

St Paul's Catholic Primary School



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Dear families & friends,

Last Friday Year 1 gave a fitting **farewell** to Mrs Karen Trovato and many thanked her for her many years of caring service to the St Paul's community. We were also honoured to be joined by Mrs Kellie Jenkinson, Assistant Director - Mission, who presented Karen with a gift on behalf of Catholic Education. This week we **welcomed** Miss Tarnia Stickfuss Dale as the new Year 1 ESA. Next Monday, Miss Claire Bougoure will join St Paul's as the Year 6 ESA who replaces Mrs Pearce who has gone to TCC.

The recent easing of close contact **COVID isolation restrictions** will certainly help in limiting the amount of learning time many of our students have faced over the past 4 months. Students who are close contacts are welcome to attend school, but we ask that you keep us informed and follow all the QLD Health rules to minimise the risks. If you are not sure of what to do, please don't hesitate in contacting the office.

Last week the **School Board** met to review St Paul's Behaviour Expectation Policy to ensure that it aligns with current practices. Once this policy has been signed off we will move on to reviewing the Sun Safety and Homework Policies.

The P&F recently had a meeting to organise food and drink to make the upcoming **disco a family event** (Friday 20 May). They have plans for pulled beef rolls, sausage on bread, chicken chips, a slushie machine for the kids and a bar for the adults. The P&F is a passionate group of parents who want to offer parents social opportunities for the St Paul's community, but they need volunteer help to achieve this goal. They can only offer this yummy food and a bar if enough **parents volunteer to help**. Without your help, we can only offer snacks for the children (poppers & small packets of chips). I would strongly encourage you to click on the google doc link NOW (*before you forget about it*) and support the P&F with their goal of making the disco a family event.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nUtli_RxfdYp5-Rw45rQX5DvEGh77yZyw6-SFVYIGCg/edit?usp=sharing

P&F would like volunteer numbers by Monday 9 May so a final decision can be made. 30 minutes of your time can make a real difference and you might even meet some new friends.

I would like to wish all the mothers a very happy **Mother's Day** this Sunday. I hope you are spoilt by family members as a thank you for all you do. May God's blessings be upon you and reward you for your love and devotion to your children. This Friday Prep B will lead a special Mother's Day prayer assembly and you are all welcome to stay for some morning tea afterwards.

Have a great Sunday,

Anthony Greene

PRINCIPAL



A Prayer for Humanity: God the Holy Spirit. Remove from us all desire for more money and possessions and cease our relentless quest for comforts that we do not need. Make us aware of how much we already have and help us to share our wealth and time in partnership with all of humanity. Ignite in us the fire of your love so that, filled with your Spirit, our faith is awakened by renewed commitment and deed. Amen.

Our School Priorities for 2022:

Deepen Mathematical Thinking, Purposeful Reading Instruction,
Learning Conversations

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APRE NEWS



Thankyou Year 1 for your wonderful Prayer Assembly last Friday. It was a special assembly as we farewelled Mrs Trovato after 20 years of dedicated, loving, service to our school. She will be missed. This Friday we will be led by our

Preps who will be recognising Mother's Day and the important role our mothers play in our lives. All are most welcome to come along.

We would ask that you continue to pray for our students who are involved in the Sacramental program. Having completed Reconciliation and been presented as Candidates, in their respective churches, they are now preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist.

Please add to your calendars our upcoming 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 and hope you will join us on the day.

Parents and students have noted a change this year to the awards given out on a Friday at Prayer Assembly. In past years we have had a **Respect** and a **Student of the Week Award**. This year we have spent time as a staff discussing how we recognise our school as a Virtues School. In doing so we recognised that the reasons behind students being given these two awards was due to the virtue or virtues they had displayed during that week in class or in the school grounds. As Respect is a virtue in itself, it was decided to have only one award, a **Virtues Award**, to recognise a student in each class who had displayed one of the virtues we are exploring each week, in an exceptional way. It was also agreed that these awards should be given out by the class teachers to the award recipient in their class

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 **Humanity** and in particular two associated virtues: **Compassion** and **Respect**. It would be great to be discussing these virtues at home as well.

In May, Queensland marks Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month to raise community awareness of domestic and family violence (DFV) and

to send a clear message that violence in families and homes will not be tolerated. At 6.45 am every Saturday morning, this month, there will be a social **Run in the Park** held in the Rockhampton Botanical Gardens to show support for this cause. Please see the attached flyer for all relevant information.

God Bless

Mr. Mark Roberts

A.P.R.E.

Sacraments 2022:

The 2nd Family Workshops on Confirmation were held this week. The first Workshops on Eucharist will be held on Tues 17 May or Wed 18 May. Families need only attend one of the evenings at the Kevin Castles Centre, from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.



UNIFORMS

Please ensure your children have the correct winter uniform. Jumpers are to be navy, no hoods, logos etc. St Paul's uniform guidelines can be found on the school website at: <https://www.spqrok.catholic.edu.au/uniforms>

Important Dates

10 May	Yr 3 & 5 Naplan - writing
11 May	Yr 3 & 5 Naplan - Reading
12 May	Yr 3 & 5 Naplan - Language Conventions
13 May	Yr 5 & 6 Interschool sport begins
16 May	Yr 3 & 5 Naplan - Numeracy
20 May	DISCO
23 May	School Photo Day
27 May	St Paul's Athletics Yr 4,5,6 Field Events
29 May	Parish Mass lead by St Paul's
30 May	Whole School Athletics
9 June	Rockhampton Show Holiday

Virtue Awards



IPADs for Sale

St Paul's would like to offer for sale iPad Air 2 9.7in with Rugged Rubber Tough Case + Screen Protector. (In Good Condition).

iOS 15.3.1 Ready (Current 17-02-2022)

Capacity: 64.0 GB

Connector: Lightning Cable (Current - NOT PROVIDED)

Note: St Paul's provide the device AS IS, factory reset, and in working condition. St Paul's provide NO WARRANTY, SUPPORT or ASSISTANCE with the device. NO POWER SUPPLY included.

Price: \$150 each (limited 2 per person)

Please notify office if interested



TOP CARPARK

If you are lining up for the flow through zone, please don't block the entrance to the car park for those wishing to park and collect. Please wait on Victoria St to leave a space for cars to enter the car park and move forward as the flow through line moves. Thank you for your patience and understanding



Student Travel Rebates



Semester 1



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$45/week*** on fares to and from school (*\$35/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during May.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st May.