



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

20th February 2026

This week is a special one in our Church Calendar and we went from enjoying pancakes on Tuesday (already raising close to \$1000 for Caritas) to symbolically receiving a cross on our forehead as part of our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. We heard from Matthew "When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from God in heaven." Jesus reminds us in The Bible that true goodness comes from the heart. During Lent, and especially on Ash Wednesday, we are invited to live our Mercy values through quiet acts of kindness, compassion and service—not for praise, but because it is the right and loving thing to do. Today I helped use this scripture to remind children that whilst Mercy Moments are important to capture and share to help build our capacity to identify what we value as a community, we don't do these to be rewarded or noticed. Whilst Mercy Moments are often rewarded with a Mercy Moment card (to be exchanged for an ice block) this is often done quietly and not expected by the person performing the good deed. We spoke about how the best reward is received warmly in one's heart. Good deeds not only brighten the day of another but when these become more autonomous, we learn that it is just as meaningful to give as to receive. This Lenten Season let's try to make small everyday choices to help, forgive or include others to help continue to build our sense of community.



Mrs. Cook is an excellent example of someone who generously gives of her spirit to our community each and every day. This week Mrs. Cook was acknowledged by Mr. Stephen Dale (Assistant to the Director-Southern Region) for 20 years of commendable service to Catholic Education.

This Sunday, everyone is invited to join us at the St Patrick's Mass in Powers Street at 9:00am for the first Children's Mass of the year. Members from our school community are warmly encouraged to sit toward the front of the church, and all are invited to share morning tea together at the conclusion of Mass.



Kim O'Shea-Hard

PRINCIPAL



Click our school crest to go our school website



Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish website



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Absentees

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Supporting Project Compassion 2026: Together We Can Make a Difference

As part of our commitment to faith in action and the call to help those in need, St Patrick's is excited to participate in **Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2026**. This annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal invites us to reflect on the Gospel call to serve others, particularly those who are most vulnerable and marginalised in our global community.

The Theme for 2026

This year's theme, **Unite Against Poverty**, inspires us to come together to support vulnerable communities around the world. It reminds us of the power of compassion and solidarity to create a fairer and more just world.

Sisilia's Story: Access to Clean Water in Tanzania

This year, we draw inspiration from the story of **Sisilia**, a courageous girl from Tanzania. Sisilia lives in a remote rural village where access to clean water was once a daily struggle. Like many in her community, Sisilia had to walk several kilometres each day to collect water from unreliable and unsafe sources, a task that consumed much of her time and energy.

Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia and the generosity of people like you, a water system was constructed in Sisilia's village. This project has provided her family and community with access to clean, safe water right near their homes. This life-changing initiative has not only improved health outcomes by reducing waterborne diseases but has also given Sisilia more time to focus on her schooling.

Sisilia's story reminds us of the profound impact we can have when we come together in solidarity to support those in need.

Our Commitment

At St Patrick's, we are committed to living out the values of justice and love. Over the coming days, our students will bring home their Project Compassion Boxes. If possible we would ask you to find some loose change to add to the donation box.

This Lent, our Mini Vinnies Team will be busy raising awareness of the need for clean and safe water, and their efforts will culminate with our **Big Water Walk**. This is the day to bring back the donation boxes - as the staff and students will participate in the Big Water Walk around our school. All money we raise will go toward providing a rural town in Tanzania with safe drinking water.

Mass with Children

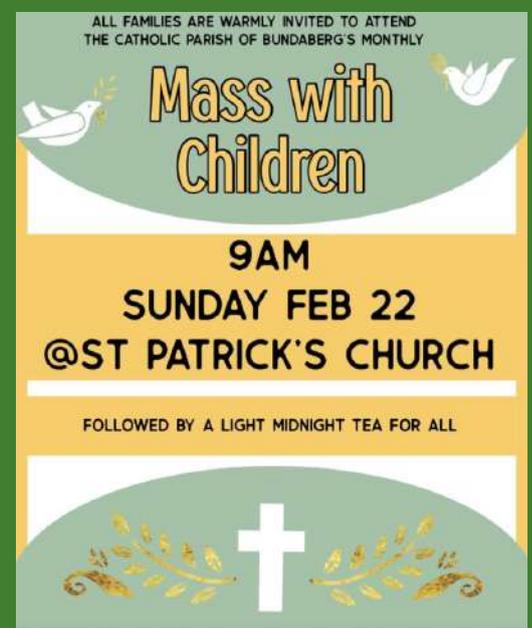
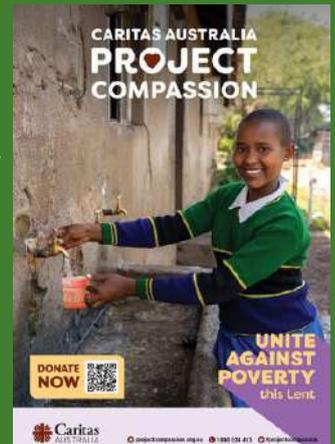
Our school community is warmly invited to join the Bundaberg Parish for the first Mass with Children of 2026. This special celebration will take place on Sunday, 22nd February, at 9:00am in St Patrick's Church.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our Parish and involve our students in the Mass.

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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PREP ENROLMENT FOR 2027



St Patrick's
Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6
P. 07 4152 1380

35 Mulgrave St
Bundaberg West, QLD

Enrol now for Prep 2027



Scan
QR Code
to apply.

Applications made by **27 April 2026**
will be guaranteed an interview.

Join us **Patty's Walk-Through:**
19 March @ 9:30AM

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



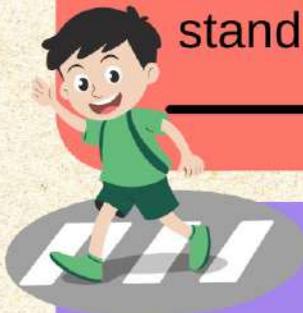
SCHOOL PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

For the safety of our St Patrick's families, this is a reminder about the use of our Drop-off and Pick-up zones on Mulgrave, Powers and George Streets.



Pick-up & Drop-off zones:

- Mulgrave and Powers Streets only.
- 1-2 minutes standing zone.



Pedestrian Crossings:

When queuing on Mulgrave and Powers Streets

- Do not stop on a pedestrian crossing within 20m before the crossing and 10m after the crossing.



After school Bus Drop-off zone

- George Street.
- **Only** cars to collect siblings from buses from other schools to park here.
- Parents to park their car and collect their child at the bus gate.



SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY



Time to get ready for the 2026 St Patrick's Senior Cross Country Carnival at Shalom College on **Monday 27 April 2026**.

Year 3-6 parents would have received an email notification to nominate which event your child will compete in at the carnival. Nominations need to be made **by Monday, 23 March** via the [Parent Lounge](#) for students born in 2014, 2015 and 2016 - for either the competitive 3km/2km OR 1km Fun Run event. All students born in 2017 and 2018 will compete in a 1km event. Parents are welcome to support their child/ren during this event.

SPORTS NEWS

BUNDABERG DISTRICT U12 SCHOOL SPORTS TRIALS—2026

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.

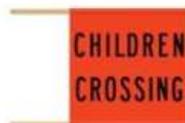
BDSS Sport	Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Students will only be allowed to participate when completing and handing in the forms to the coach/manager at the trials. Note: Tennis is an all day trial. Supervision provided by the Tennis Convenor and Parents (no St Patrick's staff present).				
AFL	Boys & Girls	Born 2014 or 2015 (only exceptional 2016)	Mon 23 Feb	ATW AFL Grounds, Claytons Road
Softball	Boys & Girls	10-12 years	Mon 23 Feb	Bundaberg Softball Grounds, Clayton Road (near Waves AFL fields)
Touch	Boys & Girls	Born 2017 or 2015 (only exceptional 2016)	20 March 27 March	Shalom College Bundaberg Touch Grounds
Tennis	Boys & Girls	Bon 2014, 2015 and 2016	9 March	Rotary Park Tennis Centre (69 George Street)

ROAD SAFETY TIP

Department of Transport and Main Roads

Children's crossings

When flags are on display, drivers must give way to pedestrians on or about to enter the crossing. Drivers **must also** remain behind the stop line until everyone has left the crossing, **including** the Crossing Supervisor.



If you need to stop or park to pick-up / drop-off passengers, your vehicle must be no closer than *20m on the approaching side and 10m on the departure side*. These 'No stopping' areas are marked with a sign.



DESKS FOR DONATION



DESKS for a DONATION

Please contact the office if you are interested

DONATION

Looking for a new home for our old desks!

Our school has old, surplus desks, we are asking for a small donation if you would like to acquire some, with all proceeds going to support **Project Compassion**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to grab a desk while contributing to a meaningful cause.

Collection Day: Friday, 27th March

Time: 9:00am–2:00pm

Location: Powers' St Entrance

If you're interested, please send an email to sbpooffice@rok.catholic.edu.au to let us know how many desks you'd like to purchase.

Thank you for your support!



Bundaberg

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Race Day 2026

50/50 Raffle

MINIMUM PRIZE \$1,000!

Admission \$85: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJHIZ>

BUNDABERG CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

50/50

RACE DAY RAFFLE

WIN
MINIMUM

\$1000

FOR JUST
\$10

YOU COULD WIN 50% OF
THE RAFFLE EARNINGS!

*The more tickets sold,
the BIGGER the prize.*



RAFFLE DRAW DETAILS

14 March 2026

4:00 PM

Bundaberg Race Club

BUY TICKETS NOW!

<http://www.raffletix.com.au?ref+m5nsr>

Save the date!

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM

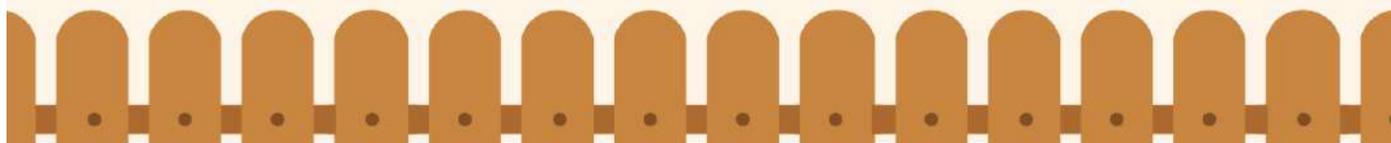
24 February



**Face-to-Face
parent
engagement**

**Shalom College
Bundaberg**

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





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!

**BROTHERS JUNIOR RUGBY
LEAGUE**

COME & TRY DAY 26'

**Under 6 – Under 12
(Boys & Girls)
Girls 13s & 15s**

**Limited vacancies in
Under 11s & 12s
get in quick!**



**Try rugby league in a fun,
supportive environment
Meet coaches & teammates
No experience needed
All welcome!**

**FREE sausage sizzle
Drinks available to purchase
2025 Training Shirts &
Club Polos
Going cheap on the day!**

**SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
9:00AM - 11:00AM
BROTHERS GROUNDS**

TERM ONE PLANNER

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

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