

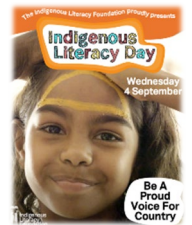
Dear families and friends



Yesterday, the Year 6 students arrived safely at **Chaverim**, just west of Bundaberg, after a seven-hour bus trip due to the Bruce Highway closure. The students, who were not only well-behaved but also excited, handled the 6 a.m. start well and let out a big cheer when they finally arrived at 2 p.m. The staff had beef burgers waiting for them for lunch, and then they were quickly into their afternoon activities. They are all looking forward to the next three days of fun and adventure together.



Today is **National Indigenous Literacy Day**, a day to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Stories, Cultures, and Languages. This year, we're celebrating the theme '**Be A Proud Voice for Country**'. Miss Oth has put together some activities and resources for the Teachers to recognise and help celebrate this day.



This week, **Mrs Elsie McKinlay** was welcomed to the St Paul's community as an *Educational Support Assistant (ESA)*. Mrs McKinlay will work mainly with the students in Year 4R. Welcome, Elsie!

After the holidays, **Mrs Ann Harkin** is taking Long Service Leave for Term 4. **Mrs Gisele Vaz De Miranda** and **Mrs Louise Ford** will work together to replace Ann in Year 5H. We wish Mrs Harkin all the best for her well-deserved break and look forward to her return in 2025.

Next **Tuesday, Year 1 and 2** are off on their respective excursions. Year 1 will visit the riverbank to investigate how spaces and places have changed over time. They will also explore the animals found in this area and learn their Darumbal names. These experiences culminate their learning in English and Hass this term.

Year 2 will visit the Heritage Village to explore what life was like in the past. They will discover how school, work and technology have transformed over time. This excursion links with their current History unit, where they are learning about how life today has changed from the past.



Have a great week and God bless,

Nicole Anderson

A Prayer for the Virtue of Optimism: Dear Creator, grant us the strength to see the light in every situation, no matter how challenging it may seem. Help us to embrace each day with hearts full of hope and minds open to possibilities. Fill our spirits with unwavering optimism, so that we may inspire and uplift those around us. Guide us to focus on the positive, to learn from every experience, and may we always find the courage to face difficulties with smiles and the faith to know that brighter days are coming. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us

CONGRATULATIONS:

As the St Paul's community, we wish to recognise and **congratulate** 5 of our students: Alexis, Willow, Gemma, Brianna and Tayte, who have been nominated for an **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Award**. This is a big achievement for these students who are being recognised for all their hard work. Well done, **"Blak, Loud and Proud."**

Important Dates	
13 th Sept	Term 3 ENDS
30 th Sept	Term 4 BEGINS
31 st Oct	Year 5 Camp
7 th Nov	Swimming Carnival
29 th Nov	Year 6 Graduation

CONGRATULATIONS YOU HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!



OUR LATEST CHEQUE IS FOR \$2,100 which is almost \$500 better than our last cheque and brings our total donation from DRAKES to **\$56,405.81**.

It is 11 years since we received our first cheque and your Loyalty over this time has been remarkable.

Volunteers Needed:

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.



End of Term Meal Deal

Orders **open 26th August**

and close

10am 9th September 2024

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