



ST BRIGID'S
Catholic Primary School
EMERALD

ST BRIGID'S NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2

TERM 3

2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3! It was wonderful to return at the end of last term following my pilgrimage through Ireland and participation in the Safeguarding Conference in Rome. The pilgrimage was a truly enriching experience and a privilege to walk in the footsteps of St Brigid and St Patrick, deepening my appreciation for the heritage and faith foundations upon which our school and parish are built.

Rome provided an intense but deeply rewarding opportunity to engage in global conversations around safeguarding within the Catholic Church. It was inspiring to connect with educators and leaders from across the world, share stories, and reflect on how we can continue to ensure safe, nurturing environments for all children in our care.

We began this term with great energy and spirit as 26 students proudly represented St Brigid's at the Challenge Cup in Yeppoon, competing in netball and rugby league. Over three days, our students demonstrated exceptional teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr Francey, Mrs Butler, Miss Marks, Mr Hay and Mrs Mikkelsen for their dedication in preparing, training, and supporting our students in this fantastic opportunity.

Term 3 is always a busy and exciting time in our school calendar. We encourage all families to stay informed via the Parent Orbit app and Seesaw, where we will continue to post updates and reminders. A full overview of the term's key dates and events can be found further down in this newsletter.

Next week marks the beginning of one of our most exciting periods – Prep interviews for 2026. During this time, our leadership team will meet with many new and existing families who are considering enrolling their little ones at our wonderful school. As part of this process, we will be conducting school tours, so if you see new faces around the grounds, please join us in making them feel welcome and help showcase the vibrant, faith-filled community we are so proud of.

I look forward to all that this term holds and to continuing to grow, learn and celebrate together as a St Brigid's community.

Warm regards,

Tegan Green

Principal



Catholic Education Week

Next week we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Queensland. This is a special time for us to come together as a school community to give thanks for the gift of Catholic education and reflect on what it means in our lives.

The theme for this year is "Communities of Faith, Hope and Love". This theme reminds us that our school is not just a place for learning but also a place where we grow in faith, share hope and show love to one another. It reflects the values that guide us every day and calls us to live as Jesus did - by caring for others and building a strong, connected community.

Mission Monday - 28 July - support our local St Patrick's Parish by purchasing a cupcake or slushie for \$1.

Welcome Wednesday - 30 July - 12pm whole school mass (all welcome), shared afternoon tea, open WoW classroom for families.

Faith-filled Friday - 1 August - buy an action of faith, hope or love for \$1 from one of Jesus' disciples. All proceeds will go to our local St Patrick's Parish community.

I hope that families are able to join us on Wednesday afternoon to celebrate everything that is great about being part of Catholic education.

God Bless

Meaghan Tucker



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

2025 Major Raffle

**Win a sleek Toyota Corolla Hatch
Hybrid Ascent Sport – where cutting
edge hybrid tech meets sporty design!**

2nd Prize \$1000 cash

3rd Prize \$500 cash



Scan QR Code To Purchase Tickets

**Drawn 10am Sunday
2 November 2025**

**Tickets
\$20**

Raffle Open to Qld Residents Only

1st Prize



CURRICULUM NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope all our St Brigid's families enjoyed a refreshing break and that the holidays were filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of memorable adventures. It has been wonderful to hear students share their holiday stories, and we are excited to build on this energy as we dive into another exciting term of learning.

This term is packed with opportunities for growth, achievement, and celebration. Catholic Education Week is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to celebrating our Catholic identity as a community. Our students will also have the chance to shine through events such as the Western 7's, StoryFest, and ICAS testing, alongside the many engaging and innovative learning experiences happening in classrooms every day, including the extravaganza that is Book Week.

Reflecting on the recent Challenge Cup Rugby League and Netball competitions, we could not be prouder of our teams. Our Netballers finished 9th overall and impressively won their division, while our Rugby League team finished 8th overall - an incredible achievement for our school. The courage, determination, and sportsmanship displayed by all players was truly inspiring. Once again, St Brigid's has shown that we can punch well above our weight!

As we settle into the term, it is important to re-establish healthy routines around sleep, nutrition, exercise, and regular reading. Investing in these habits now will ensure students are energised, focused, and ready to give their best, with the payoff being seen in their growth and achievements by the end of the term.

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

TUCKSHOP

Every Friday
Orders close 10am Thursday

Wednesday- Subway
Orders close Wednesday 8am



CAN YOU SPARE 30 MINUTES?

TUCKSHOP
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

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Book Week!!!



In Week 6 on Wednesday the 20th 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/>



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Children's Book Week
16-23 August 2025



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 25th 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

Happy Reading!

Mrs Strong

Over the holidays, we did a stocktake of the library. While only a few books have gone missing, please take a moment to check at home—maybe you’ve spotted one of the 'wanted' books on the posters below!



UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3

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



The poster features a background image of a smiling woman and a young child sitting at a table, engaged in a craft activity with markers and paper. The text is overlaid on a dark blue diagonal banner.

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**2026
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ENROLMENT**
Online Enrolments Now Open

"Gentleness & Strength"

For more Information:
www.sberok.catholic.edu.au
07 4994 8365

ENROLL NOW

FROM THE COUNSELLORS

Welcome back at the start of term 3 from the School Counsellors. I hope that students and parents all had a relatively relaxed and fun school holiday period and that our kids are excited to get back into routine on these colder winter mornings 😊.

As we all get back into routine, it will be normal for parents to see a bit of school refusal, negative self-talk and some general anxiety to be demonstrated, especially on colder mornings where our little people just don't want to get out of warm beds. School avoidance behaviours may appear in the following ways in children – outright refusal, feigning sickness, or experiencing symptoms like stomach aches or headaches and can indicate underlying issues such as separation anxiety, social anxiety and/or depression. Avoidant behaviours can range in severity from the occasional sick day to a prolonged refusal that has an impact on the child's overall wellbeing and also a cause significant disruption for parents.

Ways to manage school refusal behaviours in young people include – having an open and frank conversation between the child, the parents and the classroom teacher; seeking professional help from a school or external counsellor, building a gradual reintegration plan that supports the young person to navigate their way back into the classroom full time and parents working to build a supportive and safe environment at home that creates a positive experience at school.

A further resource for parents released by the NSW Education Department can be found via this link : <https://nareenahil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/n/nareenahil-p/localcontent/gettingtoschoolandstayingatschool.pdf>

If you have any questions or feel that your child would benefit from further support, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or school counsellors – Michael_smale@rok.catholic.edu.au or Kelsey_galloway@rok.catholic.edu.au

Kind Regards,

Michael Smale

School Counsellor



EVERY DAY COUNTS

A DAY HERE OR THERE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MUCH BUT...

When your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And therefore from Prep to Year 12...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks a year	1 and ¼ years absent
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks a year	2 and ½ years absent
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks a year	5 years absent
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks a year	7 and ½ years absent

CHALLENGE CUP - 2025

Last week, 26 of our students travelled to Yeppoon to compete in the Challenge Cup for rugby league and netball. Each and every student gave 110% effort, putting up strong competition against the schools in their playing pools. Congratulations to all students for their exceptional behaviour and the outstanding way they represented St Brigid's. Both teams achieved excellent results, with our rugby league team placing 8th and the netballers finishing 9th—also proudly taking out the Shield! A heartfelt thank you to the parents who gave up their time to support their children, both on the sidelines and behind the scenes getting them to practices and trial games. Events like these wouldn't be possible without your commitment. Sincere thanks also to Mr Francey, Mr Hay, Mrs Butler, Miss Marks and Mrs Mikkelsen for their time, organisation and coaching—your dedication and willingness to volunteer is truly appreciated. Finally, a big thank you to our uniform sponsors—Cut Loose, KTP Contracting and Saltbush—for the stunning new uniforms that made our teams stand out on the field and court.

