



# St Paul's Post

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

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Term 4, Week 6

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a very busy few weeks at St. Paul's. This week, we have welcomed, albeit remotely, the newest and youngest members of our community - our 2022 Kindergarten children. The staff planned a wonderful experience for our new students with a welcome t-shirt, a signed book, a bead string, social story, countdown calendar and a whole pack of information for their parents. Our wonderful P & F provided a hat for the new Kindy children, we are truly grateful for their continued support. We also held our Kindergarten 2022 Parent Information Night, via Zoom. Welcome to all our new families and to all of our Kindergarten 2022 children.



Over the past few weeks, the Year 5 children and their teachers have been very busy with nominations for the 2022 school leaders. This is always an exciting time for our senior students and we are very happy to celebrate the following children who have been nominated into leadership positions for 2022. **Lilly G, Jade G, Elizabeth T, Savannah N, Emma D, James Man., Noah S, Elias K, Gabriel E and Kyan F.**

Next week, our Stage 3 children (Years 5 and 6) and parents have been invited to take part in an important Parent and Children Information Night - **How Am I Changing?** We thank ChoiceMedia for presenting this information to our families.

## World Kindness Day

Tomorrow is officially World Kindness Day and today we celebrated with a Mufti Day - an opportunity to raise awareness of being kind to others. Some of the ways we can do this are by giving compliments, giving a hug to someone you love or writing a note of gratitude. These small gestures are a nice way of showing kindness to others.

Mother Teresa was a great example of living a life of kindness to others.



*"We will never know how much good just a simple smile can do.  
We tell people how kind, forgiving and understanding God is - are we the living proof?  
Can they really see this kindness, this forgiveness,  
this understanding alive in us?" Mother Teresa*

### 2022 School Dates

Friday 28th January - Mandated Staff Development/Professional Learning Day  
Monday 31st January - Mandated Staff Development/Professional Learning Day  
Tuesday 1st February - 1st day of school for children in Years 1 - 6  
Wednesday 2nd February - 1st day of school for Kindergarten children (staggered start times)

### 2022 Staff Development Days (SDD)

Friday 28th January - Mandated Staff Development/Professional Learning Day  
Monday 31st January - Mandated Staff Development/Professional Learning Day  
Tuesday 20th December - Mandated Staff Development/Professional Learning Day  
Our other SDD dates will be advised once they are finalised.

Peace and Joy!

**Megan Baird**  
Principal

## ***From the Assistant Principal***

### ***Staggered Drop Off and Pick Up***

Thank you to all of our families for supporting our staggered drop off and pick up, as we continue to ensure that we are supporting the guidelines to keep our community safe. **A reminder that Kiss and Drop will continue to operate until 9:15am each morning.**

### ***Captivate - Classroom band programs***

Due to the restrictions around playing woodwind and brass instruments, unfortunately Captivate have advised us that they will be unable to resume the classroom band program for Year 4 and Year 5 in 2021. It is anticipated that the band program will continue in 2022 for Year 4 and Year 5.

### ***Semester Two Reports***

As per Catholic Schools NSW and Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta advice, our Semester Two reports will be a simplified report in response to learning during the delivery of our learning at home framework in Terms 3 and 4, due to COVID19 restrictions.

The Semester Two report is not based on our usual A-E framework. Rather, it is a response to the flexible approach to reporting for remote learning. This report will provide a snapshot of what work was observed during the remote learning period and upon your child's return to school. We will provide a more 'traditional', A - E report on your child's learning in Semester 1, 2022.

By now all families should have received an email with instructions on how to create a login for Compass. If you have not received this email or if you had problems creating your login please contact the school office.

More information about Semester Two reports will be sent home prior to the reports "going live" on Compass.

### ***Cashless Journey - Qkr Payment System***

Now is the time to install the Qkr App if you haven't already done so. This is the payment platform we currently use at St Paul's for our canteen and uniform shop.

Moving forward, we can no longer accept cash for ad-hoc items. This includes sport gala days, writers festival, fundraising, gold coin days, donations, Kindy enrolment fees, Year 6 sport shirts etc.

Current arrangements for school fee payments have not changed and **CANNOT** be paid using the Qkr app. The app is free to download and your profile is confidential. Attached are instructions to assist you with this process and a video link. We encourage all families to download this app.

We will be holding a fundraiser on Wednesday 1 December for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal and the Qkr app will be needed to make your donation. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

[Instructions to install Qkr App](#)

[Video to install QKR App](#)



**Jane Misek**  
**Assistant Principal**

## ***From the Religious Education Coordinator***

### ***Coins for Christmas - St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal***

As we are fast approaching the season of Christmas we remember those who are in need. The Mini Vinnie team are organising a fundraising event to support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Wednesday 1 December 2021 will be a Christmas Mufti Day. For the privilege of wearing Christmas Mufti to school we are asking for donations. As we are now a cashless school these donations will be collected through the Qkr app, see information above for more about the Qkr App. More details about the Mufti Day will be shared closer to the date.



### ***Parish Sacramental Programs***

Due to the changing COVID recommendations, many of our Sacramental Programs have been postponed until 2022. We thank Father Raning and Sandra Sheehan for all of the behind the scenes work to organise these events. Please see the table overleaf for the relevant dates.

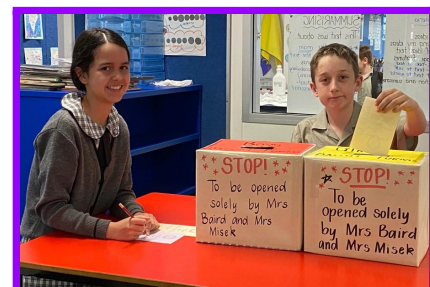
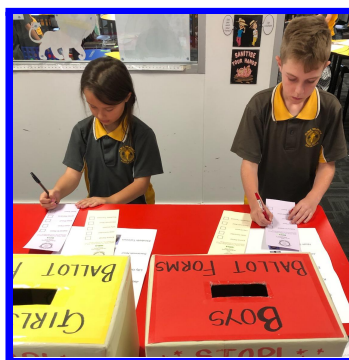
Parish Sacramental Program		
Current Year 5, 2021	Confirmation	2, 3, 9, 10 December 2021
2022 Dates - These dates may be subject to change		
Current Year 4, 2021	First Holy Communion	February 2022
Current Year 3, 2021	Reconciliation	February / March 2022
Year 4, 2022	First Holy Communion	May / June 2022
Year 3, 2022	Reconciliation	June / July 2022
Year 5, 2022	Confirmation	October / November 2022

## From the Leaders of Learning

This week, Year Five concluded the 2021-2022 Student Leadership Program. On Wednesday 10 November, our 2022 Student Leaders presented their speeches on the topic: "Why I would like to be School Captain". All students spoke with enthusiasm and conviction and are to be congratulated for the time and effort they obviously devoted to preparing these speeches. The children's speeches were also recorded and shared with Year Four and members of staff in an effort to avoid the crossing of cohorts.

Later, children in Year 5 and Year 4 voted for their preferred school captains using a preferential voting system. What a wonderful opportunity to capture the voice of our children! We look forward to sharing the outcome next week, once staff have completed voting too.

**Mrs Liz Sargent**  
**Leader of Learning**



## Year 6 Sprinkle Letters of Kindness to the St Paul's Staff

Writing in the classroom should be reflective of the writing individuals do in their daily lives. Typically, we create written texts with a specific purpose and for an intended audience.

This week the students in Year 6 wrote to thank the staff at St Paul's for their dedication and commitment to their education over the past seven years. Letters of thanks were delivered to our teaching staff, Teacher Assistants, Ladies in the office and the Leadership Team.

Thank you, Year 6, for capturing many shared memories. Your letters brought smiles, joy and even some tears as we prepare together for your transition to high school in 2022.

**Mrs Michelle Brett**  
**Leader of Learning**



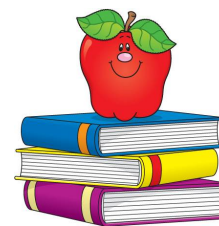


## Library News

### We need your help! Library Books and Class Readers

It's that time of year! Please start looking for those missing library books and Class Readers. Check under the bed, in the car, or maybe on the bookshelf. Check at home and your school bag. Please return all library books and class readers to school ASAP. These books are expensive to replace and we appreciate your support and help with this request.

**Mrs Petrina Taylor**  
Teacher/Librarian



## Snapshots of Learning from Stage 2

Today **Year 3** have celebrated 'World Kindness Day' by collaborating together to make two World Kindness Day banners. We have also thought about ways we can be kind and made some promises. The best part of the day has been being the 'I' in KIND.



Over the past few days, **Year 4** has spoken about the significance of Remembrance Day and discussed why we commemorate those who have fought in wars around the world so that we can enjoy the rights and freedoms we experience today. The students had a respectful and insightful discussion on the impact of war on individuals and communities throughout the world. We then created our own poppies which we wore during the Remembrance Day Liturgy.

*"It is important that we remember the old soldiers and the sacrifices that they made" - Lucy C*

*"It is important to learn about Remembrance Day because it teaches us to be kind to each other"- Josh K*



## Work Health and Safety Reminders

### Just a reminder

WHS is a whole school responsibility - if you see something that you think is unsafe, please contact the school office and report it - thank you for your cooperation.

### Administration Gate

Families who use COSHC are asked to ensure that the gate is completely closed upon entering and exiting in the morning and afternoon. This is to ensure that children who are attending COSHC remain safe. Thank you for your cooperation.



### COVID-19 Attendance

Students and staff must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms **will be sent home and may not return to school unless:**

- They have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- They have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

## General School Information

### Families leaving St Paul's at the end of the year

If your family is not returning to St Paul's for Years 1-6 in 2022, please let Mrs Baird, Principal, know as soon as possible. Please address all letters/emails to Mrs Baird, Principal, c/o the school office or via email [winstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:winstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au). This will assist with placing students in classes for 2022. Please contact the school office for further information on 8841 3800.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - School Uniform 2022 - Oz Fashions

Due to current restrictions, we are unable to offer uniform fittings for students starting school in 2022 or existing St Paul's students. Oz Fashions will continue to take orders for uniforms using the Qkr App by Mastercard.

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 a uniform to start school in 2022. (If you need to exchange, please email requests to [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au) (Returned merchandise must be in its original condition with tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase - this will ensure a smooth exchange process)

**Please note: all orders for 2022 new students need to be placed before Wednesday 24 November, 2021.** Delivery to the school office will be on Thursday 25 November.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Elle on the above email or call her on 0421 216 414.

### 2021 School Dates

#### Term dates for 2021 for students

Term 4 - Tuesday 5 October to Wednesday 15 December

#### Staff Development Days

Each year schools are allocated 6 days for professional learning. These days are used to improve the skills of our teachers, school leaders and school support staff. The opportunity for all staff to be involved in whole school planning and quality professional learning helps to enhance outcomes for our students.

**Staff Development Days  
2021**

**No children at School  
Term 4**

**Thursday 16 & Friday 17  
December**

### Sport Days - Term 4 (until further notice)

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

## Happy Birthday

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

Mia B, Lachlan M, Lucas H, William D, Noah S, Murphy M, Elijah N, Aiden L, Meredith W, Lily D, Bede M, Frankie M, Caitlin M, Eric U, Scarlet D, Frankie N, Ella-Jade J, Archie O'B, Georgie B.

## Awards

	St Paul Award	Student of the Week
KG	Frederic B	Grace D
KM	Thea J	Annabelle H
1A	Charlie M	Savannah G
1M	Eric F	Olivia S
2D	Klara Z	Emerald C
2L	Joey S	Audrey G
3L	Jade B	Ella-Jade J
3P	Scarlett T	Bede M
4H	Bonnie H	Nellie H
4PH	Rachael B	John S
5H	Mary K	George A
5L	Elizabeth	Maxwell
6R	Brooke K	Ellie G
6SL	Ronan F	Alice S

