

Dear families and friends



On Monday students performed at the **Eisteddfod** for choir. They did extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts. They came second with a total score of 85 points, only missing first place by 3 points. A big thank you to **Miss Stephens** for preparing and rehearsing with the students. Well done everyone!

Next **Tuesday evening** we have students performing in the signing choir. A special thank you to **Mrs Wells** and **Mrs Barrett** for teaching these students AUSLAN and preparing them for this opportunity. We wish them all the best.

On **Friday**, Years 2, 3 and Prep will have the opportunity to experience Jodie Eva Cooke's Shadow Puppet Play **Lucy Locket**. The students will experience a shadow puppet play focusing on the themes of growth mindset and how we are all individual and unique which makes us special. After the play, the students will have a chance to see how a shadow puppet works and then have an opportunity to make their own puppet. Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 will experience the show and puppet making next **Monday**.



**Interschool sport** continues this Friday, for our Year 5 & 6 students. The students will play netball, Rugby League and Tennis over the course of a 12 week season finishing mid Term 3. Each week, game times and venues will be included in the newsletter for those families who wish to come and support.

This **Friday night**, the P & F are hosting a Trivia Night at the Kabra Hotel. It would be fantastic to see as many families there as possible to support this event. Come along and show off your Trivia Smarts! See below for further information and details.

**2025 Prep places** are filling fast with over 70 enrolment applications already received. If you have a child ready for Prep next year, please go to the St Paul's website and complete an enrolment application. If you know of someone thinking of enrolling their child please encourage them to do so sooner rather than later or attend the St Paul's Prep Open afternoon on **Thursday 30 May between 3.30pm & 5pm** to learn more about what St Paul's has to offer <https://www.spgrrok.catholic.edu.au/enrol>.

Have a great week!

God bless

Nicole Anderson

### **NEW GOVERNMENT FUNDING MODEL FOR SCHOOLS**

**School Fees will be impacted!**

Please find attached to the newsletter the first 2 of a series of Advice pieces, developed to inform our Catholic Education families of the new **Federal Government Funding model** (Gonski model) and the impact on funding for Catholic Schools. Over the coming months, further advice pieces will be shared, with each piece building on the details of the previous. Please take the time to read each, to understand the impact of the changes on the funding for our school and **School fees**.

**A Prayer for the Virtue of Kindness:** Lord, let kindness be our compass, leading us through storms and sunsets alike. May it whisper in our ears when anger threatens to consume, and dance in our footsteps as we walk this fragile earth. For kindness is not weakness, it is strength personified. It is the quiet revolution that transforms hearts, the ripple that becomes a tidal wave of change. May it bridge divides, heal wounds, and ignite hope. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.



## Year 6

Life is grand at the top' and that couldn't be more true for our Year 6 classes!! We have been busy learning about Australian history, important people within our history and aviation. In Religion, we've been breaking apart The Lord's Prayer and getting a better understanding of what it means. It's been so great to be a part of these learning conversations with the students.

Outside of the classroom, we had students attending Maths Team challenge, various Eisteddfod events, interviews for High School and Friday Sports.

But the most anticipated event in the Year 6's week is always visiting our Prep Buddies! It's been so wonderful to watch these friendships blossom as they get to know each other more throughout the year.



## Friday Sports Information

NETBALL		
Jardine Park		
Time	Court	Team
12.30	Crt 9	Jnr D
12.30	Crt 5	Snr D
12.30	Crt 2	Snr B
TENNIS		TCC Bolton Park
12.45pm- 2.15pm		
Rugby League		Venue
Time		
Yr 5	12.30pm	Rugby Park
Yr 6	1.20pm	Rugby Park

Important Dates	
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Trivia Night & Lucy Locket Puppet Play
26 – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	National Reconciliation Week
27 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm Signing Choir Eisteddfod performance
29 <sup>th</sup> May	2.20pm Instrumental performance
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Prep Open Day 3.30pm – 5.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Yr 5/6 Music Gala Workshop
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 4.5 & 6 High Jump, Discus, 800mtrs
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Photo Day
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletics Carnival
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Rockhampton Show Holiday

## Upcoming Events/Save the Date

21 <sup>st</sup> June	St Paul's Feast Day & Colour Run
10-12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Challenge Cup
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Family Fun Night
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Pupil Free Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 Camp
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming Carnival

## Yumplatok With Miss Oth Deadly Day Out

Year 6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students from across the Rockhampton Region, came together for a Deadly Day Out. Students spent the day connecting, celebrating, and strengthening their cultural identity at the Dreamtime Cultural Centre. The day also provided opportunities for students to connect with The Cathedral College Indigenous Education Liaison Officers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. We were all very privileged to listen to elders who shared their education journey and offered words of wisdom to everyone listening. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent together - it was a DEADLY Day Out!





## TOP CAR PARK



Please do not wait/stop in the yellow-lined area at the entrance of the Victoria Street car park as it blocks people wanting to park from entering and parking.

## STAFF CAR PARK

The gravel car park off Breakspear Street is strictly for staff only. Families are not allowed to use to drop off or collect students for safety reasons.

## NON STOPPING ZONE ON BREAKSPEAR St Police will book you!

The local police are concerned with the number of cars parked in the NO stopping zone on Breakspear St at pick up time. They have given several people warnings but have informed the school that they will start booking offenders if the practice persists.



### Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

#### Week 6 Focus - React

#### REACT

Helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible.

Reacting with skill

Students have been learning to recognise if they are *safe or unsafe* in the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum.

Our safety lessons will now be focusing on the second safety message: *react*.

When children recognise that they are in an unsafe situation, we encourage them to think about what they could do to be safe again. They will have opportunities to think about ways to *react* using real-life scenarios.

Students will also learn that breaking the rules (e.g. saying no to an adult who is behaving inappropriately) is sometimes necessary so that they can become safe again.

Please take the time to talk with your child about what they have been learning about staying safe and, in particular, the ways they could *react* if they are unsafe to make themselves safe again.

Talking with your child about ways to stay safe will help them to develop life-long safety skills.

## It's in our control to end coercive control

[www.qld.gov.au/dfvpmth](http://www.qld.gov.au/dfvpmth)



In Queensland, the month of May is dedicated as Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. This annual initiative aims to:

- ✓ raise awareness of domestic and family violence and coercive control,
- ✓ highlight the support services available, and
- ✓ send a clear message that violence in our communities will not be tolerated.

The theme for 2024 is *It's in our control to end coercive control*.

Domestic and Family Violence Coordinator for the Rockhampton Police District, Sergeant Hannah Buckenham, has suggested a positive way for our schools and colleges to support victims/ survivors of Domestic and Family Violence. Across Rockhampton and surrounding areas, Police frequently use DV safe phones and distribute them to victims/survivors. **DV Safe Phones** generously provide free smartphones to victims/survivors where their phone has been destroyed during an act of DV and they have no safe way to contact Police. **DV Safe Phones** wipes and resets all phones received and applies a DV Safe application that allows the victims/survivors to safely use the phone.

You can help by donating any old smartphones that you may have to this very practical program. St Paul's will act as a drop-off point and we can also give you a fact sheet on how to prepare the phone before donating. Other resources to support DFVP month can be found at:

- [www.qld.gov.au/dfvpmth](http://www.qld.gov.au/dfvpmth)
- <https://domesticviolence.com.au/>
- [Love not Control 2024](https://www.lovenotcontrol.com.au/)



The people of the Diocese are invited to celebrate the

**Tenth Anniversary of Most Reverend Michael McCarthy Bishop of Rockhampton**

*Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024*  
*5.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving,*

*St Joseph's Cathedral*  
*followed by a formal reception\**  
*\*RSVP required - Ph 4887 3070 or*  
<https://forms.office.com/r/8u41nHR0AA>



The Mass of Thanksgiving will be streamed live on:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>