



Dear families and friends

This Friday, we will show support for a couple of significant initiatives: Day for Daniel and Crazy Sock Day. All students are invited to wear red shirts and crazy socks; please see below for more information.



This year's Day for Daniel Biggest Safety Lesson highlights and emphasises the importance of personal safety to the students. This year, the students will focus on the theme of **Enthusiastic Consent**, which builds on what the students learnt about consent in 2023. This lesson provides an easy way for teachers, parents, and carers to confidently have conversations about enthusiastic and affirmative consent with children. More information regarding these safety lessons will be posted to your child's class Seesaw page.



Crazy Sock Day is one way we support Catholic Missions Australia. Students can wear crazy socks for a **gold coin donation**. All monies raised will go to programs like the Don Bosco Caring Center in Mongolia, a safe home for children who have been abandoned, are homeless, or are fleeing desperate situations. The Caring Center aims to provide hope for these children when they need it most.

World Teacher's Day is also this Friday. This is a great opportunity to thank **all of our educators** for the wonderful job they do every day. The staff will celebrate with a catered lunch, and Mr Roberts, with some Year 6 students, will lead the school in an assembly this Friday. All are welcome to come and join in and say **'thank you'** to our educators. A big thank you to our ever-supportive **P and F** for their generous gift to the staff.



Students in **Years P-2** will undergo **Oral Language Screening** over the coming weeks. This screener provides Teachers with an indication of students' receptive language skills (the ability to understand and comprehend spoken language). The same screener was also carried out in Term 1. Completing these screeners twice yearly allows Classroom Teachers to identify and monitor students' needs and progress in this area.



Have a great week

Nicole Anderson

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

Yumplatok With Miss Oth

Last Thursday, Year 3, 4 and 5 First Nations students commenced the Good Quick Tukka program, facilitated by Deadly Choices. Deadly Choices is a branch of the Indigenous Urban Health Initiative and aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to make healthy choices, for themselves and their families. Chase facilitated learning around healthy eating. The students and I enjoyed a wonderful afternoon learning from our community mentor, Chase and to finish it off with a good game of touch footy. Can confirm we have some very talented footy players at St Paul's.



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

25 th Oct	Crazy Sock & Day for Daniel
31 st Oct	Year 5 Camp
7 th Nov	Swimming Carnival
29 th Nov	Year 6 Graduation

St Paul's Swimming Carnival

Gracemere Pool
Thursday 7th November
4pm Start



Nominate through the google doc by Wednesday 30 October (no late nominations will be accepted).

[Swimming Carnival Nominations](#)

More information on last page of this newsletter
P&F will have snacks available for purchase (cash only).

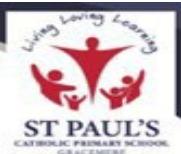


Lost Property

Lost property items will be on display tomorrow morning outside Administration. Any items remaining at the end of the week will be donated to local charity.

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



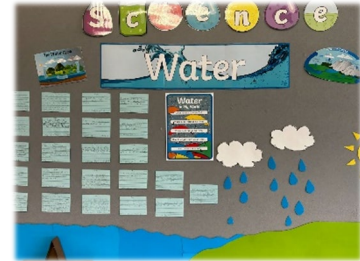
Prep NS

In literacy, we have been exploring ways to add more detail to our writing. We have made a display in our classroom called a 'Bump it up!' wall. We like to think of it as a checklist to use when we are writing, to make sure it has everything it needs to be great writing! Each week we have explored and practised ways to add and extend our ideas. We have produced some AMAZING writing so far!



2M

In Science, students have delved into the fascinating world of water, exploring its vital uses in daily life, from drinking and cooking to cleaning and agriculture. They learned why water is crucial for health and the environment, and discovered local sources, such as rivers, lakes, and tap water. To reinforce their learning, the class enjoyed a walk around the school, observing various water sources in their school community which lead to wonderful discussions about the importance of water!



Dear Parents,

The St Paul's Swimming Carnival is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to a fantastic afternoon of participation and competition.

The event is to be held on **Thursday the 7th of November** at the **Gracemere Pool** beginning at **4:00pm**.

Nominations are to be completed through the 2024 Swimming Carnival google form.



Swimming Carnival Nominations

Please note you will need to nominate each child on their own form.

- Students will only be able to nominate for either 25m **OR** 50m in each stroke (**students cannot nominate for both distances in the one stroke**)
- Students can nominate for the kick board and noodle races, only if they are *not* nominating for 25m or 50m events. These events will have a Year 6 student in each lane to support the students if needed.
- For the children's safety, please only nominate your child for events you are sure they are capable of swimming.
- Students must be supervised by an adult at all times at the swimming carnival. Teachers will be at the carnival but they will be running the carnival, not supervising the students.
- Noodle and Kickboard race events will commence at 4pm followed by the 25m and 50m events.
- P&F will have drinks, chips & lollies available at the pool. Please bring cash!

Nominations will close 3pm Wednesday 30th October. Late nominations will not be accepted. Nominations have been sent to you via a google form. Please fill this in for each child as soon as possible and if you are experiencing any difficulty, please see the office for assistance or email me on renita_bauer@rok.catholic.edu.au.

Kind Regards

Renita Bauer

(Physical Education Teacher – St Paul's Catholic School, Gracemere)