Principal's News

30th October 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

This week, we were delighted to welcome the newest members of the St. Patrick's family, during our Prep Orientation Morning. It was such a joy to see so many enthusiastic little faces and dedicated parents sharing in this special milestone.

Today, we also celebrated World Teachers' Day with a special heartfelt delivery of a gesture to show our deep appreciation for our incredible educators. Teachers are truly at the centre of our school community, shaping not only minds but also hearts. Through their dedication, creativity, and care, they inspire our students to grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

As Pope Francis once stated, "**Teaching is a beautiful profession; it allows us to see people grow day by day**." We are deeply grateful for the way our teachers embody this message in all they do. During the Prep Orientation, we saw firsthand the fruits of their commitment — the enthusiasm, joy, and curiosity of our youngest learners as they began their school journey were a true testament to the nurturing environment our staff create each day. We can't wait to see where each child's St. Patrick's story will lead.

Thanks for the large number of parents that communicated special considerations as we begin to sort classes for 2027. These are now closed. There are a large number to work through and these will be married with Teacher input and finally Class Solver, to help us arrive at the best combination for the new school year. Whilst we can't meet everybody's requests, we certainly work to make informed decisions for the common good of all involved. Thanks for your support of the process.

We have a number of keen families wishing to join our St. Patrick's family in 2027. If you are aware of a move for your family in 2027 could you please let us know as soon as possible, as we are working to finalise plans for the new school year. We appreciate your communication and support...always!









Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE

Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Our Mini Vinnies Team is excited to launch our annual Christmas Appeal, inviting our whole school community to come together in a spirit of generosity and care. This is a practical way for our students to live the Gospel through works of mercy, choosing kindness over “what’s in it for me”, and remembering that love of God is always joined to love of neighbour.

At this special time of year, we are reminded that Christian solidarity grows from our life together as one community of faith, and it becomes real when we share what we have so others can experience dignity, hope and joy.

This fabulous team of young people has worked tirelessly throughout the year, giving their time selflessly to help others in need, without seeking recognition. Donations collected through the appeal will be passed on to St Vincent de Paul to support local families who are doing it tough this Christmas. Thank you for partnering with our Mini Vinnies students as they lead with compassion and remind us that giving is one of the most beautiful ways we can be the light of Christ for others.

This year, we are asking each year level to contribute specific items to help us create well rounded **Christmas hampers** for local families in need:

- **Prep**: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- **Year 1**: New (unused) toys
- **Year 2**: New (unused) books
- **Year 3**: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks
- **Year 4**: New (unused) board games, card games or sports equipment
- **Year 5**: New (unused) Christmas decorations
- **Year 6**: Non-perishable Christmas food and drinks

Starting from **Monday, November 9**, donation baskets will be placed outside each year level for collection.

We encourage all families to join us in opening their hearts and sharing the joy of Christmas with those in our community who need it the most. Together, we can make a difference and bring the light of Christ into the lives of others.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



All Saints Day - Saints Parade





Little Worms, Big Impact!

Last week, our Year 2 students welcomed Rhiannon and Cassy from Bunnings for an exciting, hands-on introduction to the wonderful world of worm farming!

Thanks to the generous donation of our new worm farms by the Cullinan family, our students are now ready to become our school's newest little worm farmers — and make a BIG difference to our environment!

During the visit, students discovered how these wriggly wonders help turn food scraps, wet paper and cardboard into nutrient-rich worm castings and liquid fertiliser, affectionately known as worm tea. They learned how this natural process reduces food waste, keeps useful materials out of landfill and creates a fantastic food source for our gardens.

The best part? Meeting the worms up close! Many brave students had the opportunity to hold these amazing little creatures and learn about the important role they play in keeping our soil healthy and our environment thriving. There were plenty of curious questions, excited faces and wiggly discoveries along the way!

Our new worm farms will soon be producing natural goodness to nourish Paddy's Patch, which will be enjoyed and cared for by all Paddy's Patch gardeners! The nutrient-rich worm castings and liquid fertiliser will help enrich the soil, support healthy plant growth and give all our gardeners the opportunity to see sustainability in action.

It was a fantastic way to bring sustainability to life! Year 2 are learning that even the smallest creatures can make a huge difference when we work together to care for our planet.












- Worms have 5 hearts.
- Worms breathe through their skin.
- Worms do not have eyes, ears or a nose.

What do you call a worm with no teeth?

A gummy worm!



Health Alert

Remember to



When children are showing the symptoms of influenza (flu), COVID-19 and respiratory synctial virus (RSV) please keep them home sick.

- Stay protected with free vaccinations
- Practice good respiratory hygiene (cough/sneeze into tissues or the inside of your elbow, discard used tissues)
- Clean your hands regularly and thoroughly
- Clean touched surfaces
- Ensure good ventilation at home and work
- Maintain physical distance and consider wearing a mask

Stop the spread of respiratory illness in schools

Schools can help reduce the spread of illness by sharing these simple vaccination and hygiene messages with staff, students and families.

Get vaccinated

- Vaccination is the best way to prevent severe illness, complications and hospitalisation from acute respiratory infections.
- Getting a flu vaccine before the peak season (winter months) offers the best protection, however vaccination still helps if given later in the season.
- Influenza (flu), COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines are available through GPs, pharmacies or other immunisation service providers. Details on recommended vaccines are outlined on page 2.

Practice good hygiene

- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues into a bin straight away.
- Clean hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, taps, tables, remote controls, phones, laptops, benchtops and fridge doors. Clean your hands after cleaning.
- Improve air flow by opening windows or increasing ventilation where possible.

Stay at home when unwell

- Staff and students should stay home when unwell to prevent spreading illness.

A Message from eSafety Australia



Level up your child's gaming safety

Online gaming can be a great way for children and young people to connect with friends, learn new skills and have fun. 🎮 But like any online space, gaming can also expose them to risks such as unwanted contact, scams, harmful behaviour, in-game purchases and privacy concerns.

We've published a report that examines the measures in place on popular platforms including Roblox, Fortnite, Minecraft and Steam. While some platforms have introduced positive safety updates, approaches to preventing exposure to serious harm remain inconsistent.

Because safety protections vary across platforms, parents and carers play a critical role in helping children navigate online gaming safely and positively. Regular, age-appropriate chats about what's happening online, rather than one or two big talks, gradually build trust and help your child speak up early if they have questions or worries. 💬🤝

Our gaming guide for parents and carers includes practical advice and conversation starters to help you understand your child's gaming experiences and keep the dialogue going. Check it out. 👇

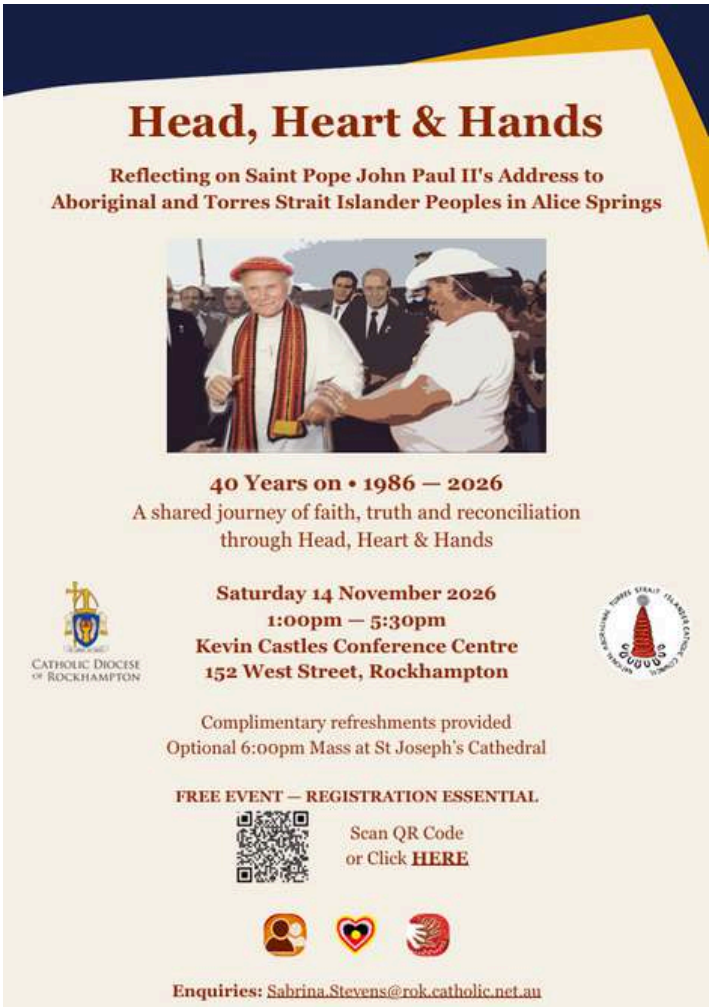
Explore our gaming guide



Out and About









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 5

Mon Parish Mass - Year 2
Tue - Thur Courtyard Prayer - 3T
Wed Reef Guardians Meeting - 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM



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 - Moncrieff Theatre
Tuesday	Year 1 End of Year Incursion	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Year 1
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation End of year excursion	9:00 am - 10:30 am 10:45 am - 1:30 pm	Year 6 Norville Pool
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	11:15am	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, 25 June *(11 weeks)*
Term 3 Monday 12th July - Friday 17th September *(10 weeks)*
Term 4 Tuesday 5th October - Friday 3rd December *(9 weeks)*