



Dear families and friends

As the **State election** approaches, the Catholic School's Parent Queensland (CSPQ) has released a fact sheet highlighting the significant contributions Catholic schools make to our communities. CSPQ plays a crucial role in **advocating for fair funding for our schools**, ensuring our children receive the resources they deserve. Please take a moment to read the fact sheet included in this newsletter to stay informed about election issues that directly impact your family.

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Allocating students into classes each year can be a challenging and time-consuming task.



To streamline this process, St. Paul's will be using a program called **'Class Solver'** for the **2025 class lists**. This innovative tool is already helping thousands of schools across Australia by efficiently sorting and adapting the information provided by the school.

To value the **voices of our students**, those in Years 2 to 6 will soon be asked to complete a simple form listing four other students they would like to have in their class next year. This information will be uploaded into the program to assist in class placements. While we cannot guarantee that all their friends will be in the same class, the program will help us see how many of their selected friends have been placed with them.

Similarly, we can input **parent requests** for consideration into the program. If you have any specific requests for the 2025 classes, please email them to your child's current class teacher. While we cannot guarantee that all requests will be met, they will be considered and noted within the program for monitoring.

Last Friday evening 5 of our students received **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Awards**. Miss Oth outlines their achievements later in the newsletter that we are all very proud of. Next week **Mr Jayren Willie** will commence work at St Paul's as our Indigenous ESA who I am very excited to welcome on board to our team of dedicated staff.

Have a great week & God bless,

Anthony Greene

A Prayer for Empathy: Compassionate Spirit, grant us the grace to understand and share the feelings of others. Help us to listen with open hearts and respond with kindness. May we always seek to uplift and support those around us, embodying the true essence of empathy in our daily lives. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us

A.P.R.E. News

Thankyou 6W for your wonderful Prayer Assembly on the virtue of Integrity last Friday. **This week 4S** will explore the virtue of Empathy. All are welcome to join us in prayer under the big shed each Friday at 8.35am.

Next **Friday** is '**Crazy Sock Day**', raising money for **Catholic Mission**. This will involve a gold coin donation. Students will take time during the week, and on this day, to learn about Catholic Mission's work in Mongolia, empathising with those less fortunate within the world.

There are a **lot of community events coming up** this term. These include: The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, St Paul's led mass Sunday of Week 7, St Paul's has Talent, the Nativity Story presented our Preps, St Paul's Carols, Year 6 Graduation, and of course, our last day Gratitude Mass and afternoon assembly to farewell our Year 6 students for the last time and invest our new leaders for 2025. Information will come out in the newsletter each week and we would love to make each of these a great community event. I encourage parents and family to **come along** to these events to **celebrate** the success of each student and **strengthen our community with your presence**.



The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal** will begin shortly. We will be putting out the call for non-perishable food items, toiletries and gifts to be donated. Christmas baskets shall be made up and donated to those in need. Every year the generosity shown has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. We are all part of an amazing community and the more we get involved and look out for each other, the more we celebrate our gifts together, the greater we become.

Our **Virtue** this week is **Empathy**. Empathy is the intellectual, emotional, and imaginative apprehension of another person's situation that takes place without experiencing it. It is learning through identification, through entering that special moment where one encounters the unifying co-humanity of self and neighbour. God calls us, through empathy, to become a tighter, closer, more caring community. In Galatians 6:2 we read: **"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."**

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.

God Bless

Mark Roberts

Yumplatok With Miss Oth

Earlier this year, Miss Oth collaborated with staff at St Paul's to nominate Indigenous Students for the 2024 [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Awards](#), hosted by Darumbal Community Youth Services Inc. Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 were nominated for showing commitment and dedication to their education.

The following students each received awards for remarkable achievements in their nominated areas.

Academic Award recipients

Brianna P

Citizenship Award Recipients

Willow D and Tayte M

Sportsmanship Award Recipients

Gemma W and Alexis O



The Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards night is a wonderful celebration and recognition of each student's accomplishments across the region.

BMX National Champion

Josie Bunt recently competed in BMX Nationals in Perth, winning all 5 of her races and to be crowned National Champion for the second year running. This qualifies her for the 2025 World Titles in Demark, but she is planning on focusing on the 2026 titles being held in Brisbane. Who knows, one day we may see her competing in Brisbane in 2032!

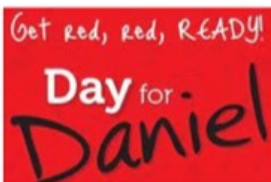


St Paul's Tuckshop Volunteers Term 4

St Paul's Tuckshop service for students relies on the generosity of family members to volunteer a few hours of their time each Friday. Volunteers are needed between 8.35am and 11.15am. Please enter your details below and dates you may be able to assist. Dates on which we have enough volunteers will disappear off the list. If you have any questions, contact Tina on 0455 557833 or tina_smith@rok.catholic.edu.au. Thank you for volunteering!

<https://forms.gle/SDAhwZ7nUhCEbkaeA>

Friday 25th October Day for Daniel & Crazy Sock Day



To support these great initiatives - children are invited to bring a gold coin donation and wear a red shirt and crazy socks with their school sports shorts.



Donations from Crazy Sock Day will be donated to Catholic Missions Australia.
Thank you for your generosity.

Important Dates

16 th Oct	3.30pm P & F Meeting
16 th Oct	5pm Board Meeting
22 nd Oct	Year 6 TCC Orientation
25 th Oct	Crazy Sock & Day for Daniel
31 st Oct	Year 5 Camp
7 th Nov	Swimming Carnival (TBC)
29 th Nov	Year 6 Graduation

Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme

Student Travel Rebates Semester 2

Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$25/week* on bus/ferry fares to and from school (*\$15/week if you, the parent, hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or chartered by the school?

Students With Disability

- Was your child included on the latest Commonwealth Census as a student with a disability requiring supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustments?
- Does your child's Personalised Learning Plan confirm their transport needs are demonstrably different to those of their same aged peers by reason of their disability?
- 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 October.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st October.



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Catholic Education is making a significant contribution to Queensland communities statewide



More CAPITAL FUNDING is needed to provide contemporary learning environments for our families

QLD CATHOLIC EDUCATION

- 312 Schools
- 29 Kindergartens
- 162,390 Students
- 33,230 Students with disability
- 9,460 Indigenous
- 21,960 Teachers and school staff



THE FACTS

- 1 High population growth areas require new schools or expanded existing schools to meet increasing local demand
- 2 Capital assistance Scheme grants and Subsidy grants are insufficient to cover needs in high growth areas
- 3 A large number of post-WWII built schools now require significant refurbishment and building replacement
- 4 Shortage of supplies and labour continues to put pressure on building costs

WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR

- \$190 million per year for 4 years, adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index, for the non-government sector

11-12 YEARS CAPRICORNIA AQUATHLON TRIALS

The selection races will be held as part of the Fitzroy Frogs Triathlon Club event held in Tannum Sands on the 27th October 2024 for both the 2025 11-12yrs Aquathlon and 13-19yrs Triathlon teams. Nomination Fees apply as per event. **The selection process will be as follows:**



Any student wishing to be selected in the 2025 Capricornia 11-12yrs Aquathlon and 13-19yrs Triathlon team **MUST** compete in the Fitzroy Frogs Triathlon Club event held in Tannum Sands using the following link:

<https://my.raceresult.com/309029/info>

AQUATHLON

NOTE: There are no registrations on the day, all participants must have completed their entries by

Thursday 24th October 2024. ALL participants are subject to Triathlon Australia rules and regulations.

Junior Aquathlon (11/12 year as of 31 December 2025) - 1km run, 200m swim, 1km run.

Entry to these races must be done by the athlete, as per the entry procedures

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. We strongly encourage you to attend all sessions.



SESSIONS – 8.45AM TO 10.15AM

- Friday 11 October – St Paul's Values & Routines
- Friday 25 October – Prep routines & Building independence
- Friday 8 November – Importance of reading & oral language skills



WHAT TO BRING:

Hat, water bottle, small healthy snack, excitement

Please contact us if you have questions Ph: 49948235

