. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—a season for us to pray, show kindness to others, give up things we enjoy, and give generously to those in need as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter.

Our Ash Wednesday liturgy will be held in the Multi on 18 February at 8:45am and will be led by Year 6L.

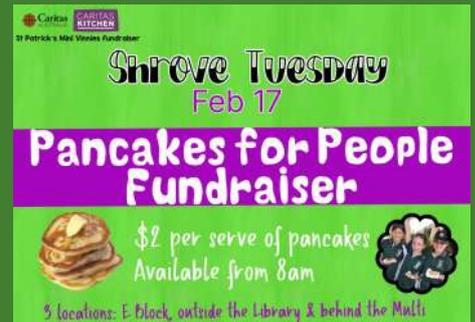
During Lent's forty days, we journey with Jesus on his path to Calvary, reflecting on his courage and kindness despite his suffering. Like Jesus, we are called to show kindness, renew our relationship with God, and take time to reflect, seek forgiveness, and grow in hope.

As part of our Lenten mission, we will once again support **Project Compassion**, Caritas Australia's annual appeal. This initiative brings Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor, helping to end poverty, promote justice, and uphold human dignity.

Students will soon receive their **Project Compassion donation boxes** to take home, encouraging them to collect small contributions throughout Lent. These will be returned to school on the day of our **Lent Event**, which this year is the **'Big Water Walk'**.

Additionally, **Shrove Tuesday** (17 Feb) will feature our **Mini Vinnies 'Pancakes for People'** fundraiser, where students can purchase a serve of pancakes for \$2.

Our Lenten fundraising efforts will conclude in the final week of school with our annual **Mini Fair** (more details to come). Let's give Lent 100% as a community, uniting to make a difference and stand together against poverty.



### Mass with Children

Our school community is warmly invited to join the Bundaberg Parish for the first Mass with Children of 2026. This special celebration will take place on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at 9:00am in St Patrick's Church.

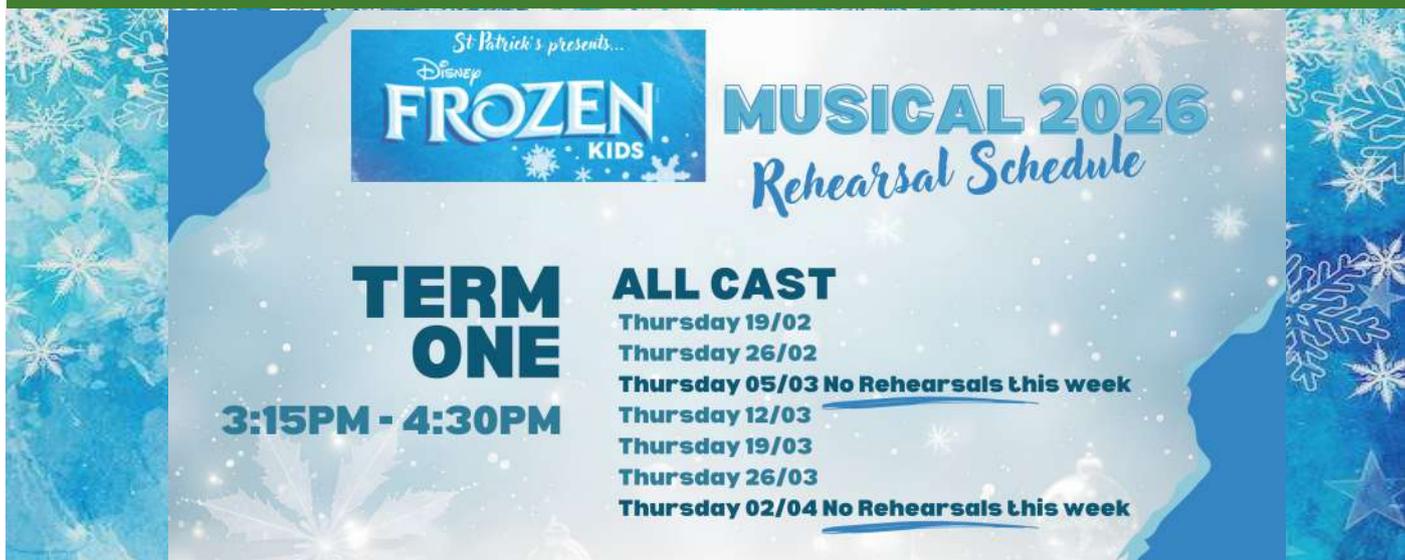
This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our Parish and involve our students in the Mass. If your child would like to participate in this or future Children's Masses, please contact me.

We look forward to seeing you all there! A light morning tea will follow the Mass, and you are welcome to bring a plate to share.

Tracey Cook

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## FROZEN MUSICAL



St Patrick's presents...  
**Disney FROZEN KIDS** **MUSICAL 2026**  
Rehearsal Schedule

**TERM ONE**  
3:15PM - 4:30PM

**ALL CAST**  
Thursday 19/02  
Thursday 26/02  
Thursday 05/03 No Rehearsals this week  
Thursday 12/03  
Thursday 19/03  
Thursday 26/03  
Thursday 02/04 No Rehearsals this week

## DANCE NIGHT—THURSDAY 5 MARCH



**DANCE NIGHT**  
Thursday, 5 March

**THEMES**

- PREP & YEAR 1  SUPERHEROES
- YEAR 2, 3 & 4  SKELETONS (OR BLACK)
- YEAR 5 & 6  DANCERS

GATES OPEN @ 5PM FOR 5:30PM START ON THE OVAL



## PREP 2027 ENROLMENT INFORMATION



# enrol now

Enrolments for Prep 2027 are already filling fast.

If you are an existing family and haven't yet enrolled a child/children eligible for Prep 2027, 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 2027, please forward on this [online enrolment](#) information.

## SMARTWATCH POLICY



# Smartwatch Policy

Smart watches are not permitted at St Patrick's. They are not only expensive but difficult to control as they present privacy issues to the school. Smart watches are considered to be watches with any of the following features.

- Wi-Fi or 3G/4G connectivity
- Inbuilt camera
- Ability to display photos
- Capable of sending or receiving text messages or notifications from another device

Parents who believe their child has a specific reason for the use of such a device (e.g. medical) are required to make an appointment to meet with the Principal and a contract to be signed between all parties.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please note in Week 4, the Tuckshop will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 16-18 February as normal, and **shut on Thursday 19 February.**

Remember your money for Sausage Sizzle on Friday.



## PUPIL FREE DAY—20 FEBRUARY

# Pupil Free Day

To accommodate our working parents, OSHC will be operating on **Friday, 20 February.**

For more information or to book your spot:

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

**Limited spots available.**



Penance



Confirmation



First Holy Communion

## Sacramental Program 2026

Please note all these important dates in your diary/calendar

Parent Sessions start at 5.30pm, in the Parish Office.

Parent/Child Sessions start at 5.30pm, in Holy Rosary Church.

Wed 11 February Parent Information Session (option 1)  
or

Sat 14 February Parent Information Session (option 2)

Ash Wednesday - 18 February

Childrens Mass - 22 February

25 February Parent/Child Session

4 March Parent Session

11 March Parent Session

18 March Parent/Child Session

21/22 March Ritual of Choosing \*\*

25 March First Reconciliation (Penance)

Passion (Palm) Sunday - 29 March

Easter - 2-4 April

22 April Parent/Child Session (Teaching Mass)

Childrens Mass - 26 April

29 April Parent Session

6 May Parent/Child Session

13 May Parent Session

16/17 May Ritual of Belonging \*\*

20 May Parent/Child Session

Childrens Mass - Pentecost Sunday - 24 May

3 June Confirmation Rehearsal  
(Parents/Children/Sponsors)

6/7 June Confirmation

10 June First Holy Communion Rehearsal  
(Parents/Children/Sponsors)

13/14 June First Holy Communion \*\*

\*\* Ritual of Choosing Saturday  
& Ritual of Belonging 6.00pm St Patrick's Church

You choose your preferred Weekend Mass Sunday  
7.00am St James' Church  
8.00am Holy Rosary Church  
9.00am St Patrick's Church  
5.30pm Holy Rosary Church



## 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 2014, 2015 & 2016 (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
<b>Students will only be allowed to participate when completing and handing in the forms to the coach/manager at the trials.</b>				
AFL	Boys & Girls	Born 2014 or 2015 (only exceptional 2016)	Mon 16 Feb	ATW AFL Grounds, Claytons Road
Softball	Boys & Girls	10-12 years	Mon 16 Feb	Bundaberg Softball Grounds, Clayton Road (near Waves AFL fields)
Netball	Boys & Girls	10-12 years	17 Feb (10-11 Mixed)	St Luke's Anglican School, 4 Mezger Street
Golf	Boys & Girls Trials: Nominations close on Friday 27 February and Wide Bay Trials is Thursday 19 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 2016, 2015 & 2014. The 2026 Queensland 10-12 Years Schools Swimming Championships will be held at Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane over 25 – 27 March.**

Parents must ensure to submit nominations by survey link by Monday 16th February. Students selected will be notified directly on the parent email provided.

### Nominate via this link

10-19 Years [Nomination](#) or QR



10-19 Years [Multi-Class Nomination](#) or QR code



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.

### Sports Achievement Acknowledgement

Congratulations to Byron J upon selection in the Wide Bay Aquathlon Team that competed at the Queensland Championships last weekend.





OVER  
18  
EVENT

Enjoy a Day Out at the  
Bundaberg

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Race Day 2026



21 & TIMELESS

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJHIZ>

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE -  
ON SALE NOW!

SATURDAY 14 MARCH  
THABEBAN PARK RACECOURSE  
MARQUEE GATES OPEN 11:30AM

Admission \$85

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

- FASHION PARADE
- HUGE RAFFLE



**SUPERVISED EVENT**  
**CANTEEN FACILITIES**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**



**\$5 ENTRY**

# BLUELIGHT DISCO

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**5PM - 7PM PREP TO YR 6**

**7.30PM - 9.30PM YR 7 TO YR 12**

**BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE**  
**BOURBONG ST, BUNDABERG CENTRAL**

**THEME:**  
**BRIGHT**  
**COLOURS**



**Woolworths**  
**BRICKS**

**Help Our School Collect Woolworths Bricks!**

Our Learning Support Team is creating fun, hands-on resources to make learning even more engaging—and you can help!

When you shop at Woolworths or Big W, please collect the Woolworths Bricks (building blocks) and drop them off at the school office.

Every contribution helps us build engaging learning activities for our students.

Thank you for your support!

Save the date!

# RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM

**24 February**



**Face-to-Face parent engagement**

**Shalom College Bundaberg**

**Tuesday, 24 February 6:30pm - 8:00pm**



**WESTERN SUBURBS JRL  
COMBINED  
COME AND TRY  
& SIGN ON DAY**

**21<sup>ST</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2026 | 9AM TO 12PM  
JUBILEE PARK**

**BOYS & GIRLS AGES U6 - U12 · BOYS U13-16 · GIRLS U13-17**

**CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS!**



Try hockey once,  
you'll love it for life

**JOIN THE WAVES  
CITIES HOCKEY  
CLUB!**

Fun - Friends - Laughter - Teamwork

Why kids love hockey:

- Fast and exciting
- Make new friends
- Safe and family-friendly
- Everyone gets a go
- Coaches who care
- FREE Come & Try Sessions!  
(19 + 26 Feb, 5 + 12 March - from 4:30pm)

Who can join:  
All ages 4-94 years – beginners welcome

**MORE INFO** 0408 152 949  
citieshockey@hotmail.com

[WWW.WAVESCITIESHOCKEY.COM](http://WWW.WAVESCITIESHOCKEY.COM)



**IT'LL  
BE A  
HIT.**



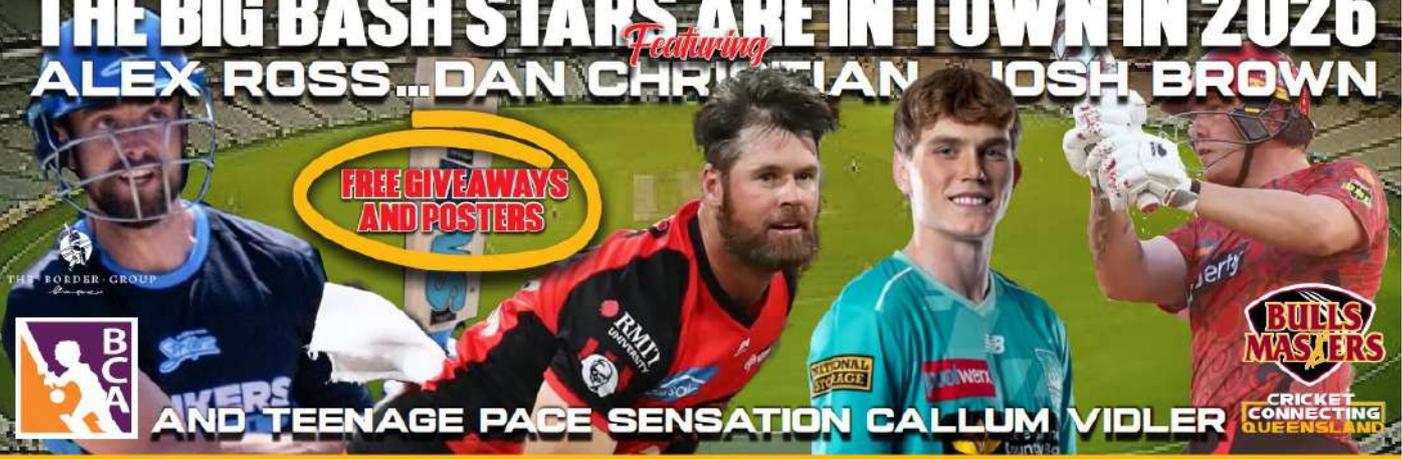
**RIPPER!**  
**MyGOLF.**

**Come and Try Day - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of March  
9:00am-10:30am  
Bundaberg Golf Club**

# IT'S CRICKET... IT'S FUN

## THE BIG BASH STARS ARE IN TOWN IN 2026

Featuring  
**ALEX ROSS... DAN CHRISTIAN... JOSH BROWN**



**FREE GIVEAWAYS AND POSTERS**

**AND TEENAGE PACE SENSATION CALLUM VIDLER**

**FREE KIDS SUPER CLINIC 5.00pm TO 6.0pm - MAIN OVAL. CANTEN & BAR FACILITIES OPEN**

**2.00pm BASH FOR CASH T20 FINAL**

**6.30pm BULLS MASTERS v BUNDABERG XI INVITATIONAL XI**

**BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
DATE: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2026  
VENUE: SALTER OVAL, 39 TAKALVAN STREET, BUNDABERG  
TIME: Gates Open 12.00pm  
PRICE: Adults \$5.00 / Kids Under 16 Free

Logos: DevCore PROPERTY GROUP, Run City 5533, McDonald's, h10z fm 93.9, The Waves sports club, BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL, BULLS MASTERS, BUNDABERG XI INVITATIONAL XI.

Logos: priceattack, DEPRIMILATORS, BMD, CIV, Shaw and Partners, HokenPartners, CHEMIST WAREHOUSE, ACA, PLANTATION HOMES, Height 100 HEIGHT, SCHLERT, Queensland Government.

THE BULLS MASTERS EVENT PROGRAM IS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT



*Bulls Masters*  
*Corporate*  
*Area*

### Buy Your Ticket Today!

Watch in comfort the **Raine & Horne Bash 4 Cash** Final before watching the locals take on the **Bulls Masters**.

February 21, 2026 from 2pm

**2:00pm** Raine & Horne Bash 4 Cash  
**6:30pm** Bundaberg v Bulls Masters

Upstairs at the BRL Pavilion  
\$100 per Person

- Included:
- A Range of Canapes
  - Beer, Wine, Spirits & Soft Drink

Contact Rhys 0421 654 957

## OUT AND ABOUT



**PICKLEBALL SIMPLIFIED**

# MINI PICKLES

6C Powers St

Monday - School Terms  
4:30 to 5:30 PM  
Ages: 5-17

**\$10**  
equipment  
supplied

0427 520 980  
For up to date  
information check our  
socials

 Pickleball Simplified  
 Pickleball.Simplified  
 [www.pickleballsimplified.com.au](http://www.pickleballsimplified.com.au)



## 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](mailto:jeanette@bundybowl.com.au)  
[www.bundybowl.com.au](http://www.bundybowl.com.au)

### ★ School Rates

- 1 game of TENPIN with shoe hire—\$9.00 per student
- 2 games of TENPIN with shoe hire—\$17.50 per student
- DODGEM car ride (height restrictions apply) \$7.50 per student
- 3D Jurassic PUTT Mini golf—\$7.50 per student
- School LASERTAG - \$9.50 per student
- MATRIX LED Challenge - \$4.00 per student  
(FUN New Activity: Interactive LED Floor game: Don't step on the Red tile!)

### Bulk School Rate (1 game of TENPIN with shoe hire \$8.00pp)

- (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 **\$9.00**  
(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 1 hour) Per student

**No. 2** 1 Game TENPIN + LASERTAG **\$18.50**  
(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 1 1/4 hours) Per student

**No. 3** 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$21**  
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

(Based on 5 to a lane - allow approx. 2 hours)

**No. 4** 1 Game TENPIN + shoe hire **\$27.00**  
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)

P.T.O. for more...



## Brothers All Blacks Hockey Club

### COME AND TRY

#### WHEN

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### WHERE

Bundaberg Hockey Grounds  
Thornhill Street, Bundy North

#### WHAT TIME

Ages 5-12: 4pm to 5pm  
Ages 13-16: 5pm to 6pm  
Women: 6pm-7pm  
Men: 6pm to 7pm



No Experience? No Problem!

We welcome players of all ages!

Just bring a water bottle & closed-in shoes  
Equipment is available - so why not give it a go?!

[secretary@allblackshockey.com.au](mailto:secretary@allblackshockey.com.au)



## EVENT DETAILS

THURSDAY 23, JULY  
PCYC BUNDABERG

8:30AM - 3:00PM  
20 MINUTE GAMES

## SCHOOL BASED TEAMS

TEAM NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

[FOOTBALLQLD.COM.AU](http://FOOTBALLQLD.COM.AU)

# TERM ONE PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 26th January-30th January</b>		
Monday	<b>AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Tuesday	Term 1 Commences	8.40am	Whole School
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 2nd February-6th February</b>		
Monday	Opening School Mass	9.00am	Years 3-6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 9th February—13th February</b>		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5S
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 16th February—22nd February</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6L
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	8:30am	Whole School
Friday	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>		
Sunday	Children’s Mass—St Patrick’s Mass	9:00am	All welcome!
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 23rd February—27th February</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 3
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 2nd March—6th March</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Level</b>
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6B
Thursday	Dance Night on oval	5:30pm	Whole School
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 9th March—13th March</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Level</b>
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 4
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6F
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 16th March—20th March</b>		
Tuesday	St Patrick’s Day Liturgy & Yr 6 Leadership Induction	9:00 am	Whole School
Wednesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2W
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 23rd March—27th March</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9.00am	Year 2
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	2S
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 30th March—3rd April</b>		
Monday	Palm Sunday	8:40am	4K & 4B
Tuesday	Last Supper	8.40am	4F
Wednesday	Good Friday	8.40am	5S
Thursday	Easter Prayer	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
	Easter Hat Parade	10:00am	Prep to Year 3
	Mini Fair	11:00am	Whole School
	Term Concludes	3:00pm	Whole School

<b>2026 TERM DATES</b>	
<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 27 January - Thursday 2 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 6 October - Friday 4 December