



Dear families and friends,

Recently, the **P&F and School Board** held their final official meetings for 2024. Both committees have achieved much throughout the year, and I am grateful for their support of me and the school community.

The **School Board** spent much of this year working through various versions of the new **School Crest** and writing a **homework policy**. The Crest was a significant task, and they did well to narrow it down to two choices for the community to vote on. We are all very happy with the new Crest and hope you are too.

The **Homework Policy** took a lot of discernment to meet our community's needs, and I have included it in this newsletter for your perusal. The policy will now be used to review St Paul's Homework Guidelines, which teachers will use to ensure consistency of practice across the school. Once completed, these will be published on the school website.



Joanne Volling has been the Board Chair for the past four years and a member of the Board for six. At the AGM, she stepped aside from her position as Chair but will remain a member for a further year. I cannot thank her enough for her dedication to the role and assistance in many matters since I have been Principal. The new School Board executive is:

- **Chair:** Troy Leyden
- **Vice Chair:** Belinda Jenkins
- **Secretary:** Allys Johnson



The P&F is very much focused on supporting **parent engagement** and provided multiple opportunities for families this year, including Welcome BBQ, Colour Run, Trivia Night and Swimming Carnival. They have also supported the school financially with their contributions towards the instrumental program, Year 6 graduation, support for teachers, tuckshop, school signage, NAPLAN breakfast, family supporter gear. I cannot thank these two committees enough for all they do.

Don't forget to nominate your child in the swimming carnival next Thursday. It will be a great afternoon of competition and fun.

Have a great week and God bless.

Anthony Greene

A Prayer for Justice: Heavenly Father, Grant me the grace to seek justice in all my actions. Help me to be fair and impartial, to stand up for what is right, and to defend those who are oppressed. May Your Spirit guide me to act with integrity and compassion, reflecting Your love and justice in the world. Amen. **St Paul:** Pray for us

St Paul's Swimming Carnival

Gracemere Pool
Thursday 7th November
4pm Start



Nominate through the google doc by Thursday 31st October (no late nominations will be accepted).

[Swimming Carnival Nominations](#)

P&F will have snacks available for purchase (cash only).

APRE News:

Thank you to the Year 6 Leaders who presented a wonderful assembly last Friday for World Teachers Day. We are blessed to have such wonderful and dedicated staff. The final song honouring the teaching staff was beautiful. This week another group of school leaders will present our Friday Prayer assembly on the Virtue of Justice. **All are welcome** under the Big Shed at 8.35am.

Last Friday was also Day for Daniel, great red shirts everyone, and Crazy Sock Day. The socks were awesome and as a school **we raised \$291** for Catholic Mission's work in Mongolia. This was over \$80 more than last year. Well done St Paul's.

This week the Catholic Church celebrates '**All Saints' Day**, on Nov 1st, which honours all saints, known and unknown, and '**All Souls' Day**, on Nov 2nd, which is dedicated to praying for the souls of the faithful departed.

Remember to keep Sunday the 17th of November free to attend our final **Student led Parish Mass** at St Paul's Church starting at 8am. A great opportunity to meet with our parish to celebrate together. This event has been growing and is a magnificent experience.

We will be starting our **Vinnies Christmas Appeal** next week, information on appropriate food products etc... will come out then. Making Jesus real in our lives and the lives of those we encounter is as simple as giving of ourselves and sharing what we have with those who do not. *"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 'He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'* (Matthew 25:44-45) We may never see the difference we make in the lives of others through the work we do or the donations we make but it is in the act of giving that we have already received.

The virtue of justice is fundamental in fostering a fair and harmonious society. It involves giving each person their due and ensuring that everyone's rights are respected and protected. Justice promotes equality, peace, and the common good, making it essential for the well-being of individuals and communities. The Bible underscores the importance of justice in Micah 6:8 **"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."** This verse is often highlighted for its clear and concise summary of what God expects from humanity. Together, these principles form a holistic approach to living a life that is pleasing to God, focusing on justice, mercy, and humility.

God Bless
Mark Roberts

| Important Dates | |
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| 31 st Oct | Year 5 Camp |
| 31 st Oct | Yr 1 & 2 – Waru @ Pilbeam Theatre |
| 7 th Nov | Swimming Carnival 4pm |
| 8 th Nov | Final Prep Orientation Session |
| 29 th Nov | Year 6 Graduation |



Over the past two days, students at St Paul's have had the chance to participate in wheelchair activities organised by Sporting Wheelies. This program offers physical literacy and hands-on learning experiences, allowing all students to engage in adapted sports. Our guest speaker, Bear, shared insightful real-world perspectives on living with a disability that affects sporting opportunities. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were amazed at how challenging and exhausting it was to manoeuvre the wheelchairs like a pro.



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



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