

Week 7 Term 1 2024

Dear family & friends,

Thank you to all those who joined us last Friday morning to help celebrate Mrs Georgeson and Mrs Harkin's special milestones in their teaching career. Many special guests gathered to mark the occasion and Miss Leesa Jeffcoat, Director of Catholic Education, sent a special video message of congratulations. Both Sue and Ann expressed how honoured and grateful they felt to be part of such a wonderful community as St Paul's. They especially enjoyed the new school song and the children's reaction to seeing themselves on the big screen.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GRACEMERE



We have a few important events coming up that I would like to remind you of which are listed below.

- The P&F Welcome Disco is this Friday evening from 6 to 8.30pm and we hope lots of you can come along. There is pre-order food, drinks and fun and games for the students. P&F are still looking for some helpers, especially in the kitchen, so please fill out the google doc to lead a hand. Please click here to volunteer
- This **Sunday St Paul's 8am Mass** is being led by the school and the school choir. It is always a wonderful Mass to attend and Fr Bill and the parishioners are always very welcoming.
- Next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm the Learning Hub room is where the **P&F annual general meeting** will be held and all are encouraged to attend. This will be followed by a quick general meeting.
- Last chance to get your orders in for a **St Paul's supporters'** shirt so don't delay <u>Click here to</u> <u>order a supporters shirt</u>
- In the season of LENT we focus on supporting Project Compassion. To help with the fund raising next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> will be a **St Patrick's Day Free dress** for a gold coin donation.

Have a great week and God bless,

Anthony Greene

### Prayer for the Virtue of Patience:

Patient Father, help me notice when I have the opportunity to show patience to others. Remind me of your love for that person and how my words reflect you. Give me the wisdom to have conversations with others about my frustrations and help me grow in my ability to be patient, knowing I would want the same in return. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

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### **EASTER RAFFLE**

It's time again for our annual **Chocolate Easter Raffle!** Each family is asked to donate Easter eggs

for the raffle. Please leave the donations at the office in the air conditioning. All proceeds go to Caritas Australia to support



their Project Compassion Appeal.

#### **APRE NEWS**

Thank you to Miss Mazzer and 3M for leading our Prayer Assembly last Friday on the Virtues of Faith and Service. And thank you to all who turned up to celebrate the exceptional service to Catholic Education of Mrs Harkin, 30 years and Mrs Georgeson, 40 years. This Friday 2S will lead Prayer, all are welcome under the big shed at 8.35am.



Our **class masses** continue this week, all in our community are welcome to join us.

This weekend St Paul's again leads the Parish mass, and we encourage all in our community to join us this Sunday.



St Paul's has begun our participation in the **Enhancing Catholic School Identity** surveys designed to gain meaningful insights into how St Paul's School views its Catholic identity today and how such identity might be shaped for tomorrow. All staff and students from Years 5 to 6 will complete the survey at school over the next two weeks. An email went out to all parents Tuesday afternoon inviting you to complete the survey. Parent completion of the survey is often difficult for schools to obtain, but it is **vital**.

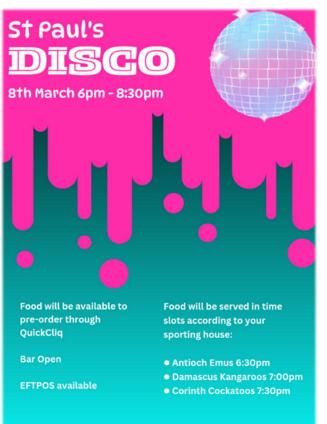
- To encourage parents, we are offering an incentive of three prizes: a St Paul's umbrella, and two St Paul's supporters' shirts, drawn from all those parents who respond to the survey.
- We will also offer 2 evenings where parents can come into school and complete the survey on computers in our library. The first opportunity will be this Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March during the school disco. The library will be open for parents attending who would like to complete the survey. Mr Roberts will be available to support. A second evening will be advertised for later in the Term.

We continue our Lenten Journey and work to support CARITAS. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March we will celebrate St Patrick's day, a couple of days early, at St Paul's. Students are invited to wear free dress on this day for a gold coin donation, all money going to CARITAS. The theme is Green/Irish or just free dress.



The Virtue of Patience - Waiting peacefully. Quiet hope and faith that things will turn out right.

God Bless, Mark Roberts



# HAVE FUN!

| Important Dates               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March         | P & F Welcome Disco              |
|                               | Year 1,2&6 Mass 2pm at           |
|                               | Church                           |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March        | 8am Parish Mass                  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March        | P & F AGM - Learning Hub         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March        | St Pat's Free Dress Day          |
| 18-22 <sup>th</sup> March     | <b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b> |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March        | Cross Country                    |
| <b>29</b> <sup>th</sup> March | GOOD FRIDAY                      |

### End of Term 1 Meal Deal

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



Orders close

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am



## No Tuckshop Week 10

| Upcoming Events/Save the Date         |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May                  | Trivia Night       |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June                 | Photo Day          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June                 | Athletics Carnival |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June                 | 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  |

## Yarning With Miss Oth Year 4

We have been reading First Nations Book Walking in Gagudju Country. We were very lucky to have Miss Lyn Mann come into the classroom to join in on the discussion about Darumbal Language, yarning with us about the different areas surrounding Darumbal Land, Languages and animals.



Southside Library has a fantastic selection of non-fiction books for only 50c each. You can also fill their library bag for only \$5. Get

in early before they all go!





