



St Paul's Post

At St Paul's we are Safe, Respectful, Learners

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Term 3, Week 10

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of our older students (and some of our younger students) are currently using some form of social media and have a profile on a social networking site. Many visit these sites every day or play online games that require them to have a profile. Throughout this term our students have been watching Cyber Safety videos that give them strategies to keep safe when using the internet. With the school holidays coming up, it is timely to remind our students and parents that while there are many good things about social media there are also many risks that can be avoided. Primary school students don't always make good choices when they post something to a site or reply to a message, and this can lead to problems both at home and at school.

It is vital that as parents/ carers and teachers we are talking to our students about the appropriate use of social media (this includes the use of messaging services) and that we are vigilant in monitoring what our young people are using social media for. At a school level we are finding that we are dealing with more and more incidents of social media use that is occurring outside of school hours but is affecting students' ability to learn and feel happy and safe at school. The media reported recently that Australia has one of the highest rates of teenage bullying in the world and that much of this is occurring online outside of school time. As parents of primary school children we need to teach our children that they should not be a part of those statistics.

Some good tips for children and parents include:

- **Be kind** - always treat others with respect and never share harmful or hurtful messages
- **Think twice before posting** - once it is there you can never take it back
- **Ask yourself** - Would I want my teacher or my parents to see this? If the answer is no then it is probably a good idea not to post it.

Finally, a reminder that students **MUST** hand their mobile phones into the office each morning and that smart watches are not permitted to be worn at school. If you need to send your child a message throughout the day, please contact the school office. This includes any changes that you need to make to afternoon pick up arrangements. All students are asked to put their phones away in their school bag when they collect them from the office each afternoon.

Thank you for your support with this important matter in keeping our students safe.

Remember that our COVID restrictions remain in place in Term 4 until further notice. Hopefully it won't be long until we are all able to return to normal school life. As a community we thank you all for supporting us throughout this term in ensuring that all our students and staff are as safe as possible.

Classes for 2021

Early next term our teachers will be working together to formulate our classes for 2021. Our goal is to form parallel, even class groups in each grade.

The teachers look at the learning needs of each student, their behaviour and their social, emotional needs.

If you believe your child has any of the above needs which should be considered for their placement in a class for 2021, please put this information into a letter to the Principal.

This is not an invitation for you to nominate your child's teacher. It is however, an opportunity to highlight any special needs that will help the teachers form class groups for 2021.

Teachers will also provide the children with an opportunity to nominate 2 or 3 friends that they would like to be with in 2021. The school will endeavour to have at least one of their friends progress with them if this is in your child's best interest. Prior to the end of the year, our children will have the opportunity to meet their 2021 teacher together with their new classmates.

We wish all of our families a relaxing and happy break. If you are travelling please keep safe and we look forward to welcoming you back next term.

Regards
Jane Misk
Assistant Principal

Religious Education

First Holy Communion

Due to the ever changing restrictions of COVID19 our parish based First Holy Communion has been very different this year. Congratulations to the following children who have received or are about to receive their First Holy Communion.



May God Bless you all

Emma D, Anders S, Zara F, John N, Kobe P, Raymond Y, Alannah C, Sarah B, Isaac D, Jessica K, Aiden McG, Lilly G, Blake P, William G, Oliver E, Grace K, Savannah N, George A, Audrey S, Sybella M, Jade G, Elizabeth T, Mary K, Jacob K, Dylan J, Erin L, Dylan B, Aiden L, Kyan F, Leila S, Christopher D, Liam V, Frankie M, Zed C, Arielle T, Thomas C, Christian B, James McC, Isabella M, Elias K, Leon M, Theresa S, Jasmine P, Noah S, James M, Annabelle T.

*We pray that as you receive your
First Holy Communion,
you draw ever closer to Jesus,
the Bread of Life,
and that you always will live
As a child of God.*



Confirmation 2020

Students who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year will receive or should have received an email from the Parish Office outlining dates and times. If you have not received this information, please contact the Parish Office on 9639 6516.

Term 3 Week 10 Stage 3 - Religion Inquiry - "What is my existential purpose in life?"

Inquiry Question 2: How does the Holy Spirit guide us to identify and use our gifts and talents?

The Stage 3 teachers and students have been very busy learning about the Holy Spirit. They have explored the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and how they use these in their life. Year 5 rounded up this learning writing a prayer to the Holy Spirit and Year 6 wrote a reflection about where the Holy Spirit is in their life.

They are continuing this religion learning inquiry in Term 4. They are now exploring:

Inquiry Question 3: "What is my true purpose?"

They will be investigating using scripture, saints, prayers and personal experiences to discover what is God's mission and what is their role in God's mission.

The Holy Spirit is an all knowing Spirit and the Holy Spirit uses all the ways of knowing.

- Empirical - The Holy Spirit uses Empirical knowledge to choose the gift that would suit us as a person so we can use our gift to benefit all.
- Intuition - The Holy Spirit uses intuition to know what gift to give what person "But it is one and the same Spirit who does all this; as he wishes he gives a different gift to each person" (Corinthians 12:4-11). The Holy Spirit trusts in the decisions that He makes.
- Rationalism - The Holy Spirit creates people able to use rationalism by giving us gifts we can use to be rational ourselves.
- Emotivism - The Holy Spirit pairs the gifts He gives us to our emotions so we can be a good match and we are humble and lets us do as we are meant to do, and spreads our gifts for the good of all.
- Authority - The Holy Spirit helps us to have authority in certain situations (when our personal gift is needed).

Some Student reflections:

I have not yet discovered my personal gift although I have seen others using what I assume is their personal gift, although I don't know for certain. I have read books that have been written very well and I gather that that is someone's gift that they are using for everyone. I have seen spectacular drawings being drawn and paintings being painted. I think that although I am not sure of my own gifts I think that I may be good at craft that evolves wool because some people have said that I am good at this. I think I may need to work on my sporting abilities because that is something that I am not very good at. I am already working on that by going to Karate. I also need to work on my organisational and spelling skills because I often spell words wrong and not know where anything is.

Year 6S - Saskia

The Holy Spirit connects with the ways of knowing because the Holy Spirit uses the ways of knowing by giving us our gifts and talents. The Holy Spirit uses Empirical knowing by observing and reading off data and facts, Intuition knowing by reasoning and trusting gut feelings, Emotivism by expression and attitude about the situation, Authority by making decisions about what gift or talent should it give out, and Rationalism by basing opinions, actions and logic to figure out the right gifts to suit the people in the world. The Holy Spirit gives out different gifts to each person so everyone in this world is unique.

I have used a gift of the Holy Spirit which is being kind and caring to other people. I like seeing smiles on peoples faces and making them laugh because when you see someone else sad the mood travels to me and other people. If everyone was kind and caring this world would be different.

I have developed the gift of being a leader and to support the people around me. I also have other gifts like being sporty, athletic and a good writer. I've also seen other people around me like my friends use their gifts like being kind, generous, supportive and humorous, and that goes for a lot of my friends.

Year 6PR - Taylor

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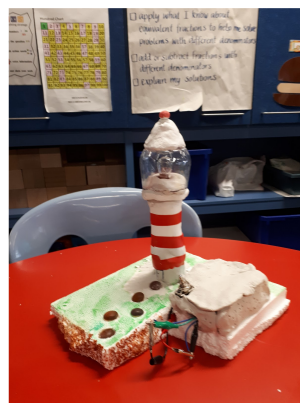
Mrs Johra Brackenbury
Religious Education Coordinator

Inquiry Learning

Across the school, students have been busy working on the end product for their Term 3 Inquiry. There have been a range of activities happening including designing and assembling models, creating diaries and presenting informed opinions. Here are a few photos of the wonderful work our students have produced.

In Term 4, students will be inquiring into a new driving question. Early Stage 1 and Stage 3 students will be engaged in a geographical inquiry and students in Stage 1 and Stage 2 will be engaged in a scientific inquiry. I wonder where our Term 4 inquiries will take us?

Mrs Julie Hooper
Leader of Learning



Numeracy

School holidays are all about relaxing, enjoying a well-earned break and having a good time with family and friends. But school holidays can also be a great opportunity to practice maths skills with your child.

Mathematics is a part of everyday life and it is important for children to notice this and to see that this area of their learning is relevant for them. Some contexts for learning about maths at home include board games, cooking, telling the time and construction materials. Try to ask your child what they are thinking about to develop some insights into their understandings. Most importantly, it's a chance to spend some time together, so have fun!

Mrs Kieran Jackson
Leader of Learning



Book Week 2020 - Curious Creatures, Wild Minds - October 17-23

Reading is the key to success and October is the month to celebrate Book Week. Covid19 has impacted on this event, and The Children's Book Council of Australia moved the date to October 17-23. We have made this adjustment and are planning a "Covid Safe" celebration of Book Week on **Wednesday 21 October**. Students may come to school dressed as their favourite book character or can be inspired by the theme for book week - Curious minds, wild creatures. There is no expectation that you will buy a costume for this day but instead are invited to be creative over the school holidays. We look forward to seeing what great ideas the children come up with. They will have the opportunity to parade their costumes and talk about the inspiration for their design within their own learning spaces.



Thank You

To the Students of St Paul the Apostle School

Thank you all for the very special tributes you paid to me on my last two days at St Pauls. Whether it was by way of words - of blessings, and thank you/good luck, or letters, notes and cards, I am very honoured and happy to have received them. The walk down the Walkway, (with Mrs Misk as moral support), and then onto the playground to be surrounded by you all clapping for me, was truly a very emotional and memorable experience. I am so privileged to have been at St Paul's with all. Thank you all so much for the beautiful flowers and gift; I will think of you all every time I wear them. To the senior students who formed a guard of honour for me, I'll let you in on a little secret - that was the first time I've ever gone down the walkway! Such a special 'first'!

Have a happy holiday everyone and may God continue to bless you all.

Mrs Knowler

To the Parents and Carers

Please accept this as a personal 'Thank you' for all your words of thanks, congratulations and good wishes for my future. I am fortunate to be able to consider many of you as friends and that means a lot to me. I'm privileged to have had the opportunity to interact with and care for your children.

I look forward to 'post COVID' when the resumption of Sacramental Programmes and Trivia and Bingo nights will enable us to renew acquaintances.

Sincerely,
Pauline Knowler



General School Information

School Uniform 2021

Due to Covid-19 there will be no uniform fittings for students. Orders are to be placed on the 'Qkr' app by MasterCard.

Please follow all instructions on the attached flyer to download the app and set up your account. No phone orders or messages will be accepted!



Delivery to the school is every Thursday afternoon during the school term free of charge and orders must be placed by 4pm Wednesday for delivery on Thursday

While we do not refund if you simply change your mind, we gladly exchange within 14 days if the sizing is incorrect. Returned merchandise **MUST** be in its original condition with all tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase. Worn items can not be exchanged. **Please email requests for exchange to elle@ozfashions.com.au this enables us to organise exchanges with minimal fuss.**

Please place your uniform order as soon as possible to ensure you will be able to exchange uniform sizing if necessary and to guarantee students receive their uniform to start the new year. **Please note: all orders for 2021 new students need to be placed before Wednesday 11 November 2020 to ensure delivery before the end of the school year. The last delivery for St Paul the Apostle uniform orders is Thursday 12 November 2020.** Please see size guide attached for an approximate sizing of uniform items.

If you have any other questions or enquiries please contact Elle via email: elle@ozfashions.com.au or call on 0421 216 414.

Catholic Education Office leaving the school policy

If you are leaving the school, **one term's notice in writing is required** (except for those graduating Year 6), otherwise you will be charged the term's school fees as per the enrolment agreement. Please include the name of the school your child/children will be attending in 2021. Thank you for your cooperation.

Changes to Family Levy

We advise that your school fee statement may look a little different next year. You will notice that the Resource Fee has increased and there is no longer a Family Levy as the Family Levy and Resource Fee have merged. In the majority of cases this has little or no impact. For families with 3 or more students there will be a slight increase in the combination of these fees. For 2021, there will be no increase in diocesan tuition fees or the building levy and therefore you will find that the total school fees increase is within the bounds of normal annual increases. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

Ramp Update - Our new ramps are still awaiting the painting of the pedestrian area. Once this is complete we will be able to open them for use. Watch this space.



Work, Health and Safety Reminders

Social Distancing COVID-19

Our staff continue to be vigilant with monitoring and acting regarding children who appear to be unwell. Please keep your child at home if you think they are sick, runny nose, cough, headache etc. If a child presents as unwell at school, they will be isolated from other children and staff in the sick bay or an area of the office. Parents will be contacted to collect their child immediately. We understand that this may be difficult but it is in the best interests of the school community as a whole.



- Additional cleaning is taking place on a daily basis.
- Our staff are reminding students how and when to wash their hands.
- There are soap dispensers in the toilets, and these are topped up regularly.
- Signs have been placed in classrooms and toilets to remind the children and to demonstrate to them appropriate hand washing procedures.
- Each class has been provided with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and additional paper towels.
- All learning spaces have designated "used tissues only" bins with lids which are emptied daily.
- The school has discouraged handshakes, hugs and kisses.
- Please limit the number of people in the foyer to five - if there are 5 or more, please wait outside.
- Our amended line up afternoon dismissal procedures are in place and we ask that parents do not enter the space under the COLA, please wait on the outer area for your child.

Reminder

**Please remind your children to wash their hands.
Help us to keep them safe.**

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all those who celebrated their birthdays recently and who are celebrating in the next few weeks.....

Timothy V, Aayaan M, Morris M, Zander S, Harry McC, Jackson C, William C, Heath M, Ronan F, Ayden C, Nathan V, Phoebe D, Millie J, Oscar A, Scarlett V, Klara Z, Imogen G, Ashleigh D, Grace K, Lucia B, Jacob K, Emily C, George A, Victoria M, Helena F, Isaac D, Marcus T, Joshua D, Blake P, Joseph S, Daniel J, Fletcher M, Luka M, Emily W, Maddison S, Khyah P



Student Awards

Although we haven't been publishing student names in our newsletter this year, COVID19 has restricted our ability to hold assemblies. So, whilst restrictions are still in place, we will acknowledge students in our fortnightly newsletter.

Congratulations!

Sport Days - Term 4

Kindy - Monday & Wednesday
Year 1 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 2 - Thursday & Friday
Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 4 - Monday & Thursday
Year 5 - Thursday & Friday
Year 6 - Tuesday & Thursday

	St Paul's Awards	Student of the Week Award
KL	Harriet F	Jake Y
KM	Estelle J	Savannah G
1H	Grace H/Reuben S	Ashton A/Ella B
1JC	Ella W/Rose B	Jesse K/Jordan M
2BH	Scarlett T/Zaya H	Vincent J/Samantha U
2D	Eliza F/Oscar D	Samuel H/Amarlee G
3L	Ainsley R	Ayden C
3P	Nathan V	Ella W
4SA	Kobe	Jade
4SH	Elizabeth T	Oliver E
5G	Jasmine D/Ellie G	Andria G/Luke B
5H	Frankie N/Benjamin S	Sienna C/Jack O
6PR	Millie P	Steven C
6S	Saskia B	Elijah C