



ST PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRACEMERE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 2 2025

Dear families and friends,

Thank you for supporting the **Vinnies Winter Appeal** with the 'Wear Your Footy Colours' today. All the gold coin donations will go towards helping those in need during these colder months.

Next Wednesday between 3.30 & 5pm, families interested in enrolling their children in **Prep 2026** will have the opportunity to experience what St Paul's has to offer. Thank you all for the positive way you support the school, as good word of mouth within the Gracemere community remains our most effective marketing tool.



This week, we bid farewell to **Mrs Deb Bridgeman**, who has dedicated 14 wonderful years of service to St Paul's. Mrs Bridgeman has made many contributions to our community and always greeted everyone with her welcoming smile and calm manner. She will be deeply missed by students, staff, and parents alike. We wish her all the best in her new career and hope she knows she will always be a cherished member of the St Paul's family.

wishing
you 
ALL THE BEST

Have a great week and God bless,

Anthony Greene



On Wednesday, June 4, St Paul's welcomes all prospective Prep students and their families to our Prep Open Afternoon. This special event is a fantastic opportunity to explore our wonderful facilities, meet our dedicated staff, and experience the engaging learning environment that makes St Paul's such a great place to begin a child's educational journey.

We encourage everyone to spread the word and invite families who may be interested in joining our community. We look forward to showcasing all that St Paul's has to offer!

Prayer for Reconciliation Week: Loving and merciful God, You call us to walk humbly, act justly, and love tenderly. In this Reconciliation Week, open our hearts to fairness—To seek justice for all, to listen with compassion, and to embrace the dignity of every person. May we acknowledge past wrongs with courage, Work toward healing with sincerity, and stand as instruments of Your peace. Guide us to be fair in thought, word, and action, reflecting Your divine love in all we do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

A.P.R.E. News

Thank you to our **school captains** for the wonderful Prayer Assembly last Friday on the Virtue of Kindness. This week all are invited to join us under the Big Shed at **8.30am as 2B** lead us in communal prayer for the virtue of Fairness. **All parents and friends** of the school are **invited** to remain after the assembly each week to share a **morning tea** with the class who presented the Prayer.

Next week on **Sunday the 8th of June**, Pentecost, **St Paul's will again lead the Parish mass** at St Paul's church at 8am. This is a great connection with our local Parish, all are welcome to join us for this celebration.

Our virtue this week is Fairness. Fairness is closely linked to several key Catholic virtues, particularly **justice, charity, and prudence**. Justice ensures that individuals receive what is rightfully theirs, making fairness a fundamental aspect of living justly. Fairness also connects with **charity**, as treating others equitably reflects love and respect for all people. Additionally, **prudence** guides fair decision-making, helping individuals discern the right course of action in complex situations. Together, these virtues create a moral framework that encourages ethical behaviour and respect for human dignity.

This week at St Paul's we are recognising and exploring the themes of Reconciliation Week. **Reconciliation** with Indigenous people in Australia and the Catholic virtue of **fairness** are deeply **connected** through the principles of **justice, dignity, and respect**. The Catholic Church teaches that fairness involves treating all people with equal dignity and ensuring justice for those who have been marginalized. In the context of reconciliation, this means acknowledging past injustices, supporting Indigenous communities, and working towards a more equitable society. **Pope John Paul II**, during his 1986 visit to Australia, emphasized the importance of recognizing Indigenous culture and ensuring their rights are respected. The Church has since committed to reconciliation efforts, advocating for Indigenous voices to be heard and their contributions valued. Fairness, as a Catholic virtue, calls for genuine efforts to address historical wrongs and promote healing, aligning with the broader reconciliation movement in Australia.

God Bless,
Mark Roberts

Daniel Morcombe
Child Safety Curriculum

Week 6 Focus - React

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.

REACT

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

Keeping kids safe!

Important Dates

27 th May – 3 rd June	National Reconciliation Week
4 th June	Prep Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5pm
10 th June	School photo day
12 th June	Show Holiday
23 rd June	Athletics Carnival
27 th June	Last Day of Term 2



School Photo Day

Tuesday, 10th June

Please ensure students are:

Wearing their correct *formal* uniform
(except Preps).

Hair is neat, and girls are wearing the correct school coloured hair accessories



Report Cards

As we reach the midpoint of Term 2, our dedicated teachers are thoughtfully preparing student report cards. We value your active involvement in your child's education and encourage you to reach out to their class teacher if you have any concerns or questions about their learning progress.

To ensure our communication with parents is clear, concise, and meaningful, subject comments will include both a **Commendation** and an **Area for Development**. These insights will highlight your child's strengths, areas for improvement, and the progress they have made throughout the Semester. Additionally, they will provide recommendations to support ongoing learning and growth.

A friendly reminder that report cards will be available through **Parent Lounge during Week 10** of this term.



Year 2S



In our Religion lessons this term, students have been exploring how stories about Jesus continue to inspire and guide people today.

Focusing on the parable of the Good Samaritan, students reflected deeply on what it means to be a good neighbour. Together, they created a beautiful "Kindness Quilt" with each patch representing a way they can show compassion and kindness in their daily lives.



Year 2B

In Maths, students have been learning about fractions in a fun and hands-on way! As part of their learning, they created their own "Fraction Pizza Party," using halves, quarters and eighths to represent different toppings. Students

loved designing their pizzas and sharing them with the class - turning math into a memorable experience!

Year 5 & 6 Interschool Friday Sports Week 3 – 30.05.2025 DRAW

Netball

JNR C	1:20	Crt 4
SNR B	12:55	Crt 3
SNR C	1:20	Crt 3
SNR D	12:55	Crt 4

Hockey

St Pauls 1 (Game 1)	12:50	Grass 6
St Pauls 2 (Game 1)	12:50	Grass 2
St Pauls 1 (Game 2)	1.30	Grass 6
St Pauls 2 (Game 2)	1.30	Grass 7

Rugby League

SNR B	1:20	Vic Park - Top
JNR B	12.30	Vic Park - Top

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?

We would love to hear from any school students who have been Confirmed and receive Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server. Their parents just need to contact the Parish Office for a form to register for training for this ministry. 07 4927 6744



Year 4 students have been invited to see
The Cathedral College's school's
performance of

The Little Mermaid

Students will depart St Paul's at **8:45 am on Thursday, 5th June** and return around **12:30 pm via bus.**



Students will be required to take a water bottle, hat and lunch.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this excursion, please contact the school.