

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School



Dear families and friends,

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St Paul's 'Whole School Priorities' for 2022 are listed in the footer of each week's newsletter, but if you have missed them, they are:

- **Deepen Mathematical Thinking**
- **Purposeful Reading Instruction**
- **Learning Conversations**

Much of our work this term has been focused on how we can encourage these priorities within every classroom. Some examples of how we are achieving this are, focusing on a growth mindset, promoting deep and rich discussions about the text in reading groups, encouraging students to learn from each other by sharing their thinking and concentrating on learning conversation by limiting managing conversation during curriculum time. While we are just at the beginning of our journey to achieve these priorities, it is heartening to see the staff and students embracing these new challenges and becoming comfortable with the struggle of learning. I started the term by telling the students that **hard work is good work** because we need to continue to stretch our abilities to improve. The hard then becomes easy!

I would encourage you to ask your child/children some in-depth questions about what they have learnt this Term. Go deeper than just the surface response of 'nothing much' and ask them what something was they found hard at the start but now find it easier. You might be surprised with their answers, and you are engaging them in **learning conversations** increases their motivation to continue to grow and learn.

Thank you to all those who are following the **Drop off and Pick up guidelines** that were circulated earlier this term. It has greatly improved the sheep of the flow through zone and the general safety of the top car park at peak time. Just a reminder that if you are using the front carpark you need to park and get out of your car to collect your child/ren. It is not safe for children to be walking unsupervised to cars at this busy time.

**Easter raffle** sales are going extremely well, but we are down on previous years' donations for the prizes. If you can send in some donations, it is appreciated and all money raised goes to a very worthy cause, Project Compassion!

This will be the final **newsletter** that will come out on a Thursday. Due to the pupil free day next Friday the newsletter will be issued on **Wednesday** and will continue to do so for the rest of the year. Hopefully, this helps get information out to families earlier in the week.

Have a great week and God bless,

*Anthony Greene*  
PRINCIPAL

**A Lenten Prayer from Sr Kym Harris:** Loving Father, as we recall the events of Jesus' death and resurrection, open in us that type of remembering that allows him to become real in our lives. With his Spirit to guide us, may his life lead us into new ways of loving. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

## Our School Priorities for 2022:

Deepen Mathematical Thinking, Purposeful Reading Instruction,  
Learning Conversations

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### Changes to Venue for Sacramental Program:

A reminder to those families participating in the Sacramental workshops, that **next week** there is a family workshop to attend. Please **note the location** for these workshops will be at **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Wandal**, in the school Hall. Please see dates below for our next workshop:

### **Family Workshop: 3 Confirmation**

Date	Location	Time
Tue 29 March OR Wed 30 March	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Wandal.	5.30pm – 6.30 pm

Great work Year 6 on a well-presented Prayer assembly last Friday based on their classroom exploration of Jewish Holy days.

This week we recognise Bullying No Way! During this week students have been talking about the issue of bullying. This includes exploring the different types of bullying, ways to handle bullies, and how to protect and support those being bullied.

Concluding this week's focus on the theme of Bullying; Prep, Year 1 and Year 5 will attend a Kindness Prayer Assembly this Friday. Parents are most welcome.

As Easter falls on the second weekend of the holidays, we will not be having our usual Holy Week activities in the last week of Term one as it is too early but our last Prayer Assembly on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> will be themed on Holy week.

It was great to see so many students and staff from St Paul's at our parish mass last Sunday. I would encourage all in our community to join our parish every Sunday morning at 8am for mass, it is a great way to build our St Paul's community. Next Term St Paul's will look to lead one of our parish masses on a Sunday, more information on this will come out early in Term 2.

Our Lenten journey continues at St Paul's with a focus on the work of CARITAS. Each class has organised its own Lenten activities as well as supporting those in need by donating to the CARITAS boxes located in each classroom. Lent is a gift to us all. It is so easy to get caught up in oneself and our individual wants and needs, often forgetting that so many in the world are not so fortunate. It's often hard to see the poor in our own midst yet alone the plight of others overseas. Lent asks us to take time to look closely at ourselves, our wealth, our gifts and how we can use them for others. To be Catholic is to hold Mercy in our Hearts. To hear the call of those in need and to answer the call as best we can with the gifts we have.

Last Friday Ireland visited St Paul's with a flood of green to celebrate St Patrick's day but also to raise money for those affected by recent flood events. Between our Circus raffle and Plain Clothes Day \$400 dollars was raised. Half of the money went to the St Vincent de Paul flood appeal, and the other half directly to Lismore Catholic College, devastated by flood water. What a great effort St Paul's, well done to everyone for such great support.

God Bless  
*Mark Roberts*

Assistant to the Principal Religious Education



### **Important Dates**

<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Cross Country / Pizza &amp; Popper/ Easter Assembly &amp; Raffle</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Term 2 Commences</b>

### **St Paul's Cross-Country/ Fun Run** **Thursday 31st March 2022**

***Wear your house colour polo shirt or sports polo***

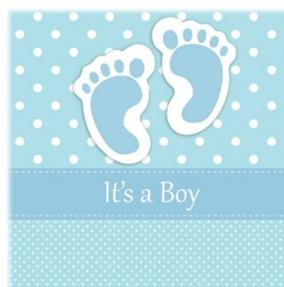
Time	Group	Distance
8:50	11 & 12 Years Cross-Country	3km
9:10	10 Years Cross-Country	2km
9:25	Years 4-6 Fun Run	1km
9:35	Year 3 Fun Run	1km
9:45	Year 2 Fun Run	1km
9:55	Year 1 Fun Run	1km
10:05	Prep Fun Run	1km
10:30	Presentations	

Mrs Mel Neill and her family welcomed a

**beautiful boy** – introducing

***Henry Michael Neill***

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## COVID INFORMATION

St Paul's wishes to advise you that, during the past week, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community. Queensland Health has advised that no quarantine of students or staff is required.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child/rens health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/ren at home
  - Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results. Please be aware, a negative COVID test does not change the requirement to be symptom free to attend school.
  - Follow the advice of Queensland Health
- As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:
- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
  - cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow and dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.
  - practice social distancing from others where possible
  - wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.



**COME TO OUR PLACE.**

**APPLY NOW FOR 2023**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 MARCH 2022**

Applications for Year 7 2023 Enrolment close on 30 March 2022. Visit our website to apply online. For further enquiries, please contact our Enrolments Officer, Mrs Meg Halberstater on 4999 1311.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

189 William St, Rockhampton | [www.tccr.com.au/enrolment](http://www.tccr.com.au/enrolment) | 07 4999 1300

## EASTER RAFFLE

Each family is asked to donate Easter eggs for the raffle. Please leave the donations at the office in the air conditioning.

**Tickets are \$1 each and on sale outside the Library each morning from 8.15am**

All go to Australia support Project



proceeds Caritas to their

Compassion Appeal.



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**

**ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES!!  
Tram operating from 10am to 1pm.  
Questionnaires for older kids and 50c colour in-packs available!

**Wednesday 6th & 13th April Only!**  
**\$6.00 PER PERSON**

Explore the C17 Steam Loco.  
Climb aboard restored passenger carriages.  
Change the signals, use the antique phones and other fun activities. Food on Sale



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