

ST PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRACEMERE

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** 

Week 3 Term 1 2025

#### Dear families and friends

For the past 3 weeks, the teachers have taken the time to get to know their students, setting up routines and high classroom expectations. They have also explicitly used this time to 'warm up' the students' thinking after such a long break. Teachers have spent time revising and teaching effective spelling and reading skills and strategies students should use in everyday reading and writing activities.



At the culmination of this time, the students will sit an **ACER PAT Spelling Test** (Years 2-6) and **DRA** (Years 1-6) assessments. These assessments will provide valuable information to the teachers to guide their teaching and learning for their classes. This data will inform us as a whole school what we collectively do well and where we need to focus on our areas of development.



This year, **Prep - Year 2** students will undergo a comprehensive **Oral Language Screener** that will allow us to track the progress of their oral language skills and identify those who would benefit from interventions or specialist support. The screener will identify students' strengths and weaknesses regarding expressive vocabulary. listening

comprehension, receptive vocabulary, and sentence repetition.

In *Week 7, Years 3 and 5,* students will sit the *NAPLAN* (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) test. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills students learn through their regular school curriculum. To assist parents with understanding NAPLAN, there is a *free parent webinar on Wednesday, 19th February, from 7 pm - 8:30 pm.* Please see the flyer below and Seesaw for more information and the registration link.





Parents and carers of *Prep and Year 1* students are invited to attend their classes' *Parent Information Sessions*. These sessions will take place in your child's classroom, and the Teachers will use this opportunity to share classroom expectations, routines, homework and other aspects of your child's daily routine.

We hope to see you there!

Year 1 - Wednesday, 12th February at 3:25 pm. Prep - Thursday, 13th February at 3:25 pm.

Have a good week Nicole Anderson

A Prayer for the Virtue of Respect: Father, grant us the grace to see Your image in every person we encounter. Fill our hearts with a profound respect for all Your creations, and guide us to treat others with kindness, dignity, and love. Help us to listen with empathy and speak with gentleness, mirroring the compassion and respect that Your Son, Jesus, showed to all. May we honour You by honouring each other. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us.

# WOULD YOU LET YOUR CHILD MISS A YEAR OF SCHOOL?

One day off each fortnight is equal to missing more than a year of schooling by the end of Year 12. A reminder to our families to develop good habits with your child by ensuring they always attend school, unless there is reasonable excuse. The more time your child has at school, the more likely they will achieve in their learning.





#### Parent webinar.

If you are a parent of a Queensland school student, you won't want to miss this free parent webinar, brought to you by the peak parent bodies in Queensland.

Curious (or worried) about NAPLAN? NAPLAN is a point-in time-test for Years 3,5,7 and 9. Hear from experts about what NAPLAN is, why you don't need to be concerned and how to reassure your young person. This webinar is brought to you by the Queensland Joint Parent Committee. Register for this free webinar:

DATE	Wednesday 19 February
TIME	7.00pm – 8.30pm
MODE	Online
COST	Free

he Joint Parent Committee is comprised of Queensland's four peak parenting groups:









Important Dates		
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 Information Session	
	3.25pm	
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Prep Information Session 3.25pm	
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 6 Leadership assembly	
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Indigenous Hearing	
21st Feb	Bishop's Inservice Day	
	PUPIL FREE DAY	
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Term 1 school fees due	
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Prep Vision Screening	
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NAPLAN starts	



# Stress-free fussy eating ideas

Fussy eating is common, but that still doesn't make it easy.

Does your child dislike foods because of their colour, texture or the way they are prepared?

Don't despair, SWAP IT will help with ideas on how to pack an everyday lunchbox for your fussy eater.



Try the 3:1 lunchbox rule everyday:

- Three items your child likes
- One new everyday item





Do you have any folding music stands you no longer need? If so, please consider donating

to St Paul's instrumental program



# temporary jobs

Register to work at the federal election.



All jobs are paid no experience is needed



Training is provided and you're paid



Work before, on and after election day

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you need to re-register.

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## PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE

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Learn how to read music and play popular songs (all genres) all ages are welcome to apply for lessons





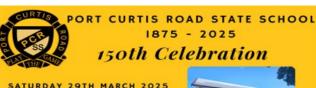
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Save the date to reminisce about the last 150 years at Port Curtis Road

