Stargazers at St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School in Bundaberg received an extra boost recently with the donation of a powerful telescope.

The telescope is the handy work of Mr Paul Farmer, who built the telescope from scratch, including grinding the mirror inside. Mr Farmer is grandfather of students Zahara Reeves (Year 5) and Jarrahson Reeves (Year 1).

St Patrick’s Principal, Mark Fox, said Mr Farmer had extensive expertise and knowledge on all things astronomical which he had offered to share at the family star gazing meeting next term.

“Mr Farmer is a treasure trove of astronomical information and we are very fortunate to have his expertise at our disposal. The telescope is an extraordinary gift and we are extremely appreciative of the time and effort he has put into making it for us,” Mr Fox said.

Pictured left: Mr Paul Farmer with grandchildren, Zahara and Jarrahson Reeves and the telescope he built from scratch and donated to St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School, Bundaberg.