



St Paul's Post

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

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW - what a fabulous return to school we've had. The children are so happy to be here and we are thrilled to have them back onsite with us. This week's second reading from St Paul to the Corinthians reminds us to be compassionate, loving and peaceful people. (*"Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."* 2 Cor 13:11-13). I am continually thankful and so very grateful to our compassionate parent community who have worked in partnership with us to ensure a smooth transition back to learning and who have embraced the constant changes that COVID19 has required.

As part of our continued response to COVID19, for the remainder of the term, our staff will continue to focus on teaching and learning activities related to Religious Education, English and Mathematics and our Semester One reports will reflect these Key Learning Areas only. There will be no A to E reporting this Semester and the reports will be an abridged version of the one you may be used to seeing. Reports will be coming home on Friday 31 July. Rest assured that we will continue to teach all other Key Learning Areas this term, including Japanese, Physical Education, Music, etc. We recognise and appreciate that parents have played a pivotal role in supporting their child's learning during COVID 19. Due to social distancing guidelines we will not be holding our usual 3-way student led conferences, instead after you have read your child's report, you will be invited to contribute your feedback about your child's learning in Semester One. This will be an optional invitation to parents. The focus of this feedback will be on your child's learning experiences in Terms 1 and 2, whether they were learning at home or at school. The feedback you provide will help to support planning for your child in Term 3.

We are continuing to create a "new normal" post COVID19 and, at the time of writing this newsletter, the guidelines for adult social distancing still apply. As such, we will continue to have the students ready for your collection under the COLA each afternoon and we encourage you to use Kiss and Drop if you can do so in the morning. We will have additional staff available each morning to assist with Kiss and Drop and ask that you remain in your car at all times. If your child is unable to get out of the car unassisted please park your car and walk them to the gate. We ask that if you are dropping off your child in the morning or collecting them in the afternoon that you follow adult social distancing guidelines and move off the school grounds as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting a safe school environment.

Library Space Upgrade

Great news! Under the Australian Government's Local Schools Community Fund, funding of up to \$200,000 was available for all schools in Mitchell to apply for projects between \$1,000 and \$20,000 for small scale projects to benefit the school community. In a highly competitive field, St Paul the Apostle Primary School was successful in their application for \$20,000 towards the Library Learning Space Air Conditioning project.

We would like to thank the Australian Government and our Federal Member of Parliament, the Hon Alex Hawke MP for their assistance towards the air-conditioning of the Library Learning Space.

This is the first grant I have applied for as Principal and I'm very grateful for the support of the Australian Government and our Federal Member of Parliament, the Hon Alex Hawke MP for the support. I'll be sure to keep applying for other grants to support our beautiful community and enhance our school.

Enjoy the long weekend and if you are travelling, stay safe!

Peace and Joy!

Mrs Megan Baird
Principal

Public Holiday
Monday 8 June
No School!!

Some photos of our new air conditioning in the Library Learning space - this is now such a comfortable learning space, warm in the winter, cool in the summer!



Why is my Child's Teacher Out of Class?

Jane Misk
Assistant Principal

Please join us in praying together -

Johra Brackenbury
Religious Education Coordinator

General School Information

Attendance

It is important for your child's wellbeing and academic progress that they attend school regularly, are on time for school, and complete each school day. Children need to attend school every day from 8.55am until 3.15pm unless illness prevents their attendance. Please ensure that appointments are made outside of school hours in order to ensure that your child can maximise their learning potential. Learning takes place from 8.55am until the final bell at 3.15pm. Being late, or taking your child early from school, particularly on a regular basis, may hinder their personal, social and academic progress. This is often reflected in school reports. Parents taking their children out of school on a regular basis will be contacted by the Principal.

Should you need to take your child out of school early on an unavoidable occasion, a note should be sent in to the class teacher.

This will minimise the interruption to learning time for all students. Please avoid disruption to teachers and students by arriving unexpectedly to pick up children without prior notice, except in the case of an emergency.

Sickness

If your child is too sick for school, you can send a Skoolbag app notification, email or call* the school office. If you inform us with a Skoolbag notification or via email, you do not need to send in another note. *Please note—If you call the office you will still need to send a signed note listing the days absent and reason.

Other leave

Taking leave for family holidays during the school term is not encouraged. Government regulations require you to seek leave approval from the school for holidays of 5 days or more **prior** to your journey. Contact the school office for an Application for Extended Leave (L) - Travel Leave—From A.1. This form is also available on our website under School Notes. Travel leave 1-4 days—please send in a written note to the school prior to your leave. Taking leave for the entertainment industry or an elite sporting event Government regulations require you to seek an exemption from the school for all leave in the entertainment industry or elite sporting events, prior to the event. Contact the school office for an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School (M) - Form 1.2. This form is also available on our website.

Reminder: Late arrival at school

Late Arrivers (after 8:55am) must be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian.

Grounds update

Our ramps are almost finished - thank you for your patience. These additions will certainly make for easier and safer access to our school. We look forward to their completion soon so that we can begin the enhancements to the playground.

Work Health and Safety Reminders

Car Park Safety

It is a privilege for St Paul's parents to use the Parish car park. Please observe all parking signs and road rules when using Kiss and Drop in the morning or collecting children in the afternoon to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and community.

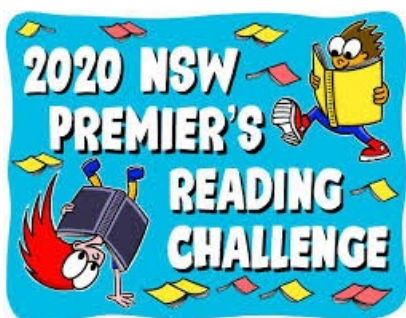
Please always hold your child's hand when leaving the school grounds and especially when walking through the parish car park. This is shared space and we are very fortunate to have access to the parish grounds. A reminder that it is a 10 k p/h zone at all times.

We thank you for your assistance and courtesy in ensuring the safety of everyone in our community.

Disabled Parking Spaces

We have a number of persons in our community that need to use these spaces in order to access our school and parish safely. Please only use these spaces if you are the holder of a disability parking scheme permit. This **must** be displayed on your windscreen. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting all members of our community.





Congratulations** to the following children who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. **Well Done to all of you!

Eric F, (K) Jacob K, (K), Ruby M, (K), Scarlett S (K), Kayla F, (2), Sarah W, (2) George A, (4) Elias K (4)

Keep on reading!!

Reminder

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



THE CANTEEN IS NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL FOR ONLINE AND OVER THE COUNTER PURCHASES.

MESSAGE FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Dear Parents
Winter uniforms are available for purchase. Please make your purchase through the QKR app. The uniform shop will be open as usual on a Thursday from 2:30pm until 4:00pm. Social distancing will be in place. Online orders will be delivered to the office for collection.
Thank you for your cooperation and support
Stay safe and well.
Kind regards
Elle
Uniforms
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Happy Birthday

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

Lily B, Loretta B, Christian D, Joshua G, Annabelle J, Archie F, Mackenzie N, Sienna C, Sofia D, Eric F, Emme A-L, Leon M, Aniella T, Zara F, John N, George H, Michael R, Mikaela K, Gabriel S,



Sport Days - Term 2

***Kindy Monday and Wednesday
Year 1 Tuesday and Friday
Year 2 Thursday and Friday
Year 3 Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4 Monday and Thursday
Year 5 Thursday and Friday
Year 6 Tuesday and Thursday***