

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

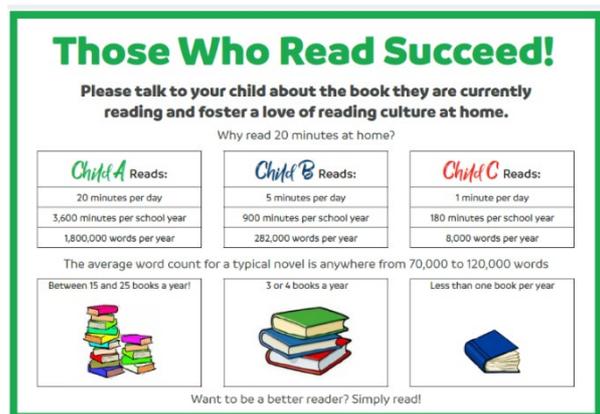


Dear families and friends

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Last week I mentioned the **importance of children reading at home** with a parent, older sibling or even to themselves. **Parents are the most important educators in a child's life** and it's never too early or late to start reading together. By reading together at home you will help your child develop a love of reading and greatly increase their literacy skills. The infographic below is quite powerful in demonstrating the importance of children reading at home.

Learning to read is about understanding as well as working out what's printed on the page. Through reading, children are **exposed to a wide range of words**. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding and allow them to express themselves confidently. It's important for them to become 'word rich' so that they **can write and speak confidently and fluently**. This is a skill that benefits children and leads to academic success but most importantly **reading is an essential life skill**.



(Source - <https://www.birkenheadparkschool.com/home-learning/reading-at-home>)

At **St Paul's**, children and teachers regularly talk about **what good readers do**. One of the main topics that arises from these discussions is that good readers, read everyday. They don't need to read large books, but they need to **read a variety of books for pleasure and for knowledge**. By reading for pleasure they learn to foster a love of reading and by reading for knowledge they gain a better understanding of the world around them.

Here are some tips to get you started with reading with your child at home.



Take care and God bless,

Nicole Anderson

Assistant Principal Curriculum

PREP open afternoon
Meet our dedicated team of educators and tour our exceptional new facilities
Apply online www.spgrok.catholic.edu.au/enrol
All welcome
WEDNESDAY
22 JUNE
3.30PM-5PM
Ph 4994 8235
Applications close 24 June 2022
ST PAUL'S GRACEMERE
Living Learning Loving

Prayer for Courage: Dear God, grant me courage, for perhaps I lack it more than anything else. I need courage before others, to stand up to threats, unkindness, mockery, contradiction and to the negative forces in my life. I need courage to fight against troubles, temptations, fear, and anxiety. Strengthen me with Your love and Your grace. Console me with Your blessed Presence and grant me the courage to follow Your will and persevere. Amen.

Our School Priorities for 2022:

Deepen Mathematical Thinking, Purposeful Reading Instruction, Learning Conversations

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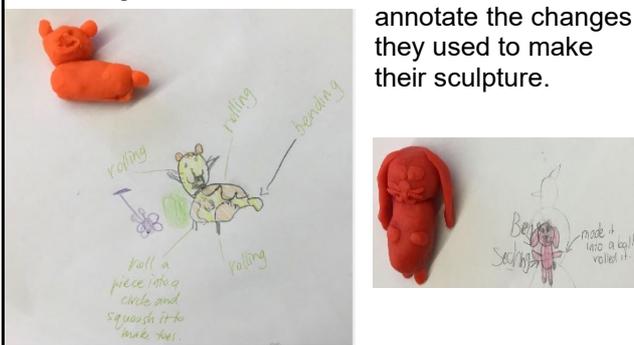
Year 5F

Year 5s have recently started discovering poetry and all the wonderful poetic devices!. We started the unit with some interesting "blackout poetry". In science we have been travelling through space and discovering planets in our Solar System, famous Astronomers, the sun and the different phases of the moon and why at times the moon seems to have changed its shape! In maths we have been challenging our minds and expanding our number concepts in the four operations and explaining our strategies on how to work these out. We start our days with a storybook and end them in the same way in order to fill our Premier's reading challenge tally chart up as much as we can, as Year 5F love pizza!!!



Year 1C

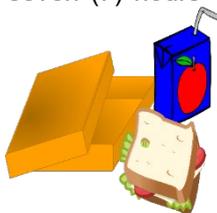
This term in science we have been leaning about different materials and how they can be changed. We have identified how physical changes can affect materials and the different ways we can do this. Students had lots of fun using this knowledge to create a playdough sculpture. As they created they thought about and incorporated lots of physical changes like rolling, squishing, bending and stretching. Students were then able to draw and annotate the changes they used to make their sculpture.



Tuckshop Convenor Position Available

St Paul's School Gracemere is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated person to co-ordinate the School Tuckshop. The position is for seven (7) hours per week commencing Term 3.

For further information and to apply, please email brief expression of interest to spgr@rok.catholic.edu.au. Applications close 5pm 17th June 2022.



On Wednesday June 15th we are Blessed to have our students working with Andrew Chinn, sharing his music and his faith. The day will conclude in a concert involving the **WHOLE SCHOOL** at 2pm in the Big Shed.

Report Card Information

As we are coming closer to the end of term, we are approaching **Report Card** time. To ensure our reporting is clear and reader friendly, in collaboration with the teachers, we are making some **small adjustments to the report cards**. Some of these changes include:

- Each subject has a **subject outline**. This highlights the curriculum that has been covered this semester.
- **Religion, Mathematics and English** will now have a **subject comment** underneath your child's mark for each of these subjects. This comment will reflect your child's progress in regard to the content and work that has been covered this semester.
- The **Personal and Social Development indicators** have been reworded and simplified to ensure the descriptors are clear and concise.
- A short **general comment** will appear at the end of the report which will focus on your child's learning behaviours.

Please read attached correspondence from **Diocesan Director Ms Leesa Jeffcoat** regarding the challenges that teachers have faced this semester with Covid, prolonged student absences and reporting.

Important Dates	
9 June	Rockhampton Show Holiday
22 June	Prep Open Day 3.30-5.00pm
24 June	St Pauls Feast Day
24 June	End of Term Meal Deal - Red Rooster
27 June	School Holidays commence
22-24 July	Beauty & The Beast -Pilbeam Theatre

Friday Sports Information		
NETBALL	Jardine Park	
Time	Court	Team
1.50	Court 2	Snr D
1.10	Court G16	Jnr C
1.50	Court 11	Snr B

TENNIS	Victoria Park Tennis Centre
12.45pm - 2.15pm	
Team 1 - Court 21	Team 2 - Court 5
Team 3 - Court 2	Team 4 - Court 3
Team 5 - Court 4	

Rugby League	Time	Venue
Yr 6	1.45pm	Rugby Park 2
Yr 5	1.45pm	Rugby Park 1

Virtue



Awards

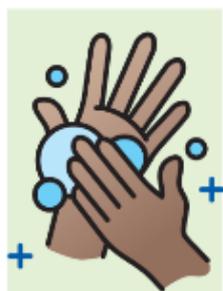
COVID-19 and Flu

Staying safe at school



Good habits that protect you from COVID-19 can keep you safe from catching other cold and flu viruses too.

Keep these habits up all the time:



Wash your hands



Cover your cough



Let fresh air in



Wear a mask on public transport



Stay up to date with your COVID-19 and flu vaccinations

Stay home from school if you have any of these symptoms:



Sore throat with or without runny nose



Fever



Cough



Diarrhoea



Loss of taste



Trouble breathing



Vomiting or feeling ill



Loss of smell



Feeling more tired than normal



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www.health.qld.gov.au/covid19/prevention



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