

St Paul's Catholic Primary School



Issue 1 | Term 2 2022

Dear families and friends,

Welcome back to Term 2 at St Paul's where we will continue to focus on our **whole school priorities**:

- *Deepen mathematical thinking*
- *Purposeful reading instruction*
- *Focus on learning conversations*

I hope you all enjoyed a pleasant **Easter** holiday and some quality time with family and friends. Easter is such an important part of our faith and reminds us that when we love others generously and sacrificially like Jesus, people will discover hope and joy. It is our greatest privilege to help others discover their own Easter moment.

The last day of Term 1 was a great success with **Yellow** House winning St Paul's **cross country**. Congratulations to all the age champions and a big thank you to Mrs Schluter for organising the event.

Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Prep Girls	Lillian B	Lily P	Lexi D	2013 Girls	Josie B	Ella M	Willow D
Prep Boys	Kerry H	Jimmy K	Mason B	2013 Boys	Huxley S	Jake W	Tyler C
Yr 1 Girls	Maia M	Maggie M	Josie S	2012 Girls	Tayla S	Portia S	Josie P
Yr 1 Boys	Charlie K	Mack R	Maddox K	2012 Boys	Flynn T	Oliver W	Jaiden T
Yr 2 Girls	Adelynn M	Chelsea M	Indi M-D	2011 Girls	Abbie P	Solara H	Darci F
Yr 2 Boys	Leo M	Tyler S	Teller C	2011 Boys	Hugh M	Slayde D	Lochie B
Yr 3 Girls	Grace D	Isabelle B	Ashlyn A	2010 Girls	Charlee L	Imogen L	Ellie P
Yr 3 Boys	Mason H	Wyatt N	Eric W	2010 Boys	Clay S	Jared M	Lachlan B

Thank you to all those who donated to the **Easter raffle** and bought tickets. We had some very excited winners and more importantly, the raffle raised over \$1000 for Project Compassion. Thank you all for your generous support of this worthy cause.

Term 2 is shaping up to be another busy time so please take note of the **'important dates'** listed in the newsletter. We will update this every week as much is planned for the term. Our first major event is the **ANZAC** liturgy this Friday followed by Sunday's ANZAC March. I hope to see many of you at these events supporting our diggers and praying for peace, especially in Ukraine.

Have a great week & God bless,

Anthony Greene

PRINCIPAL

ANZAC Reflection: God, our Father, we give thanks for the freedom and opportunity of choice that we have available to us as a nation. We ask for courage and resolve, so that our lives are lived with gratitude and purpose to honour those who sacrificed much, if not all, on our behalf.

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."

Our School Priorities for 2022:

Deepen Mathematical Thinking, Purposeful Reading Instruction,
Learning Conversations

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Welcome back, I hope you were able to enjoy some great family time over the holidays.

Next Monday is ANZAC Day when we will acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice of men and women for the freedom we enjoy today. Jesus said, **“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”** (John 15:13) How great a gift then was given by those thousands of men and women who lost their lives serving our nation so that we all may have life and peace. **“Lest we Forget,”** freedom comes at a cost, and it is left to us who enjoy that freedom to make sure that the ultimate sacrifice of so many is never forgotten. It also falls on us to honour those who fought for our freedom by living our lives to the fullest, making the most of the opportunities we have in life.

St Paul’s will have a special ANZAC Assembly this Friday morning during which we will highlight those immortal ANZAC words, **“Lest we Forget.”** How easy it is for time to wash away knowledge of individual sacrifice, someone’s life story lost forever. This is the significance of ANZAC day; it is not to glorify war and it is not to celebrate who won or lost. ANZAC day is to remember, to never forget, to ensure that the courage, love, and sacrifice of those who endure and live through war is never forgotten. Next Monday we march and stand together, as a sign of respect for the past, in the hope of a future lived in peace, we hope all in our community can join with us to march as one. We continue to focus this term on being **THANKFUL** people, and ANZAC day is yet another reminder of what we need to be thankful for.

This is a very busy term, please note Class Prayer Assembly on Fridays and Class Masses are on again this term. Information will be provided in the newsletter each week about which class or classes are leading Assembly or have a Mass. Next week Year 1 will be leading our Friday Prayer Assembly.

One new and exciting event this Term will be the first St Paul’s led parish mass on Sunday the 29th of May. We look forward to working with Father Bill to make this a wonderful experience for all who attend.

Each week students are learning about Virtues. Virtues are key character traits that are valued by all cultures and faiths across the world. We are born with virtues and spend our lives developing them to become the best versions of ourselves. This week’s Key Virtue is **Wisdom** and in particular two associated virtues: **Diligence** and **Openness**. It would be great to be discussing these virtues at home as well.

At masses across the diocese this weekend all Sacramental Candidates will be celebrated in the Presentation of Candidates ceremony. Please keep in your prayers our students who are nearing the end of their Sacramental journey of Confirmation and Eucharist.

God Bless

Mr. Mark Roberts

Sacraments 2022:

The first Family Workshops this term will commence on Tuesday the 3rd and Wednesday the 4th of May. Families need only attend one of the evenings. All Sacrament gatherings will be held at the Kevin Castles Centre, West Street, opposite Red Lion hotel, from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

ANZAC DAY MARCH/SERVICE

St Paul’s School will once again support the Gracemere RSL, ANZAC Day Dawn Service. We will gather outside the Pharmacy on Lawrie Street at 4. 10am. The March will commence at approx. 4.30am.

We are always appreciative of the support our St Paul’s community, and Gracemere as a whole, provides to this significant event. It is great to have students from Prep to Yr 6 march behind our banner and many proudly wear family medals. Older siblings are most welcome to join us. **We do ask parents to march with their children in our school group.** Students are asked to wear their day school uniform (preps their uniform). We suggest a jumper as it can be cool in the early morning.

The Gracemere RSL welcomes you to stay for a gun fire breakfast afterwards. We will have students providing an address and presenting a wreath on our behalf.

Important Dates

22 April	ANZAC assembly
25 April	ANZAC March & Public Holiday
27 April	P & F Meeting 3.30pm
29 April	Yr 1 & Mrs Trovato's farewell assembly
2 May	Labour day holiday
13 May	Yr 5 & 6 Interschool sport begins
20 May	DISCO
23 May	School Photo Day
27 May	St Paul's Athletics Yr 4,5,6 Field Events