



ST PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRACEMERE

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Week 1 Term 4 2022

Dear families and friends,

I hope you all enjoyed the school holiday period and took the opportunity to have some quality family time together. St Paul's staff have returned rested and ready for Term 4, which is always a busy time that goes very fast.

Over the holidays the grounds were aerated, top dressed and fertilised. Some areas were also seeded and some turf laid, which will be sectioned off for the term to give it the best chance to establish. Fortunately, we still have plenty of room for the students to play! The painting was also done around the school's main entrance to give it a real lift.

We have extended our search for a **Tuckshop Convenor** by another two weeks as we didn't receive any applicants. At present the tuckshop is operating thanks to the generosity of volunteers but this is not sustainable in the long term. If you are interested or know someone that might be, I would encourage you to contact me for a chat about the position.

Included in the newsletter is a flyer for a **free mini-conference** that 'Catholic Schools Parents Queensland' is holding this Saturday. Andrew Fuller is the keynote speaker who is an inspiring and engaging personality that will give you some great ideas about how you can engage in your children's education. You can go for a session or stay for the day, either way, you will not be disappointed.

Over the holidays you may have heard the sad news that a Gracemere **toddler tragically passed away** after a drowning accident at home. She was the younger sister of Laikyn (prep student) and understandable the family have been stricken with grief at the loss of such an innocent young girl. The school has reached out to the family offering assistance and will continue to work with them in the coming months to help in any way we can. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for Totty's funeral to be held in Taree tomorrow.

Yesterday I sent a letter to all Year 3 families explaining that while **Mrs Quinn** is making steady progress and she is still undergoing some testing to help her medical team determine the best course of action for her continued recovery. While Mrs Quinn wants to be back with her students, her health must come first. Today Year 3 welcomed Mrs Carr, an experienced teacher who comes to us highly recommended. Mrs Carr will continue to teach Year 3 Q until Mrs Quinn is well enough to return which we all hope, and pray that will be soon.

Have a great week and God bless,

Anthony Greene

Prayer - The Virtue of Respect: Teach me all I need to know about respect, its mastery being my long-term objective. May this include learning to listen, allowing others to share their opinions. May my respect towards other humans truly reflect Your love towards all. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

Welcome back to the last term in 2022. I hope you have enjoyed the time together. The year has just flown by, and we now journey toward the end of the year and, in particular, the completion of Primary School for our Year 6 students.

This is a very busy term and there will be many opportunities to build our community. We have two masses this term, the first is a Year 1 and Prep mass on Friday the 11th of November at 2pm. The second is our school mass for Gratitude on the last day of school. All families in our community are always welcome to come and share mass with our students when we have a Class or School mass, the students love to have you present.

We continue to have our prayer assemblies every Friday morning at 8.35am and again, all in our community are most welcome. Events to join in this term include the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, Socktober, St Paul's has Talent, the Nativity Story presented by our Preps, St Paul's Carols' morning, Year 6 Graduation, and of course, our last day, afternoon assembly to farewell our Year 6 students for the last time. Information will come out in the newsletter each week and we would love to make each of these a great community event.

St Paul teaches us a lot about this week's virtue of RESPECT. Even though he believes that he is in the right about both his beliefs and his conduct, he shows respect for everyone he encounters. This is very hard for his enemies and others to understand. He speaks respectfully to a crowd that has just beaten him, to a soldier who is about to flog him, to the Jewish council that accuses him in a Roman court of law, to the Roman governor and to King Agrippa who imprison him. There are so many examples of how we should act with respect, especially to those who annoy or hurt us. This is an incredible lesson for all of us on the true meaning of Love Your Neighbour. It is easy to respect those we like, but Christ calls us to also respect those we don't like.

Enjoy this term and make the most of it. Everyday offers opportunities to use our gifts and talents to serve our community. Following the teachings of Christ leads us to the service of others, Christianity should always be seen as Faith in Action.

May God bless us all and walk with us this term.

Mark Roberts
A.P.R.E.

Important Dates	
7 th Oct	Prep Vision Screening
25 th Oct	Prep Orientation Day
28 th Oct	Day for Daniel
28 th Oct	World Teacher's Day
10 th Nov	4pm Swimming Carnival
17 th - 18 th Nov	Year 5 Camp
25 th Nov	Year 6 Graduation
2 nd Dec	Gratitude Mass

Tuckshop Coordinator
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School, Gracemere

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Applications close
Sunday, 16 October 2022

WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IS

PARENT ENGAGEMENT DAY
ROCKHAMPTON | SAT 8 OCTOBER | 10.00AM-4.00PM
(come along to some or all of the sessions)

Kevin Castles Conference Centre
152 West St, Allenstown

SPEAKERS
Andrew Fuller, Psychologist - discussing 3 topics
Behaviour, Mental health and Motivation
Chris Borrell, The Fathering Project
Bernadette Kay CSPQ & Natalie Salisbury CSPQ State Council
talking about the Rockhampton Diocesan Council

All Catholic school Parents, Principals & School Staff welcome.
A free event to support our children's learning and wellbeing.

Topics for all ages Prep to Yr 12

Parents from regions outside Rockhampton, Yeppoon & Gracemere
can apply to have travel costs reimbursed.

Click on the link for more details and to REGISTER
<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/rockhampton-parent-engagement>

THE PUBLIC ROSARY
Join us for a Nation-wide Rosary Chain!

WHAT: THE HOLY ROSARY
WHERE: Central Park, Denham St
(opposite 'Hungry Jack's')

WHEN: Saturday - 15 October 2022
10.30-11.30 am.

Praying the Rosary...
Asking Our Lady of Fatima to obtain
God's merciful blessing for Australia

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