

Dear families & friends,

Thank you to the 120 St Paul's community members who indicated their preferred version of the **new school crest**. The result was close but the 'circular' version was preferred and last Wednesday evening the School Board approved it as **St Paul's School Crest**.

In the coming weeks you will see it appearing on school stationery and social media sites. In the coming months, some of the old signage around the school will be replaced with the new crest.

One question that has been raised is the **changeover of uniforms**. I am currently working with our uniform provider to transition to the new crest. Any existing new stock in store will still be sold with the existing crest. To help phase out the old crest and bring in the new, there is a 2-year window for old uniforms. By 2028 the new crest will be the only one allowed on uniforms.

Miss Mariah Oth has been offered a position as Regional Indigenous Liaison Officer at CEO and will finish her role at St Paul's at the end of this term. This is a great reward for all her good work here at St Paul's and offers her a wonderful opportunity to share her considerable skills and knowledge with other schools in the Rockhampton region. Miss Oth will be hard to replace, but she will still offer support to St Paul's one day a week. We are currently advertising for a Teacher Assistant (Indigenous Education) to begin in Term 4. <https://applynow.net.au/jobs/CER1083>

Today we farewelled and thanked **Mrs Tamika Schofield**, ESA in Year 2, for her time at St Paul's. Her family is moving to Gladstone, we wish them all the best with the big move. I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Elsie McKinlay will rejoin the St Paul's team to replace these ESA hours. Mrs McKinlay last worked as an ESA at St Paul's in 2019 in a variety of roles and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Recently there have been some outside school incidents involving students **engaging in apps** that are not age appropriate for them. **Did you know most social media apps are 13+**. I realise that as a parent this can be difficult to navigate and manage, but it is important to educate yourself on the age limits of popular apps and why they are not suitable for children. The best source of this information is the 'esafety' website. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/are-they-old-enough>

Finally, I have included in the newsletter a beautiful reflection that highlights the importance of Dads. This **Thursday**, as Friday is a student free day, we will have our **Father's Day prayer assembly led by our Prep NS**. All, especially Fathers, are most welcome to join us under the Big Shed at 8.30am. To all the Dads, I hope you have a special day with your family this Sunday.

Have a great week & God bless,

Anthony Greene

A Prayer for Fathers: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of fathers and the love they bring into our lives. Bless all fathers with wisdom, patience, and strength. Guide them to be role models of kindness and integrity. May they feel appreciated and supported, and may their hearts be filled with joy and peace. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us



Father day reflection - Fathers can cast a long shadow

In 1896, Edward Glowrey, father of a large and growing family, faced financial disaster and failing health. One of his responses to these difficult circumstances was to encourage his daughters to pursue their education, so that they would be able to support themselves. One became a teacher. Another, Mary Glowrey, with his advice and encouragement, went on to become one of the first women medical graduates of Melbourne University. She learnt her lessons well from this father. For the rest of her life, when she faced a difficult or challenging situation, she did not back off but rather developed her own gifts and talents and worked to help others do the same. Seeing the needs of the poor in Melbourne during WWI, she helped found the Catholic Women's Social Guild. Feeling a call to help the women and children of India, she did a Doctorate in Medicine to be better skilled in helping them. After running a busy practice, she sailed to India, in 1920 and joined a religious congregation serving the poor. After turning a small dispensary into a large hospital, she founded a nursing school, the Catholic Medical Association of India and when she died was planning a medical college to train doctors, which is now one of the premier medical schools of India. Not bad for a girl from a little country town on the Mallee.

All her life, she regarded her father as an instrumental force in her life. His encouragement of her education was just the beginning. He taught her to face problems, clearly and creatively, and to work with others to bring them to completion. He was also known for his kindness to all – another feature of Mary's life. He did not know what she was to become, but in the midst of his own challenges, he ensured that he took the time to clearly and gently teach his children the values that would form a rich and fulfilling life.

Loving Father never let me underestimate the influence I can have on my child/ren. Even when I am caught up in the many challenges of life, still my words and example reveal your love and wisdom. I ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb



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A.P.R.E. News

Last Friday, Year 2S presented a wonderful **Prayer Assembly on the Virtue of Service** which is at the heart of being a Christian. God has created us to care and be there for one another. Through service, we contribute to the advancement of society by helping others. When we serve, we look for ways to help humanity without expecting anything in return. We don't wait around to be asked to help, but always look to see who needs help and how we can help them. St Paul is a great example of the call to service, wherever he went he did not rely on charity, he worked with, and for, the people he was preaching to. Saint Mary MacKillop lived for service, "**Never see a need without doing something about it,**" is a quote gifted to us by our only Australian Saint.

It was an exciting **Book Week** last week, celebrated with such colour and pizzazz on **dress up day last Friday**. The **joy** of the day could be bottled. **Thank you to Mrs Anderson** for her work to make this week so exciting for the students and staff. And a good time to remember that the **Bible** remains the world's most famous literary work and is still the best-selling book of all time, having sold around 5 billion copies to date. It is the most read book and the most recognizable and famous book ever published. It contains a message of God's love at its very core and is a message to all people everywhere, in every time, relevant to their everyday lives. **Worth a read.**

I would like to thank everyone who attended the **St Paul's led Parish** mass on Sunday the 25th. It was wonderful to have the church packed with our community. **Thank you** to all readers, helpers and especially to Miss Stephens and our choir who sang so beautifully. Those who attended would also have noted our two Altar Servers, Hans and Havyn. I would like to congratulate them on their dedication to St Paul's Church through this generous service. The Parishioners are so grateful for the burst of youth and energy we bring to the mass we lead each term. A reminder that **all are welcome each week to Mass at St Paul's church every Sunday at 8am.**

This **Thursday** the **Real Talk** team will speak to our **Year 5 and 6 students** about Growing Up and Love. We would encourage parents to talk to your children about what is covered on the day. Feedback from past students indicate the day is very beneficial to their understanding of the topics covered.

The **Student Free Day this Friday** gives staff a chance to meet and explore our faith journeys. The topic is, "**Prayer - Walking a Sacred Journey.**" Staff will explore different ways of experiencing the Spiritual in everyday life. This year we are sharing the day with St Mary's staff; it should be a fantastic day.

This week's **Virtue** is **Perseverance**. It is the ability to continue on the journey regardless of the challenges and obstacles on the way. It is to rise up every time we fall, with renewed commitment and enthusiasm. It is to pursue our goals with self-discipline, over time, until they are fulfilled. As Oliver Goldsmith once said: "**Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising up every time we fall.**"

God Bless,

Mark Roberts

Important Dates	
29 th Aug	Real Talk
30 th Aug	PUPIL FREE DAY
13 th Sept	Term 3 ends
30 th Sept	Term 4 begins

We are seeking Volunteers to assist with the running of St Joseph's Cathedral Gift & Bookstore on an ongoing basis. The bookstore usually operates Wednesday to Friday 10am – 3pm and Saturday & Sunday 10am - 12pm, we are seeking Volunteers who would be confident to use an easy instore point of sale system. If you are keen to help out please contact Vanessa on 0499 359 719 or email communications@rok.catholic.net.au.

Upcoming Events/Save the Date	
3rd-6th Sept	Year 6 Camp
31st Oct – 1st Nov	Year 5 Camp
7th Nov	Swimming Carnival
29th Nov	Year 6 Graduation



Congratulations to our Jnr D & Snr B netballers for winning their grand finals. They played with great skill, with a spirit of fairness that is a credit to the school, their families and their coaches

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Week 9: 2nd Sept. - 6th Sept.

(Prep R & Year 6)

Week 10: 9th Sept. - 13th Sept.

Please book your Parent-Teacher Interviews via Parent Lounge.

Bookings are now open and will close on Thursday, 29th August, at 3 pm.

Please see your child's class teacher to arrange another time if these time frames are unsuitable.



**Friday, 30th August
2024**



End of Term Meal Deal

Orders **open 26th August**

and close

10am 9th September 2024