



ST PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRACEMERE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 10 Term 3 2025

Dear Families and Friends,

Throughout **Term 3**, we have had the wonderful opportunity to focus on and **celebrate reading** through a range of activities, including **Book Week**, **Book Character Dress Up Day**, **The Big Swap**, a visit from author **Deb Pak** and the **Premier's Reading Challenge**.



You can help your child **develop a love of reading** by reading to your child regularly. Whether it's a bedtime story or a quiet moment after school, these **shared experiences** offer lifelong benefits. Reading together stimulates **imagination**, encourages **curiosity**, and introduces children to different **experiences**.



All classes have participated in the **Premier's Reading Challenge** again this year. During the Reading Challenge, students were encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide variety of books. Across the school, students read an impressive **17 575 books - 1 119 more** than last year! Congratulations to all students who returned their reading logs. Certificates are on their way, and we are excited to announce that **Year 4** is the lucky winner of the **Pizza Party**, which they'll be celebrating tomorrow.



This **Thursday**, our **Year 1** classes will visit the riverbank to investigate how spaces and places have changed over time. They'll also explore the animals found in this area and learn their Darumbal names. These experiences connect with their English and HaSS units this term.

Yesterday, the **Year 5** classes held their **Space Science Expo**, showcasing what they've learned throughout the term. It was fantastic to see so many parents attend, and the visiting classes thoroughly enjoyed seeing the displays.



Thank you to everyone who has met with their child's class teacher recently for **Parent-Teacher Meetings**. I hope you have found these informative and helpful in understanding your child's progress and learning. A big thank you to all our teachers for the time and effort they've put into preparing for these interviews. Just a reminder - teachers are always happy to catch up outside the formal conference times. If you missed having a meeting, please reach out to your child's teacher to arrange a meeting. Wishing you a safe and restful break. Have a great week!

God bless,

Monique Ryan

The Virtue of Forgiveness: In Catholic teaching, forgiveness is the spiritual virtue of freely letting go of resentment and offering mercy to those who have wronged us, reflecting God's unconditional love and the belief that healing and reconciliation are possible through grace.

A Prayer for the Virtue of Forgiveness: Merciful Father, You forgave even from the Cross, teach us to do the same. Soften our hearts where it has grown hard, heal the wounds we carry and those we've caused. Grant us the grace to forgive as You forgive, freely, fully, and without condition. Let Your peace reign where bitterness once lived. In Jesus' name, Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

A.P.R.E. News

The **last day of term** is Friday and a lot is happening on the day. In the morning, for the first time, St Paul's will have a whole school end-of-term mass. This **Mass of Forgiveness** will commence at about **8.45am** on Friday the 19th of September in the **Big Shed**. Silver seats will be out but for comfort you may wish to bring your own chair. The students will then return to classes until 2nd Break. After second break, **2pm**, this year's **Colour Run** will take place on the school's oval, all in our community are invited to join us. A **special thankyou to our School P&F** for their continued support of the colour run.

God Bless,
Mark Roberts

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This term we had the privilege of having Deadly Choices come into the school to deliver the TIGS program to our First Nations students in Prep, Year 1,2 & 3. The Deadly Choices Traditional Indigenous Games program is an initiative by Deadly Choices that uses games and cultural activities to promote healthy lifestyle choices, particularly among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and communities. While not providing a specific list of games, the program's aim is to connect participants with their cultural heritage, increase physical activity, and provide education on health and overall well-being in a culturally safe environment. A wonderful 8 weeks spent learning from our community mentor Brodie.



Miss Bron's Counsellor Corner

Last week reading with the Preps

I recently visited our Prep classes to share *The Impulsive Ninja* by Mary Nhin. This fun story shows how acting on impulse can lead to tricky situations, and how pausing, breathing, and thinking can help us make better choices. Students loved discovering that even ninjas can practise self-control—ask your child about their **Superpower of Pause!**

Did you know? Bedtime routines help kids feel secure - try a consistent 10-minute wind-down activity.

Important Dates

18 th Sept	5pm Board Meeting
19 th Sept	School Mass 8.45am Big Shed P&F Colour Run & Term 3 ends
7 th Oct	Term 4 begins



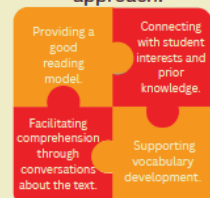
Parent Workshop: Supporting your student with reading



This **free** online session will focus on supporting **middle years students** with their **reading**.

If you have ever felt puzzled over how to **support your child's reading**, then **this workshop will offer you a variety of helpful strategies**.

The session will include ideas that align with the Griff Linc approach:



Wednesday 15 October 2025

5pm-6pm

RSVP [here](#)



For more information about Griff Linc see: