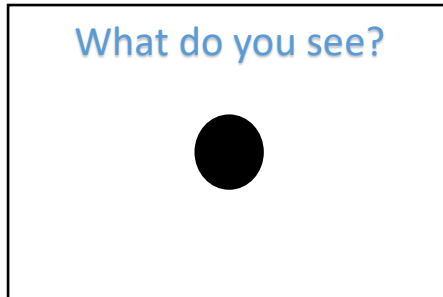




PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

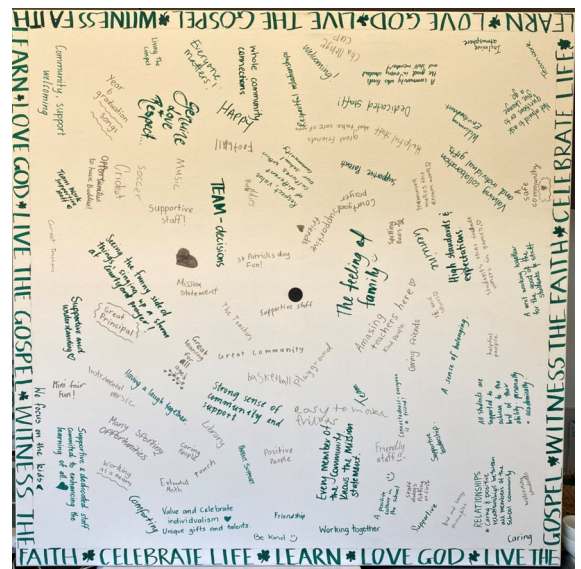
20 October 2023

The first time we gathered as a staff this year. When the year was young and I was new. I asked the following question....



The first response might be a black dot. As human beings, like a moth to light, we are so often drawn to the small black dot in our relationships, in our work place, in our community and most certainly in ourselves. This often results in us ignoring the large area of white that surrounds the small blemish.

I asked staff, students and the Board to add their 'white canvas' observation of this community. This activity had dual-purpose. Firstly, to give me a clear understanding of what the community valued. Secondly, to have a visual cue hanging in our staffroom, as a reminder of all the positive things we have to celebrate. Now that we are in the throws of our final term. A time when fatigue may start to set in. A time when we may be drawn more easily to the small black dot, I thought it might be timely to share the white canvas with the broader community.



On Monday we had well over 100 parents plus their children join us for our 2024 Prep Orientation. I shared this analogy, making parallels between the white canvas and the impact I hoped Catholic Education would have on their children.

The quote from John (14:6) caught my attention on Sunday when I was perusing the Church Bulletin 'The Way, The Truth and The Light'. White reflects more light than colours and this is what I think we hope for our young people. Year 2C, at Courtyard Prayer this week, reminded us of how well Jesus modelled this to us in sharing the song 'Jesus is our light'. He saw the good in all people and his story still inspires so many to be hopeful, grateful and mindful, as we journey through life. He not only turned water to wine, but so often lemons in to lemonade. A skill, that takes time and consideration to develop. I find the 'black dot' less of a temptation, on the mornings that our young ones lead us in prayer and I am grateful for that opportunity.



Click our school crest to go our school website calendar.



Click the Parish logo to go to the Parish website



Click the Facebook icon to go to our Facebook page



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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS continued

I suggested to the newest members of our community that we only play a part in future proofing their children, that it takes a combined effort from educators and parents alike to model and encourage our young people to see the large area of 'white' in their lives to counteract the negativity encountered on daily news feeds. A tonic for a healthy mind, which might well be the largest challenge for society today.

Tuesday night I had the privilege of attending the Shalom Awards Night where a good source noted at least 112 of our past students being named as recipients. Dan McMahon highlighted how many of our students are starting the 'life' race ahead of many in this world. He highlighted the school they attend, parental support and living in Australia as advantageous. He then challenged the students who were being recognised for excellence to never take that for granted and to look for ways to be grateful for the opportunities afforded. To use their gifts to give back to a world that needs them more than ever. In my mind, to be white canvas people.

*Don't look for flaws as you go through life  
It is easy enough to find them.  
It is wise to be kind and sometimes blind  
And look to the virtues behind them*

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*

## SPORTS NEWS

### QUEENSLAND ATHLETICS SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Essie on her outstanding achievements at the recent Queensland Athletics Championships held in Brisbane. Essie competed in the multi-class events winning 5 medals including: Gold - 800m & Long Jump; Silver - 200m; Bronze - 100m. A further honour was bestowed on Essie when she was selected to represent Queensland at the National Championships. This is her second Queensland selection this year, having previously represented our state in Cross Country. What an amazing year this young athlete has had. Well done, Essie!

Essie, together with Charlie, Flo & Matilda were amazing ambassadors for our school at the state championships. The school community is proud of your efforts and success at this event.



**QUEENSLAND  
SCHOOL SPORT**



## OSHC SURVEY

Co-ordinator Claire O'Connell and team, run an excellent OSHC program under our St. Patrick's and Catholic Education banner. Traditionally, our students have accessed Vacation Care via our brother and sister Catholic schools. In recent times it would seem there has been a growth in the number of our parents wanting to access Vacation Care and Before School Care.

If you use or would like to access OSHC in any shape or form, could you please use the QR code to assist DCEO to reassess the needs of this service, not only for St. Patrick's, but the Bundaberg Region. In the meantime, please continue to book your Vacation Care via the other two schools.

**CLICK HERE**



**Bundaberg Catholic Primary School Family Survey**

Please scan the QR code below to complete a short survey regarding the utilisation of Outside School Hours Care.

The survey is open to all families enrolled at Catholic Education Primary Schools in the Bundaberg region, whether or not your family currently accesses OSHC services.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

Early Learning & Care

## NON STATE SCHOOLS TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

**Are you eligible?**

[schooltransport.com.au](http://schooltransport.com.au)

### ELIGIBILITY

The Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme provides financial assistance for families transporting students to non-state schools in Queensland. To find out more about eligibility requirements click here: <https://www.schooltransport.com.au/>

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**Applications close 31 October**

[schooltransport.com.au](http://schooltransport.com.au)

### WHAT IS THE NSSTA SCHEME?

Would you like to know more about the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme and eligibility requirements? Click on the link to view the short introductory video here: <https://youtu.be/ogWpq7tVaio>

### APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31 October

Applications for the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme will close on Tuesday 31 October. Don't miss your chance to apply here: <https://www.schooltransport.com.au/>

## SHALOM COLLEGE CHAMBER STRINGS PERFORMANCE

Treat yourself to 'An Afternoon of Beautiful Music' from the Shalom College Chamber String Ensemble as they give their final performance for 2023.

At this concert, the group will farewell their senior cohort who have been valued members of the music community at Shalom since 2018. The concert program includes a variety of music from inspiring classics to toe-tapping contemporary works, it is sure to have something in it for everyone. The College choir will also present a short selection of music.

The concert will take place at Holy Rosary Church on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> commencing at 2pm. Entry is by donation. All are welcome.



## OUT AND ABOUT



### **FAMILY OPEN DAY**

BUNDABERG

**All Welcome!**

**Sunday October 22**

- Bouncy Castle and Slide
- POP Tennis and Games
- Lucky Door Prize, great giveaways & lots more!
- Face Painting
- Sausage Sizzle

Where: Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Assoc. Inc.  
Rotary Park Tennis Complex  
69b George Street, South Bundaberg  
[bundyjunortennis.org.au](http://bundyjunortennis.org.au) or [facebook.com/BDJTA/](https://www.facebook.com/BDJTA/)



## OUT AND ABOUT



# POP-UP SHOP

Bundaberg

January 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

Bundaberg Recreational Precinct Exhibition Room  
(Off Main Pavillion), Douglas Lane



## SCHOOL SAVVY IS BACK FOR 2024

Bundaberg region residents can look forward to the School Savvy pop-up shops returning in 2024, with shops in Bundaberg, Childers and Gin Gin once again set to open.

From January 8, students from families facing financial struggles will be able to access quality second-hand uniforms and essential booklist stationery supplies at extremely affordable prices.

Uniform donations are now being accepted through donation locations across the area. For a current list of donation points, please visit [www.catholiccarecq.com/donations-points](http://www.catholiccarecq.com/donations-points)

Support your local community and make a difference in a school student's life. The School Savvy CQ team is looking forward to seeing you.

RIVERCITY  
STRONG

## BRISBANE BULLETS BIG SHOTS St Patrick's Catholic Primary School



**6 WEEK TERM 4 PROGRAM**  
Wednesdays 3:15pm - 4:15pm

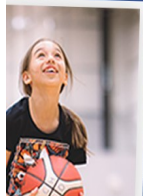
### Price

\$95.00 Includes Brisbane Bullets Big Shots merchandise pack

**Commences Week 3**  
18th October

Click Here  
**REGISTER NOW!**

- ✦ BEGINNER FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE
- ✦ IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS FROM OUR QUALIFIED COACHES
- ✦ REGISTER AT [www.brisbanebullets.com.au/community](http://www.brisbanebullets.com.au/community)



Parents—This is a wonderful opportunity for interested Basketball students to participate in a quality coaching experience to be run after school in the MPS. Please note that this 6-week coaching clinic is run independently of the school. The sessions will be run by the Brisbane Bullets and St Patrick's school staff will not be supervising students at these clinics.



# FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast  
A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

Bundaberg Cricket Association - Blast Program  
Programs starting Friday October 13th  
Salter Oval  
Register now at [play.cricket.com.au](http://play.cricket.com.au)



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY



Play Cricket

# TERM FOUR PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 2nd October - 6th October</b>		
Monday	<b>KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Tuesday	First Day Term 4		
Wednesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Mini Vinnies
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 9th October - 13th October</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5 & 1
Tuesday–Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 16th October - 20th October</b>		
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2024
	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6
Tuesday - Wednesday	Prep Vision Screening	All Day	Prep
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 23rd October - 27th October</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2L
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 30th October - 3rd November</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 6th November - 10th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 3
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4C
Thursday	Shalom Instrumental Music Day–Year 7 2024	8:30am	Year 6 Strings
Friday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8:40am	Year 5
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 13th November - 17th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	5:30pm	Music
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4K
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 20th November - Friday 24th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 2
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am 11:00-12:30pm	Years 3 & 4 Years 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 27th November - Friday 1st December</b>		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
Wednesday	Celebration Night	6:00pm	Whole School
Friday	End of Year Liturgy	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	11:15am	Whole School
	School Dismissed	12:00pm	Whole School

## 2024 TERM DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 22 January - Thursday 28 March
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 8 July - Friday 13 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Monday 30 September - Friday 6 December