



ST PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 3 2025

Dear Families and Friends,

This week marks the beginning of our **formal Parent Teacher Conferences**. Many parents have already met with Class Teachers to discuss their child's learning and progress. Please remember that you are welcome to contact your child's Class Teacher at **any time** to discuss their learning—not just during these scheduled conferences. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all our Teachers for the time and effort they've put into preparing for these interviews. If you missed booking a time, please reach out to your child's Class Teacher to arrange a meeting.

Parent Teacher Conferences
Behavior Teamwork Grades Communication Homework
Progress Goals Achieve

This **Thursday**, our **Year 2** classes will visit the **Heritage Village** to explore what life was like in the past. They'll learn about historical experiences in school, work, and everyday life, linking directly to their current History unit.

Next week, our **Year 6** students will head to **Chaverim**, an Outdoor Education Centre west of Bundaberg, for their **camp**. While there, they'll take part in activities focused on team building, group problem-solving, and learning new skills. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return!

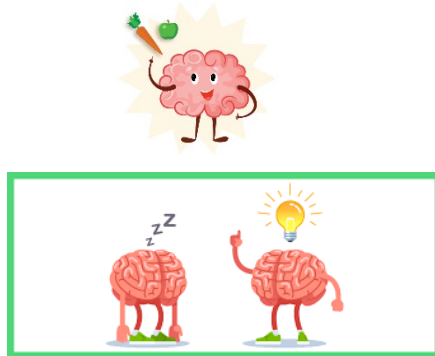


At St Paul's, we're committed to nurturing both the minds and bodies of our students. One way we support this is through **daily brain breaks** paired with fresh fruit snacks. These short breaks help students reset and refocus, boosting engagement and learning in the classroom. When paired with a healthy snack like fruit, vegetables, cheese, or yoghurt, they're even more effective. Thank you for your continued support of this initiative.

Have a great week!

God bless

Monique Ryan



Friday, 5th September 2025

The Virtue of Flexibility: Flexibility, as understood in Catholic teaching, is the virtue of being open and willing to adapt to change and others' perspectives, enabling growth and a positive response to life's challenges while staying true to one's core values.

A Prayer for the Virtue of Flexibility: Lord God, grant us hearts that bend without breaking, spirits open to Your will in every season. Teach us to embrace change with grace, to listen with patience, and to act with love. May we be flexible not from weakness, but from trust in Your divine plan. Shape us, Lord, into vessels of peace that flows where You lead. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

A.P.R.E. News

Thank you 1PH for leading last week's Prayer Assembly on the life and importance of Mary. **Prep H will lead us this Thursday morning for a special Father's Day Prayer Assembly.** All are invited to join us under the Big Shed at 8.35am. There will be a Father's Day morning tea after assembly.

A big week next week with Year 6 heading off to Camp, be safe and have a great time.

We welcome **Real Talk** to St Paul's **next Thursday** to work with our **Year 5** students. Rooted in Catholic values, Real Talk offers engaging presentations designed to help students discover God's beautiful plan for love and life. Through up-to-date resources, interactive activities, and real-life stories, we guide young people in exploring topics that are both age-appropriate and aligned with the Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum.

The Real Talk sessions will cover:

- Developing a positive self-image.
- Building healthy relationships and friendships.
- Making wise and respectful choices.
- Understanding the power of body language.
- Navigating media influences, including social media.
- Managing the physical and emotional changes of puberty.

We warmly invite all **parents and caregivers** to join an **Online Information Night on Monday, September 8th from 6:00–7:00pm.** (See the poster below for more information on Parents Zoom.) This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the program and how we can support our young people together.

God Bless,

Mark Roberts

Year 1P

In Year 1 this term we have been learning all about native animals from our local area, especially those that live around the Fitzroy River. We worked hard to create reports about some of these animals. For each animal we learned about their classification, diet, habitat, special features and how they take care of their young. Children loved learning about each of the animals and found a special feature of our local Fitzroy river turtle to be particularly amusing. Ask your child about this :). They would love to fill you in.



Important Dates

5 th Sept	PUPIL FREE DAY
19 th Sept	P&F Colour Run & Term 3 ends
7 th Oct	Term 4 begins

Year 5 Rugby League

The Year 5 Rugby League team versed St Joseph's Wandal in the Grand Final last Friday. St Paul's won a close 22-18 point game. The team played with fantastic sportsmanship, teamwork and skill. Congratulations to all students who played and thank you to the supporters that came to cheer the team on.



Netball Grand Final

Our Senior Netball Team took out the Senior B Netball Premiership on Friday afternoon. The girls played against Taranganba State School and secured a convincing win, 29-11. The team played with tenacity and strength. They showed sportsmanship, teamwork and great skill throughout the game. They made their coaches extremely proud. Congratulations to all the students who played, you represented St Paul's with pride and determination. A big thank you to Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Wells for coaching and working with the students.



Brain Break Reminder

Brain Breaks are designed to fuel the brain for learning, therefore healthy choices are needed each day please.

Fruit



Vegetables



Brain Break



Cheese Cubes



Yoghurt



Parents you are invited to the Year 5 Space Science Expo

Tuesday 16th September

2:00 pm - 2:40 pm

The Big Shed at St Paul's

We hope to see you there!

ST PAUL'S P&F

Colour Fun Run!

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

WHAT TO BRING:

- White sun safe shirt
- Multicoloured glasses and headbands from previous years
- Baby wipes
- Sunscreen

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS ONLINE SESSION

Presented by Real Talk Australia
Zoom Meeting ID: 534 935 0161



St. Paul's and St. Anthony's Catholic Primary Schools
Monday 8th September 6:00pm - 7:00pm

About Real Talk

Real Talk provides seminars, reflection days and up-to-date resources to young people on topics relating to self worth, technology, relationships, love, sex and puberty. We speak to over 30,000 students each year and present parent nights in many schools nationally.

TOPICS BEING COVERED:

- Current culture and what's impacting our kids
- Trends and statistics around young people and tech use
- What's happening to my child? Let's talk developmental changes & our kids.
- Let's talk about sex & puberty: How to have these important chats
- What is Real Talk going to talk about with your kids during their visit?



What others have said: Amazing, very educational ... practical guidelines to help us guide our kids. I now understand more about technology and current culture ... there is hope! ... relevant ... I feel blessed and empowered that I came along ... highly recommend to parents to keep informed ... something that cannot be missed!

All attendees will receive FREE access to realtalkparents.com
Parent Membership Site!



For more information: www.realtalkaustralia.com



END OF TERM MEAL DEAL

Orders open Wednesday 3rd September

Close Monday 15th September at 11am

order online via [Quickcliq](https://www.quickcliq.com.au)