



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

12 September

This week marks **Child Protection Week**, an important annual event that reinforces our shared responsibility to protect every child in every community. This year's theme builds upon the message "**Every Conversation Matters**", with the follow-on focus: "**Shifting Conversation to Action.**"

The theme reminds us that while open discussions are essential, words alone are not enough. True change happens when we turn dialogue into meaningful action. Conversations can raise awareness, challenge harmful norms, and inspire new ideas, but it is through concrete actions that we create safer environments for our children—environments that prevent harm and foster care.

As a Catholic community, we are called to uphold the dignity and sanctity of every child, ensuring their safety and care are at the heart of all we do. We must then strive to be committed to moving beyond conversations by strengthening support systems and empowering our community to take active steps to protect every child. One of the practical tools to teach children is the **5 Trusted Adults Hand**, encouraging them to identify five reliable adults they can turn to for help, guidance or support.

Within our school, we have dedicated Student Protection Contacts who serve as trusted adults for our students. This week team members including Anita Katajamaki, Claire O'Connell and I accessed the Diocesan Student Protection Conference to enhance our knowledge and skills in this vital area. We had the opportunity to work through real scenarios encountered by lawyers and psychologists. One of the lawyers described how our goal must be to reduce risk, but identified how it is next to impossible to eliminate risk. He highlighted how risk is often born from the most valuable school activities and identified how there's a temptation to cancel camps, excursions, sport and play to avoid such risks which would be understandable but not ideal. Mr. Ben Tallboys, a Principal Lawyer dealing with educative legislation every day, warned how an issue can arise on any given day, but suggested that when a community of trust is built strong enough within a school community, such incidents are dealt with contextually. He suggested that when there's a general appreciation that steps are taken to reduce risk, most will be supportive of the school not only on the best, but the most challenging of days.

I whole heartedly agree with Mr. Tallboys. If we didn't feel we had the support of our families, we would not have been confident to provide our students the wonderful experiences afforded this week. I am very grateful to the Staff and Students who made the Year 6 Camp possible. This was largely due to the organisation of Jason Egan, Rachel Medley, Jessie Salmon, Gabby Lindeman, Jo Driver and Taitum Staley. A shout out also to the support staff who worked behind the scenes to ensure camp was well-prepared especially Bec Holden, Brooke Bone, Carly Zandona and Estelle Pretorius. It is not everyday students get to explore the jewels in our Australian crown, including the beautiful K'gari and the playful whales frolicking off the Hervey Bay coast.



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Prior to camp, our open netball team played their way through to the Bundaberg Primary Schools Netball Division 1 finals, placing them third in the region. Again, a big THANK YOU to Rachel Medley who coached this team throughout the year to arrive at this final stage. THANKS also to the staff who not only attended to support these young ladies courtside, but then pulled together to work extra hard to support Tracey Cook to keep the school cogs moving this week, whilst the rest of us were away on the extra-curricular activities forementioned.

Next Friday our All Schools Touch Mixed and Girl's Teams will compete in the Wide Bay challenge out at the Bundaberg Touch Grounds. A big THANK YOU again to some of our committed parents who have taken on coaching commitments this term. Brittany and Nick Duncan, along with Kelly and Rian Dwyer who have been integral to support us in being able to offer this to our up and coming Touch Players. We are immensely grateful to Charlton Lawyers and Anastasi Blooms who sponsored our team shirts, which look amazing and were designed, ordered and delivered in record time.



It is hard to believe that we have reached the culmination of Term Three, but what a productive time we have all enjoyed. What ever you choose to do over the holidays... enjoy! We look forward to reuniting for the short, sharp sprint to the end of another school year. Term Four starts with the Kings Birthday, so we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday, 7th of October**. For those who have registered and booked, Vacation Care will be fully operational and promises to provide another fun-filled option for our working families.

Next Term we will begin work on Class Lists for 2026. For the last couple of years we have used Class Solver. This is an App where we enter information on each child and allow it to split students into balanced classes. Next week we will send out an e-mail outlining the process. This will include information around how to submit any important considerations you feel warrant our attention. All parent letters will need to be submitted by Friday, 10th October, 2025. This may not result in the outcome you are after, but it makes the process comprehensive.



Whilst the children are enjoying some holiday down time, we'd encourage you to have a conversation with your child about who their **5 Trusted Adults** are in their lives. This is a simple yet powerful way to empower them to seek help when needed and to feel confident in their safety and wellbeing.

By working together and shifting from conversation to action, we can ensure that every child is not only heard but experiences the real safety, care, and protection they deserve.

Thank you for your continued partnership in fostering a safe and nurturing environment for all children.

Kim O'Shea-Hard

PRINCIPAL



At St Patrick's, we are deeply committed to fostering a community grounded in the Mercy values, which guide our students to live lives of compassion, inclusion, and faith. Among these cherished values is **Respect**—a cornerstone of our Catholic identity and mission to nurture human dignity and the common good.

In the spirit of Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, respect is about recognising the intrinsic worth of every person as a child of God. Rooted in the Gospel teachings, respect calls us to treat others with kindness, fairness, and consideration, while valuing the

diverse gifts and talents within our school community. It also extends to caring for creation, a reminder of our responsibility to honour God's gift of the Earth.

At our school, respect is not just a value we talk about; it is a value we live. Students, staff, and families work together to create a learning environment where every individual feels valued and supported. This is evident in:

- **Respect for Self:** Encouraging students to develop confidence, responsibility, and an awareness of their God-given potential.
- **Respect for Others:** Promoting kindness, active listening, and empathy in all interactions.
- **Respect for Creation:** Embracing sustainable practices and caring for our environment as stewards of God's creation.

Our curriculum and daily practices reflect the importance of respect:

- **Faith Formation:** Through liturgies, prayer, and Religious Education, students learn about Jesus' example of love and respect for all.
- **Wellbeing Programs:** Initiatives such as our restorative practices and Strengths-based Education programs teach students how to resolve conflicts respectfully and build positive relationships.
- **Community Outreach:** From supporting charitable works to engaging in acts of service, our students learn to respect the dignity of others, especially the vulnerable and marginalised.

As partners in education, we invite families to join us in modelling respect at home and in the wider community. Simple acts like sharing gratitude, showing patience, and valuing differences can inspire children to embody respect in their daily lives.

In the words of Catherine McAuley: *"We should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us."* By living the value of respect, we shine the light of Christ in our school and beyond. Let us continue to work together to uphold the Mercy value of respect, creating a world where everyone is treated with dignity and

Tracey Cook

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SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Essie M. for competing at National Schools Cross Country in the Gold Coast this week. Essie ran amazingly for a silver medal in her individual race and QLD grabbed silver for the combined scores.

Well done Essie!



NETBALL NEWS

A huge round of applause to our incredible St Patrick's Yr 6 Netball team for securing 3rd place in the Bundaberg Primary School's Netball Competition! Your hard work, determination, and teamwork have inspired us all.

A special thank you to our amazing coaches, Mrs Medley and Miss Macey, for their dedication and guidance throughout the year. Their leadership has truly brought out the best in our players.

We're also grateful for the support from our staff, who turned out in force to cheer on and encourage our students. Your presence and encouragement mean a great deal to our students.



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.

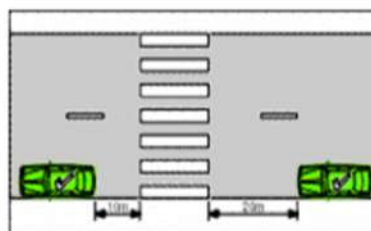
172 Stopping on or near a pedestrian crossing (except at an intersection)

- (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.

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 sfbg_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
Dr Jo Travelling Scientist - Incursion-  This time Dr Joe will lead us in SPACE exploration! \$15 surcharge	Giant Games - Incursion -  Play some GIANT versions of your favourite games! \$15 surcharge	Gymfinity - Excursion-  Jump, tumble, and swing still your heart's content at the Gymfinity indoor arena. (bus leaves @ 9:30am) \$20 surcharge	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)	Movie & Popcorn Day @ School - Smurfs -  Let's watch the newest Smurf movie and pop our own popcorn to munch on!
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

IMPORTANT HEALTH REMINDER

School sores, also known as impetigo, are a common skin infection that can spread easily among children. To help keep everyone safe and healthy, it's important to follow these Queensland Health guidelines:

- **Exclusion from School:** Children with school sores should be excluded from school until at least **24 hours of appropriate antibiotic treatment** has been completed.
- **Covering Sores:** Any sores on exposed areas, such as hands or legs, should be covered with a **waterproof dressing** until they are completely dry.
- **Good Hygiene:** Encourage regular **handwashing** to prevent the spread of infection to others.

By following these steps, we can work together to minimise the spread of school sores and keep our school community safe. If you have any concerns, please consult your doctor or pharmacist for advice. Thank you for your cooperation!

Parents and Carers are also reminded that a child who has experienced vomiting should not attend school for at least 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea—to prevent the spread of illness, particularly gastroenteritis, which is highly contagious. Children should be kept home until they are well and free of symptoms.

TUCKSHOP NEWS



There will be sausage sizzle for end of this term on **Friday 19th September**. The Tuckshop will also be offering Zooper Doopers on this day at Afternoon Tea. It will be the same process of \$2 for a sausage at Lunch and \$2 for a Zooper Dooper. All payments are to be made to the Classroom Teacher by not later than **9:00 AM**.



OUT AND ABOUT



Waves Softball are recruiting new players (both young and old) to our sport and are offering an opportunity to join our Home Run Heroes Program.

This six-week program is ideal for kids aged 5–12 who would like to give softball a go.

Delivered by qualified coaches, each session includes:

- ✓ Fun and inclusive skill-based activities
- ✓ Modified games of T-Ball and Softball
- ✓ A great introduction to T-Ball and Junior Softball pathways

Program Dates (Wednesdays):

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| • 17 September | • 1 October | • 15 October |
| • 24 September | • 8 October | • 22 October |

Time: 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm

Venue: The Waves Sports Complex, Thabeban Street, Bundaberg

Cost: \$60 for all 6 sessions

Equipment: All equipment will be provided

Contact: David Field E: wavessoftball@outlook.com

Further information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/TheWavesSoftball>

SPRING HOLIDAY CLINICS

School Holiday Fun for Kids!
Ages 4–12 | Boys & Girls Welcome

Get ready for an action-packed holiday full of excitement!

- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Stay active
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Have a blast!

Don't miss out — spaces fill fast!

REGISTER NOW!

footballqld.com.au/fqroar-holiday-clinics



Spring School Holiday Program

SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday 22/9/25	Tuesday 23/9/25	Wednesday 24/9/25	Thursday 25/9/25	Friday 26/9/25
Bundy Bowl Adventures Matrix Dance Floor & Mini Golf <u>BYO Picnic Lunch & Drink</u> Boreham Park Enjoy the playground & compete with each other with the sports equipment Cost: \$25	X	Kelly's Beach Team up & build the biggest Sand castle & swimming. Hot Chips For Morning Tea <u>BYO Picnic Lunch & Drink</u> The Basin - Bargara Beachcombing, Outdoor Games & the Playground Cost: \$5	Inflatable World 2 hours of fun <u>BYO Picnic Lunch & Drink</u> Design your own T-shirt With t-shirt, fabric transfer, paints & markers @ HQ2 Cost: \$28	X
Monday 29/9/25	Tuesday 30/9/25	Wednesday 1/10/25	Thursday 2/10/25	Friday 3/10/25
Crazy Craft Capers Bunnings & Target Visits. Possible options may include Paint & Bake your own mug, Wind chime kit, Bird House, Air dry clay creations, Juicy Couture Jewellery making <u>BYO Picnic Lunch & Drink</u> Alexander Park Visit to the Zoo & Playground Cost: \$20	X	Games @ the Hub Free Movie Moncler Theatre (TBC, or movie at HQ2) <u>BYO Picnic Lunch & Drink</u> Botanic Gardens Scavenger Hunt, Train Ride, Playground & Duck Feeding Cost: \$5	Fishing Riverview and Elliot Heads <u>BYO Picnic Lunch & Drink</u> Tina Berries Ice-cream and games The Hummock Look out Cost: \$10	X

Our program runs 9am-3pm with pick-ups between 8am-9am and drop-offs between 3pm-4pm.

Please contact IDSS on 1300 4377 ASAP for registration and rostering purposes.

All activities are subject to weather and availability and may change if needed. Please bring: hat, water bottle, towel and change of clothes each day.

Play cricket!

Sign on today








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