



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

21 October 2022

Dear Parents

I always enjoy it when a week starts well.

Prep Orientation on Monday was perfect. Our brand-new Prep students for next year were super excited about their morning session at BIG School. The many new parents who came to our school were just delightful and our staff gave a professional and helpful introduction to Prep.

The appointment of a new Principal for 2023 was finalized late last week and announced to our school community on Tuesday. Kim O'Shea-Hard will be great for St Patrick's. She is already a part of the Bundaberg community, has leadership experience in both Primary and Secondary schools and will bring a fresh set of eyes and energy to the role of Principal. Mrs O'Shea-Hard will meet with both our Supervisor and our Leadership Team to assist a smooth transition and of course she will be officially introduced to our staff and students before the year ends.



On Tuesday evening Hollie Siebold gave an excellent presentation to the parents who gathered at Shalom and joined us via livestream. It was informative and challenging, and even though there is no easy fix, those who attended are definitely better placed to inform and support their children. I understand from Shalom their may have been an issue with the live link for some people. Following is a link to the recording. <https://youtu.be/qwRV-oNvIBI>

I myself have often wondered why some people feel the need to be so spiteful and vindictive in their interactions – and I find it even stranger that those same people post awful comments online where the whole world sees a reflection of these authors at their absolute worst. Such comments reflect so poorly on the people who write them that I can't believe they post them.

Hollie's experience would suggest '**Hurt people hurt people**' and she's probably right. Some people who have been hurt and damaged, hurt others. They mistakenly feel that by hurting others deliberately, they somehow protect themselves. In their minds, they choose to hurt others, mostly who are completely innocent, before others can hurt them. I think it's really sad, and it must be a terrible way to live.

When relationships are damaged at school, we coach and scaffold a way to restore those relationships wherever possible. First we ask children to **Fess Up, honestly naming the issue**. Next we ask those involved to **Face Up. They must own their choices and their behaviour**. Our next step is to **Fix It. We negotiate what each person needs to say and do to repair the relationship**. Finally, we ensure that the conflict is **Finished and that we agree to move on**.

It takes time, but that time is well invested because it teaches children how to process issues and not act in a way that further damages relationships or people. No-one wants to be a part of a toxic relationship or culture. It only damages people and we are better than that here.

Sincere thanks to those families who have advised that their child won't be back at St Patrick's next year. We wish those young people well and hope that they enjoyed their time with us. Please, if your circumstances change and your child is not returning in 2023, please let us know as soon as possible.

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## SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 5	Year 6	3 Volunteers Required
Week 6	Year 5	3 Volunteers Required
Week 7	Year 4	3 Volunteers Required
Week 8	No Sizzle due to Snr Swimming Carnival	

If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.

## FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees have been issued and are payable **by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October** unless you have a payment plan in place, in which case this merely serves as a statement for your records.

Upon receipt, please take time to review your invoice/statement as the end of the year is fast approaching and contact Finance Secretary Brooke if you have any queries or any time should you wish to setup a payment plan.

Please check your junk box if think you haven't received your statement.

It is the responsibility of all parents to pay school fees when attending Catholic schools. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school. Any shortfall in assessed fees for the year has to be met from the general school account which could mean less in our budget to meet our commitments. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, please contact the finance secretary to discuss alternative arrangements.

Please see the below school fee payment options available. Alternatively, payments can be made at the school by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa Card.

Click here to view available school payment options



[School Fee Payment Options](#)


## BUS TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Semester 2 2022 applications for the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme is available for eligible families to assist with the cost of travelling to school.

Applications close **31 October**.

Please login to [Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme \(NSSTAS\) \(schooltransport.com.au\)](https://schooltransport.com.au) to check eligibility and make an application.





**Student Travel Rebates**

**Semester 2**

**Bus Fare Assistance**

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$45/week\* on fares to and from school (\* \$35/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?

**Students With Disability**

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](https://schooltransport.com.au) during October.

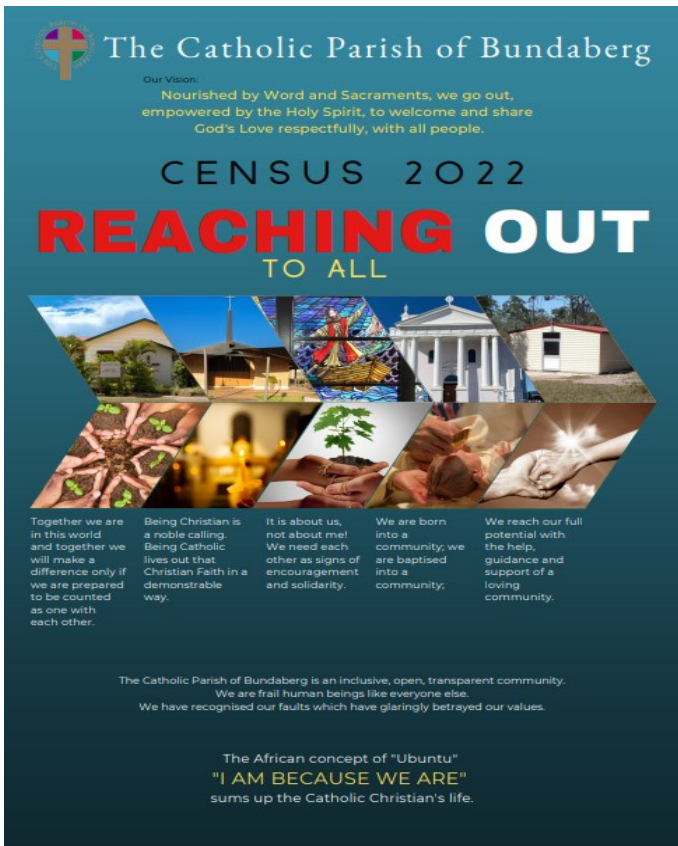
Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> October.

# CATHOLIC PARISH CENSUS

The Bundaberg Catholic Parish is conducting a Census, aiming to contact the 15,349 people who identified as Catholics in the Australian Census 2021. We would like to touch base with all the Catholics in the region.

It is our desire to strive to meet the needs of our total Catholic community and, also, to increase our outreach to all in the Bundaberg region.

The Census will run from 7<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please [click here](#) to complete the Census Form.




**The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg**

Our Vision:  
Nourished by Word and Sacraments, we go out,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit, to welcome and share  
God's Love respectfully, with all people.

## CENSUS 2022

# REACHING OUT TO ALL



Together we are in this world and together we will make a difference only if we are prepared to be counted as one with each other.

Being Christian is a noble calling. Being Catholic lives out that Christian Faith in a demonstrable way.

It is about us, not about me! We need each other as signs of encouragement and solidarity.

We are born into a community; we are baptised into a community;

We reach our full potential with the help, guidance and support of a loving community.

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg is an inclusive, open, transparent community. We are frail human beings like everyone else. We have recognised our faults which have glaringly betrayed our values.

The African concept of "Ubuntu" "I AM BECAUSE WE ARE" sums up the Catholic Christian's life.



### Did You Know?

The Catholic Church remains involved in:

- EDUCATION**  
The Catholic Community is proud of its history of providing education in our region. Today that education is continued by our three Catholic Primary Schools and our Secondary College.
- HEALTH & WELFARE**  
The Catholic Community has outreach professionals who work independently but in close collaboration with our Parish.
- SPIRITUAL CARE**  
Today we have two Priests and two retired Priests in our Parish. Some of the ministries, formerly the sole responsibility of our Priests, are now led and staffed by parishioners.

Of the 1,350 Catholics registered with the Parish, more than 430 have gifted their time and talents to minister in 75 ministries/outreach and 25 prayer groups in the local Bundaberg community.



### OUR OUTREACH INCLUDES:

- Knowledge and Compassion:** Providing vibrant Sacramental Programs, compassionate Bereavement and Funeral support and Adult Faith opportunities.
- Practical Involvement and Leadership:** Extending through Worship Activities to using Hands-on-skills in Maintenance etc.
- Sincere Hospitality:** Visiting the sick, house-bound and elderly, as well as reaching out to Youth and to Young Adults.
- Financial Support within the Local Community:** Our Community Grants Program allows us to provide financial support to qualifying groups which are making a difference in our community. If there is a need which is researched as not being met, we can provide financial support to that need.
- Financial Support within the Diocese:** Providing substantial financial support to struggling parishes in more remote areas of the Diocese.

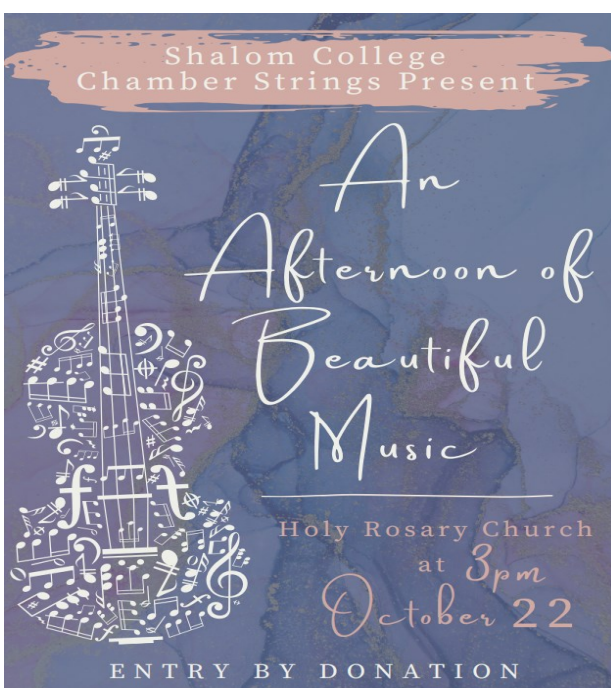
# OUTREACH TO ALL

If you are one of the 15,349 Catholics in Bundaberg (Australian Census 2021), and wish your affiliation with us to be recorded, please contact us, as it our desire to strive to meet the needs of our total Catholic community, and also to reach out to all in the Bundaberg region.

07 4151 6666  
[bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au) OR Scan the QR code  
[www.bundabergcatholic.net.au](http://www.bundabergcatholic.net.au)



# AN AFTERNOON OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC



Shalom College Chamber Strings Present

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Holy Rosary Church  
at 3pm  
October 22

ENTRY BY DONATION

The Shalom College Chamber String Ensemble will present 'An Afternoon of Beautiful Music' at Holy Rosary Church at 3pm on October the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This concert, which is an annual event, is always a crowd pleaser with music chosen to cater to all tastes. From the classics, through the romantics and into the contemporary world, there is sure to be something in this program for everyone. Entry is by donation and funds raised will go to the Catholic Mission.





## OUT AND ABOUT

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Chamber Strings Present

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Music

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ENTRY BY DONATION

Woolworths  
**CRICKET BLAST**

**HAVE A BLAST!**

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS WITH A DISABILITY – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

OUTDOORS  
NON-CONTACT

BUNDABERG CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
Junior Blaster program starting 14th Oct  
at Salter Oval  
From 5pm - 6pm  
Ages 5-7

JOIN A CREW NEAR YOU TODAY PLAY CRICKET

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM

**Junior Chess Tournament**

A Sunday Junior Chess Tournament conducted by the Bundaberg Chess Club Inc is being held on 30th October 2022.

Cost for the tournament is \$8.00 for the morning. A maximum payment of \$16.00/ family with 2 or more players. The venue is upstairs in the U3A building on Woongarra St, Bundaberg.

The competition starts promptly at 9.00 am. Could children please arrive at 8.45 am to register for the tournament. Each child needs to bring a water bottle and adequate morning tea. The morning consists of 6 rounds of competitive chess plus a chess lesson from Mr John Harris. The morning usually concludes around 12.00-12.20 pm.

Prizes are given for 1st to 3rd place depending on the number of players attending. Lucky door prizes are given and prizes for the most interesting chess game.

All enquires for Junior Chess should be sent to John Harris email:- [presidentjohn@live.com.au](mailto:presidentjohn@live.com.au) or Ph:- 0418686497.

**HAVE A BLAST. BE PART OF THE CREW!**

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast. It's a fun and all-inclusive program for kids with a disability – whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard cricket star!

- ✓ It's easy to join a crew and make awesome new friends.
- ✓ Wear the colours of your Big Bash heroes.
- ✓ Parents warm up, you can join in too!
- ✓ Outdoors, non-contact.

**JUNIOR BLASTERS**  
AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities.

Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with a Backpack, Ball and choice of bonus item!

**STARTER KIT** **RETURNER KIT**

**MASTER BLASTERS**  
AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills.

Sign up now for your Master Blasters Pack!

Contact the association for more info:  
0447255288  
[bjcmuller@bigpond.com](mailto:bjcmuller@bigpond.com)  
Register at [playcricket.com](http://playcricket.com)

JOIN A CREW NEAR YOU TODAY PLAY CRICKET

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



## OUT AND ABOUT

# Master Blasters Cricket

North Bundaberg Cricket Club registrations now open!

Kids aged approx. 7 to 10 years of age.

Games held on a Thursday night.

Go to [play.cricket.com.au](http://play.cricket.com.au) to register

Contact Sara for more info:  
nbccjuniorco@gmail.com  
Ph: 0409 611 128



**Walk to Remember**

Remembering every little life

**Bundaberg**  
Hosted by T.G's Legacy

**Sunday October 23rd 2022**

**Location:** Nielson Park Bargara

**Time:** From 3pm

Gather at this beautiful family-friendly beachside park location to spend time with other bereaved families and remember our little ones gone far too soon.

To register visit <http://tix.yt/bundabergwtr>

**Be ACTIVE**  
**Be ALIVE** SPRING PROGRAM 2022



**FREE LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS**

**Bundaberg Junior Tennis Assoc.**  
Rotary Park, 69B George Street, Bundaberg

WEEK	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
1	Monday 17 October	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis
2	Monday 24 October	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis
3	Monday 31 October	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis
4	Monday 7 November	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis
5	Monday 14 November	9.00 – 10.00am	Quick start Tennis

**HOME DELIVERY**

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Bundaberg Local Business | 0450 530 400

# TERM FOUR PLANNER

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Week 4th October - 7th October</b>		
Monday	<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
Tuesday	First Day Term 4		
Wednesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Reef Guardians
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Week 10th October - 14th October</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 6
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	Mini Vinnies
Thursday	Whale Watching Excursion	All Day	Year 6
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Week 17th October - 21st October</b>		
Monday	Prep Orientation Morning	9:00am-10:30am	Prep 2023
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3S
Wednesday	Year 1 Excursion Botanical Gardens	8:45am—11:30am	Year 1
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Week 24th October - 28th October</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3C
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>Week 31st October - 4th November</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	3L
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>Week 7th November - 11th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 4
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2H
Friday	Remembrance Day Memorial	8:40am	Year 5
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>Week 14th November - 18th November</b>		
Monday	Parish Mass	9:00am	Year 5
Tuesday	Cultural Night - Year 3, String and Choir Ensembles	5:00pm	Music
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2C
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Week 21st November - Friday 25th November</b>		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	2N
Friday	Senior Swimming Carnival	9:00-11:00am	Years 3 & 4
	NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS DAY	11:00-12:30pm	Years 5 & 6
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>Week 28th November - Friday 2nd December</b>		
Monday	Year 1 Nativity Assembly	9:00am	Whole School
Tuesday	Year 6 Graduation	9:00am	Whole School
	Year 6 End of Year Excursion	11:00am	Year 6
Wednesday	Celebration Night	6:00pm	Whole School
Thursday	End of Year Liturgy	1:00pm	Whole School
	Year 6 Farewell Assembly	2:00pm	Whole School
Friday	Last Day of School	All Day	Whole School

## 2023 TERM DATES

<b>TERM 1</b>	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 17 April - Friday 23 June
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December