

Dear family & friends,

Last week many of our students had the pleasure of working with Joshua Arnold from 'Small Town Culture' to produce a **new school song for St Paul's**. I sat in on part of the creative process with Josh and 30 of our students and it was incredible to see how he crafted their thoughts and feelings about St Paul's into a song. The result was a catchy, joyful song that the children loved singing, especially the chorus. It certainly got stuck in many of our heads over the weekend! There was much recording and filming over the 3 days and now we eagerly await the finished product that will be launched to the whole community on Friday morning 1<sup>st</sup> March.



This will coincide with a **very special celebration for St Paul's**. Sue Georgeson and Ann Harkin will be acknowledged for their 40 and 30 years of service to Catholic Education. Mr Mike Kelso, Assistant Director Schools – Rockhampton Region, will join us for this monumental occasion for St Paul's. Our school has had the privilege of Sue's positive energy, enthusiasm for learning and love of her students for 35 years of Sue's 40 years with Catholic Education, something that we should all be proud of and worth celebrating.

I hope you can all join us as we celebrate these two valued members of our community!!!

Have a great week & God bless,

*Anthony Greene*



ST PAUL'S GRACEMERE  
Living & Loving Learning

Join us as we celebrate these significant milestones within our community

Sue Georgeson  
40 Years of Service

Ann Harkin  
30 Years of Service

Including the launch of St. Paul's new school song!

8.40am Friday 1st March

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### A Prayer for the Virtue of Enthusiasm:

Lord Jesus, we praise you for your goodness and mercy and thank you for the example of Enthusiasm in your life. You preached with heartfelt joy and passion. Guide us to be energy-givers that smile readily. Remind us to treat everything we do as important and to put our heart into all of our tasks. Teach us to not be discouraged by failure. Help us to act in all things in harmony with the will of the Father. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

### A.P.R.E. News.

Week 5 already, the term is flying by and already so much has happened. A big **thankyou** to all involved in the major celebrations held at St Paul's last week.

- To all families for your **generosity** in donating pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, and to the Year 6 students for setting up, adding condiments, and distributing the pancakes, **THANKYOU**. We raised well **nearly \$400**. A great start to our **CARITAS** Lenten campaign.
- Thank you to all involved in our Ash Wednesday celebrations and the wonderful Leadership Assembly, your assistance and support made each event special.
- This Thursday Mr Green, and 10 of our Year 6 leaders, will represent the school supporting the **Ordination of Deacon Peter Doherty to Priesthood**. Deacon Peter has made himself well known to our students and school and we wish him all the best in this next step in his personal faith journey.

- **Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Survey:** Very shortly our school will participate in the ECSI Survey which will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice here at St Paul's. The Catholic University in Leuven was commissioned to design a process and tools, based on sound research, to accomplish the goal of understanding our current Catholic identity and **where the school community might like to see itself in the future**. The **ECSI Survey is a key element** of this process, and you will be invited to participate in the survey. The **online survey** gathers responses from students in Years 5 and 6, all staff and all parents. More information will come out shortly explaining the process and how and when surveys will take place.

- **Week 7** is approaching quickly, on the Sunday of this week **St Paul's will take a leading role at the 8am Sunday mass at St Paul's church**. These masses are greatly appreciated by the parishioners and forge **closer ties between our school and the parish**. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

- This week's **Friday Prayer assembly**, 8.35am under the Big Shed, will be led **by 6G on the theme of CARITAS**, all are welcome to join us.

- Our **Virtue** this week is **Enthusiasm**. Enthusiasm is an easy way to change your life. It is your mental vitamin. Enthusiasm is a choice. It is not forced. It is simply choosing to feel enthusiastic about something even when the world may not be going as you like. Because enthusiasm is contagious you will find it spilling over into other "not-so-great" moments in your day. Saint Paul's enthusiasm for his faith set him on fire. He was so enthusiastic about Jesus that he was willing to die for him. And in the end, he did. The virtue of enthusiasm leads us not just to love God and neighbour, but to vigorously seek out opportunities to do so.

- Please **keep in your prayers** the several St Paul's **students and families currently undertaking the Sacrament program**. We pray they grow in their Faith during this time.

God Bless  
Mark Roberts

[CLICK HERE to order your shirt!](#)

### St Paul's Supporter shirts

St Paul's P&F would like you to show your pride in our great school community by purchasing a supporter's shirt. These are high quality polo shirts that look great and only cost \$40 each. Please fill in the below form if you are interested in purchasing a shirt. Orders will close early March! There is limited stock of larger sizes supporter shirts in admin if you can't wait! Note these are for adults only.



Important Dates	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10am Ordination Peter Doherty
8 <sup>th</sup> March	P & F Welcome Disco
13 <sup>th</sup> March	P & F AGM
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country



### NAPLAN Timetable 2024

Week 8	Wednesday 13th March	Thursday 14th March	Friday 16th March
	<b>Year 3</b> 9:00 - 9:40 40 mins (booklet)  <b>Year 5</b> 9:00 - 9:42 42 mins	<b>Reading</b>  <b>Year 3</b> 9:15 - 10:00 45 mins  <b>Year 5</b> 9:00 - 9:50 50 mins	<b>Catch Up Tests - writing catch up needs to be completed by Monday 18th March</b>
Week 9	Monday 18th March	Tuesday 19th March	Wednesday 20th March
	<b>Conventions of Language</b>  <b>Year 3</b> 9:15 - 10:00 am 45 mins  <b>Year 5</b> 9:00 - 9:45 pm 45 mins	<b>Numeracy</b>  <b>Year 3</b> 9:15 - 10:00 pm 45 mins  <b>Year 5</b> 9:00 - 9:50 pm 50 mins	<b>Catch Up Tests</b>

### Upcoming Events/Save the Date

24 <sup>th</sup> May	Trivia Night
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Photo Day
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletic 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

# NAPLAN

## National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

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- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



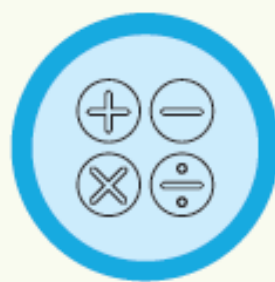
**Writing**



**Reading**



**Conventions of language**  
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



**Numeracy**

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

**Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.**

For more information on NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

# ST PATRICK'S DAY RACES

Sat 16 March

Catholic Education—Diocese of Rockhampton



*Winner's Circle*

**LUNCHEON**

**TICKET \$100**

- ✦ 2 Course gourmet sit-down luncheon includes complimentary drink on arrival
- ✦ TAB and Bookie facilities
- ✦ Spot prize draws
- ✦ Air-conditioned comfort

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**AMATEURS GRANDSTAND**  
CALLAGHAN PARK, ROCKHAMPTON

Luncheon commences at 12noon  
Doors open 11.30am

*Dress standards apply*