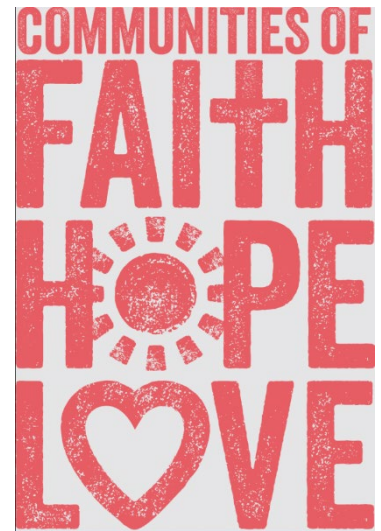


Dear families and friends,

Last week St Paul's Year 6 Netball and Rugby League teams competed in the **Catholic School's Challenge Cup** over three days at St Brendan's, Yeppoon. While they both missed bringing home some silverware, we were all very impressed with their efforts. They played against some tough opposition from much bigger schools but always remained positive and kept trying. Staff and parents alike were very proud of their determination and overall improvement.



Celebrated annually in Week 3 of Term 3, **Catholic Education Week** is an opportunity for all 312 Catholic schools across 5 Dioceses in Queensland to celebrate and promote our distinctive mission and ethos. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society. To achieve this Catholic Education employs over 21500 staff catering for 160 000 students and their families across Queensland.



At St Paul's we will celebrate Catholic Education Week with a special Monday morning assembly, a visit by our new Director, Michael McCusker and the annual Bookfair, Under 8s morning and NAIDOC Day. We hope you can join us for one of these events.

Don't forget that St Paul's Family Fun Night is only a few weeks away. To avoid disappointment, use the QR code to purchase your endless ride tickets at a discounted price.

Have a great week & GO Queensland!

Anthony Greene



A Prayer for the Virtue of Wisdom: Lord, we come before you today in need. There are times when we feel helpless and weak, so we pray for hope. Hope for a better future. Hope for a better life. Hope for love and kindness. Help us to walk in your light and live our lives in faith. Amen.

St Paul: Pray for us.

APRE NEWS

Thankyou to the 13 wonderful Year 6 students who helped me with Prayer Assembly last Friday. Your support was greatly appreciated. This **week 5C** will be leading **Prayer Assembly** under the Big Shed on **Friday**, all are most welcome.

Next week is Catholic Education Week. We take time to celebrate all that is Catholic Education and the gift it has been to us here, at St Paul's, in particular. We will be having a special, **short, Prayer Assembly under the Big Shed on Monday morning** to start the day. All are welcome.



On Wednesday **24th** our **Year 5** cohort will travel to the Cathedral to celebrate **mass** with students from other Catholic schools, with the Bishop. The students will stay at the Cathedral afterwards to have a tour and question and answer session before coming back to St Paul's.

Next week is big for us as we also celebrate our **St Paul's NAIDOC Day next Friday 26th**. This is quickly becoming a much-loved annual tradition. We are blessed to have many Indigenous students at our school and the guidance of Miss Mariah Oth on staff. **Miss Oth is to be congratulated** for the tremendous amount of work she has put in, with a great team of support, to create this magical day for us. Our indigenous students will lead a **special prayer assembly** on this day which will be followed by **rounds of activities** in the morning for Years 3 to 6. Prep to Year 2 will do the activities in the middle session. Thank you to all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, Elders and community members who will be sharing their culture, history and hope with us on this day. There will be a **special display** acknowledging the different cultural backgrounds of our Indigenous families on the stage area in the Big Shed all next week. Our classes will visit the display and all in our community are invited to do so in the mornings.

Friday the 26th we also celebrate Under 8s Day in the morning, after assembly. This is always a time of great excitement. This year's theme: 'Connecting to Culture through Play'.

Our Virtue this week is Hope. At its simplest, Hope is knowing that God is with us always, even at our lowest, even when we cannot acknowledge God is there. Faith assists us to hope in God and this promise that God will always remain with us. Hope sustains us at all times, especially when feelings of discouragement or abandonment seem to overwhelm us. Hope keeps us moving forward and looking up. Life only goes in one direction; God knows this and is there for the journey.

God Bless
Mark Roberts

Important Dates	
19 th Jul	Interschool Sport starts
22 nd – 26 th July	Catholic Education Week & BOOK FAIR
26 th July	NAIDOC celebrations and Under 8s Day

Friday Sports Information		
NETBALL	Jardine Park	
Time	Court	Team
Bye		Jnr D
12.30pm	Crt 5	Snr D
1.30pm	Crt 2	Snr B
TENNIS	TCC Bolton Park	
12.45pm – 2.15pm		
Rugby League	Time	Venue
Year 5	1.20pm	Kettle Park
Year 6	12.30pm	Kettle Park



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
St Paul's Library
Monday 22nd July - Friday 26th July

Opening Times:
8 am - 8:30 am
10:45 am - 11:25 am (first lunch break)
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Upcoming Events/Save the Date	
9 th Aug	Family Fun night
16 th Aug	2025 Prep Offers
25 th Aug	School Led Parish Mass
30 th Aug	PUPIL FREE DAY
3 rd -6 th Sept	Year 6 Camp
7 th Nov	Swimming Carnival

Yumplatok With Miss Oth

The students and Miss Oth participated in the Junior Healthy Lifestyle Education Program ran by Deadly Choices in Term 2. As part of the program students had to have 100% attendance to receive a Deadly Choice shirt. St Paul's are very proud of the students keep up the great work.



Coffee, Snacks, Sandwiches and Breakfast
available from St Paul's carpark on Breakspear St
for staff and families every Friday
from 7.30am

NAIDOC Day

Friday 26th July

Morning session - Indigenous Dancers at 8:35 am in the Undercover Area

Rotations - Art, Dreaming Stories, Games

Year 3 - 6 Morning Session

Prep - Year 2 Middle Session

Free Dress - NAIDOC colours (sun safe clothing, closed in shoes and no caps)

CELEBRATE WITH US!

UNDER 8'S DAY

Prep - Year 2 students
Friday 26th July 2024
9 am - 10:45 am

St Paul's lower area playground after Assembly in the Big Shed. We will finish the morning with an ice-block.

Free Dress - NAIDOC Colours (sun safe clothing, closed in shoes and no caps)
Parents are most welcome to attend!



COMMUNITY MEET AND GREET



An opportunity to meet others interested in establishing a community garden at Ted Price Park, Gracemere.

Games, group activities, information on design, and collaboration with the Council will be discussed.

Let's chat over coffee/*chai* and special interests like permaculture, bee hives, and composting.



27 JULY 2024

3:00-5:00 P.M.

Ted Price Park
Gracemere

For details contact: Nikki 0423682078

