

# 2025

# YearBook







# Principal's Address 2025

What an incredible year 2025 has been for our St Joseph's Catholic School community. It has been our first full year learning, teaching, playing, and praying in our beautiful new school buildings, and what a blessing it has been. Earlier in the year, we gathered as a community to celebrate the official blessing and opening of our new facilities—a day filled with pride, gratitude, and joy. We remain deeply thankful for the generous support that made these buildings possible and for the continued contributions of our broader school community, families, and friends who share in our vision for the future of St Joseph's.

This year has been one of continued growth and connection. Our students have thrived in these new learning environments, and our staff have worked with dedication and creativity to make every space a place of belonging and inspiration. I am so grateful for the dedication, commitment, and faith that each staff member demonstrates daily in supporting our students to grow academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

To our parents and carers—thank you once again for being the heart of our community. Your ongoing partnership ensures our students are surrounded by care and encouragement. The way you support not only your own children but also our school as a whole continues to strengthen the spirit of St Joseph's.

This year, our student leaders have represented St Joseph's with confidence, compassion, and enthusiasm. Our School Captains, Knox Swalling and Ada McIntyre, have led by example through their participation, encouragement of others, and consistent positivity. To our Kennedy House Captains, Gemma Douglas and Scarlett Blinco, and Flinders House Captains, Georgia Battle and James Barker—thank you for bringing energy, pride, and sportsmanship to our house events and for building a strong sense of team spirit among your peers.

As 2025 draws to a close, I reflect with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead. This year has marked a new chapter in our school's story—a chapter built upon faith, community, and a shared commitment to excellence. The spaces around us remind us daily of how far we've come and inspire us to continue growing together as a thriving Catholic school community.

To every student, staff member, and family of St Joseph's—thank you for the joy, hard work, and faith you've shared throughout this remarkable year.





Before closing my reflections on 2025, I would like to acknowledge the incredible journey our school community and stakeholders have shared throughout this special year of renewal. We have taken time this year to reflect on who we are as a Catholic school community, reflect on areas to celebrate, areas for future investigation and areas for development. The time and dedication from our stakeholders in providing this feedback will be invaluable to shape the future direction of the school.

Our School Board has been an integral part of this journey. Formed in 2022, the board has provided stability, wisdom, and vision, guiding St Joseph's through significant growth and change. This year, we welcomed three new members—Ms Lei Nelson, Miss Hannah McCall, and Mrs Laura Gresham—whose insights have further enriched our discussions and strengthened our collaborative spirit.

Our board members for 2025 are:

President - Theresa Scobie

Secretary - Gayle Macnamara

Parent Representative - Laura Gresham

Community Representative - Chris Waters

Leadership Member - Lei Nelson

Teaching Member - Hannah McCall

Spiritual Leader - Fr Mick Lowcock and Fr Will Brennan

Parish Member - Kathleen Kidd

I offer my sincere gratitude to each member for their ongoing support, discernment, and care. Their willingness to engage deeply in discussions about school renewal, teaching and learning, financial stewardship, community engagement, and future planning has helped ensure that our school continues to thrive in alignment with our Catholic identity and values.

I also acknowledge the many parents, carers, and volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to support our school. The long evenings, rearranged schedules, and unrelenting efforts you give do not go unnoticed. Your generosity brings our community to life and makes our school the place it is today. I would like to particularly congratulate Mrs Jill Smith on her nomination for the 2025 Spirit of Catholic Education Award, and to Mrs Theresa Scobie on her nomination for the 2025 Mark Mappas Award—both well-deserved recognitions of their outstanding service and dedication to our school community.

As we look to the year ahead, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all in our community—parents, carers, staff, and students—for the support and joy you bring to St Joseph's.

May God bless you and your families in the coming year,

Mrs Samantha Kelley  
Principal





# RELIGIOUS LIFE OF ST JOSEPH'S - 2025

This year in the Catholic faith was a Jubilee year, with our school theme being 'Pilgrims of Hope'. St Mary of the Cross Mackillop used to say: 'We are but travellers here.' The connection this meant for us at St Joseph's is to aim to make our journey, our pilgrimage through life as meaningful as possible, seizing every opportunity in each moment we are given. The most fulfilling lives are those devoted to love and dedicated to serving God and others. By living the values of our school Love, Serve, Lead and Strive through our actions, we have opportunities to create a meaningful and impactful life not just for ourselves, but for others as well.

Our year began with our Beginning of Year Mass, where we officially blessed the school year, our students and our 2025 School Leaders - Knox Swalling, Ada McIntyre and Flinders and Kennedy House Captains - Georgia Battle, James Barker, Gemma Douglas and, Scarlett Blinco.

The Lenten season began in week 6 with Shrove Tuesday pancakes delivered to each classroom to enjoy, cooked by our Spirit in Action students. Lenten promises from staff and students were collected and burnt in preparation for the 'ashes' needed for our Ash Wednesday liturgy, which was celebrated with Fr Nnaemeka in St Colman's Church. During Lent this year, Mini Vinnies and Spirit in Action students strived to raise much-needed funds in support of Project Compassion through the chocolate toss, guess the Easter eggs competition, and sale of icy cups on Fridays. We successfully raised over \$700 through these fundraisers and direct donations. These funds support different initiatives to improve and empower the lives of many people around the world. I sincerely thank everyone for supporting the Project Compassion fundraising this year.

The rest of the term saw us come together and celebrate Harmony Day, acknowledging we are all God's Children, St Joseph's Feast Day and finishing off the term with a meaningful Stations of the Cross reenactment by the year 6 students.

In term two, Bishop Tim Harris travelled here for our official school blessing and opening ceremony of our newly built spaces and classrooms and presided over the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion for several candidates. We commemorated Anzac Day in our courtyard and were fortunate to have visiting defence force personnel join us, along with representatives from the RSL. Class retreats were extended to the primary school and provided opportunities for students to explore Gospel values and undertake activities aligned with year level curriculum.

Our Call to Action assemblies continued often with a liturgical focus as we celebrated and acknowledged many important celebrations including National Sorry Day, and

NAIDOC week in term 3. To mark the celebration of Catholic Education, our Spirit in Action students walked around town and gave out cards of gratitude to businesses, acknowledging their appreciation for the contribution given to the community. Celebrations continued as we marked Mary MacKillop's Feast Day with cream buns and sausages on bread.

The Spirit in Action students continued supporting by our local Vinnies store and lending a hand where they could, as well as supporting Sister Lyn with the many charitable acts she does to help others. Mini Vinnies students organised a 'Dressed by Vinnies' drive, and on the last day of the term, all students were able to show off their purchases and efforts of supporting another worthwhile cause.

The busyness continued in term four, with the commencement of World Mission Month. This year Catholic Mission's focus country was Zambia. We held our Catholic Mission mass led by Fr Mick and followed this with a Socktober shootout for Flinders and Kennedy to gain points for successful goals scored. The sale of icy cups during October through to the end of the term saw our community raise in excess of \$1200.00.

In recognition of the founders of our school, The Josephite Sisters and their contribution to Catholic Education in western Queensland, students celebrated with the annual colour fun run, which will surely be remembered for a long time. Denise and Harold from Life Education came for another visit and also bearing gifts for our primary students of a backpack, library bag and water bottle. The students shared in a liturgy led by Fr Will for Remembrance Day and decorated our courtyard with chalk drawings, an initiative from RSL.

In Week 8 we celebrated our End of Year and Year 9 Graduation Mass with Fr Mick and farewelled our departing students, families, and staff. The Mini Vinnies students continued their efforts to fundraise for the Christmas Appeal to support local families in need.

It has been a real pleasure to be of service to the staff, students and community here at St Joseph's Catholic School, Cloncurry. As I leave, I offer this prayer for you and your family:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace

God Bless, Lei Nelson (APRE)







# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



What a wonderful start to the 2025 school year at St Joseph's Catholic School, Cloncurry!

After the Australia Day public holiday on Monday, our students returned on Tuesday, 28 January, full of smiles and excitement as they stepped into their new classes. We celebrated the morning with a Welcome Back Breakfast—complete with delicious bacon and egg burgers—and a balloon arch for students and families to capture those special first-day photos.

A very special welcome to our 2025 Prep students, who began their schooling journey with enthusiasm and joy. We loved seeing their happy faces as they settled into their new classrooms for the first time!

It was a beautiful morning of connection, celebration, and community spirit—what a great way to begin the year together at St Joseph's!

# 2025



# SCHOOL LEADERS

*2025*



**Ada McIntyre**  
**School Captain**



**Knox Swalling**  
**School Captain**



**Georgia Battle**  
**Flinders House Captain**



**Gemma Douglas**  
**Kennedy House Captain**



**James Barker**  
**Flinders House Captain**



**Scarlett Blinco**  
**Kennedy House Captain**



# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2025





# YEAR 9



2025



# Beginning of Year Mass





# EMERGING

## LEADERS



Our Emerging Leaders Program began with our PIN Night, where students and their families officially signed onto the program and set their goals for the year. With the support of their mentors —Mr T, Mrs Wall, and Miss B—our Emerging Leaders, Kate and Louis, remained committed to their studies and actively participated in a range of cultural, leadership and wellbeing events throughout 2025.

They were involved in National Reconciliation Week, contributed to our NAIDOC Week celebrations, and attended the Mental Health and Wellbeing Roadshow in Mount Isa, gaining valuable insights into resilience, identity, and leadership.

We finished the year by celebrating their achievements at our End of Year Awards Night, recognising the dedication, pride, and positive contribution both students have made to our school community.





*Shrove Tuesday and  
Ash Wednesday*



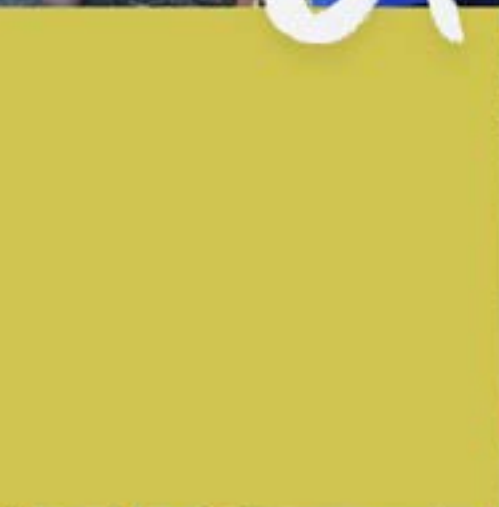




# Cross Country











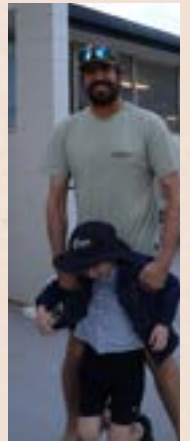
*Today we celebrate all the mums,  
grandmothers, carers, and mother figures  
who nurture, guide, and inspire our  
students every day. Thank you for all that  
you do!*

**Happy Mother's Day**



# HAPPY *Father's Day*

## DAD



*To all the fathers and father figures in our school community — thank you for everything you do to support and uplift our students. Your care and commitment help shape bright futures!*





# St Joseph the Worker



## Feast Day



# BOOKS IN HOMES

On behalf of St Joseph's, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Evolution Mining - Ernest Henry Mine for their generous support of the Books in Homes program. Their sponsorship provided our primary school students with three free books in Term 1. Evolution Mining's commitment to the Books in Homes program shows their dedication to empowering young minds through literacy and their incredible support will undoubtedly inspire a love of reading and lifelong learning in our students.









# FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION

## Reconciliation Week



## NAIDOC Week





# BOOK WEEK MAGIC!

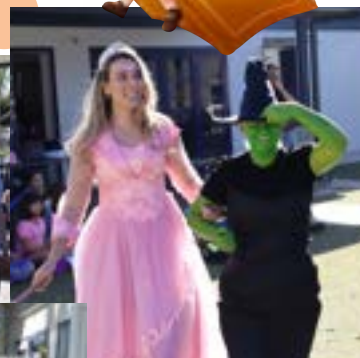
What an adventure we had at our Book Week Dress-Up Parade!



From brave explorers to magical creatures, daring heroes to classic storybook favourites.



our students brought the theme "Book an Adventure" to life with amazing creativity and enthusiasm.





# Mary MacKillop Feast Day





# Staff Appreciation Day 2025



This year, like previous years, we celebrated the work of our wonderful staff on Thursday the 18th of September which we marked as Staff Appreciation Day. Staff Appreciation Day is important at St Joseph's to recognise and celebrate the hard work, dedication, and impact of our staff on students, the school community, and the teaching and learning opportunities.

As we all know we are blessed with the best at St Joseph's Catholic School.

Our staff celebrated with goodies from Country Blends for breakfast, a small gift of appreciation to brighten their day, massages from Jade Beauty and time to sit down, pause and relax. Our staff also had a morning tea together to celebrate the impact that they have on our wonderful school.

Thank you to our students that wrote letters of gratitude to our staff as they celebrated their service.

We can't wait to do this again next year!





# Representative Sport

















# ST JOSEPH'S COPPER & CATTLE FETE

What a fantastic celebration our 2025 St Joseph's School Fete was! This year's event truly captured the heart of our school community—filled with laughter, colour, and connection.

Students, families, staff, and friends from across Cloncurry came together to enjoy an evening bursting with fun activities, food, and entertainment.



It was wonderful to see the school grounds come alive with joy, as children proudly showcased their talents in the lip sync battle on stage, teams compete in the mine cart rally, children enjoy the jumping castle or mechanical bull, compete in laser tag or at one of our wonderful class stalls. This year's fete was not only a night of enjoyment but also a purposeful one, with funds raised going toward the installation of solar panels at our school—a project that will continue to benefit St Joseph's for many years to come.

We are deeply appreciative of our parent community, whose tireless support makes the fete possible each year. A special thank you goes to Mrs Tegan Barker, Mrs Jill Smith, Mrs Bec Lance, Mrs Morgan Bennett, and Mrs Therese Curley for their dedication, creativity, and leadership. Thank you also to all parents and carers who attended FACE meetings, helped us set up on the day, volunteered on stalls, sold raffle tickets, or simply lent a helping hand where it was needed. Your generosity of time and spirit is what makes our school such a special place.

We also extend our gratitude to the many local businesses and companies who continue to donate and sponsor this event so generously. Your support strengthens the opportunities we can provide to our students and families.





# ST JOSEPH'S COPPER & CATTLE FETE

Finally, heartfelt thanks to Mrs Samantha Kelley, Mrs Laura Hall, and Miss Mia Dickson for forming the 2025 Fete Committee. Their hard work and coordination brought this much-loved event together seamlessly and ensured another memorable evening for our St Joseph's community.

We also had some incredible donations to our auction this year. Thank you to Gavin Bennett for donating the impressive metal bull sculpture, to Paula and Patrick Chaplain for donating an Olympic jersey and to Bell & Moir Toyota in Mount Isa for the Cowboys Jersey. Beau Scoble did a wonderful job as our auctioneer on the night, helping to make the auctions a real highlight of the fete.

The 2025 fete was a beautiful reminder of the unity, faith, and joy that make St Joseph's such a vibrant community. We can't wait to celebrate again next year!





# LIBRARY

What a wonderful year it's been in our school library! A place buzzing with creativity, curiosity, and page-turning magic! From lunchtime crafts to Book Week adventures, our library has truly been the heart of imagination and connection.











# DAY FOR DANIEL





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# YEAR 5 CAMP







# Youth Ministry

at St Joseph's













# Prep 2025



And just like that, our first year of big school is complete! What an incredible journey it has been for our Little Learners at St Joseph's Cloncurry.

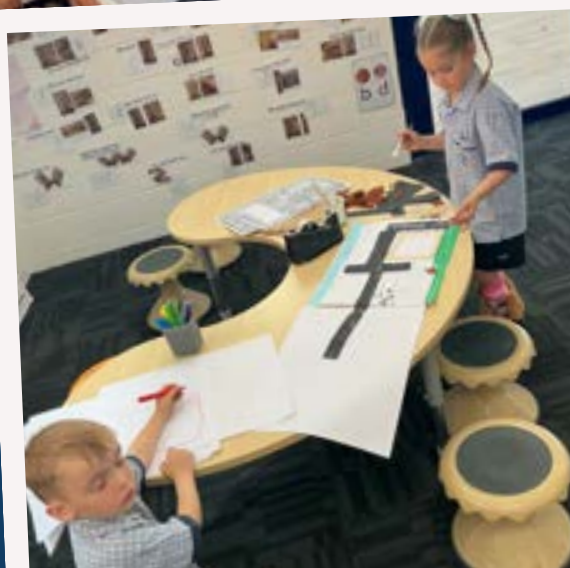
This year has been filled with curiosity, laughter, and growth. From learning to read and write, to exploring numbers and shapes, our students have built a strong foundation for their learning journey ahead. They've discovered the joy of working together, sharing ideas, and celebrating each other's achievements.



Beyond the classroom, our Little Learners have thrived through art projects, outdoor adventures, and special school events. They've learned the importance of kindness, teamwork, and resilience, and most importantly, that learning can be so much fun!

We are so proud of how much each child has grown in confidence, independence, and creativity. As we look back on this memorable first year, we can't wait to see all the amazing things our Little Learners will continue to achieve in the years to come.

Here's to a wonderful first year and to many more ahead!







PREP







Year 1 2025







We have had a very exciting year full of fun and learning.

We had Under 8's day, sports carnival, swimming carnival.







We had a visit from  
a local Agronomist,  
The Fire  
Department and  
Healthy Harold







We learnt about different sentence types, different types of texts, new addition and subtraction strategies along with many other fun learning experiences





What a wonderful year it has been in Year 2! We have spent the year learning, growing, and exploring so many new things together.

It has been amazing to watch how much everyone has grown both in their learning and confidence, from their first day in year 2 to their last.

On the next page, you'll find some of our favourite moments from year 2.

# Year two 2025







Math rotations  
and writing -  
Tori

Writers Toolbox, and  
learning about  
Shapes. - Landon

Writers Toolbox and doing  
math rotations with Year 1.  
- Hamish

Writer Toolbox, and  
playing Around the  
World for Times  
Tables. - Linkin

Writers Toolbox and  
learning all about  
Science - Amelia

Writers Toolbox,  
learning two times  
tables, time and  
materials. - Lucy

Writing and  
Science. - Jackson

Math Rotations and  
learning about Time. -  
Benjamin



Learning about time,  
reading and having the  
best teacher. - Clancee

Playing around the  
World for Math  
and Science. -  
Eloise

Writers Toolbox,  
doing Initialit  
together and  
Math rotations. -  
Diana

Writers Toolbox  
and learning about  
measurement. -  
Parker

Writers Toolbox and  
Fractions in Math. - Hunter

Enjoyed  
Technologies and  
how many friends  
are in the class.  
Evie

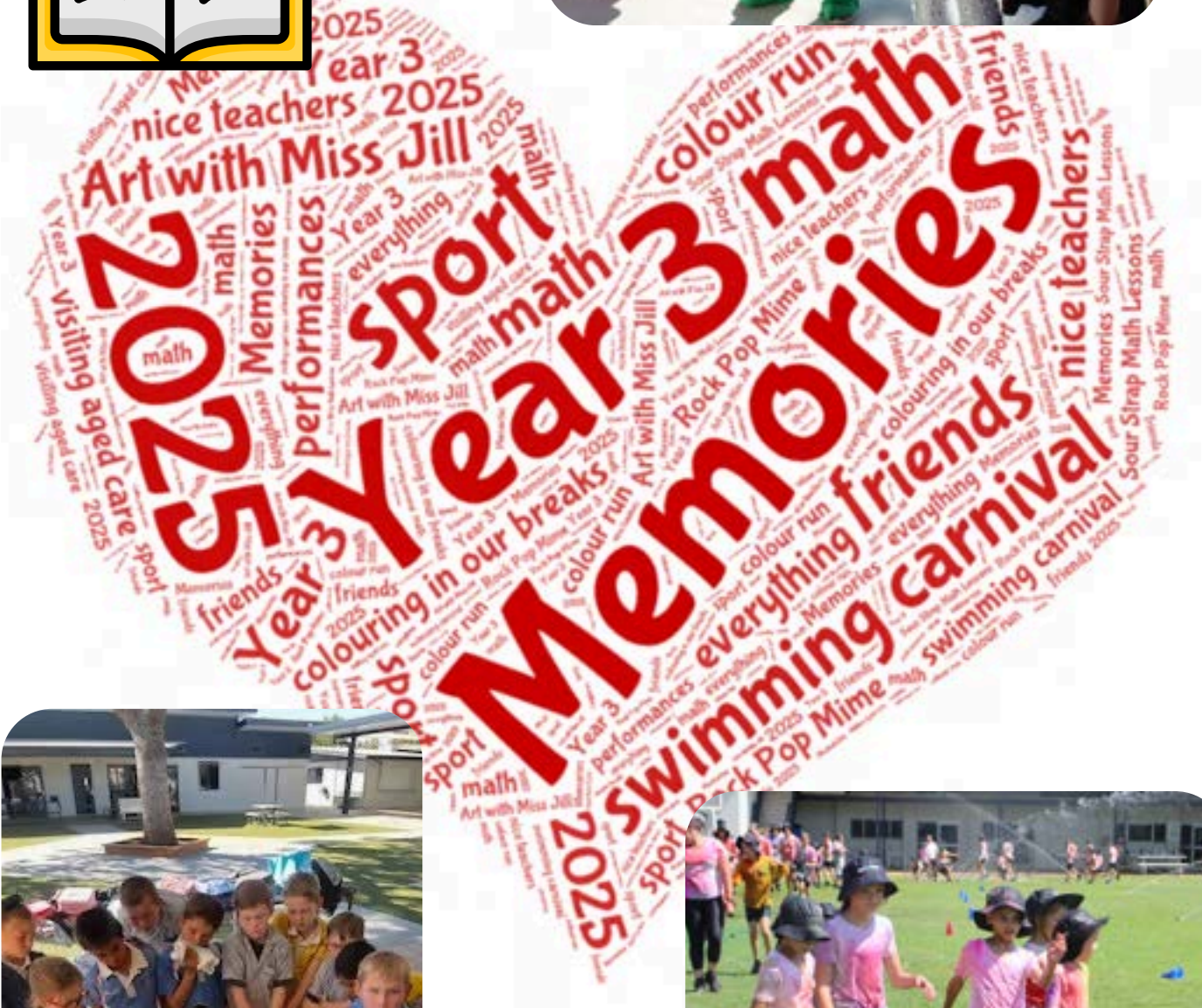


# Some of our favourite moments of Year 2



# Year 3

## 2025









# MEMORIES OF YEAR 4

I loved the gardening-  
Thomas



I liked doing Maths-  
Chayton



My favourite  
part of Year 4  
was when we did  
The Wild Robot-  
Jayde

My favourite memory is when  
I first met all of my friends  
(and the Colour Run)- Anika



I loved learning  
about convicts.  
Callum



I liked making  
the savannah  
biome- Kruz



I liked when I have  
been helped and  
appreciated by my  
classmates- Xander

I loved making crafts  
on Friday afternoons.  
Eily

I liked the class  
money- Mary



Seeing my favourite  
teacher- Elizabeth





Doing craft with Mrs Wall- Audrey



# 2025

I liked playing silent ball- Holly



My favourite thing was coming back to school and making more friends. In Term 1 the Maths was easy- I loved it!- Erin D



I liked doing Maths in the best class- Frankie



I liked playing Prodigy.- Owen

Playing silent ball Charlie



Unlike others, my favourite thing was everything!- Christian

I liked the PCYC Team

Up program Erin C

My favourite memory was the Maths we did this year, especially multiplication. Kirani

My favourite part of Year 4 was playing silent ball and having free time on Friday afternoon- Kalu

I loved all the arts and crafts throughout Grade 4. I loved getting to have a playlist which really made Soundwaves better. And most of all the wonderful Mrs Wall and how she made everything so fun- Annie

I liked playing silent ball- Adeline



I loved doing Maths- Logan

My favourite things about Year 4 were that we got to do craft and Mrs Wall was my teacher- India





# YEAR 5

## 2025



**Third Row:** Olivia Campbell, Amelia Spurling, Georgia Snelling, Amity Gerahty, Freya Bennett

**Second Row:** Oliver O'Brien, Samuel Pavy, Rodney Lawlor, Clancy Saunders, Jackson Corbett, Max Battle, Kaidyn McKenna

**Front Row:** Scarlett Campbell, Noah Courtney, Caroline Curley, Brydee Gresham, Bella Swalling, Vivienne Moore, Tommy McKie, Charlotte Curley

**Teacher:** Miss Leonie Ansell

**School Officer:** Miss Louise Waters

**Absent:** Taj Dawson, Jacob Mildenhall, Lakithi Samarappullige









# YEAR 6

GRADUATING CLASS  
OF 2025







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Six







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Six

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*Six*  
100 DAYS OF PREP







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# TECH

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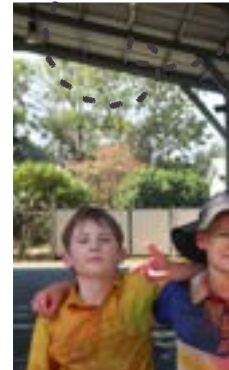
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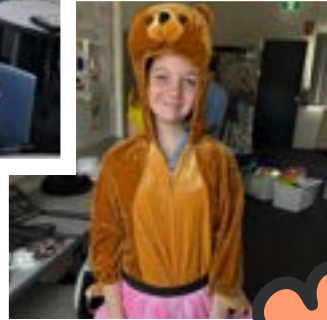


# YEAR 7

## 2025







# YEAR 8 2025







# YEAR 9

## 2025



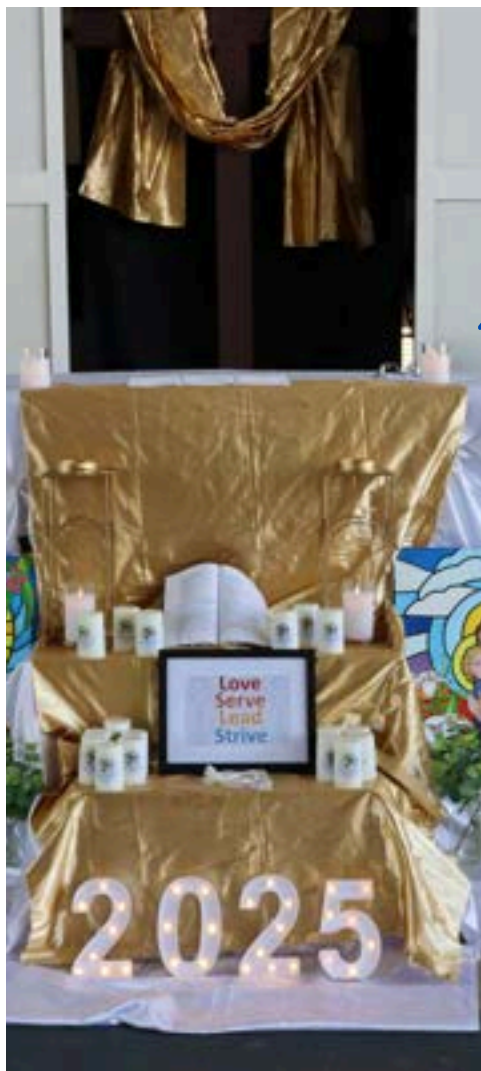


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# 2025 Christmas Concert





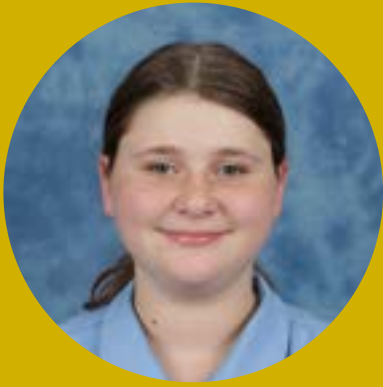


End of Year Mass





# 2026 Student Leaders



Hannah Lawlor

*School Captain*



Peggie Hansen

*House Captain - Flinders*



Chelsea Saunders

*House Captain - Kennedy*



Laysie Ashworth-  
Beard

*School Captain*



Moe Taulani

*House Captain - Flinders*



Sam Drake

*House Captain - Kennedy*

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