

Dear families,

Welcome back to Semester 2, another two Terms of working together to inspire learning in a safe and welcoming environment for all. I hope you all enjoyed the extra family time over the winter break and it was great to see all the student's enthusiastic return.

St Paul's Feast Day – thank you to Mr Roberts, Fr Bill and the Year 6 staff and students for organising such an enjoyable last day of Term 2. The mass was a beautiful celebration of our patron, St Paul and the students certainly enjoyed the activities after.



Colour Run – what a fun and exciting way to finish the term! A big thank you to the P&F for organising all the resources we need to ensure that everyone got a good splash of colour. As always, thank you also to the families for turning up and supporting the event.

Welcome – this week Miss Olivia Jenkins who will be working part time as an ESA in Year 5. Miss Jenkins is familiar to many of the students as she has been working in OSHC since the beginning of the year. Mrs Cahill is currently looking after Prep R for the first two weeks of the term before being replaced by Miss Dana Hayes for the remainder of the year.

A letter explaining these changes is attached to your newsletter email this week.

Mrs Anderson is currently on Long Service leave for the first two weeks of the term as she enjoys a much deserved extended family holiday.

NAIDOC Mass – yesterday over 31 St Paul's Indigenous students attended Catholic Education's annual mass to celebrate NAIDOC week. St Paul's will celebrate this special event on Friday of Week 3.

Challenge Cup – Our Year 6 netball and rugby league teams are currently competing in the annual **Catholic Schools Challenge Cup** at Yeppoon. We wish both teams all the best as they represent St Paul's with passion and pride at this 3 day carnival.

2025 Prep interviews begin next week, and I am pleased to report that we have over 75 applications thanks to the good reputation that St Paul's holds within the community. Thank you for your support in this regard, as positive 'word of mouth' is the school's greatest marketing tool.

Have a great week & God Bless,

Anthony Greene

A Prayer for the Virtue of Wisdom: Gracious Father, in your boundless wisdom, you have ordained a purpose for my life. I humbly ask that you reveal this purpose to me and provide the necessary wisdom to fulfill it. Open my eyes to see opportunities for growth, my ears to hear your still, small voice, and my heart to embrace your divine counsel. Amen.

St Paul: Pray for us.

APRE NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you have had a great break.

What a life giving, enjoyable last day of Term 2 as we celebrated our St Paul's Feast Day. Thank you, 6G, for taking on roles in our mass, making it a wonderful community event. The rest of our day involved rotational activities around the school led by our Year 6 leaders. **Thankyou Year 6**, you stood up on the day and are to be congratulated for your co-operation, patience, and dedication to making the day fun for all. The colour run was a great way to end the day and the Term.

This week is **NAIDOC Week**. It is a time for all of us to learn about our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We take time to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to look for ways that help us all grow closer together in Australia.

I was blessed to accompany our indigenous students to this year's **NAIDOC mass** with Ms Oth. It was a very special mass, and our students did our school proud. We hope that all we do at St Paul's supports our Aboriginal and Islander students to live out this year's NAIDOC theme: **Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud.**

The theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This week's **Virtue is Wisdom**. In its simplest form, Wisdom is the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make good decisions and judgments. In other words, it's not enough to just know a lot of information. Knowing stuff might make us smart, but it won't make us wise. When we have the good sense to take all the information we get and learn and turn it into truths that will guide our lives and help us to make good choices, we start to see why wisdom is important, and we move from smart to wise. Scripture tells us that wisdom is better than gold!


Have a great term.

God Bless,

Mark Roberts.

Important Dates	
10-12 th Jul	Challenge Cup
12 th July	Tuckshop commences
19 th Jul	Interschool Sport starts
22 nd – 26 th July	Catholic Education Week & BOOK FAIR
26 th July	NAIDOC celebrations and Under 8s Day

Upcoming Events/Save the Date	
9 th Aug	Family Fun night
16 th Aug	2025 Prep Offers
25 th Aug	School Led Parish Mass
30 th Aug	PUPIL FREE DAY
3 rd -6 th Sept	Year 6 Camp
7 th Nov	Swimming Carnival



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

St Paul's Library

Monday 22nd July - Friday 26th July

Opening Times:
 8 am - 8:30 am
 10:45 am - 11:25 am (first lunch break)
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

EFTPOS AVAILABLE



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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