

Dear families and friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and rested after the holidays. We have some wonderful news and important updates to share as we embark on Term 4.

First and foremost, **congratulations** to Claire & Wilson, Kaitlyn & James and Brae & Travis on their recent weddings. They were blessed with glorious weather and reported that their special days were filled with love, joy and much celebration.



As we dive into Term 4, please note that this term will be **10 weeks long** instead of the usual 9 weeks. These 41-week school years occur approximately every six years, leaving us with just 49 days until we bid farewell to our Year 6 students.

Term 4 is always a busy time as we wrap up the current school year and begin planning for 2025. Over the holidays, our ovals received their annual maintenance to keep the grass lush and green. Thank you also Mr Young and Mrs Bauman for looking after the school grounds while Mr Harkin was on leave. A special shout out to Mrs Bauman for cleaning all the school paths over the holidays.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the majority of students who consistently present themselves in the **correct uniform** each day. As stated in St. Paul's Uniform Policy, *"wearing the school uniform promotes a strong sense of unity, belonging, and pride in being a member of the St. Paul's school community."* However, I do need to remind some students about the type of earrings they are wearing and the wearing of smartwatches. Simply put, only basic earrings are allowed, and smartwatches are not to be worn at school. To clarify, I have included some sections of the uniform guidelines in this week's newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Let's make Term 4 a productive and enjoyable time for everyone.

Have a great week & God bless,

Anthony Greene

A Prayer for Resilience: Lord, grant us the strength to endure life's challenges with grace and courage. Help us to remain steadfast in the face of adversity, guide us to be resilient, not just in times of trouble, but in everyday life, always leaning on Your love and support. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

St Paul: Pray for us

A.P.R.E. News

Welcome back to the last Term in 2024. 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.

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, 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.

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

UNIFORM REMINDERS

JEWELLERY

Only the following jewellery may be worn:

- ✓ Wrist watch
- ✓ A signet ring
- ✓ Small gold or silver cross / religious medallion on a chain
- ✓ Small plain gold or silver sleepers or gold, silver or gem studs (less than 8mm). One earring is permitted per ear lobe. No other body piercing permitted
- ✓ Medical alert bracelet or necklace

Wearable Technology is not permitted at school under any circumstances due to their multiple functions which all pose a safety risk to students:

- Connectivity (Wi-Fi networks)
- Communication (email, SMS)
- Video/image capture



Important Dates	
7 th Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
16 th Oct	3.30pm P & F Meeting
11 th Oct	Prep Orientation Session (8.45-10.15am)
16 th Oct	5pm Board Meeting
22 nd Oct	Year 6 TCC Orientation
31 st Oct	Year 5 Camp
7 th Nov	Swimming Carnival (TBC)
29 th Nov	Year 6 Graduation

2024 NATIONAL PARENT SURVEY






The CSPA 2024 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is seeking your perspective as parents/ carers of children who attend a Catholic School in Australia.

You are invited to share your views on existing and emerging affirmations and/or challenges in relation to your child's wellbeing and learning. Please consider completing this anonymous, confidential, and completely voluntary online survey.

Click on the survey link or scan the QR code for more information about the study, how to participate, and how to have questions answered.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Catholic School Parents Australia is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government to support this work.

Scan QR code above for Parent Survey



PREP Orientation sessions

To assist in facilitating a smooth transition to Prep, St Paul's is offering three, 90-minute sessions for 2025 Prep families. This allows children and families to become familiar with the Prep environment and provide families with important information about what to expect at St Paul's.



SESSIONS – 8.45AM TO 10.15AM

- Friday 11 October - highly encouraged (Prep routines)
- Friday 25 October - optional (Building Independence)
- Friday 8 November - optional (Importance of reading and oral language skills)



WHAT TO BRING:
 Hat, water bottle, small healthy snack, excitement

Please contact us if you have questions Ph: 49948235


