



Principal's News

11th September 2026



Kim O'Shea-Hard
Principal

This week, I took a moment to reflect on the many wonderful opportunities our students have experienced as they continue developing into resilient, capable, and compassionate young people. So many highlights quickly came to mind: Camps, Reading on the Deck, becoming Cricket Blast Champions, NAIDOC on the Grass, Tennis, the Eisteddfod, Artist in Residence and Catholic Education Week Celebrations, Children's Masses, Sacraments, District Athletics, Botanical Gardens Excursion, Challenge Cup, our Netball Team being crowned undefeated Diocesan Netball Champions, Maker Space Art Competitions, and this week, Bundy Netball Cup Division 1 Premiers.



Much like the growth we have witnessed in Paddy's Patch, these experiences provide opportunities for students to develop new skills, work collaboratively, and discover their strengths. Whether in the classroom, on the sporting field, in the garden, or on the stage, we continue to see remarkable growth across our school community. We are incredibly grateful to the staff who consistently "show up" and give so generously of themselves in support of our students.

This week, I was also privileged to watch Frozen: The Musical, performed by almost 70 of our students on the Shalom College stage. The talent, confidence, and teamwork displayed by our performers were truly inspiring. Elsa's iconic message, "Let It Go," served as a timely reminder that, at the end of a busy term, there is wisdom in releasing the worries and disappointments that can hold us back.



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My hope is that this term has provided our young people with opportunities to embrace new possibilities and step confidently into fresh challenges. Whether striving towards a reading goal, learning a new skill, or performing in front of an audience, growth often begins when we have the courage to try something new.

As adults, we play an important role in modelling this mindset for our children. When they see us approach challenges with optimism, learn from setbacks, and move forward with hope, they learn to do the same. Confidence and resilience are built not by avoiding difficulties, but by facing them with perseverance and trust.

Life inevitably presents challenges, and it is often through these experiences that our hearts and spirits grow stronger. Scripture reminds us in James 1:2-3:

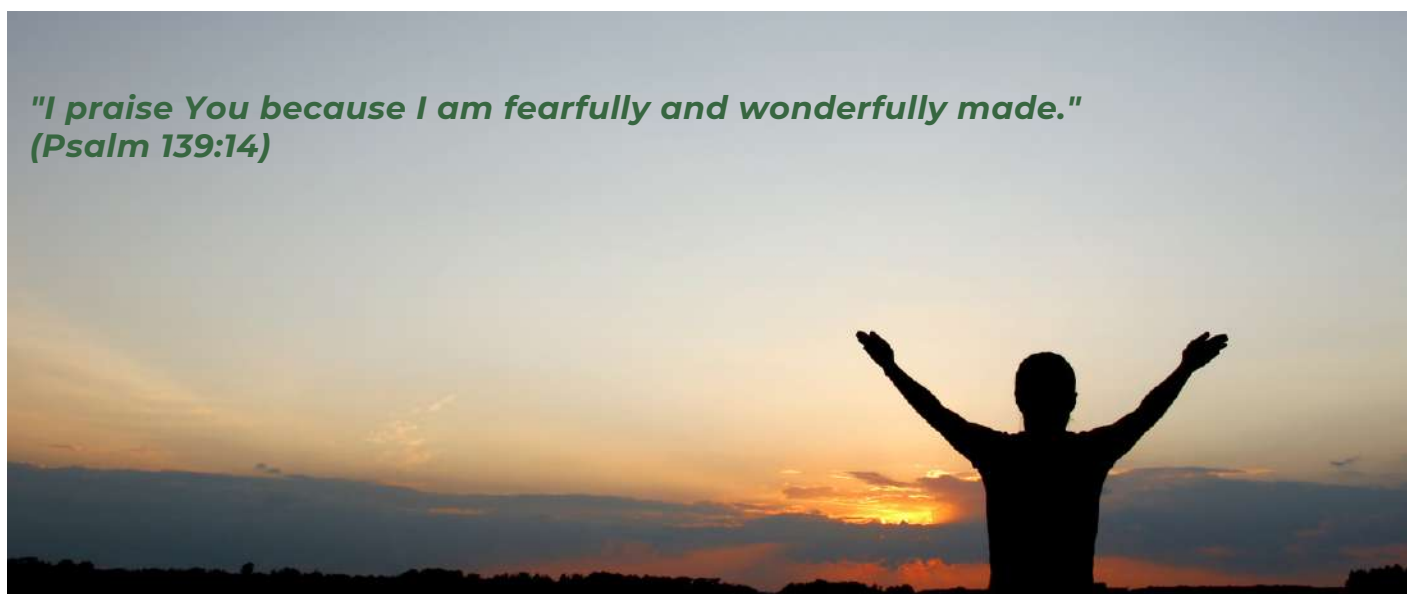
"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

Our students exemplify this truth every day. Whether tackling assessments, competing in sport, or performing on stage, each challenge provides an opportunity to discover inner strength and embrace their God-given gifts. We wish Year 6 all the best for their camp next week, as well as our Wide Bay All School Touch teams.

This is the final newsletter of the term, so I wish you all a wonderful Spring break and thank you for your support of your children and our community. I will be on Long Service Leave through to the end of Week One, remembering that this will be a short week with the King's Birthday falling on Monday, 5th October.

Schools are messy, lives are complicated, but I couldn't be prouder of what this community continues to achieve in solidarity. THANK YOU! As we move into spring, let us celebrate resilience as a pathway to self-acceptance. Encouraging our students to trust in their abilities while embracing their imperfections fosters not only academic and personal growth, but also deep spiritual maturity.

***"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
(Psalm 139:14)***



Happy Holidays when they arrive!



Religion News

Tracey Cook
APRE

Musical – Frozen Kids

Brrr-avo, everyone — it's safe to say Frozen Kids was pure magic!

Our 2026 school musical was a joyful celebration of student talent, creativity and community spirit. Across our sold-out performances, our students lit up the stage with confident acting, beautiful singing and energetic movement, bringing the story to life in a way that delighted our audiences. The applause, smiles and enthusiastic feedback from families and friends made it clear just how proud our community is of the students' efforts.

A production of this quality doesn't happen overnight. In the months leading up to the performances, students showed real commitment and perseverance, learning lines, songs and choreography, practising scene changes, and supporting one another as a team. Whether students were in the spotlight or contributing quietly in the background, each role mattered — and it was wonderful to see such cooperation, encouragement and responsibility throughout the rehearsal process.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the staff and volunteers who gave so generously of their time and expertise. From directing and choreographing, to costumes, props, staging, sound and lighting, your careful planning, organisation and steady encouragement helped make this a memorable experience for our students.

A dedicated creative crew has helped shape the world of Arendelle for the stage. So a huge thank you to:

- Director: Jed Morley
- Props: Sara Salmond, Jessica Cullinan and Marlou Malnegro
- Choreography: Jed Morley and Nicholas Krebs
- Make-up design: Rebecca Lovejoy
- Music/sound: Sally French
- Back stage organisation: Elke McCrystal
- Spotlighting: Jude French
- Production consultant and lighting: Kirsty McCulloch
- Wonderful Shalom students who assisted across our performances: Freya Cook, Layla Morley, Caelan Dever and Ivanna Murillo Flores
- Make up support from fabulous parents: Amanda Gear, Christine Beswick, Misty Hosking, Chelsea Adams, Carly Prossliner, Kimberley McLardy and Tammy Anastasi
- Costume alterations: Kate Cooney
- Large prop production: Ryan Hood
- Transportation of props: Chris and Chrissy Spiteri

Thank you to families as well for your support with rehearsals, preparation and attending performances — it truly takes a village.

Congratulations to every student involved in Frozen Kids. You should be very proud of what you achieved. Nights like these remind us how special our school community is when we work together, and how the arts help our students grow in confidence, creativity and connection.

Musical Highlights



Year 5 Camp 2026 Highlights

Our Year 5 Cohort had a fantastic time during our annual camp, developing new skills at the Chaverim outdoor education campsite. All our students participated in canoeing, rock wall climbing, raft building, orienteering, archery, the low ropes course and the flying possum developing team building skills and new friendships. Some fine young leaders are emerging.

A huge thank you to all the Chaverim and St. Patrick's staff for guiding our children!



Sports News

Athletics Results



Congratulations to Chase L. and Sophia K. for making the Wide Bay 10-12 years Athletics team.

Well done to Kelan E. after placing third overall in the 12 years Boys 1500m event at the Wide Bay trials.



2026 Primary Schools Cup Tennis

Congratulations to Xavier L., Cooper K., Ella M. and Will W. who finished 2nd in the recent Bundaberg Tennis Primary Schools Cup.

Thanks to all our parents who gave up their time to support the team.

11 - 12 Years Boys & Girls Aquathlon Trials

Interested in nominating to trial for the 2027 WBSS Aquathlon Team?

Trials will be held **Sunday 11 October 2026** at Scarness Park, **Hervey Bay**. There is a \$35 nomination fee (\$45 after 1 October).

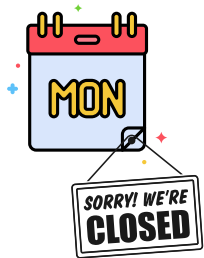
The Regional trial is to pick a team to represent Wide Bay at the **QRSS State Titles on 7 - 9 February 2027** at **Bribie Island**.

Entry and payment can be made directly through the Hervey Bay Triathlon Club website **via [this link](#)** or by scanning the **QR Code**.

Entries close on 8 October 2026.



Tuckshop News



Week 10

Please note the Tuckshop will be CLOSED on **Monday 14th September** and reopens on Tuesday - Thursday, and will be offering **sausage sizzle on Friday**, last day of Term 3.



Year 6 Camp - 16 - 18 September



A friendly reminder to all Year 6 families to please submit any **medication required for camp** to the school office as soon as possible, together with the completed and signed **Request to Administer Medication at School form**. Staff cannot accept any medications which do not have the correctly completed form or medication that is not labelled.



DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL TIMES

Wednesday 16th September

8:00 AM: Students are to be at St Patrick's. Please drop their bags in the **George Street bus shed** area.

8:30 AM: The busses will depart from George Street sharp as we have a strict timetable to adhere to.

Friday 18th September

2:30 PM: Busses return to St Patrick's at George Street.

WHAT TO BRING ON DAY 1?

Students are required to wear their **Year 6 shirt** and **enclosed shoes**.

Daypack

- Lunch and snacks for the full day
- Water Bottle
- Hat/cap
- Suscreen
- Swim togs / board shorts, sun shirt
- Towel

Please refer to the parent letter for the lists containing items necessary for camp.

DO NOT BRING:

- Ipad or iPod, mobile phones, handheld electronic devices
- Aerosol cans (e.g. deodorant or insect repellents)
- Gum (unless required for braces)

Remember to have all items clearly named so anything left behind can be returned!



Out and About



PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS EVENT!

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

DANCE, GAMES, PRIZES AND SPOOKY FUN!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7
5PM - 7PM
BUNDABERG PCYC
1 CIVIC AVENUE, BUNDABERG

A SAFE, FUN AND SUPERVISED EVENT



10-13 YEARS

FUN AND GAMES

BY **DON AND DAVE**

IMAGINE IT. BUILD IT. SHARE IT!

DESIGN YOUR OWN ONLINE GAME!

ONE BUTTON PUSH!

FUN NOT VIOLENT | **MILDLY** CHALLENGING | **CREATIVE** & REWARDING

A 2-DAY WORKSHOP
for kids to design and build their very own online game with just **ONE BUTTON PUSH!**

WHAT KIDS WILL DO

- DREAM UP** their game idea fun characters, goals and rules
- DESIGN & BUILD** their game using easy, kid-friendly tools
- TEST & IMPROVE** make it fun, fair and mildly challenging
- SHARE** their game with friends and family

GAME SHOWCASE EVENING
Family and friends play the kids' games on **ARCADE MACHINES!**

PLAY! CHEER! CELEBRATE!
Family and friends celebrate your amazing games!

WHEN
September school holidays 2026
Weekdays 10:00am - 5:00pm each day

WHERE
THE WINTERGARDEN
2 Maryborough Street BUNDABERG

COST \$50
(Limited places - book early!)

READY TO CREATE YOUR GAME?
JOIN US FOR AN EPIC 2-DAY ADVENTURE!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
Places are limited - completing an Expression of Interest does not guarantee a place.



ONE DAY. ONE FIELD. TWO RECORDS.

SATURDAY 19TH SEPT 2026

SSS STRAWBERRIES FARM
11 Rosedale Road, Oakwood QLD 4670

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ TITLE ATTEMPT

- Most people picking strawberries simultaneously (single venue)
- Most strawberries eaten in one minute

REGISTER NOW!
BE PART OF HISTORY!

TICKETS FROM \$10 • EVERYONE WELCOME!
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Gina's table



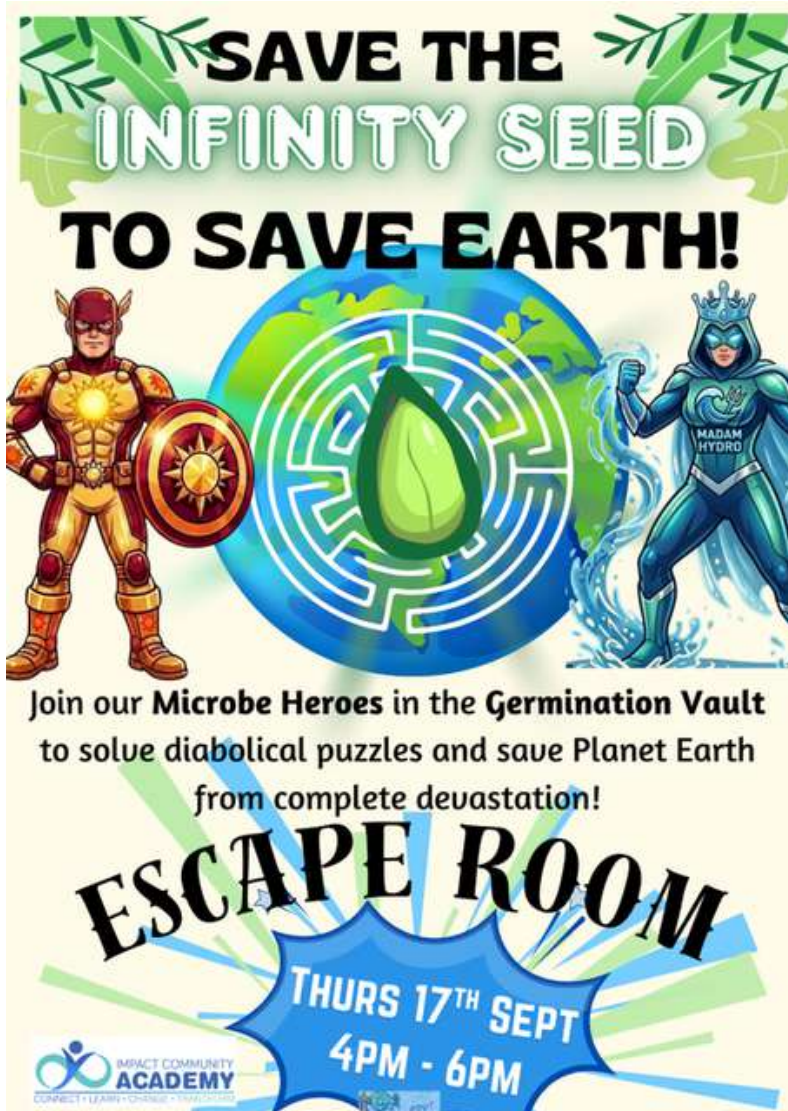
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Out and About



SAVE THE INFINITY SEED TO SAVE EARTH!

Join our **Microbe Heroes** in the **Germination Vault** to solve diabolical puzzles and save Planet Earth from complete devastation!

ESCAPE ROOM

THURS 17TH SEPT
4PM - 6PM

IMPACT COMMUNITY ACADEMY
CONNECT • LEARN • CHANGE • TRANSFORM



FREE ENTRY!
OPEN TO ALL AGES.
*Parent/Guardian supervision required.

Limited time slots,
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YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

3 - 5 OCT 2026

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

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ArtPlus
Art supplies, workshops and gallery training

Vacation Care - Holiday Program

September/October School Holiday Program - \$70 p/d

Mon, 21 st Sept	Tue, 22 nd Sept	Wed, 23 rd Sept	Thur, 24 th Sept	Fri, 25 th Sept
Bargara Berries - Excursion -  Pick your own strawberries to take home & eat, and receive a special "strawberry" treat! Bus leaves 9:15 AM \$25 surcharge	Dr Joe Travelling Scientist - Incursion -  What fascinating area of science will Dr Joe reveal to us this time? \$15 surcharge	Mon Repos Turtle Centre - Excursion-  Let's visit the turtle centre/Mon Repos beach and meet one of the Park Rangers. Bus leaves 8:45 AM \$25 surcharge	Cooking Day  Today we are making all our food for tomorrow's Teddy Bear's picnic.	Teddy Bear's Picnic (as requested)  Bring along your favourite soft friend for a yummy picnic lunch (we will provide lunch today instead of afternoon tea)
Mon, 28 th Sept	Tue, 29 th Sept	Wed, 30 th Sept	Thur, 1 st Oct	Fri, 2 nd Oct
Giant Games Day - Incursion -  Play some GIANT versions of your favourite games! \$15 surcharge	Spring Pot Of Colour (as requested)  Paint your own terracotta pot, fill it with soil, choose a plant to put in & take home.	Cube Sports Bootcamp - Incursion -  A variety of fitness challenges and team challenges to get your heart pumping! \$15 surcharge	Reading Cinemas - Excursion -  "Shaun the Sheep" A combined excursion with St Mary's OSHC kids. Bus leaves 9:15 AM \$25 surcharge	Make Your Own Ice Cream (as requested)  Use this very unique method to make your own icecream, add some toppings and ENJOY!

COMING
THIS
WEEK

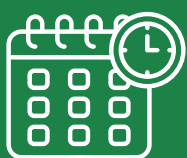
What's happening in Week 10?

Tue - Thur Courtyard Prayer - 4B
Wed - Fri Year 6 Camp
Fri All Schools Touch
 End of Term 3 (school finishes at 3:00 PM)



Term 3 Planner: Weeks 6-10

WEEK 6	Week 17th August - 21st August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 5 and Year 1
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	5S
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's
Friday	Interschool Sport	12:30 pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 7	Week 24th August - 28th August		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 2
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	5P
Tuesday	NAB AFL Auskick & Superkick Centre	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	St Patrick's
WEEK 8	Week 31st August - 4 September		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am	Year 6 and Prep
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	4K
Thursday	Whole School Liturgy	8:40 am	Father's Day Liturgy - Year 3
Wednesday - Thursday	Year 5 Camp	All Day	Year 5
Friday	Pupil Free Day		
WEEK 9	Week 7th September - 11th September		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Year 3
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40 am	5G
Wednesday - Thursday	Musical Performance	5:30 pm	Shalom College PAP
WEEK 10	Week 14th September - 18th September		
Tuesday-Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4B
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp	All Day	Year 6
Friday	All Schools Touch	All Day	Selected Students



2026 Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September

Term 4 Tuesday 6th October - Friday 4th December