

Dear families,

St Paul's finished **Catholic Education Week** on a real high last Friday with NAIDOC and Under 8s celebrations. All the activities were a real hit and I encourage you to check out all the photos on St Paul's Facebook page. Give us a like also as this helps spread the word about what a great school St Paul's is.

During last Friday assembly, we also acknowledged **Mr Rion Banks** as St Paul's 2024 recipient of the **Spirit of Catholic Education Award**. Mr Banks has been a well-respected member of the school community for 8 years who brings enthusiasm, joy and dedication to all he does. Mr Bank's relationship with the students is based on respect and a want to see each achieve their full potential. He role models within the community a way of guidance in his management of behavioural concerns showing respect and confidence in the student's ability to handle situations better. Congratulations Mr Banks, well deserved!



The P&F is now fully focused on the annual **Family Fun Night** which is less than two weeks away. Once again it will be a great night for the families and I urge you to use the QR code to get your ride tickets early at a discounted price. The P&F would appreciate some helpers with set up, pack up and bar staff on the night. These jobs don't take long if we get plenty of helps so please click on the link below and add your name to the roster.

## Volunteers - Family Fun Night

Have a great week & God Bless,

*Anthony Greene*



**Prayer for the Virtue of Diligence:** Loving Father, Your Son Jesus raised the dignity of work when He came among us as a carpenter's son. He laboured diligently to accomplish your work on Earth for us. Inspired by Your Son's, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will stir in our heart's diligence in our work, dedication to our vocation and persistence in our faith. We ask this through Your Son Jesus. AMEN. **St Paul:** Pray for us

### A.P.R.E News

Thank you everyone for the wonderful week that was, Catholic Education Week at St Paul's. **Friday's NAIDOC Prayer Assembly**, led by our Indigenous students, was just beautiful in its sincerity and depth. Following this our NAIDOC celebrations began with a magical moment as **Torres Strait Islander Elders** sang a traditional hymn to our community. The hymn told the story of the coming of Christianity to the Islands, "The Coming of the Light," the light being Jesus coming into their lives.



As a Catholic School we value greatly the service offered so freely, by so many, to create and run opportunities for our students and community to experience and enjoy many activities and events each year. **We thank** Miss Oth and her dedicated group of supporters on staff, in our school and local community for our NAIDOC celebrations. The static display on the stage offered glimpses of the many different Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and the history of our own St Paul's Indigenous students and their ancestral heritage. It takes a lot of work and commitment to put on this day, and what a day. **We are blessed** at St Paul's to have a strong focus on reconciliation and learning about the history, story and culture of our First Nations' Peoples.



**Catholic Education Week** was a time to celebrate being a part of Catholic Education in Queensland. Our schools are different, as Pope Francis says, "**An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools.**" It should be an education that prepares students to walk gently in an increasingly complex world with purpose, kindness, honesty, and compassion.

Our Year 5 students attended the **Catholic Education Week Mass** celebrated at Holy Family Church and stayed afterwards for a sausage sizzle and to explore the Cathedral and learn its history. Thank you, Mrs Clair Stitt, for talking to our students on this day, they enjoyed the learning experience. Our students were great representatives of our school and were congratulated for their great manners.

Getting in early a reminder that on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> August, at 8am, **St Paul's will lead the local Parish Mass** at St Paul's Church. This is another great community event and all are welcome to join us.

This week's virtue is Diligence: Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote, "**Diligence is an attitude which exhibits an earnest effort to continue with a task or that of an accomplishment regardless of the distractions and pitfalls which may occur. Diligence, perseverance, and consistency help us to keep going when the going gets tough.**"



Another way of looking at diligence is taking the gifts given to us by God and working at them, to perfect them, to use them to better ourselves, others and our world.

God Bless.

Mark Roberts



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**Book Week is approaching - Week 7**  
**To help celebrate our love of reading**



**St Paul's is holding a**  
**Book Character Dress Up Day**  
**Friday 23rd August.**

**Each child is encouraged to participate by dressing up as their favourite book character. Book Character Parade will occur after Friday morning assembly in the Big Shed. Parents are most welcome to attend!**



Important Dates	
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Family Fun night
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2025 Prep Offers
25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	School Led Parish Mass
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	PUPIL FREE DAY

### Development Reading Assessment

Over the next couple of weeks students in Prep to Year 6 will commence **DRA** (Developmental Reading Assessment). One of the main purposes of this assessment is to provide valuable information to teachers regarding a student's strengths and areas for development in reading. The teachers will use this information to guide their teaching and learning to ensure they are providing purposeful reading instruction that will target their areas for development. If you have any questions about how you can support your child with their reading development, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Friday Sports Information		
<b>NETBALL</b>	Jardine Park	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>Team</b>
12.30pm	Crt 9	Jnr D
1.30pm	Crt 8	Snr D
1.30pm	Crt 3	Snr B
<b>TENNIS</b>	TCC Bolton Park	
<b>12.45pm - 2.15pm</b>		
	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Rugby League</b>		
Year 5	12.30pm	Lakes Creek SS
Year 6	1.20pm	Lakes Creek SS

Upcoming Events/Save the Date	
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 Camp
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming Carnival
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 Graduation