



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

20 March 2026

Our school community gathered joyfully this week to celebrate our St Patrick's Day Induction Liturgy, an occasion that marks an important milestone in the life of our school. During the liturgy, our Year 6 students were formally inducted as leaders for 2026, committing themselves to serve with faith, courage and integrity. We also acknowledged students taking on additional leadership roles across the school. Our Senior Choir and Strings enriched the day with a beautiful Celtic musical performance, reminding us of our deep connection to Ireland. Both St Patrick and Catherine McAuley, while Irish, were deeply inspired by the example of Jesus. Each endured personal hardship, yet found hope through their faith and went on to dedicate their lives to service. Their stories continue to inspire our own Catholic Education journey and the rich traditions woven into the fabric of our school community. St Patrick's Day reminds us of our proud Catholic heritage and calls us to live out our mission—to learn, love God, live the Gospel, witness the faith and celebrate life. We congratulate all of our student leaders and look forward to the positive example they will set throughout the year.

We were also delighted to welcome prospective families to our Prep 2027 Walk Through. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the vibrant learning environment and strong sense of community within our school. A large number of visitors explored our facilities, met our dedicated staff, and heard from students across various year levels about the engaging learning experiences taking place each day. We thank our students, many of them quite young, who proudly participated in our tour and shared their stories. We look forward to building strong connections with these families as they begin their journey with us.

As part of our commitment to social justice and living out our faith in action, students participated in the Big Water Walk in support of Caritas. This meaningful initiative raises awareness of the challenges faced by communities around the world who must walk long distances each day to access clean water. Our students embraced the experience with enthusiasm and compassion, walking in solidarity while raising funds to make a difference. We are incredibly proud of the empathy and generosity shown by our school community and thank families for their ongoing support.

Earlier this year, we introduced Before School Care as part of our Out of School Hours Care program. A reminder that formal supervision of students begins at 8:15am, and children arriving before this time remain the responsibility of parents. Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the Leadership Team will be attending the Diocesan Leadership Gathering in Rockhampton. During this time, we will not be available for morning supervision, and many teachers will be conducting early morning interviews. This makes it especially important to ensure children are not arriving unsupervised. If your family requires early care, we encourage you to connect with Claire from Out of School Care to make arrangements for Term 2. Students attending the program are provided with breakfast and still have time to connect with friends before the school day begins. It has certainly been a busy week of living, learning and spreading of the green.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

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St Patrick's Day Feast Day and Year 6 Leadership Induction

Celebrating St Patrick's Day as a Community

On Tuesday, our school came alive with vibrant splashes of green, joyful laughter, and a deep sense of community as we celebrated the Feast Day of St Patrick, our patron saint. This special day was an opportunity for our school to reflect on the life and legacy of St Patrick, whose missionary zeal and unwavering faith continue to inspire us to live with courage, kindness, and a commitment to serving others.

The day began with a beautiful Liturgy and leadership Induction, led by Father Anthony, where students, staff, and families came together in prayer. The homily focused on St Patrick's remarkable journey of faith, his dedication to spreading the Gospel, and his role as a symbol of hope and resilience.

After the Liturgy, our school continued to celebrate St Patrick's Day with a range of joyful activities! From the lively sounds of Celtic music to moments of peaceful meditation, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Students had fun participating in a fun-filled scavenger hunt, and the day ended on a sweet note with delicious St Patrick's Day cake. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so memorable. It was wonderful to see such great spirit and enthusiasm as we celebrated the life and legacy of St Patrick together.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our staff, students, and families who made this day so meaningful. Your participation and support are what make our school such a special and vibrant community. Together, we honoured St Patrick's legacy and celebrated the gift of leadership in our school.

Let us continue to be inspired by St Patrick to walk in faith, serve others, and work together to make our school a place of kindness, learning, and joy.

"May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us, may the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us." - St Patrick



Big Water Walk—Walking for Change

Today students and staff participated in the Mini Vinies Big Water Walk, carrying water to symbolise the journey that so many must undertake every day. The event was an opportunity to reflect on our shared responsibility to care for our global family, as taught by Catholic Social Teaching.

Through this initiative, we raised much-needed funds to support Caritas Australia's life-changing programs. These efforts will help provide clean water, sanitation,



Tracey Cook

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St Patrick's Mini Fair 2026

Stalls include:

Lucky Dip
Mystery Bags
Nail Polish
Hair Spray & Tattoos
Zoooper Doopers
Trash 'n' Treasure
Bucket Dunk
Beanbag toss
and much, much more

Prices:
50c to \$2

Thursday
April 2
11am

Over
30
stalls

ANZAC DAY PARADE



An email will be sent to all parents in Week 10, with all the information for students wishing to participate in the Saturday ANZAC Day march in town. Last year, we were so proud and impressed by the large number of well presented and beautifully behaved St. Patrick's students, who joined many staff to stand and march in solidarity for those who sacrificed so much for the wonderful life we enjoy today ... lest we forget!

FAVOURITES WITH BELLA CANNA

Join Bella Canna Strings for a concert of their favourite music from their past concerts together with some new works and surprise guests.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see our incredible strings teachers perform. Tickets available via [Eventbrite](#) and at the door.



HEALTH ALERT—CHICKENPOX

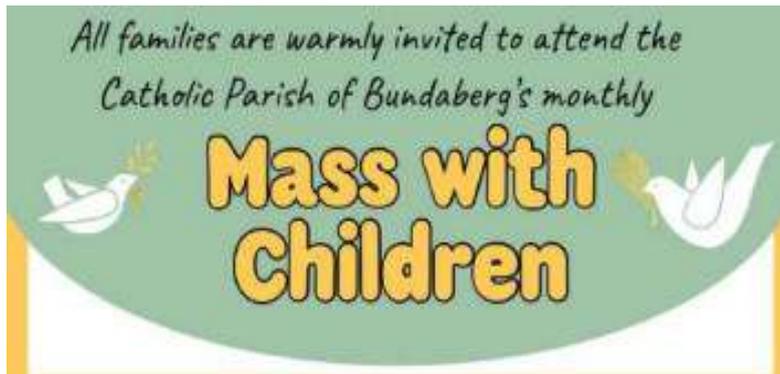
We have been notified of a confirmed case of chickenpox within the school community. Chickenpox is a highly contagious viral illness that commonly begins with mild fever, tiredness, and loss of appetite, followed by an itchy rash that develops into fluid-filled blisters which later crust over. We ask parents and carers to monitor their children for symptoms and seek medical advice if needed.

In line with Queensland Health guidelines, any child diagnosed with chickenpox must remain at home until all blisters have dried and crusted, and for at least five days after the onset of the rash.

We appreciate your support in helping to minimise the spread of infection within our school.



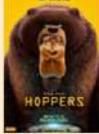
MASS WITH CHILDREN



OSHC - TERM 1 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Book now for Term 1 Holidays. Phone 0417199586 or email spbg_oshc@rok.catholic.edu.au. Daily fee \$70.

Easter Holiday Program 2026

Mon, 6 April	Tue, 7 April	Wed, 8 April	Thur, 9 April	Fri, 10 April
<p>Easter Monday Public Holiday</p> <p>Service Closed</p>  <p>Happy Easter everyone!</p>	<p>"Easter can't be over yet" - Craft & Cooking Day</p>  <p>Join in some last minute Easter craft & cooking activities. (as requested)</p> <p>\$5 surcharge</p>	<p>Lego Challenge Day (by request)</p>  <p>Work together or by yourself to WIN the Lego Challenge! What will appear this time?</p>	<p>Reverse Garbage Day</p>  <p>A fun day of transforming items that would normally go into your recycle bin into amazing upcycled creations!</p>	<p>Peek A Boo Honey - Incursion -</p>  <p>Learn all about bees and why they're so important to our world. DON'T WORRY! THEY WON'T BITE!</p> <p>\$10 incursion fee</p>
Mon, 13 April	Tue, 14 April	Wed, 15 April	Thur, 16 April	Fri, 17 April
<p>Make Your Own Lip Balm</p>  <p>Winter is Coming!! Let's look after our chapped lips by making our own lip balm using some Peek-a-boo Honey beeswax.</p> <p>\$5 surcharge</p>	<p>Science! - Incursion -</p>  <p>Be amazed as Dr Joe explains & helps us discover all the secrets behind another scientific area!</p> <p>\$15 incursion fee</p>	<p>Cube Sports Zumba (by request)</p>  <p>Have a great time getting your Boogie on with a high energy Zumba session!</p> <p>\$10 incursion fee</p>	<p>Reading Cinemas - Excursion -</p>  <p>A combined excursion with St Joseph's/St Mary's OSHC kids. (DON'T FORGET CLOSED IN SHOES)</p> <p>\$25 surcharge</p>	<p>Make Your Own Pizza Day (by request)</p>  <p>Put on your chef's hat and whip up your own delicious pizza to eat for Lunch.</p> <p>(BYO morning & afternoon tea today)</p>

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
Touch	Boys & Girls	Born 2017 or 2015 (only exceptional 2016)	20 March 27 March	Shalom College Bundaberg Touch Grounds	3:30pm - 5:00pm
	Basketball	Boys & Girls	Born 2014, 2015 and 2016	Bundaberg Basketball Stadium	3:45pm - 5:30 pm
Hockey	Boys & Girls	Born 2014, 2015 and 2016	18 & 25 March	Hinkler Park, Thornhill Street	4:00pm - 5:00pm
Rugby League	Boys & Girls	Born 2014, 2015 and 2016 (exceptional 2017)	23 & 30 March	Waves Sporting Complex (please park at Western end)	3:30pm - 5:30pm



Congratulations to Will E. on his selection in the Wide Bay Squash team. A fantastic effort Will!

SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY—NOMINATE BY 23 MARCH



Final reminder to nominate your child.

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 [Parent Orbit](#) 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.

FOOTBALL QUEENSLAND & BRISBANE ROAR SOCCER CLINICS—TERM 2

St. Patrick's will once again host the Football Queensland & Brisbane Soccer Clinics during Term 2 on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm over 4 weeks from 5 May to 26 May 2026.

Please refer to the final details of the program and register by scanning the QR code which will take you to the Football In Community Website.

FOOTBALL QUEENSLAND **BRISBANE ROAR** | **FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY**

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Discover the joy of football in a safe, inclusive, and exciting setting where kids can learn, play, and have fun!

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- Learn New Skills
- Score Goals
- Meet Your Heroes
- Exclusive Offers

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Scan me to register!

OUT AND ABOUT

2026 Season
Sundays from 9am

Bargara

LITTLE ATHLETICS



Season Start Sun 19 April
Come 'n' Try Sun 19 & 26 April

**BARGARA SPORTS
COMPLEX**

..Family...Fun...Fitness..



Tiny Tots (3 & 4 yr olds) \$85
U6-17 Athletes \$160
Seniors (over 18) \$50 + QA fee

**LAQ Online
Registrations
via Sport80
open February**



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SPORTS VOUCHERS**

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