



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

28 October 2022

Earlier this week I asked one of my more experienced staff about their plans for the Christmas holidays. The response both surprised and delighted me. Amongst other plans, this teacher was planning to travel to Townsville to catch up with their favourite teacher from their own school days. They hadn't ever been in contact but reached out through Facebook and have arranged to meet. Their teacher had been an inspiration to them, and they simply wanted to say thank you to him.

I must admit I personally did not have a favourite teacher at school, but as an adult I have worked with amazing staff, people who not only inspire their students, but who inspire their colleagues, the staff they work with and even the parents of the children they teach.

All of us, particularly our young people, desperately need people they can trust and who will inspire them to be their best selves. Our institutions - Governments, Churches and Schools no longer enjoy the level of trust they once had. We will support these institutions if and only if, we can trust the ability and integrity of the people within them.

If our school enjoys a level of success, it is only because of the wonderful people who staff our school. Ours is the best staff I have ever been privileged to work with. They are capable and they inspire. I am pleased World Teachers' Day today gives us all a chance to say thank you to each and every one of them.

Next year as you know, Kim O'Shea-Hard will join our school as Principal. Dan McMahon her Principal at Shalom, speaks very highly of her publicly, (See his Newsletter from last week <https://shalomc.schoolzineplus.com/enews?nid=6> ) and he speaks equally as highly of her to me personally. I am pleased that someone who is as well regarded as Kim, will join our community and greatly enhance an already amazing staff.

At this time of year, we usually receive a large number of enrolment enquiries and this year, the number of such enquiries has far exceeded previous years. Sadly, we are saying no to some wonderful families whom we would love to take. If your family is leaving our school community at the end of the year, please let us know. We would be greatly appreciative.

*Mark Fox*

## DATE CLAIMERS—TERM 4

Tuesday 15th November	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	5:30pm	Music
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# PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS



## Preparing for the SACRAMENTS

Your child may be ready to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2023.

**ARE THEY 8 YEARS OLD OR OLDER IN 2023?**

Children who have been baptised in the Catholic faith and are of the right age (8+ yrs) are able to prepare for the three sacraments in one year. Are they ready for this next stage in their faith journey?

*"Parents are the first educators of their children in faith."*

**PARENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AFTERNOON**

**Thursday, 10 November, 2022, 5.30pm in Holy Rosary Church.**

**Registration is essential.** Registration forms available by scanning the QR code, or from the Catholic schools' or Parish offices.

**CONTACT US:**

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- ☎ 4151 6666
- 📍 Level 1 / 66 Woongarra Street Bundaberg

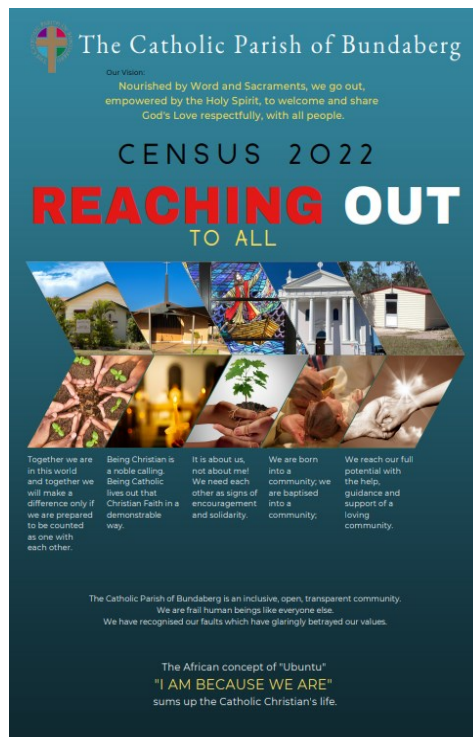


# CATHOLIC PARISH CENSUS

The Bundaberg Catholic Parish is conducting a Census, aiming to contact the 15,349 people who identified as Catholics in the Australian Census 2021. We would like to touch base with all the Catholics in the region.

It is our desire to strive to meet the needs of our total Catholic community and, also, to increase our outreach to all in the Bundaberg region.

The Census will run from 7<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please [click here](#) to complete the Census Form.



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

*Our Vision:*  
Nourished by Word and Sacraments, we go out, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to welcome and share God's Love respectfully, with all people.

## CENSUS 2022 REACHING OUT TO ALL

Together we are in this world and together we will make a difference only if we are prepared to be counted as one with each other.

Being Christian is a noble calling. Being Catholic lives out that Christian Faith in a demonstrable way.

It is about us, not about me! We need each other as signs of encouragement and solidarity.

We are born into a community, we are baptised into a community, loving community.

We reach our full potential with the help, guidance and support of a loving community.

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg is an inclusive, open, transparent community. We are frail human beings like everyone else. We have recognised our faults which have glaringly betrayed our values.

The African concept of 'Ubuntu' "I AM BECAUSE WE ARE" sums up the Catholic Christian's life.

### Did You Know?

The Catholic Church remains involved in:

EDUCATION	HEALTH & WELFARE
The Catholic Community is proud of its history of providing education in our region. Today that education (contributed by our three Catholic Primary Schools and our Secondary College).	The Catholic Community has dedicated professionals who work independently but in close collaboration with our Parish.
SPIRITUAL CARE	
Today we have two Priests and two retired Priests in our Parish. Some of the ministries, formerly the sole responsibility of our Priests, are now led and staffed by parishioners.	Of the 1,300 Catholics registered with the Parish, more than 430 have gifted their time and talents to minister in 15 ministries/outreach and 25 prayer groups in the local Bundaberg community.



**OUR OUTREACH INCLUDES:**

- Knowledge and Compassion:** Providing vibrant Sacramental Programs, compassionate Bereavement and Funeral support and Adult Faith opportunities.
- Practical Involvement and Leadership:** Extending through Working Activities to using Hands-on skills in Maintenance etc.
- Sincere Hospitality:** Visiting the sick, house bound and elderly, as well as reaching out to Youth and Young Adults.
- Financial Support within the Local Community:** Our Community Grants Program allows us to provide financial support to qualifying groups which are making a difference in our community. If there is a need which is researched as not being met, we can provide financial support to that need.
- Financial Support within the Diocese:** Providing substantial financial support to struggling parishes in more remote areas of the Diocese.

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If you are one of the 15,349 Catholics in Bundaberg (Australian Census 2021) and wish your affiliation with us to be recorded, please contact us, as it our desire to strive to meet the needs of our total Catholic community, and also to reach out to all in the Bundaberg region.

☎ 07 4151 6666  
✉ [bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au) OR [www.bundabergcatholic.net.au](http://www.bundabergcatholic.net.au)

Scan the QR code 

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 6	3 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 5	3 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 4	2 Volunteers Required
Week 8	No Sizzle due to Snr Swimming Carnival	

If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.

## FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October** unless you have a payment plan in place, in which case this merely serves as a statement for your records.

Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement as the end of the year is fast approaching and contact Finance Secretary Brooke if you have any queries or any time should you wish to setup a payment plan.

Please check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school. Any shortfall in assessed fees for the year has to be met from the general school account which could mean less in our budget to meet our commitments. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

Please see the below school fee payment options available. Alternatively, payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Click here to view available school payment options



[School Fee Payment Options](#)


## BUS TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Semester 2 2022 applications for the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme is available for eligible families to assist with the cost of travelling to school.

Applications close **31 October**.

Please login to [Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme \(NSSTAS\) \(schooltransport.com.au\)](https://schooltransport.com.au) to check eligibility and make an application.





**Student Travel Rebates**

**Semester 2**

**Bus Fare Assistance**

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$45/week\* on fares to and from school (\*\$35/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?

**Students With Disability**

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](https://schooltransport.com.au) during October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## CULTURAL NIGHT



**St Patrick's Annual Cultural Night Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 6.00pm  
at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct**

**TICKETS ON SALE from 9am Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November via the Trybooking website**

**Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDMEG>**

**No tickets will be sold at the school office**

**STUDENTS TO ARRIVE BY 5.30PM FOR A 6.00PM START**

St Patrick's annual Cultural Night will be held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm at Shalom Performing Arts Precinct. Students performing at the 2022 Cultural night include Year 3 students, Junior and Senior Choir and Junior and Senior Strings.

**TICKETS ON SALE 8am Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November \$5 per head.  
Performing students will not require a ticket.**

All students will be required to wear the following uniforms for performances:

Group	Performance uniform
Year 3	Year 3 Strings performance uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White dress shirt – long sleeve button up with collar</li><li>• long black dress pants</li><li>• black socks, school shoes</li></ul>
Junior Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prep: school uniform</li><li>• Years 1-2: Formal school uniform</li><li>• Year 3: strings performance uniform (see above)</li></ul>
Senior Choir Junior Strings Senior Strings	Performance Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black shirt – long sleeve button up with collar</li><li>• long black dress pants</li><li>• black socks, school shoes</li></ul> * Year 3 students in Junior Strings will wear Year 3 Strings performance uniform

Following their performance, children will sit together in one of the classrooms close to the Performing Arts block, under teacher supervision. If you wish to collect your child before the end of the evening please come to this area.

At the conclusion of the evening all performing students will receive a small goodie bag from their tutors.

All performing students will travel by bus to Shalom from 11.30am onwards on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November for a rehearsal on stage at the Performing Arts Precinct. Students will return to school by approximately 2.00pm. If your child is required to catch a bus at 2.45pm please inform the office or make alternative pick up arrangements on that day in the event that the returning buses are delayed.

## OUT AND ABOUT

# BUNDABERG GEMFAIR 2022



**WHEN**  
Saturday 5 November  
9am - 4pm

Sunday 6 November  
9am - 3pm

**WHERE**  
Main Pavilion, Recreational Precinct  
University Drive, Branyan

Handcrafted Jewellery • Gemstones • Opals •  
Crystals • Jewellery Making Tools & Equipment •  
Woodworking • Pottery • Children's Mine •  
Display Cases • Minerals • Fossils

**BUNDABERG GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY**

**ENTRY**  
\$5 Adults  
Children under  
12 are Free

**FOOD AND  
DRINKS  
AVAILABLE**

**RAFFLES AND  
HOURLY LUCKY  
DOOR**

**ATM ONSITE**



LEAGUESTARS.COM

# PLAY LEAGUE STARS

The League Stars program appeals to the true nature of kids, in all their messy, high energy, love of fun and play. Each week, your child will participate in specially designed games that get them smiling and sweating.

League Stars kids have loads of fun with their friends, old and new, but the program delivers so much more. Each week they'll unlock more of their unique strengths, building physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that will help them take on challenges big and small, now and in the future.

**REGISTER FOR LEAGUE STARS**  
[LEAGUESTARS.COM](http://LEAGUESTARS.COM)

**WHEN:** 31/10/2022 - 21/11/2022  
**TIME:** Monday 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm  
**LENGTH:** 4 weeks  
**AGE:** 5-8 Years  
**COST:** \$69

**WHERE:**  
St Patrick's Catholic School  
35 Mulgrave Street  
Bundaberg West  
QLD

**YOUR LEAGUE STARS COACH IS:**

**MARK PELUSI**  
mpelusi@nrl.com.au  
0447 837 476



# Be ACTIVE Be ALIVE

SPRING PROGRAM 2022



## FREE LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS

**Bundaberg Junior Tennis Assoc.**  
Rotary Park, 69B George Street, Bundaberg

WEEK	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
1	Monday 17 October	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis
2	Monday 24 October	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis
3	Monday 31 October	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis
4	Monday 7 November	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis
5	Monday 14 November	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis

# Master Blasters Cricket

North Bundaberg Cricket Club  
registrations now open!

Kids aged approx.  
7 to 10 years of age.

Games held on a  
Thursday night.

Go to [play.cricket.com.au](http://play.cricket.com.au)  
to register

Contact Sara for more info:  
[nbccjuniorco@gmail.com](mailto:nbccjuniorco@gmail.com)  
Ph: 0409 611 128



# TERM FOUR PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 4th October - 7th October</b>		
Monday	<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Tuesday	First Day Term 4		
Wednesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 10th October - 14th October</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Mini Vinnies
Thursday	Whale Watching Excursion	All Day	Year 6
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 17th October - 21st October</b>		
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2023
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3S
Wednesday	Year 1 Excursion Botanical Gardens	8:45am—11:30am	Year 1
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 24th October - 28th October</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 31st October - 4th November</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 7th November - 11th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2H
Friday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8:40am	Year 5
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 14th November - 18th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	5:00pm	Music
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 21st November - Friday 25th November</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am	Years 3 & 4
	NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS DAY	11:00-12:30pm	Years 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 28th November - Friday 2nd December</b>		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 End of Year Excursion	11:00am	Year 6
Wednesday	Celebration Night	6:00pm	Whole School
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## 2023 TERM DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 17 April - Friday 23 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December