



**ST BRIGID'S**  
Catholic Primary School  
EMERALD

# ST BRIGID'S NEWSLETTER

**WEEK 5**

**TERM 3**

**2025**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through this term! Time seems to be flying by as we continue to share in the joy of learning, growing, and celebrating together as a school community.

Last week, I had the absolute privilege of accompanying our Year 6 students on their camp to the beautiful Magnetic Island. This experience was not only a wonderful opportunity to immerse ourselves in the natural beauty of Queensland, but it also provided our students with a chance to develop invaluable leadership and team-building skills.

We were also blessed to have seven students from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) in Springsure join us on this journey. It was heart-warming to witness the friendships that blossomed between our students and theirs, as they worked together, encouraged one another, and truly embodied the spirit of teamwork.

Throughout the camp, I was incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves. Their behaviour exemplified respect, kindness, and a willingness to learn. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Whether it was navigating group tasks, exploring the island, or participating in hands-on activities, they showed leadership qualities that will serve them well in the future.

A camp of this nature would not be possible without the dedication and support of our staff. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Carew and Mr Senini, who gave so generously of their time and energy to attend the camp with us. Their guidance and care ensured that every student felt supported and safe throughout the trip.

As we continue through the term, I encourage everyone in our school community to reflect on the importance of teamwork and leadership in our daily lives. Just as our Year 6 students demonstrated on camp, we all have the ability to work together to create a positive and uplifting environment where everyone can thrive.

Warm regards,

*Tegan Green*

Principal



## Catholic Education Week

You may have noticed our new installation in the round meeting room window. This was a vision for a few years as we looked to celebrate St Brigid's role in bringing the message of Jesus and the Catholic faith to the young people in the Emerald community. Thanks must go to Jaslyn from Designer Stained Glass for her time, vision and beautiful craftsmanship.

*~ The cotton might represent life and death because cotton starts as a seed then grows into a pretty flower, then the flower dies and grows again into the cotton. This represents that Jesus grew and shared the Word of God, almost like cotton seeds, then died then came back to life - Year 5 student.*

~ The sun could represent the bright actions Jesus made - Year 5 student

~ The cotton could represent the clothes that Jesus gave people when they were cold or had no clothes - Year 5 student

~ Jesus' Masterpiece - Year 1 student

~ The Rainbow Glass - Year 1 student



*God bless*

Meaghan Tucker






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## CURRICLUM NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a joy it has been to see the enthusiasm and hard work from our students so far this term. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, or in creative pursuits, our learners continue to amaze us with their energy and dedication. A heartfelt thank you to you, our families, for the encouragement and support you give every single day—it makes all the difference.

As we head into the busy second half of the term, we want to help our students avoid the dreaded “end-of-term crash.” One of the most effective ways to do this is by establishing healthy routines that prioritise **good nutrition, regular exercise, and plenty of quality sleep.**

A simple, calming **bedtime routine** can work wonders. Try:

1. **Getting into pyjamas**
2. **Brushing teeth**
3. **Reading a book together**

When reading with your child, you might:

- Take turns reading a page each
- Pause to ask, “*What do you think might happen next?*”
- Discuss how a character might be feeling and why
- Connect the story to your child's own experiences “*Have you ever felt like that?*”

This routine isn't just about improving literacy—it's a beautiful opportunity to strengthen your bond with your child. Consistency in this time together can rapidly boost both **attitudes towards reading** and **reading ability**. And remember, this works just as well when your child is reading to you—listening carefully and asking them questions will help deepen their understanding and enjoyment.

We're looking forward to an exciting finish to the term, with **ICAS testing**, the **Steven Bell/Josh Hannay Rugby League** event, and of course, the mighty **StoryFest** still to come. Thank you for being such vital partners in your child's learning journey—we couldn't do it without you.

Warm regards,

*Mr Francey*

### SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours (Term Time Only)

Tuesday afternoon  
2:00pm - 4:30pm

Thursday morning  
8:00am - 10:00am

Email: [stbrigids@wearitto.com.au](mailto:stbrigids@wearitto.com.au)

### TUCKSHOP

Every Friday  
Orders close 10am Thursday

Wednesday- Subway  
Orders close Wednesday 8am





## Book Week!!!

In Week 6 on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> August we will hold our annual Book Week Parade! Book Week is an initiative of the CBCA (The Children's Book Council of Australia) to celebrate Australian children's literature. Our main event is the costume parade where we invite students and staff to dress up as their favourite book characters and join in the fun. It's always a fantastic event with lots of amazing costumes on show. Costumes can be as simple as wearing your own weekend clothes as long as they represent a character from a book. Using or recycling items from around the house to express your creativity is strongly encouraged. We can't wait to see everyone's amazing costumes on parade day!

For more information about book week, please follow the link below.

<https://cbca.org.au/childrens-book-week/>



Our annual Book Week Parade will be held in Week 6 on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> August. Students and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters and join in the fun.



## Premier's Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge forms have gone home with each student. All the instructions are on the form and will need to be returned to school by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Extra forms can be collected from the library. For more information about the challenge you can click the following link.

<https://readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au/>

If you have any enquiries, please email me. [Kristy\\_strong@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Kristy_strong@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Happy Reading!

*Mrs Strong*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TERM 3

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Challenge Cup
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - NAIDOC Mass with Bishop Michael
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July - CH Athletics
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> August - Catholic Education Week
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Whole School Mass led by 6S
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August - Year 6 Camp
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August - Think U Know presentation to Years 4, 5 and 6
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Dr Dan Pronk parent information session - The Resilience Shield (Marist College)
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August - First Holy Communion
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Pupil Free Day
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept - Parent Teacher Interview week
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept - Student Protection Week
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept - Storyfest
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept - Last Day of Term 3

## STUDENT PROTECTION

At St Brigid's any concerns or reasonable suspicions about a student's safety and wellbeing or the behaviour of a staff member or volunteer which a student considers to be inappropriate, will continue to be managed in accordance with Rockhampton Catholic Education Student Protection Processes.

The Student Protection Contacts at St Brigid's are:

Mrs Tegan Green - Principal  
Mrs Meaghan Tucker - APRE  
Mrs Josephine Carew - Year 6 Teacher  
Mr Michael Smale - Counsellor

Further information about Rockhampton Catholic Education's commitment to Student Protection is available on the link below.

<https://www.rok.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/student-protection/>



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## CHALLENGE CUP NETBALL - 2025

In the latter half of week 1 of this term, Miss Marks and myself had the privilege to attend the 2025 Challenge Cup carnival in Yeppoon as joint netball coaches.

We had a very successful first day of competition with three very convincing wins against Western Wave, St Anne's Sarina and Sacred Heart (3) Yeppoon having a 86 to 8 for and against. Day two started with another win against St Joseph's Mackay 30 – 4. Our next game was against eventually runner-ups St Benedict's Yeppoon (1) team and we started strong having a small lead at half-time. With some goals that didn't sink and great team work by St Benedict's we went down 23 – 18.

Our next game was against home town rivals, St Patrick's. St Patrick's played extremely well and we couldn't take a break and at half-time we were down 6 nil. The game was still there for the taking and we sunk two quick goals to close the gap. St Patrick's continued with their great teamwork and the final score was 12 – 4. The girls had one final game for the day against Emmanuel Mackay and they dug deep to take the win 13 – 10.

We finished third in our pool of eight teams and this meant we played against St Mary's Rockhampton on Friday to gain a position in the Plate Grand final. A determined defensive effort led by Grace Grant and some amazing shooting by Heidi Herman and Maggy Adams secured the win 17 – 7. We then faced off against St Mary's Mackay and despite not winning the vital centre pass at the start of the game, we scored the first goal which can determine the eventual winner if there is a draw.



In last year's Shield final we missed scoring the first goal and St Patrick's Bundaberg got the Shield with a 16 – 16 draw, St Brigid's went into the break with a small lead but St Mary's knew they were still within reach. Both teams wanted the win and that vital first goal came to fruition and we were awarded winners with a 11 – 11 draw at the final whistle.

The nine netballers below represented our school with pride and showed great sportsmanship being gracious in defeat and humble in success.





## CHALLENGE CUP RUGBY LEAGUE - 2025

A recent highlight on the school calendar was the annual Challenge Cup Rugby League and Netball Carnival. Mr Hay and I had the pleasure of coaching the Rugby League team, and we were delighted with the growth across our season. The team played with incredible determination, aggression and intensity, out-competing teams with far greater physical attributes. The team finished second in their pool, progressing to the Cup Division for the second time in our school's history. We finished the carnival with five wins, two losses and a draw on our way to 8th place overall. As a school, we should be incredibly proud of this group of young men and the way they displayed the very best of St Brigid's throughout the carnival. Defence, line speed and intensity are in this groups DNA and they have set an incredibly high standard for every group of players following them to aspire to.





## WESTERN 7'S RUGBY UNION - 2025

On Friday 1st August 12 students in year 5 and 6 played in the Western 7's Rugby Union gala day at McIndoe Park in the Under 12 division and won the first ever championship flag for St Brigid's.

We were very lucky to have two assistant coaches from The Glennie School, Charlotte and Claudia volunteer to help our team for the day's competition. Our day started with a convincing win over Emerald North State School 35 – 0 with tries to Thomas Pulford, Braxtyn Gray, Jarrod Jensen and Cooper Gledhill.

Our second game was a much tighter affair and we went down 15 – 10 to Blackwater North State School. In the warm-up before our third game, our two assistant coaches, Charlotte and Claudia, taught the team a rucking drill that they could do to gain possession of the ball by working as team of two.

Our third game was another tightly contested game against St Anthony's Rockhampton but we used our newly learnt skill so effectively that we were able to secure the win 10 – 5. This gave us two wins and one loss and a good for and against. Once the other two pools games had finished all teams were ranked from 1st to 12th.

St Brigid's with a good for and against ended in the 3rd overall position and had to play the 2nd overall team in the semi-final which was Blackwater North State School, the team we had narrowly lost to earlier in the day. Again, after a great warm up and some focus activities led by Charlotte and Claudia, the boys came out firing in the first half to be up 20 nil. In our half-time chat we said we needed to keep the momentum moving forward as the game was not won yet. The Blackwater side came back very strong in the second half, scoring three tries in quick succession before a massive tackle and steal from game captain, Jonathan Butler and a 40 metre run to secure the win on the buzzer which put us in front by 10 and into the Grand Final. We won the Semi-Final 25 – 15 against Blackwater North State School.

We then had to wait an hour for the Grand Final. Another great warm up with some motivation music pumping through the boombox and a dance circle to lighten up the moment, the team were ready for the final game of the day. In a game where our nerves were tested with five back to back penalties and a yellow card to one of our players we went into the halftime break ahead by one try. We started a player down for the first minute of the second half. Both teams gave their all in attack and defence before a gutsy performance by captain of that game, Braxtyn Gray. He showed sheer determination to break their defensive line and score with his speed. We won the Grand Final 15 – 10 against Capella State School.

A huge thanks to Charlotte and Claudia from The Glennie School for their assistance throughout the day and sharing their knowledge and expertise on Rugby 7's with us.





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