

Dear families and friends,

**National Reconciliation Week** is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving true reconciliation. A Cornel Ozies (a Djugun/Yarwuru man) puts it, *“A time for education! With education comes understanding and with understanding comes truth telling. And when truths of a Nation are revealed then healing can begin.”* At St Paul's we focus on the understanding what education can bring to our future generations. We have recognised the importance of the week with a display in the administration, staff wearing yellow for Sorry Day, each class receiving a prayer for reconciliation and resources shared to help bring understanding about reconciliation. I especially thank Miss Mariah Oth for her enthusiasm and ideas that she willingly shares with the staff and students to help facilitate this meaningful understanding that we strive for.



Today is a special occasion for **Bishop Micheal McCarthy** for it marks 10 years of his faith-filled service to the Diocese of Rockhampton.



I got to know Bishop Michael much better when he decided that being Bishop of a Diocese that is 414 000 square kilometres just wasn't a big enough challenge for him, so he decided to add to his bag of responsibilities being the Pastor of the Parishes of Rockhampton for nearly two years as well. I got to witness how his graceful leadership and willingness to share his considerable talents brought meaningful change to our Parishes.

Bishop Michael recognises the importance of our Catholic schools within the Church and is dedicated to attending many special events within our school communities. His recent efforts this year to visit every classroom in every school across the whole Diocese was simply inspirational and encapsulates the spirit of hospitality that he shares so willingly. May God bless Bishop Michael abundantly as he continues his journey!

Have a good week & God bless,

*Anthony Greene*

**A Prayer for the Virtue of Awe St Paul:** Lord, please renew within me a true sense of wonder and awe as I gaze with amazement at what You have done for me and for the whole world. May I never tire of pondering this supernatural gift of Your life. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

## A.P.R.E. News

**Thankyou Year 2M** for leading our Prayer Assembly last Friday on the Virtue of Kindness. And you are correct, "Kindness does make the world a better place. This Friday all welcome to our Prayer Assembly under the Big Shed at 8.30am as Year **1W** lead us in acknowledging Reconciliation Week. Thank you, Miss Oth for preparing, and giving the gift, of a 'Prayer for Reconciliation Week,' to each class. Staff recognised the importance of Sorry Day on Monday by wearing some Yellow with their clothing.

Pope Francis shared a special message to our Indigenous Peoples on the 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016, I share a quote with you, "**Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost.**" We are so blessed at St Paul's that you share your culture with us.

This **Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June** St Paul's will again lead the 8am mass at St Paul's church. This has been a wonderful experience each time we have led mass and it is appreciated greatly by the parishioners. If you are able to join this community event you are most welcome. You do not need to be a Catholic or Christian to come to mass so please feel welcome. A group of students are currently practicing readings and songs and I thank them for their energy and commitment to support this mass.

On the last day of term, we will be celebrating one of only two full school masses for the year. This is our **St Paul's Feast Day**. On this day we acknowledge our Charism in St Paul whose welcoming into his life of the message of Jesus and living it out, sets an example for us all to learn from and grow in our own faiths. Following the mass in the morning at 8.45am, Year 6 will lead the school in rotational activities and the day will conclude with a "Colour Run." This should be an amazing last day.

**The virtue this week is Awe:** Awe is deep respect and reverence for the Source of life. It is humility and wonder before the power of God. The Virtues Project reminds us, "**Contemplating life's beauty and mystery leads us to reflecting on our place in the universe, we seem small and insignificant, yet it is awe-inspiring to realize that no one else on Earth is just like us. Each of us has a unique potential for reflecting the divine virtues in our souls. We awaken them by choosing to live them. When we practice awe, we are alert to the signs and wonders placed in our path. We open ourselves to grace.**"

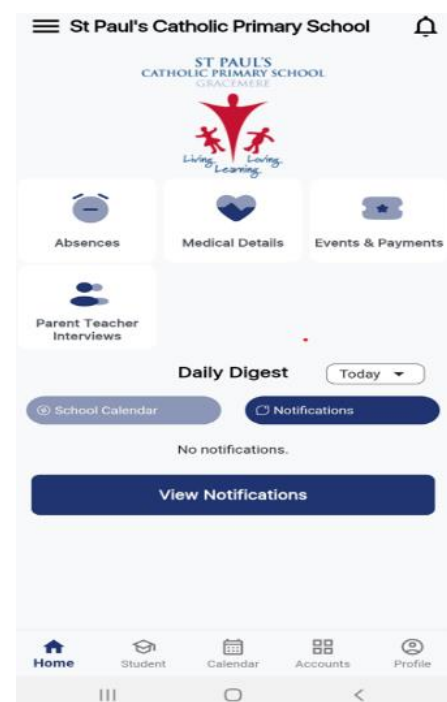
God Bless  
Mark Roberts  
A.P.R.E.

Important Dates	
<b>26 – 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>National Reconciliation Week</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Prep Open Day 3.30pm – 5.00pm</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>St Paul's led Parish Mass 8am Sun</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Yr 5/6 Music Gala Workshop</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Years 4.5 &amp; 6 High Jump, Discus, 800mtrs</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Photo Day</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Athletics Carnival</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rockhampton Show Holiday</b>

Friday Sports Information		
<b>NETBALL</b>	<b>Jardine Park</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>Team</b>
1.00pm	Crt 10	Jnr D
1.00pm	Crt 7	Snr D
1.30pm	Crt 2	Snr B
<b>TENNIS</b>	<b>TCC Bolton Park</b>	
<b>12.45pm – 2.15pm</b>		
<b>Rugby League</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Yr 5	12.30pm	Kettle Park
Yr 6	1.20pm	Kettle Park

## PARENT ORBIT APP

We're excited to announce a new mobile app for St Paul's Catholic Primary School. *Parent Orbit* will be ready to download and use on Friday. You will receive an email on Friday with all the instructions on how to access this app and its many features. The App, which is connected to Parent Lounge, will improve our communication with each other as it offers a quick and easy way to receive notifications, book Parent/Teacher interviews, add Student Absences, view and pay School Fees, accept or decline excursions via the Events and Activities, update details, email class teachers and much more.





## END OF TERM MEAL DAY

Order online via Quickcliq

**Orders close 14 June 2024**

Upcoming Events/Save the Date	
21 <sup>st</sup> June	St Paul's Feast Day & 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

### Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

#### Week 7 Focus - Report

**REPORT**  
Encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

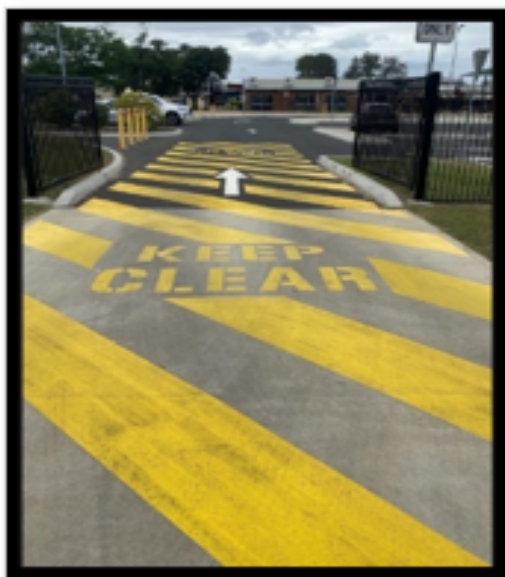
This week, we are starting to implement the final key message of the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum: report*.

This means that children or young people are taught to *report* what has happened to an adult when they are in an unsafe situation. Even if a child has been able to make themselves safe, it is vital that they still *report* what has happened.

Students involved in the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum will be encouraged to make a list of adult safety helpers. These are adults, children, and young people who nominate whom they can talk to when they feel unsafe, have experienced an unsafe situation, or feel they are at risk of something that may cause them harm. This list will include a selection of adults who live in and outside the home.

## NON STOPPING ZONE ON BREAKSPEAR St Police will book you!

The local police are concerned with the number of cars parked in the NO stopping zone on Breakspear St at pick up time. They have given several people warnings but have informed the school that they will start booking offenders if the practice persists.



## TOP CAR PARK

Please do not wait/stop in the yellow-lined area at the entrance of the Victoria Street car park as it blocks people wanting to park from entering and parking.

## STAFF CAR PARK

The gravel car park off Breakspear Street is strictly for staff only. Families are not allowed to use to drop off or collect students for safety reasons.