



ST PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

GRACEMERE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 3 2025

Dear families and friends



Book Week is here, and the excitement is contagious! Our students are buzzing with enthusiasm as they dive into the joy that **Book Week** brings. It's a wonderful opportunity for us as educators to highlight the power of reading in shaping strong literacy skills—helping students grow as confident readers, expressive writers and articulate speakers.

Thank you to everyone who donated books for **The Big Book Swap**! The students thoroughly enjoyed selecting a new story to take home and cherish. Your generosity made this experience special.



To wrap up our Book Week celebrations, this **Friday** we'll be hosting our much-anticipated **Character Dress-Up Day and Parade**! It's always a delight to see the creativity and imagination our students bring to life through their costumes.

We're also thrilled to welcome visiting **author Deb Pak**, who will be reading her delightful book **There's Bug Guts on My Shoe**. It promises to be a fun and memorable experience for the students.



Last week, our students immersed themselves in the wonders of **Science Week**, diving into whole-class activities inspired by this year's captivating theme: **Decoding the Universe – Exploring the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language**.

A special thank you to **Mrs Harkin** and **Mrs Miranda** for bringing science to life with exciting experiments and hands-on activities in the library during lunchtimes.

Yesterday, a group of our students had the unique opportunity to engage with **The Sporting Wheelies Association** during a special visit. As part of the experience, students spent time in wheelchairs, gaining firsthand insight into adaptive sports and mobility.



They played games, navigated around the school, and deepened their understanding of inclusivity and resilience through active participation. A big thank you to the **Sporting Wheelies team** and for **Mrs Bauer** for organising this special opportunity.

During the week, the **Year 6 students** had the pleasure of welcoming **Paul Norton**, a Catholic Education Diocesan consultant, for an insightful session on digital systems. Paul shared his expertise, helping students understand how these systems operate—particularly within the context of our own St Paul's infrastructure.



It wasn't just the students who benefited—our Year 6 teachers and I also walked away with valuable new insights. A big thank you to Paul for an enriching and informative visit!

Have a great week!

God bless

Nicole Anderson

The Virtue of Joyfulness: Joyfulness, in the Catholic tradition, is a deep and enduring sense of happiness and gratitude rooted in faith, love, and trust in God's presence, even amidst life's challenges.

A Prayer for the Virtue of Joyfulness: Loving God, thank You for the gift of joy in our lives. Help us to see Your goodness in the world around us and to share smiles, kindness, and love with others. May our hearts always shine with joy, even in difficult times, as we trust in Your care. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us

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P&F FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Year 3

This term Year 3 has been learning about animal features and lifecycles. To celebrate Science Week, we looked at camouflage and how this helps animals hide from predators or prey. We created our own butterflies and hid them around the classrooms, try to find them all!



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Deadly Day Out

Year 6 First Nations students from St Paul's joined First Nations students from across the Rockhampton Diocese for a Deadly Day Out at the Dreamtime Cultural Centre. The day was filled with connection, celebration, and opportunities to strengthen cultural identity. Students enjoyed a cultural walk through the centre, took part in fun and active Indigenous games led by Deadly Choices, and shared plenty of energy and laughter together. They also had the opportunity to meet First Nations Education Liaison Officers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Emmaus College, helping them build valuable links for their transition into secondary school. A highlight of the day was hearing from Aunty Judy, a highly respected Elder in our community, who shared her education journey and offered heartfelt words of wisdom. It was a deadly day of culture, learning, and friendship.



Important Dates

22 nd Aug	Prep 2026 offers
22 nd Aug	Dress up Book Character Day
29 th Aug	Family Fun Night
29 th Aug	Friday Sports concludes
5 th Sept	PUPIL FREE DAY
19 th Sept	P&F Colour Run & Term 3 ends
7 th Oct	Term 4 begins

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATS TO Yr 6 NETBALLERS FOR MAKING SEMI FINALS & Yr 5 FOOTBALLERS FOR MAKING THE GRAND FINALS AT 11AM ON 29/08/25

Year 5 & 6 Interschool Friday Sports
Week 11 – 22.08.2025 DRAW

Netball

SNR B	12:30	Crt 4
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Hockey

St Pauls 1 (Game 1)	12:50	Grass 6
St Pauls 2 (Game 1)	12:50	Grass 6
St Pauls 1 (Game 2)	1:30	Turf 4
St Pauls 2 (Game 2)	1:30	Grass 1

Rugby League Semi Finals

SNR B minor semi	1:20	Allenstown

PICK UP TIME – TIME TO BE EXTRA SAFE!!! CAR PARK CONSIDERATIONS

A few important reminders to help keep our students safe during pick-up times:

- ✓ **Staff carpark:** This area is not to be used by students or families, as vehicle movement poses a safety risk.
- ✓ **Breakspear Street carpark:** This is a *park and collect* zone only. Students should not be entering or crossing the carpark unsupervised.
- ✓ **Victoria Street pick-up:** Please remain in the queue. Skipping ahead causes confusion and increases the risk of accidents.
- ✓ **Victoria Street carpark:** Kindly keep the entrance gate's 'keep clear' zone unobstructed to allow smooth access.

Your patience and cooperation are greatly valued and help ensure the safety of all our students.





Don't forget to purchase your signed copy of ***There's Bug Guts on my Shoe!*** Books are available from the office - \$15 each (cash only)

Books are available for purchase until Thursday, 28th August.



Thank you for your support.

To help celebrate Book Week 2025 St Paul's welcomes children's book author Deb Pak.

Students in Prep - Year 3 will be treated to an author reading of

There's Bug Guts on my Shoe

Parents are invited to visit the library on Friday and see our Book Week display.

Signed copies of Deb's book will be available for purchase.



Students in Prep and Year 1 are invited to participate in a Book Week Colouring Competition. Class Teachers will distribute the competition materials.

Students in Years 2-6 are invited to design a new book cover for their favourite picture book. Forms can be collected from the library and are due back at the library or the office by Thursday, 21st August, 3 pm.

Winners will be announced at Friday's Book Week assembly.



Book Week is approaching - Week 6

To help celebrate our love of reading

St Paul's is holding a

Book Character Dress-Up Day

Friday 22nd August.



Each child is encouraged to participate by dressing up as their favourite book character. The Book Character Parade will occur after Friday morning assembly in the Big Shed.

Parents are most welcome to attend!

It's time to get creative - homemade costumes are preferred!



NO TOYS

Please support your children by reminding them that toys (including POKEMON cards) are not allowed at school. This will help eliminate distractions here at school. Thank you for your support in this.

