



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

9th August 2024

This term we have certainly seen a rise in absenteeism directly linked to influenza. Queensland Chief Health Officer, Dr Catherine McDougall, has consequently reached out to schools to highlight concerns in relation to the number of cases that are emerging across the state and of concerns that only 13% of school aged children have been vaccinated against influenza this year. Last term, staff were offered free vaccinations which I hope has prevented some spread of the illness. Please click on the link for more information about influenza and the importance according to the [Queensland Health's Vaccination Matters webpage](#).

COVID taught us that staying home can be a 'blessing' in disguise and a safe haven, even when affected by illness. This is suggested by the prayer below keeping those presently unwell in mind, but please note the importance of getting young people back in to the healthy routine of school life, once the haze of influenza lifts. I shared with staff recently, how our absentee rate is presently 89%. This is very close to the 90% expectation, and we are seeing slight growth each year. However, we think we can do better and are wanting to exceed this percentage by the end of the year. I have been reaching out and making contact with families who are well below this threshold and seek your assistance in ensuring your children are present to optimise learning outcomes.

We appreciate your on-going support and co-operation in keeping students well and connected, despite the challenges this winter has thrown many.

*God bless those who suffer from the common cold.  
Nature has entered in to them;  
Has led them aside and gently lain them low.  
To contemplate life form the wayside;  
To consider human frailty;  
To receive deep and dreamy messages of fever.  
We give thanks for the insights of this humble perspective.  
We give thanks for 'blessings in disguise'.  
Amen.*

Next week Mrs. Emma Donovan officially begins maternity leave, as she prepares to welcome her second child in to this community. Mrs. Claire Baillie has already committed to 5M of a Friday and will continue on in Emma's absence, for the remainder of 2024. Claire is well-known to the students of 5M and this has been a smooth transition. We very much look forward to seeing Mrs. Donovan return to St. Patrick's in to the future, as she is a valued member of the 'Green Team'.

The Parish have asked that our communities consider the God given gifts and talents we have been afforded and to consider using these to carry out a ministry in our Parish. Please follow the QR Code below to access around 70 ministries, needing to be filled. Even if you are unable to assist it is worth a read, to see the breadth of work being carried out by our Catholic Church community.



Finally, congratulations to our PE Teacher, Miss Taryn Gollshewsky, who certainly has turned her gift in to a talent, throwing a discus 62.36 meters at the Olympics. This Personal Best, placed Taryn 15<sup>th</sup> overall, on the world stage. We are very proud of her achievement and a lot of very excited cheerleaders can't wait to hear of her adventure. Thanks for getting behind this special member of our community.

**Kim O'Shea-Hard**



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**Absentees**

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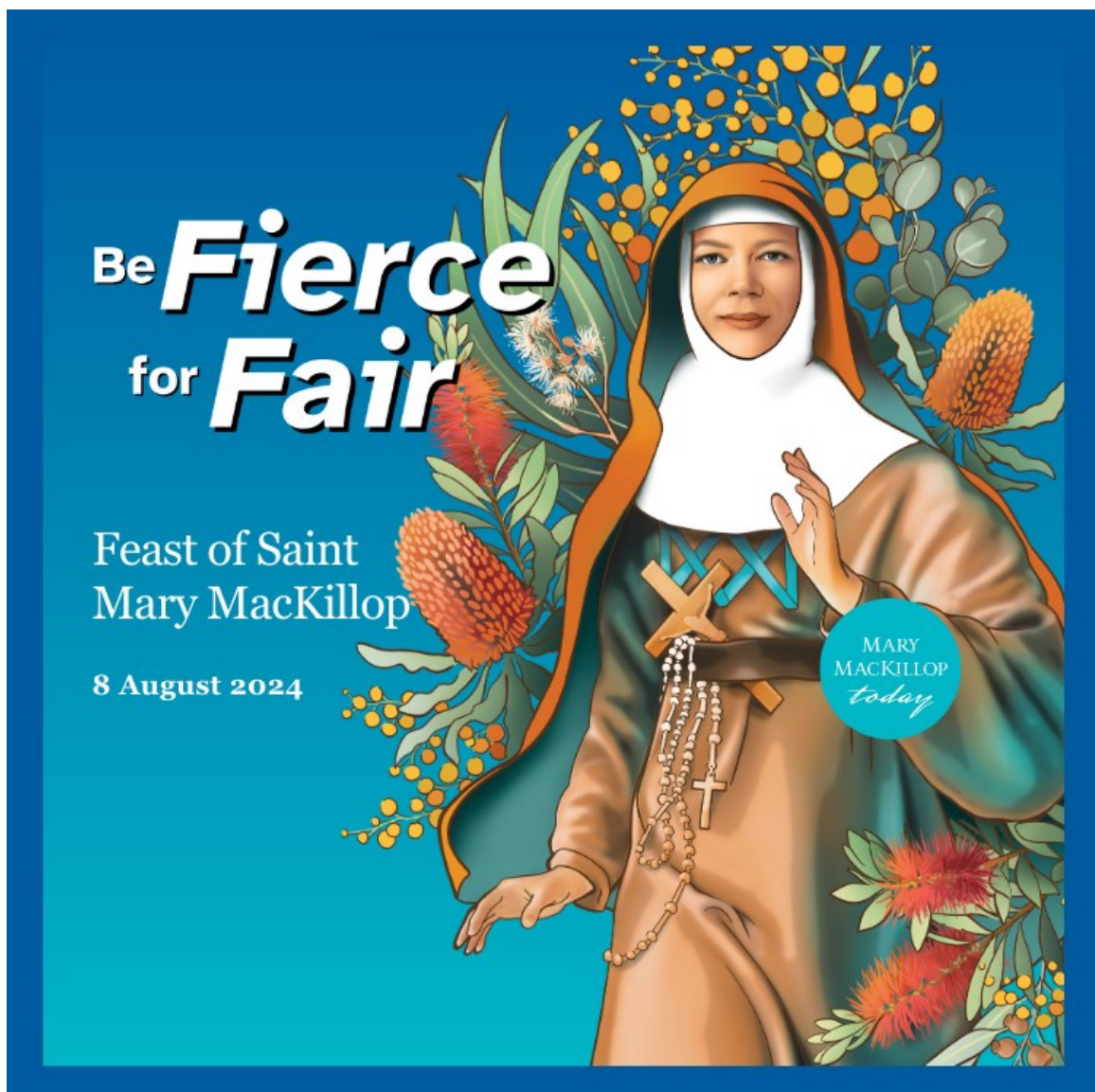
## FEAST DAY OF MARY MACKILLOP

“Never see a need without doing something about it.” – St Mary MacKillop

Saint Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day was celebrated by St Joseph’s Bundaberg, along with other Josephte schools around Australia this week. She was such an inspirational woman. When Mary saw families living on the margins without access to education, she set out right away to open a school in an old stable and teach children herself – regardless of their gender, race, faith, or wealth.

Mary’s faith and determination inspired the hearts of those around her with many other young women joining her ministry as Sisters of St Joseph. She and her Sisters went wherever the need was greatest. They gave up everything to live amongst the people they served and teach with love and compassion. Although Mary and her Sisters found themselves up against enormous challenges, they continued to walk with people every step of the way – from dire need to becoming a flourishing community. They saw injustice and were fierce to act, so children wouldn’t miss out on fair access to education. They were Fierce for Fair.

Our own MacKillop House is named after Saint Mary MacKillop, their motto is Justice. Which is very fitting for a house team with a patron who was ‘Fierce for Fair’. We wish St Joseph’s all the best for their Feast Day celebrations.



SPELLING BEE

# ST PATRICK'S 2024

## Spelling Bee

**When: Monday August 12 (Week 6, Term 3)**

**Where: Maker Space**

**Who: Years 1-6**



**MRS COOK WILL VISIT CLASSES ON THURSDAY AUG 8 FOR NOMINATIONS**

### READING ON THE DECK—FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

St Patrick's is celebrating Book Week in Week 7 and the theme this year is 'Reading is Magic'. Throughout the week students will engage with books by reading and listening to many of the short-listed books and interacting in various hands-on activities. To complete this celebration and to inspire a love of reading we invite all families to come and join us on Friday 23rd August for 'Reading on the Deck'. No matter the age, students enjoy being read to and experiencing reading through others. Please bring a picnic rug and join us on the Junior Oval at 10:30am. Bring your favourite children's book or choose a book from our selections and spend some time reading, growing and inspiring your child.

At 10:50am students will move off to lunch eating and lunch play. We would love for you to stay, play and picnic with your child. We will hold our regular sausage sizzle if you wish to purchase at a cost of \$2 per sausage. If you can provide the total money for your family and send this in with your child, and we will note this 'family' number on their hand.

We are really looking forward to enjoying Book Week with you all as we celebrate 'Reading is Magic' with our children.





# OUT AND ABOUT



Greg Duncan Fields

University Drive, Bundaberg West

## 2024/2025 Junior Season

Registration Fee (Tiny Touchdowns - \$70 per player (includes a team shirt)

Season Dates: 18<sup>th</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Registration Fee (U8 – Teens) - \$100 + \$52 per player (includes a team shirt)

Season Dates: 11th October - 13th December 2024 (Double Header 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024)/\*Christmas Break\*/ 7th February – 21st March 2025

### Divisions:

Tiny Touchdowns (2019)

U8 Boys and Girls (2018 – 2017)

U10 Boys and Girls (2016 – 2015)

U12 Boys and Girls (2014 – 2013)

U14 Boys and Girls (2012 – 2011)

Teen Boys and Girls (2010 – 2008)

Fair Play Vouchers

Accepted

(Please email for registration details)

Note: Junior Age

Division's registrations

will be capped.

So get in quick!

For further information:

Email: [bundyjunortouch@gmail.com](mailto:bundyjunortouch@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.bundytouch.com/>



Bundy Touch



West Bundaberg Little Athletics

Bundaberg Super Park Complex, Enid Ethel Drive

# Season starts 9th August 2024

## Registration Now open

[resultshq.com.au](http://resultshq.com.au)

• 2 Free come and try  
nights for new members

• All returning athletes  
must be financial by 9th  
August to be eligible to  
compete

### 2024/2025 Fees

Tiny Tots 3-5yrs - \$75

U6-U17 - \$250



For further information:

Email: [bundabergathleticclub@gmail.com](mailto:bundabergathleticclub@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100076523787340&mibextid=LQQJ4d>



# Active Women and Girls Program

Free Tennis Lessons!

Tennis Bundaberg  
6C Powers St,  
Bundaberg



Our well-regarded female  
coach, Suma, is available:

4 pm – 5 pm on Tuesdays  
and Thursdays

10 am – 12 pm (noon) on  
Saturdays.

This has been made possible through the Queensland Government's Active Women and Girls Program.

In addition to our scheduled sessions, we can also help you arrange another time if you have a group of 4 or more players.

All lessons are free, but a club membership fee of \$20 is required to have a third lesson.

Please get in touch with our coaching  
co-ordinator Brian Doughty for more  
details: Ph: 0434 345 048

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TENNIS | PICKLEBALL

## BUNDABERG TABLE TENNIS

# SPRING JUNIOR CAMP

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DETAILS & RESERVATION

DEADLINE:  
SEP 8TH,  
23:30

SCHEDULES:

- WEEK 1: 16-19/9
- WEEK 2: 23-25/9

MORNING: 9:30-12  
AFTERNOON: 12:30-15

KEY ELEMENTS:

- WARM-UP
- OFF-TABLE EXERCISES
- ON-TABLE TRAINING
- FUN GAMES

\$20/SESSION +  
\$35 FOR A FULL  
DAY\*

\*DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS AND STERLINGS

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT  
FOR REGISTRATIONS  
BEFORE 31ST AUGUST  
CONDITIONS APPLY!

📍 61 KENDALLS RD, BUNDABERG, QLD 4670

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## TERM THREE PLANNER

<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 12th August - 16th August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Years 5 & 1
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6K
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 19th August - 23rd August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
Thursday	Year 4 Excursion–Tinaberries	9:00am	Year 4
Friday	Reading on the Deck	10:30am	Whole School
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 26th August - 30th August</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6 & Prep
Monday - Wednesday	Year 5 Camp - Chaverim Outdoor Educational Centre	All Day	Year 5
Tuesday - Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6S
Wednesday	Prep & Year 1 Excursion–The Gruffalo Moncrieff Theatre	11:30am - 1:30pm	Prep & Year 1
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3
Friday	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>		
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 2nd September - 6th September</b>		
Monday - Wednesday	School Musical	TBA	Musical Cast
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4F
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>Week 9th September - 13th September</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4K
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay/Campialba	All Day	Year 6

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?  
 Do you know someone who has questions?  
 Come and join our Alpha program -  
 a safe space to ask questions, and explore life, faith and meaning.  
 When: Every Thursday, 5.30pm - 18 July to 12 September  
 Includes Food and Fellowship  
 Contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666  
 to let us know you're interested (for catering purposes)

