



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

7th June 2024

Next week we welcome back Mrs Tracey Cook who has been enjoying well-deserved Long Service Leave. Mrs Amanda Modolo has done an exceptional job in her role as Acting APRE. One of Amanda's jobs has been to carry on the support of those in our community preparing to make their Sacraments and these children were acknowledged in our school Mass, celebrated by Fr. Don this morning. For months our parish has been journeying with parents in preparing their children for their Confirmation next weekend, and their First Holy Communion the following weekend. Congratulations to Julian A, Cooper B, Ella B, Nehemiah A, Leo B, Bailey C, Nathan C, Madelyn C, Alexander D, Jacob L, Oliver L, Freya L, Mahlia L, Lily M, Grahame O, Veronica O, Georgia S, Audrey S, Matilda W and Mrs. French's sons as they encounter the Sacraments of Initiation of the next few weeks.

Mrs Pauline Leahy reflected on the sacraments and the purpose of the Mass more deeply in last week's Bulletin and this is provided below.

The Eucharist sustains us, and sends us out to be examples of God's love during the coming week; after which we return to be nourished again. Just as we need to regularly eat food to relieve our physical need, we also need spiritual nourishment. As Pope Francis shared, "Besides physical hunger, people have another hunger, one that cannot be satisfied with ordinary food. It is the hunger for life, hunger for love (and) hunger for eternity. The body and blood of Christ can give people eternal life because the substance of this bread is love. Living the Catholic faith, means allowing yourself to be nourished by the Lord and building your life not on material goods, but on the reality that does not perish: the gifts of God, His Word, and His Body." This meal we share at the table of the Lord defines who we are. Meals take many forms – family dinners, business lunches, parties – each brings people together for a special purpose. By gathering and sharing in the Eucharist we become one with the Body of Christ, sustained and sent out to continue Christ's work. Whilst with us in human form, Jesus Christ embodied compassion, justice, forgiveness and being respectful of human dignity. We are now Christ's 'body' here on earth and are called to bring these same characteristics to all our encounters with others. The Greek word eucharisteo means "to give thanks". We return each week to give thanks to God for what is given to us; and to be nourished, individually and as a community, so we can go out and nourish others. The Eucharist is the "source and summit of our Christian life" (Lumen gentium, 11). It provides us with the strength to carry out God's work, and is the pinnacle of our life each time we gather to give thanksgiving for all that God's gives us, individually and as a community.

It has been wonderful to have Mrs. Annette Hammermeister back, just in time for the Athletics heats and carnivals. Please note information further into the newsletter to ensure your child/ren know what lies ahead in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to St. Patrick's Rugby League Team who won the Interschool Year 6 Division A Championships last night at ATW, against Woongarra State School. The score was 22 to 4, which was almost as impressive, as the sportsmanship witnessed whilst wearing the shamrocks. Archer J was named Man of the Match, but I witnessed a TEAM effort right up to the final siren. A big THANK YOU to Mr Plumb, Mr Zandona and Carter's dad, Mr Handley for supporting these fine young men through to success. This was great preparation for Challenge Cup which will see the boys travel to Yeppoon next term.



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Absentees

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS continued

YOUR'E INVITED

Over past weeks, via the Newsletter, Board and Staff Meetings we have engaged in the new **Federal Government Funding Model for Catholic Schools**. Next Monday, **10th June 2024 at 5:30pm**, we have invited the Board, Leadership Team, Fr. Don and Interested Staff to attend a Zoom Presentation from DCEO (including Diocesan Director and Assistant Director: Business and Strategy) to delve more deeply in to the new structure. This will be accessed via the **St. Patrick's Staffroom**. **I would like to extend the invitation to any interested Parents and Friends** as our Term 2 engagement opportunity. The effect on our Bundaberg schools shouldn't be as great as in other areas, but this is an excellent opportunity to inform our broader school community on the new Federal Government Funding Model, the CEDR Adapted Cluster School Fee Model, and the All-inclusive School Fee to be introduced from next year. If you plan on joining us in the staffroom, please register via the link below for organisation purposes.

Federal Government Funding Model Parent Registration Link

Alternatively, please find attached an easy to read graphic including Advice #3, outlining the direct nexus between the Federal Government means-tested Capacity to Contribute of each school and School Fees. It also provides the CEDR School Funding Guiding Principles that inform the development of the new CEDR Adapted Cluster School Fee model, that will commence from 2025.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUNDING ADVICE



Advice 3

What to expect with my School Fees 2025 to 2029?

Let's recap... the Federal Government funding model (SRS) determines State and Federal Government funding to schools in Australia....

Base Funding Primary Student = \$13,557 Secondary Student = \$17,036 (2024)	Capacity to Contribute % of base funding that Non-Government schools must raise privately, ranging from 10% to 80%, depending on the median income of parents at the school.
Loadings Additional funding for six types of students and schools in priority cohorts. Student disadvantage: Indigeneity, Disability, Socio-Educational, Low-English Proficiency, School disadvantage: Size and Location.	School Resource Standard (SRS) Per student funding is calculated on the unique characteristics of each school, its parents and its students.

Source: National Catholic Education Commission 2023

Let's focus on Capacity to Contribute (CTC)...

Base funding paid by the Federal and State Government is reduced by school's parents CTC.

Capacity to Contribute

% of base funding that Non-Government schools must raise privately, ranging from 10% to 80%, depending on the median income of parents at the school.



As the CTC increases, the % contribution through School Fees increases.



CTC is determined by the median income of parents at the school.



How does my school fit within the Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton?

Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) delivers excellent and equitable resourcing levels to all systemic schools, through the leveraging of collective expertise, economies of scale, mission commitment, governance structures and ensuring legislative compliance.



How will an appropriate School Fee model be determined?

CEDR has developed a school fee model that aligns with the Federal Government's SRS funding model and CEDR's school funding "Guiding Principles" (see over).



How long will the transition take?

CEDR schools will transition to the new arrangement by 2029. This aligns with the Federal Government's transition arrangements.



Advice 3

CEDR School Funding: Guiding Principles

Mission

Promote CEDR's mission by:

- Continuing to provide excellent and equitable Catholic Education across the Diocese.
- Ensuring affordability for all seeking a Catholic Education through:
 - Maintaining a discount and concession arrangement.
 - Adopting a school fee structure that reflects the Federal Government's means tested CTC model.

Sustainability

Ensure sustainability of Catholic Education's mission in the long term by:

- Preserving the system benefits enjoyed by Catholic schools and families, that ensure high quality education, mission delivery, governance and cost efficiency.
- Accepting the School Resource Standard (SRS) as the minimum cost of delivering education in CEDR schools, noting increasing costs impacting Catholic schools.
- Maximising funding flowing into the system of schools, by aligning school fees to parent Capacity to Contribute (CTC), at a minimum.
- Revising annually to reflect school CTC, SRS and any other Government influences.

Transparency

Ensure CEDR's school funding model aligns with the Federal Government SRS funding model, including:

- Government's assessment of 'need' (through distributing all loadings directly to schools).
- Government's assessment of 'who can afford' (through aligning school fees with means tested Capacity to Contribute).

School Fee Model from 2025: CEDR Adapted Cluster Model

The CEDR Adapted Cluster Model aligns school fees with the Federal Government determined Capacity to Contribute (CTC) of the school, but also recognises the importance of similar and nearby schools not being differentiated based on higher or lower schools fees. Key points include:

- Schools within the same region with similar CTCs are "clustered".
- Clustered primary schools and clustered secondary schools charge the same school fee.
- Clusters will occur in large regional centres such as Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Emerald and Bundaberg.
- Schools not within a cluster charge school fees equal to the CTC of the school.

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MASS OF THANKSGIVING—LEESA JEFFCOAT AM

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FOR LEESA JEFFCOAT AM
DIOCESAN DIRECTOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Bishop Michael McCarthy invites all school communities to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for Leesa Jeffcoat AM who, after 23 years of faith-filled service, will shortly conclude her time as Diocesan Director of Catholic Education.

The Mass will be held in St Joseph's Cathedral on Wednesday, 12 June commencing at 10:30am.

All are welcome at the Mass to thank God for the gift that Leesa has been to the Ministry of Catholic Education in this Diocese and to pray that God will bless her in abundance into the future.

For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will also be live streamed via the following link <https://youtube.com/live/ELlJocspog?feature=share>

WEDNESDAY **12** JUNE 2024
10:30AM

ECUMENISM AND INTERFAITH PRESENTATION

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church's position with regard to relations with other Christians and people of other faiths and want to know what is happening in Queensland in this area?

You are invited to a free presentation with Margaret Naylor from Brisbane Archdiocese on **Saturday 13 July from 9:30am to 12 noon** in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane. This presentation will be **live-streamed** for people across Queensland who are unable to attend in person. For further information, please contact Margaret Naylor at naylonm@bne.catholic.net.au or 0408 123 364.

For registration: follow the link to the booking site or use the QR code:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/EcumenicalInterfaithPresentation>



SACRAMENTS

This weekend, the children participating in the Sacramental Program will celebrate their Confirmation with Bishop Michael at St Patrick's and Holy Rosary church services. This special occasion marks their reception of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and their reaffirmation of their commitment to being members of our Church.

Additionally, these students will receive their First Holy Communion (Eucharist) during Masses across Bundaberg next weekend. This significant milestone allows them to partake in the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the following children for their dedication to their faith and participation in the Confirmation and Eucharist celebrations: Cooper B, Matilda W, Mahlia L, Julian A, Ella B, Nehemiah A, Grahame O, Georgia S, Leo B, Bailey C, Nathan C, Madelyn C, Alexander D, Oliver L, Freya L, Lily M, Veronica O, Audrey S, and Jacob L.



PARENT ORBIT APP

WE HAVE SOME
EXCITING
NEWS!

We're excited to announce a new mobile app for St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, *Parent Orbit*, is now ready for you to download and use.

The App, which is connected to Parent Lounge, will improve our communication with each other as it offers a quick and easy way to receive notifications, book Parent/Teacher interviews, add student absences, view and pay school fees, accept or decline excursions via the events and activities, update details, email class teachers and much more.

To download the App to your mobile device you can scan the QR code below, click on the link <https://parentorbit.page.link/spbg> or visit your APP store.

Click the install button. After the App is installed, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School will be loaded as an account. Click on St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and then tap the login button.

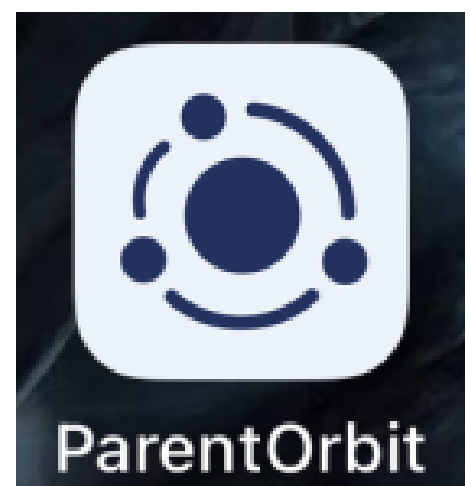
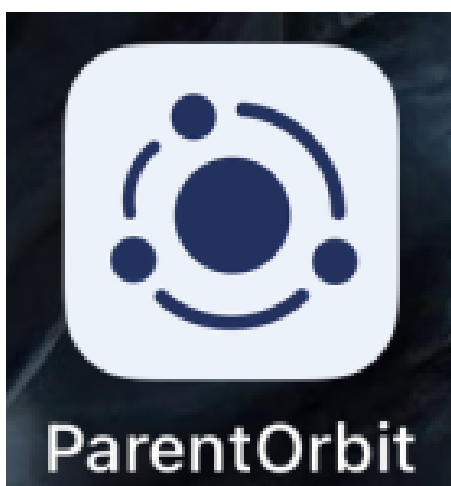
If you already have the *Parent Orbit App* downloaded on your device, open the App, tap on the school name at the top of the screen, tap on Manage Accounts at the bottom of the screen, click on the button 'Add another Account', enter our school code **spbg** (all lowercase) and submit.

This will add St Patrick's Catholic Primary School's account to your list in the App.

Once you are in the App enter your Username and Password. Your Username is your Parent Code, **Parent Code** and your password is the same password that you use to login to Parent Lounge. If you cannot remember your Parent Lounge password, click [here](#) to access the "Forget Password?" feature in Parent Lounge and follow the prompts to reset your password. Please contact the office on 4152 1380 if you require further assistance.

Please take the time to explore the App as it offers many useful features. It is very intuitive and will help keep us connected to support the education of your sons and/or daughters.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

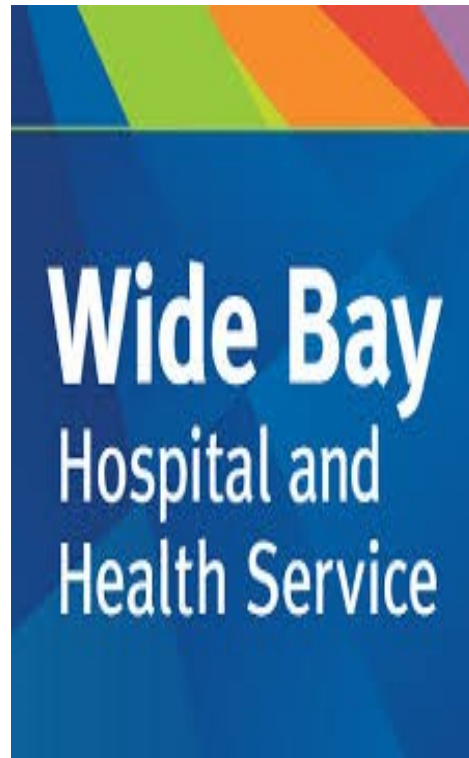


ORAL HEALTH DENTAL VAN

The School Dental Service is coming to St Patrick's at the start of Term 3. The clinic will be offering a free dental examination and dental treatment to all students that return their 'Offer of Dental Treatment' form sent home with your child this week. Once the form is returned, the clinic will be in contact with parents to arrange an appointment time. Please note a parent must attend the first appointment with their child. Parents need to present to our school office on Mulgrave Street and sign in upon arrival, where they will be directed to collect their child from the classroom for their dental appointment.

Wide Bay Hospital & Health Service	
Facility: Van 119	Wide Bay Oral Health Service
Phone: 4303 8059	
OFFER OF DENTAL TREATMENT	
We are now offering students of St Patrick's Primary School an examination and treatment at the Oral Health facility which is due at your school soon	
CHILD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - There are 2 ways to be eligible	
1	Be eligible for Medicare & Child Dental Benefits Schedule OR
2	Be eligible for Medicare & be aged between Age 4 & Grade 10
A Parent/Guardian MUST attend the 1st appointment	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Relationship to Child:*	
Signature:	
* Please Note - Guardians *	
If you are not the LEGAL parent of this child, please complete the details below	
Foster carer	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If Yes you must produce Authority to care papers</i>	
Grandparent or relative	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If Yes you need to produce legal papers which support your guardianship</i>	
If there are no legal papers, the parent MUST be contactable by phone	
Parent phone number	
To accept this offer: 21.06.24	
Please complete this form and return to the office by: 21.06.24	
We will be in contact with you to arrange your first appointment	

Wide Bay Hospital & Health Service	
<i>Note: Ref no. is in front of child's name</i>	
Child's Medicare Card No:	Ref Card expiry date
	No. m / m / y / y
I consent for Medicare Balance Check Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
Child's Last Name	First Name
<i>As per Medicare Card</i>	
Child is also known as	
Child's DOB	Gender
Child's Year	Class School
Home Address:	
Postal address:	
Parent Phone Number	
Student Mobile Number	
I consent to receive SMS messages Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	
Indigenous status	N - non Aboriginal, A - Aboriginal, T - Torres Strait Is, AT - both
Country of birth	Language
additional comments:	



SPORTS NEWS

WIDE BAY SCHOOL SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to **ALYSE B** who have been selected to represent Wide Bay in their 10-12 years Girls Football. Well done Alyse and we wish you all the best in your preparations for the State Championships in Townsville in August.



AFL AUSKICK SESSIONS

Please note that due to the Show Holiday last week, AFL Auskick sessions have been extended by an additional week as follows:-

Thursday 13th June – **Week 5 of 6**

Thursday 20th June – **Week 6 of 6**



SPORTS NEWS—ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

UNIFORM FOR CARNIVAL DAYS

Black shorts (no other colours or a team's insignia); **house coloured shirt** (polo shirt is preferred for sun protection); school sports **cap** or school formal **hat** to be worn; alternate sports shoes may be worn on the day, no spiked footwear is permitted; **sunscreen** to be applied before arrival at school. Coloured zinc and hair spray are not permitted.

Please ensure your child has sufficient **water** and **food** for required days.

Program details for this year's Athletics Carnivals are detailed below.

1. FIELD EVENTS DAY – Monday 10 June (Students Born 2012, 2013 & 2014) St Patrick's

Tuckshop is available for LUNCH only and is NOT available for Afternoon Tea. Snacks are permitted to be eaten between events. Year 4 students born in 2015 do not compete on Field Events Day and it is a normal school day for these students.

9:00 am	Normal Classroom Routine			
	Rotation	10yrs – Born 2014	11yrs – Born 2013	12yrs – Born 2012
10:00am	1	Long Jump	Shot Put	Ball Games & Relay Practice
11:15am	Lunch			
11:40am	2	Ball Games & Relay Practice	Long Jump	Shot Put
1:00pm	Afternoon Tea			
1:15pm	3	Shot Put	Ball Games & Relay Practice	Long Jump
2:30pm	Normal Classroom Routine			

2. SENIOR ATHLETICS DAY – Friday 14 June (Students Born 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015) Shalom College

Students born 2015 do not compete in 200m & 800m events. 800m is a nomination event and students nominate on the day.

No tuckshop facilities are available for participating students at Shalom on this day.

8:30am	Bus Departure to Shalom College	
9:00am	200m Finals	Students Born 2012, 2013 & 2014
9:45am	Ball Games	Students Born 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015
11:00am	Lunch	
11:15am	80 & 100m Semi Finals & Finals	Students Born 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015
12:30pm	Relays	Students Born 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015
1:30pm	800m Finals	Students Born 2012, 2013 & 2014
	Year 3 Students return to school	
2:30pm	Bus Departure to St Patrick's	

3. JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY - Friday 21 June (Students Born 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019) St Patrick's Oval

House Captains need to be at St Patrick's at 8:00am to assist with the setting up of equipment.

Tuckshop for Friday 21 June will be a pre-order system from a limited menu. Menu and ordering information will be forthcoming.

9:00am	50m, 60m & 80m Finals
9:45am	Ball Games & Tabloids
11:00am	Lunch
11:30am	Relays
12:15pm	Whole School Presentations in the Multi St Patrick's
	(Age Champion will be awarded in the 2012, 2013 & 2014 age groups)
12:30pm	Normal School Routine

YEAR 3 EXCURSION—MON REPOS CONSERVATION PARK



YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO MON REPOS—A ‘TURTLEY’ AWESOME ADVENTURE

On Thursday, our grade three students embarked on their annual excursion to Mon Repos, a place of immense significance. This outing marked the culmination of our HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) unit, where we explored the themes of “What Makes A Place Significant” and “How Can We Protect These Areas?”

Here’s a glimpse of our exciting day:

Turtle Tales Immersive Experience: Within the Turtle Centre, our students were captivated by immersive videos that transported them into the world of sea turtles. Interactive displays and theatre presentations brought the magic of these ancient creatures to life.

Turtle Beach Game with the Rangers: Led by knowledgeable Mon Repos Rangers, we role played a tiny turtle hatchling making it’s first journey to the ocean. Along the way, we learned about predators and discovered the challenges they face during their perilous journey to the ocean.

Indigenous Perspective Tour: The Gidarjil Land and Sea Rangers shared their traditional knowledge, connecting us to the rich cultural heritage of the area. Their insights deepened our appreciation for Mon Repos and its significance.

As we boarded the bus for our return journey, a chorus of excited voices echoed: “I want to go there again with my family!”

2024 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY

Our 19th Annual Catholic Schools Race Day, held on Saturday 16th March at Thabeban Park Race Course was another great success. All tickets into our Marquee area, capped at 350 were sold. This year's theme, Celestial Celebration certainly created extra sparkle to the day with many attendees dressed accordingly to add to the day's atmosphere. The weather conditions are always a challenge and this year being windy and warm, didn't hamper the festivities.

The afternoon kicked off with the Fashions Parade hosted again this year by the ladies from Sanshells Boutique Bargara and Vo Vo's Boutique Bundaberg. The ladies put on a great show and were applauded loudly by the very appreciative crowd.

Everyone in our marquee who were dressed according to our theme were automatic entrants into our annual Pam Hansen Fashion Awards and the winners were very happy to be rewarded for their special effort in adding sparkle to their attire.

The marquee's atmosphere was also enhanced by the talented artists on the stage performing their versions of popular songs in the background throughout the day.

Food and drinks were in plentiful supply. The fantastic team of volunteers from Shalom Catering again supplied a tasty range of nibbly treats throughout the day. This team have been doing this for fifteen years now and they always deliver the highest quality food and at a very low cost. This year they were again assisted with the generosity of Dominos Pizzas with their donation of 50 pizzas to compliment the range produced by the Shalom Team. The volunteer team behind the bar and selling drink tickets again did a fantastic job ensuring attendees were served their favourite thirst quencher in a speedy manor.

Another major feature of the day and a great contributor to the money raised for the day is our raffle. Over \$8,000 in raffle prizes were donated by our generous sponsors and \$4,200 worth of tickets were sold on the day. This was a great result considering that despite our marquee being sold out, the crowd in the General Public arena of the Race Club, where we sell many tickets usually, was well down on numbers in comparison to recent years. An enormous amount of work by members of our committee went into getting this pool of prizes together from the many extremely generous donors.

The money raised on the day, \$20,000+, added to a little left over from last year has enabled us to distribute \$7,000 to each of our three Primary Schools. St. Joseph's is allocating their funds to the purchase of new outdoor learning tables for the Prep and Year 1 Classrooms. St. Patrick's funds are going towards new outdoor seating for the new prayer space which is being built during the next school holidays and St. Mary's are purchasing a container to house their playground equipment.

As a committee, it is so wonderful to see the money raised go to such valuable causes, especially in the assistance annually to the enhancement of the education of our Primary School students. Thanks also to Shalom for giving their share to the Primary Schools.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who were involved in the event, Committee, Sponsors, Volunteer Teachers, Staff and Students and Parents. This annual Catholic Schools event is an enjoyable day on our calendar, and we are already looking forward to next year's event scheduled for Saturday 15th March 2025. It will be our 20th annual event so special effort will be going into creating a great reunion for all past and present Committee, Volunteers, Sponsors, and attendees.

Peter O'Beirne

Catholic Schools Race Day Committee



TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 8th July - Friday 12th July		
Monday	Start Term 3 2024		
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5M
Wednesday - Friday	Challenge Cup	All Day	
WEEK 2	Week 15th July - 19th July		
Monday	School Photo Day		Whole School
Tuesday—Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
WEEK 3	Week 22nd July - 26th July		
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK			
Monday - Wednesday	Bundaberg Eisteddfod	All Day	Strings & Choirs
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday—Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Mini Vinnies
WEEK 4	Week 29th July - 2nd August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep S
Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Prep L
Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	Prep W
WEEK 5	Week 5th August - 9th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
Thursday - Friday	District Athletics - St Luke's	All Day	Selected Students
WEEK 6	Week 12th August - 16th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Years 5 & 1
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6K
WEEK 7	Week 19th August - 23rd August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 8	Week 26th August - 30th August		
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
Thursday	Father's Day Liturgy	9:00am	Year 3
Friday	PUPIL FREE DAY		
WEEK 9	Week 2nd September - 6th September		
Monday - Wednesday	School Musical		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4F
WEEK 10	Week 9th September - 13th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4K
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay/Campialba	All Day	Year 6