



# ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back for the new school year!

### Teaching Staff for 2021

**Principal:** Mrs Patricia Adair

**APRE:** Mr Mark Roberts

**APC:** Mr Peter Thurecht

Class	Teacher/s
Prep TN	Mrs Belinda Thurecht (Mon/ Tues/ alt Wed) Mrs Melissa Neill (alt Wed/ Thur /Fri)
Prep LB	Mrs Tanya Lindley (Mon/Tues/alt Wed) Mrs Jody Bayntun (alt Wed, Thurs/Fri)
Yr 1G	Mrs Sue Georgeson
Yr 1NS	Miss Sophie Noake (Mon/Tues/Wed) Mrs Leisa Shepherd (Thurs/Fri)
Yr 2F	Mrs Demi Fraser
Yr 2R	Miss Sarah Reiman
Yr 3B	Mrs Lisa Buck
Yr 3Q	Mrs Kerry Quinn
Yr 4PH	Mrs Cindy Peardon (Mon-Thurs) Miss Andrea Halliday (Fridays)
Yr 4R	Miss Monique Ryan
Yr 5H	Mrs Ann Harkin
Yr 5S	Miss Liz Smith
Yr 6RB	Mr Rion Banks
Yr 6F	Mrs Annette Filby
Learning Support	Dr Helene Fisher
PE	Mrs Vanessa Schluter
Specialists & Intervention Teachers	Mrs Nicole Fitzgerald Mrs Leisa Shepherd Mr Mark Roberts
Library/WHSA	Kathy McManus
ESAs	Mrs Suzy Wiffen, Mrs Sue Halberstater, Mrs Kelly Taylor, Miss Carissa Huff, Miss Lyn Mann, Mrs Claire Masefield, Mrs Karen Trovato, Miss Rebecca Scott, Mrs Deb Bridgeman, Mrs Fiona Payne, Mrs Tracey Campbell, Mrs Belinda Bauman, Mrs Jodi Nichols & Mrs Isabelle Pearce
ADMIN	Mrs Regan Koczorowski Mrs Colleen Uys
Groundsman	Mr Michael Harkin

## Building Project Update

Our old prep building was demolished last week, and a barrier fence has been erected to separate the worksite from school spaces. It will be very interesting to watch the construction of the early years' precinct take place over the coming months.

The church car park extension with designated flow through zones will commence after Easter. This car park has been allocated for staff parking in the interim.

The extension to the large undercover area and refurbishment of the toilet blocks will commence in the next few weeks.

It is hoped that all will be completed by late July 2021.

## COVID 2021

These are the directives for our school community as we continue to follow our COVID Safe plans. Parents are welcome on site; however social distancing is still in place and classrooms are drop off zones – we cannot accommodate all parents in a classroom at the same time.

Parents can gather in the prayer circle or use the tables under the trees as they wait for their child/ren. Please do not gather outside classroom doors.

Staff and students who are unwell are still advised to stay at home.

It was wonderful to formally welcome our staff, students, and parents to our first official assembly this morning. I took much pleasure in acknowledging the very positive cooperation between all in our community as we have navigated new cohort classroom locations, changes to lunch/play routines, meeting new faces both staff and students, new parking arrangements and beginning school with a construction site close by. The atmosphere is very positive, and I also note with pride the generosity of our new Yr 6 leaders, who in the few days of the term, have stepped up repeatedly to assist in many ways.

May we all have a successful year ahead,

*Best Wishes*  
*Tricia Adair*

### From the APRE

Welcome to a new year at St Paul's. I hope this year's journey is one where you achieve all you hope for. I feel blessed to have joined the St Paul's community this year and look forward to working with you all. Very briefly: I am a local in Gracemere, having lived here for over 10 years, and for the last 25 years I have been in various teaching and leadership positions at Emmaus College in Rockhampton.

Like the new students this year, and many of those returning, I am a little anxious and nervous, but also excited and enthused for what lies ahead. I enjoyed my/our first day today, meeting all students in their classes and interacting with them during play time. They, and their teachers, want to be here and are so keen and excited. Their attitudes were contagious.

**Roy Bennet** said, *"Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make, MAKES YOU. Choose wisely."*

We make choices that help us become the person we want to be. There will be opportunities presented to us all: to improve our education, to form new friendships, to form closer bonds as a community and to grow in our faith. Our job now, is to take these opportunities when they present themselves and share our gifts and talents with each other.

As this new year opens up before us all, may our **Attitudes** and **Choices** lead us to achieving the goals we have set for ourselves and bring us closer and stronger as a community.

May the success of our year be measured in memories of opportunities taken, the way we have shared our gifts, and most importantly, by the way we have treated each other.

May this year be an exceptional part of your St Paul's journey and may your memories be many.

I Look forward to working with you all,

God Bless.

Mr Mark Roberts  
**Assistant Principal: Religious Education**

### From the APC's Desk

#### Curriculum Goals for 2021

Our two key areas for 2021 are improving curriculum knowledge and pedagogy within mathematics and embedding a STEM focus (particularly Design Technology) within Science.

During our Professional Development week, we were lucky enough to have Paul Rayner (STEM and Science Consultant from CEO) visit our school for a day to work with our staff. He led staff through design thinking and how it can be easily linked with science. This term, staff have planned a STEM inquiry into their opening Science unit. Staff will be taking photos and sharing their progress with the wider community as the term progresses (WATCH THIS SPACE!!). It is hoped through STEM students will gain deeper scientific knowledge as they will be more actively engaged through the learning journey. We also have engaged the services of StemPunks, a company that will upskill our staff with the resources we have on site.

With Mathematics, we looked at high yield strategies that can be used in the classroom to improve mathematical thinking and dialogue between students. One strategy we looked at was 'Number Talks'. Number talks are brief discussions (5–15 minutes) that focus on student solutions for a single, carefully chosen mental math computation problem. Students share their different mental math processes aloud while the teacher records their thinking visually on a chart or board. Staff also discussed the importance of 'surface', 'deep' and 'transfer' of learning when it comes to mathematics. As a staff, we will be working with John Campbell (Mathematics Consultant from CEO) throughout the year as well.

#### MiniLit and MacqLit

Our reading intervention groups will begin in Week 2 of Term 1. It was pleasing to see the development and growth of all learners on this program last year.

*Welcome to all our new families starting 2021 with us!!*

Mr Peter Thurecht  
**Assistant Principal: Curriculum**

**DATE CLAIMERS**

<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>	
Tues 2	TCC Music staff to talk to Yr 4/5/6 music students about the lessons and the year ahead.
Fri 5	School tuckshop recommences
Tues 9	Teachers in P-2 will attend inservice from "STEMPUNKS". Relief teachers in class.
Wed 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers in 3-6 will attend inservice from "STEMPUNKS". Relief teachers in class.</li> <li>Music lessons commence for Yr 4/5/6 students</li> </ul>
Sun 14	Children's Liturgy resumes at the 8am mass at St Paul's Church. All are very welcome!
Wed 17	ASH WEDNESDAY
<b>FRI 19</b>	<b>BISHOP'S INSERVICE DAY</b> <b>Pupil free day for ALL Rockhampton Catholic Schools &amp; Colleges.</b>
Thurs 25	Qld Health to conduct vision screening for prep cohort
Sat 27/Sun 28	Gracemere Little As sign on – school oval

**TERM DATES**

<b>Term 1</b>	Commence Wed 27 Jan Ends Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Easter Break</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Commences Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April Ends Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>June/July Holiday break</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	Commences Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July Ends Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Sept/Oct Holiday break</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	Commences Tues 5 October Last day of school Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December

**PUPIL FREE DAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Friday 19 February</b> <b>PUPIL FREE DAY for all Catholic Schools &amp; Colleges in Rockhampton</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 26 April- ANZAC DAY Public Holiday Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May- Labour Day Public Holiday Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June- Show Holiday
<b>Term 3</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September PUPIL FREE DAY for <b>ALL</b> schools in Rockhampton
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October- Queen's Birthday

**PE Timetable: Sport uniforms****PE timetable**

Sports uniform is worn on the following days:

Tuesday- Yr 6F, Yr 5H, Yr 5S, Yr 1G

Wednesday- Yr 3B, Yr 3Q, Yr 2F, Yr 2R & Yr 1NS

Thursday- Yr 6B, Yr 4R, Yr 4P

Friday- all students wear the sport uniform

*Happy Birthday!*

*Week 1 Birthdays*

*Dancia D, Jye B, Max T,  
Hamish C, Mia S,  
Miss Ryan, Mrs Nichols,  
Fr Bill Senn & Mr Harkin*

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

The 1<sup>st</sup> Book Club issue for 2021 has been distributed to all students.

Our school offers the 8 issues of Book Club- 2 issues per term – to our families.

### How to Order

1. **Online- go to Scholastic Book Club -parents & Kids -Book Club LOOP (parents) & follow the ordering /payment steps.**
2. **Send in the order form with payment to the school office by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.**

Please see Kathy McManus, our school library coordinator for further details; especially if there are “special delivery” instructions.

## TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop will recommence on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Menu is attached and volunteer helpers are very welcome.

Ordering online is preferred, however paper bag orders are also accepted.

## Student Arrival & Departure Procedures

**Classes at St Paul’s Catholic Primary School commence at 8.35am and conclude at 3.05pm.**

Children should not arrive at school prior to 8.15am unless granted approval by the principal. Morning playground duty commences at 8.15am. A parent/guardian supervises Prep children until 8.20am. Parents are to ensure that all children leave the grounds by 3.30pm. Should there be a difficulty in arranging for your child to be collected by this time, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Parents/Caregivers must sign the register in the Office for all late arrivals (after 8.35am) and for all early departures (before 3.05pm) before children are collected from the classroom. Class rolls are marked at 8.35am and a SMS sent to families at 10am if there has not been a notification of an absence made to the school. School rolls are marked again at 2pm.

Students who arrive before 8.15am must move directly to the undercover area. If they have a bike or scooter, they will park it in the appropriate bike rack and then move to the undercover area. Students cannot remain near the classrooms. Once the two teachers on duty arrive, students will leave the undercover area and take their bags to their classrooms before going to play until the 8.35am bell.

## DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORT NOMINATIONS & TRIALS

Many of our students are eligible to nominate to trial for numerous district school representative sporting teams. A full list of options is part of the newsletter attachments for this week.

Parents must complete the trial permission (also attached) and students are to attend the trial sessions wearing their school sports uniform.

## STUDENT PROTECTION SCHOOL CONTACTS

Each year, our school publishes the names of the Student Protection Contacts for the school. The contacts for 2021 include:

Principal: Mrs Patricia Adair

APRE: Mr Mark Roberts

APC: Mr Peter Thurecht

Learning Support Coordinator: Dr Helene Fisher

School Counsellor: Mrs Susan Everett

Information about our Diocesan Student Protection policy and procedures is available on our school website and CEOs website.

## PARISH NEWS

***St Joseph's Cathedral and St Paul's Gracemere are open for the Celebration of Mass.***

Parishioners will be required to register to attend a Mass. The registration process can be done via our website - [www.cposj.com](http://www.cposj.com) or ring the Parish office during business hours at ph:49276744.

St Paul's parishioners celebrate at 8am every Sunday. All families are very welcome to join us. Children's liturgy will commence on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February.