

Dear families and friends

I am currently attending the annual **Principal's Gathering** which has a focus on educational leadership for the future. I must thank Catholic Education for arranging an array of excellent speakers on this topic. In my absence, Mrs Anderson and Mr Roberts take on extra responsibilities, which I am also grateful for.

Yesterday the Year 3 & 5 completed their **NAPLAN testing**. Mrs Anderson and the teachers have done an exceptional job of getting everything organised and the students ready, so much so that many of the students did not seem phased by the testing at all. A big thanks also to the P&F for putting on breakfast for the Year 3 & 5 students, it certainly made them feel special. Results should be out before the end of Term 2 allowing us to celebrate successes and identify areas of improvement for continuous learning.

**Parent-teacher discussions** are well underway, and I thank those families who have taken up the opportunity to support their children's learning by meeting with their teachers. If you missed booking an interview, please contact your class teacher to work out a time to meet. St Paul's teachers know their students well and are more than willing to give you feedback on their progress at any time during the year.

Term 1 is quickly drawing to a close after a busy 10 weeks with lots achieved. We will close out the term with a day of celebration **next Thursday**. This will include St Paul's Cross Country and our final assembly including the Easter raffle. We hope many families can join us for these events. Thank you also to all those who are donating to the raffles and don't forget to get your tickets in so you are not disappointed.

I would like to take this opportunity to **thank St Paul's dedicated staff** for providing another inspiring term of learning opportunities for our students and for the support we are given by you to help us achieve these goals. May all God's blessing be with you and your families during the Easter period as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Have a great week & God bless,

*Anthony Greene*

### Prayer for the Virtue of Creativity:

Lord, bless the creators who, by their gifts, make the world a more joyful and beautiful place. Through their creativity they teach us to see more clearly the truth around us. In their inspiration they call forth wonder and awe in our own living. They remind us that life is holy. Amen.

**St Paul:** Pray for us.

## Cross Country & Last Day of Term 1

### Cross Country (on school oval) - Spectators Welcome

Time	Group	Distance
8:50	11/12 Years (Born 2011 or 2012)	3km
9:10	10 Years (Born 2013)	2km
9:25	Years 4/5/6	1km
9:35	Year 3	1km
9:45	Year 2	1km
9:55	Year 1	1km
10:05	Prep	1km
10:30	Presentations in the Big Shed	



Students can wear a (sunsafe) house coloured shirt with school sports shorts. Don't forget a hat and a water bottle.

Lunch at 10:45 am (no tuckshop available)

Easter Assembly, Virtue Awards and drawing of the Easter Raffle at 11:30 am in the Big Shed.

Parents are welcome to take their child/ren after assembly. Please see your child's class teacher before departing.



## APRE News

**Thank you 1P** for your wonderful St Patrick's Day Prayer Assembly last Friday. Your Irish Blessing song at the end was beautiful. To everyone who dressed in green for the day and donated a gold coin to CARITAS, **thank you** for your ongoing support of this worthy charity.

This **Friday** Leadership will be presenting **Prayer Assembly** on the Virtue of Creativity. All are most welcome, **8.35am under the Big Shed**.

We continue to **keep in our prayers** all of the students and their families who are continuing their Sacramental journey. We hope you are enjoying the experience and growing in your faith.

By the end of this week **the majority** of teachers and students will have completed their **Enhancing Catholic School Identity Surveys**. We encourage parents and Carers to complete the survey before the end of Term if possible. **Your input is vital** to the success of the surveys and at present very few have been completed. **Thank you for your support**.

A big **thankyou** to all families for your donations of Easter Eggs and buying of tickets in the Easter Raffle. This is one of the **great St Paul's traditions** and adds to an exciting last day of term for the students.

**Thank you** to all families, staff and students who attended our St Paul's **parish led mass** at St Paul's church. The students read so well, and their singing lifted the congregation. Nothing but praise and thank you from the parishioners who appreciate our presence. St Paul's is a wonderful church to be a part of, very welcoming. All in our community are always welcome at mass on a **Sunday morning at 8am to 9am**.

This Sunday is **Palm Sunday**, the beginning of **Holy Week**. For many Christians, Holy Week is a special week during which they can reflect on Lent and their faith before celebrating Easter. They can think about the sacrifices that they believe Jesus Christ made for humans in the lead-up to celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

With one week to go, this has been a busy but exciting start to the year and as the Term nears its end it is a good time to think back on all the things we have to be **THANKFUL** for, and there are many. May God bless and keep you safe when the holidays arrive.

Thank you for all your support.  
Mark Roberts  
A.P.R.E.



*The people of the Diocese of Rockhampton are invited to join Bishop Michael McCarthy and the clergy of the Diocese in the celebration of the*

*Chrism Mass 2024*

*10.00am, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024*

*St Joseph's Cathedral*

*light refreshments will be provided after the celebration.*

For those unable to join in person, the Mass can be watched on the St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

Important Dates	
18-22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Teacher Interviews
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country HOLY THURSDAY
29 <sup>th</sup> March	GOOD FRIDAY



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