



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

5 September 2025

Father's Day Celebration: Being the Change We Want in the World

As we celebrate Father's Day this year, we are reminded of the profound impact that fathers and father figures have on shaping the hearts and minds of our children. This will be my first Father's Day without my dear Dad, so this week's special liturgy certainly stirred emotion within me. It made me consider the words shared from the letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians ***'Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love'*** just a little more deeply. We often align these qualities to our father figures and expect them to be the first educators and role models for our young. However, this week I heard how theologian Dr. James McEvoy would imply that children themselves teach us invaluable lessons every day—about resilience, creativity, and the importance of seeing the world through a lens of hope and possibility. He suggests that God is at work through our children as ***'adults encounter the gift and mystery of existence in their relationships with children'***.

This week I certainly saw God in action through our Year 5 students at camp as they stepped outside their comfort zones, embracing teamwork, with many discovering their inner strength. It was inspiring to see how the values of perseverance and compassion that we instil in our classrooms came to life in the great outdoors, especially on the first day which added the challenge of inclement weather.



Then lessons transpired from 6S' final assembly when they reminded us of the words of Mahatma Gandhi: ***"Be the change you want to see in the world."*** Our Reef Guardians took this message a step further when they developed and shared with classes this week, the video to educate our students on how to recycle and be stewards in our community. This Father's Day, we encourage our community to reflect on how we can live out this message in our families, inspired by the courage, kindness, and curiosity we often see in our children.

As we honour the fathers and father figures in our community, let us also commit to being agents of change, guided by the example of Christ, who calls us to love one another deeply and to work together for the common good. May we continue to build a school community where faith, family, and friendship flourish.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

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Living the Mercy Value of Justice in Our School Community

At St Patrick's, we are proud to embrace and live out the Mercy Education values that are at the heart of our mission as a Catholic primary school. This week, we focus on the value of **Justice**—a call to action that reflects Jesus' teachings and the rich tradition of the Sisters of Mercy.

What is Justice?

Justice is about recognising the dignity of every person as a child of God and working to create a community where fairness, equity, and respect flourish. It challenges us to stand in solidarity with those who are vulnerable, marginalised, or in need. Living the value of Justice means not only acknowledging inequality but actively working to address it through compassion and service.



Justice in Action at St Patrick's:

In our classrooms and broader school community, we strive to model and teach the value of Justice through:

- **Compassionate Relationships:** Encouraging kindness, respect, and empathy in our interactions with one another.
- **Social Responsibility:** Supporting local and global initiatives that aim to help those in need. For example, through our fundraising efforts via Mini Vinnies for Caritas, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul, through our Christmas Appeal, and environmental stewardship projects that our Reef Guardians Team oversee.
- **Restorative Practices:** Using restorative justice approaches in conflict resolution, helping students understand the impact of their actions and guiding them towards reconciliation.
- **Curriculum Connections:** Embedding Catholic Social Teachings into our learning, particularly the principles of solidarity, the common good, and preferential care for the poor.

Justice begins in our hearts and homes. As a family, you might consider:

- **Reading the Gospels Together:** Explore stories of Jesus' compassion and justice, such as the Good Samaritan or the feeding of the multitudes.
- **Acts of Service:** Look for ways to serve your local community, whether through volunteering or supporting a cause close to your heart.
- **Family Discussions:** Talk about fairness, equity, and how we can treat others with dignity, particularly those who might be struggling or excluded.

Thank you for your partnership in nurturing these values in our children. Together, we can make a difference—one small act of Justice at a time.

Tracey Cook

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DROP-OFF BEFORE SCHOOL—APPLICABLE TO ALL YEAR LEVELS

For the safety of our St Patrick's families, this is a timely reminder about the use of our Drop-Off, Pick-Up Zones and Crossings.

The school's Drop-Off Zone is only a 1-2 minute Standing Zone.

Before you leave home, make sure your child has their bag ready and with them in the car. When your car pulls alongside the Drop-Off Zone, drive forward as far as you can, stop and then have the children exit the car on the footpath side as quickly as possible. This is not a time for long good-byes, hair-brushing and so on; do these things at home. Try to avoid getting out of your car during these times if possible, as this greatly disrupts the process. We understand some children may need assistance with safety belts.



Pedestrian Crossing:

Please be mindful of traffic when queuing on Mulgrave and Powers Streets, especially on either side of the pedestrian crossings on these roads. Please make yourself familiar with the road rule specific to pedestrian crossings taken from [Transport Operations \(Road Use Management—Road Rules\) Regulation 2009](#) (Part 12: Restrictions on stopping and parking) detailed below.

172 Stopping on or near a pedestrian crossing (except at an intersection)

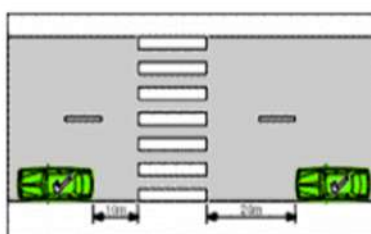
- (1) A driver must not stop on a pedestrian crossing that is not at an intersection, or on the road within 20m before the crossing and 10m after the crossing, unless the driver—
 - (a) stops at a place on a length of road, or in an area, to which a parking control sign applies; and
 - (b) is permitted to stop at that place under this regulation.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

- (2) For this section, distances are measured—
 - (a) in the direction in which the driver is driving; and
 - (b) as shown in the example.

- (3) In this section—

road does not include a road-related area, but includes any shoulder of the road.



PICK-UP AFTER SCHOOL—MULGRAVE & POWERS STREETS

General Traffic Advice:

- If you enjoy waiting outside of classrooms for your children, please continue to do so. If you choose to do this, please park on **Mulgrave Street** or **Power Street** itself.
- The Mulgrave Street Pick-Up Zone can **ONLY** be accessed by cars travelling north on Mulgrave Street, turning LEFT into the Pick-Up Zone. Cars will not be permitted to cross traffic on Mulgrave Street to enter the pick-up zone. When exiting the Pick-Up Zone, please consider turning LEFT on to Mulgrave Street to assist with traffic congestion.
- Avoid parking in a No-Standing area or across a local resident's driveway.
- For your own safety, use only the designated School Crossings and avoid walking across the car park driveway. We have pedestrian access either side of the carpark, so that no-one needs to walk across the busy driveway.
- Parking in the Mulgrave Street Carpark is for staff only. Parents are not to park in this area, as it will severely disrupt the Pick-Up and Drop-Off process. The one exception to this is for any families who use our designated Disabled Park in the staff carpark.



Pick-Up will commence at 3:00PM

- Please do not enter the Pick-Up Zone before 3:00PM as students will not be ready. We recommend coming a little later, to ensure your child is ready. Please do not queue on Mulgrave Street or Power Street beforehand as this will disrupt traffic.
- As you enter the Pick-Up Zone, drop your visor displaying your surname. As soon as this name is visible to the teacher on duty, it will be announced over the PA system on Mulgrave Street or by the teacher on Powers Street. Your child will then move from the waiting area, and proceed to wait at the assigned numbers. You drive forward as far as you can into the zone and stop. Once your car has stopped, your child will enter your car from behind the bollards.

REMINDER: TERM 3 FEES DUE



A friendly reminder to all families that Term 3 fees were due on **12 August**. If you have not yet made payment, please ensure your account is settled or a payment plan is arranged before the end of the term.

Term 4 fee statements will be issued during the **second week of Term 4**, and we kindly ask that all school fees are up to date by the end of the school year.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact **Brooke in the Administration Office** at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued support.

SPELLING BEE

ST PATRICK'S 2025



When: Monday September 15 (Week 10, Term 3)

Where: Maker Space

Who: Years 1-6

MRS COOK WILL VISIT CLASSES IN WEEK 9 FOR NOMINATIONS

OSHC VACATION CARE TERM 3 HOLIDAYS

Term 3 Holiday Vacation Care– Book Now!

Vacation Care will be available during the Term 3 holiday at OSHC! Bookings are essential and can be made via the **Xplor parent app**. Please note that some excursion days have limited vacancies due to bus capacity.



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New families need to register and can find the enrolment form at [St Patrick's After School Care](#), while existing families who haven't attended in a while should contact the service for a re-enrolment form. The daily fee is \$63, with some activities at an additional surcharge (see vacation program for further details). All fees exclude any government subsidies. St Patrick's OSHC is an approved child care service and Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate are available.

For any questions, email sbbg_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au or call **0417 199 586**. We can't wait to see you these holidays!

Please check the schedule below for Vacation Care activities and prices for the upcoming Spring school holidays.

Term 3 Holiday Program \$36 p/d

Mon, 22 Sept	Tue, 23 Sept	Wed, 24 Sept	Thur, 25 Sept	Fri, 26 Sept
Teddy Bear's Picnic  Bring along your favourite soft friend for a picnic on the deck under the big tree (we will provide lunch today instead of afternoon tea) \$15 surcharge	Giant Games - Incursion -  Play some GIANT versions of your favourite games! \$20 surcharge	Gymfinity - Excursion-  Jump, tumble, and swing still your heart's content at the Gymfinity indoor arena. (bus leaves @ 9:30am) \$15 surcharge	Dr Jo Travelling Scientist - Incursion-  This time Dr Joe will lead us in SPACE exploration! \$15 surcharge	Movie & Popcorn Day @ School - Smurfs -  Let's watch the newest Smurf movie and pop our own popcorn to munch on! \$25 surcharge
Mon, 29 Sept	Tue, 30 Sept	Wed, 1 Oct	Thur, 2 Oct	Fri, 3 Oct
Bargara Berries - Excursion -  Pick your own strawberries to take home & eat, plus choose your own strawberry jibbit for your crocks! (bus leaves @ 9:30am) \$20 surcharge	Mega Craft Day  A whole day filled with craft, craft and more craft! \$5 surcharge	Cube Sports - Karate - - Incursion-  Have fun learning all about the very disciplined art of Karate \$15 surcharge	Reading Cinemas "Bad Guys 2" - Excursion -  A combined excursion with St Mary's OSHC kids. (bus leaves @ 9:15am) \$25 surcharge	Once Designs Art workshop - Incursion -  Miss Amy will guide us through another simple, yet enjoyable art workshop inspired by Spring! \$15 surcharge

CORAL COAST SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

JOINT CLUB SIGN-ON

Saturday 13th September 2025

Venue: Bundaberg Softball Grounds,
22 Clayton Road, Thabeban.

Juniors: 9am –11am
Seniors: 11am–1pm

All clubs will be in attendance and full details will be available.

Mixed Divisions: T Ball, U12, U14 & U16 Softball
Ladies Softball & Men's Softball

SPECIAL NOTE: All games are played in Bundaberg with the season due to commence on 11th October through to 13th December 2025
Games resume 31st January with Grand Finals scheduled for 21st March 2026

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Seen: *The Film*

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Film Screening

 **Tuesday, 9th September, 2025**

 **6:00pm. Doors open from 5pm**

 **MONCRIEFF ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE (MEC)**
177 Bourbong St, Bundaberg Central

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TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 1	Week 14th July - Friday 18th July		
Monday	Start Term 3 2025		
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday - Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4F
Wednesday - Friday	Challenge Cup	All Day	Selected Students
WEEK 2	Week 21st July - 25th July		
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday - Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4K
WEEK 3	Week 28th July - 1st August		
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK			
Monday - Wednesday	Bundaberg Eisteddfod	All Day	Strings & Choirs/Yr 1
Tuesday - Thursday	Tuesday to Thursday - Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	4M
Thursday	NAIDOC Celebrations - Shalom	9.00am-1.00pm	Selected Students
WEEK 4	Week 4th August - 8th August		
Monday	School Photo Day		Whole School
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 K
Thursday - Friday	District Athletics - St Luke's	All Day	Selected Students
WEEK 5	Week 11th August - 15th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6H
Tuesday - Wednesday	Prep Vision Screening	All Day	Prep
Wednesday	Year 2 Excursion - Historical Centre	All Day	Year 2
WEEK 6	Week 18th August - 22nd August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Years 5 & 1
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	6M
WEEK 7	Week 25th August - 29th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday	Patty's Parent Engagement Night	5:30pm	Parents
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5P
WEEK 8	Week 1st September - 5th September		
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 8th September - 12th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5G
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay/Campialba	All Day	Year 6
WEEK 10	Week 14th September - 19th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8.40am	5S

2025 TERM DATES	
TERM 3	Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
TERM 4	Tuesday 7 October - Friday 5 December