



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

14 October 2022

Dear Parents

Social Media. When we use it prudently, it can be sensational. However as with so many other things in life, if we don't monitor it's use, and discipline the way we engage with it, it can have a horrible effect on individuals, families and even communities. If you or your family have been fortunate enough not to have been a victim of it yet, have a read of some of the general forums and just see how many lies and hurtful, spiteful comments are contained there. Unacceptably, almost all leaders, clubs, groups, and organisations seem to be the targets of slanderous or defaming comments on occasion.

Almost all of us use some form of social media at home, and we have to understand how it works. More importantly, we must take responsibility for managing its use in our own home and lives. I'm sure many of us, particularly our children, are unknowingly being influenced or manipulated by social media.

Our Catholic Schools through our Parent Bodies have arranged for **Hollie Siebold to speak to us at Shalom, next Tuesday night at 7:00**. We absolutely know how busy parents are, and for that reason it lasts an hour only. We have a powerful presenter in Hollie Siebold who has firsthand experience of dealing with social media through her husband Anthony's role as a professional NRL coach. We wouldn't have engaged Hollie to speak to our parents unless it was a serious issue for our families. Please, in the interests of yourselves and your children, come along and educate yourselves. The presentation will be livestreamed, <https://youtu.be/CjSAWOTFFFk> however listening to someone speaking in person, is something I always find far more engaging. Hope to see you there.

*Mark For*

*Tuesday*  
*18th October*

**7:00pm**

**Shalom PAP**

HEAR HOLLIE'S STORY  
WHICH HAS SHAPED A PASSION  
FOR EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING  
THE WELLBEING OF OTHERS.

Sharing her story  
of wellbeing and the

Impact of  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
on our CHILDREN



**Parent Education Evening**

TUESDAY  
18TH OCTOBER  
7PM  
@SHALOM PAP

Hollie Seibold - wellbeing specialist,  
teacher, wife and mother

## BOOKCLUB

Book club catalogues have been sent home with your child today. All orders need to be made **ONLINE via LOOP payment** on the Scholastic website, as no cash orders can be accepted.

Please go to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

All orders are due by **Monday 17th October**. As soon as orders are dispatched to us, we will then send home with your child.



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 3	Prep	2 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	Year 3	3 Volunteers Required

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.


## 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 \(NSSTAS\) \(schooltransport.com.au\)](http://NonStateSchoolsTransportAssistanceScheme(NSSTAS).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](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) during October.**

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

## FINANCE NEWS

A reminder to all families that fees will be issued today 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.

### **Direct Deposit**

If you wish to pay by direct transfer from your bank account to ours, please ensure you use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as a reference. Our bank account details are noted at the bottom of your parent statement.

### **Recurring Credit Card Billing**

If you wish to make regular recurring payments as you would normally from a bank account but prefer to use a Credit Card so as to gain advantages of frequent flyer points etc., it is as simple as completing a form. This form is available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab, titled Direct Debit by Credit Card Form. Otherwise please contact St Patrick's School Finance Secretary Brooke Bone at [brooke\\_bone@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:brooke_bone@rok.catholic.edu.au) to have the form return e-mailed or call in to the office to have a printed copy provided.

### **BPay**

BPay is the electronic bill payment service offered by Australia's leading banks and financial institutions providing a convenient, fast and easy way for debtors to pay their bills anytime/anywhere through the security of your telephone or internet banking. A BPay logo with the school's biller id and account reference is on your statement, if you choose to pay this way.

### **Parent Lounge**

Simply login to the Parent Lounge Portal, select Make a Payment tab and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. An amount outstanding is automatically selected but you can amend this to pay a different amount.

### **Direct Debit**

If you wish to set up direct debit from your account on a periodic basis, please do not hesitate to contact Brooke Bone for assistance or simply download, complete and return the form titled Direct Debit by Bank Account Form available on the school website under Fees and Charges in the Menu tab.

### **Centrepay**

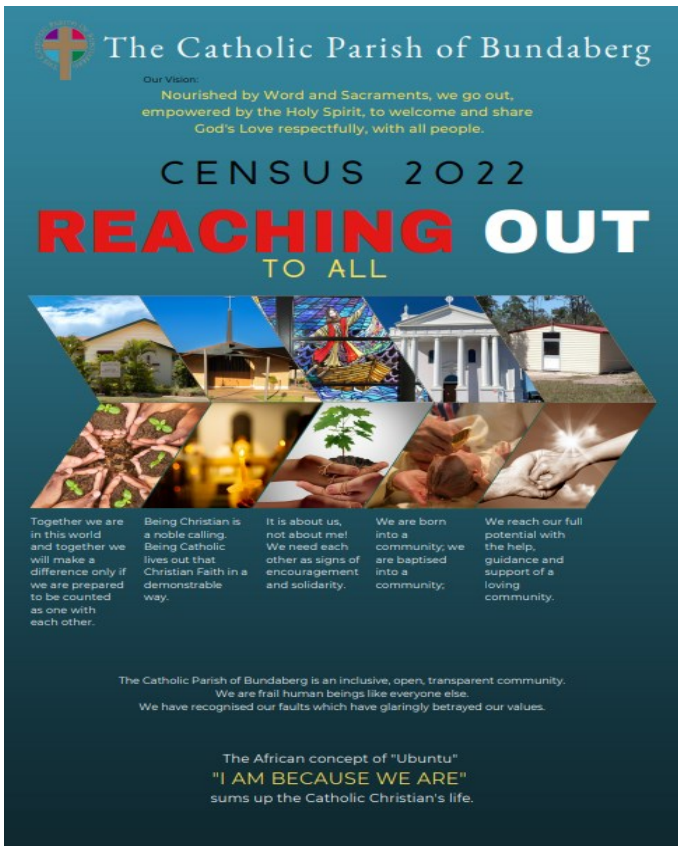
Login to your Centrelink through the MyGov website to setup periodic payments. Our CRN is 555 053 656K and use your parent code located at the top right corner of your statement as the reference.

# 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.

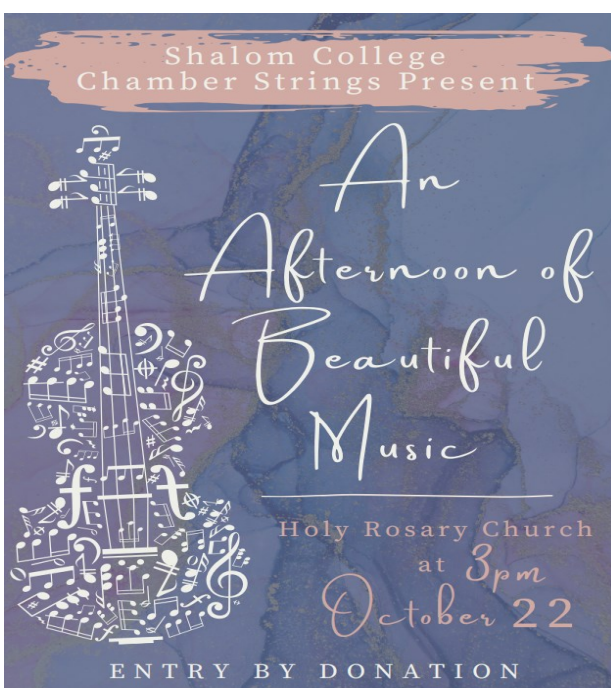
# OUTREACH TO ALL

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

# An Afternoon of Beautiful Music

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

### ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC KINDERGARTEN

Open Day Saturday 15 October  
9.00am to 12 noon



Contact us on 4994 9348

St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten, 39 Woondooma Street,  
is having an open morning for prospective families  
on Saturday 15 October

*Come along and*

Check out the facilities

Meet the staff

Talk to current parents

Children (and parents) can have their photos taken with Banana's in Pyjamas  
*Yes B1 and B2 will be on site!*

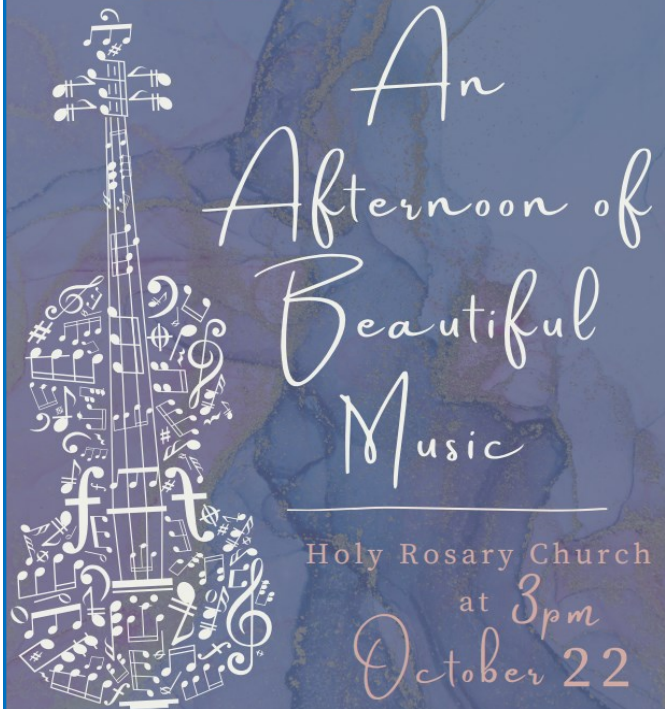
For further information please call either:

T 4994 9348

M 0436 114 480

E [sjbg\\_elc@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjbg_elc@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Shalom College  
Chamber Strings Present



Holy Rosary Church  
at 3pm  
October 22

ENTRY BY DONATION



OUTDOORS  
NON-CONTACT

# 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!

BUNDABERG CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Junior Blaster program starting 14th Oct

at Salter Oval

From 5pm - 6pm

Ages 5-7

### 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

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## 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
		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