

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

National Reconciliation Week Assembly

Last week we celebrated as a community National Reconciliation Week.

This period of national recognition of the first peoples of this land is an important part of righting the past and building our community of Australia.

Reconciliation is a journey for all of us, as individuals, families, communities, and organisations. This is a time to pause and think about what are the relationships in our society, particularly between the broader community and the First Peoples of this land.

Yes, Australia as a whole, many organisations as a whole, St Paul's, as a whole, have put in place structures and programs to acknowledge the importance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have in forming an inclusive and fair community across Australia.

We are not there yet. In fact, we are a long way from being there. The goal is to have a situation where our communities acknowledge the great culture and traditions First Nations people have and actively work to ensure all in our society have the same opportunities and support.

Our challenge, as individuals then, is to be aware of the need to all work together to continually move toward a shared community that respects, acknowledges and welcomes all.

Sorry Day was acknowledged in the preceding week, followed by National Reconciliation Week. Our acknowledgment of the traditional carers of this land each time we meet, our acknowledgment and acceptance of building a fair society for all is part of this reconciliation process. I believe this challenge does not have an end point, it is and always should be the challenge of any society or community to build a fair community.

I encourage all in our community to think about where you can add to the achievement of this challenge, it may be simply be welcoming to all, it may be volunteer work, it may be active action in raising awareness of the importance of this challenge. Whatever it is, the important thing is that we all have to part to play in creating a society and community where all are welcome.

I thank the RAP team, the SRC and Miss Stewart for their dedication in providing the college community with a reflective and thoughtful assembly that challenged all of us and recognised the importance of Reconciliation has as individuals, a community and as a nation

Open Afternoon/Evening.

Thursday afternoon saw the college open its doors to visitors. Parents and students from our community were able to come in for a tour, ask questions, see the great facilities we have here at the college.

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Those attending included many of our Year 7 students and parents for 2022 along with students from other year groups and families from outside the college.

Classrooms and facilities were on show, teachers and Leaders of learning were available for questions and information. Mrs Shipman and Mrs Carter were also travelling around the college with parents to be available for any questions.

It was a great way to connect with our wider community and I thank those in attendance and particularly the staff that were available on the afternoon/evening.

Year 12 Trials

From Monday this week Year 12 have been completing their HSC Trial Examinations. This is a very important period for year 12 to test their preparation in each course before their final examination early in Term 4.

I commend Year 12 on the way they have prepared these examinations and the way they have presented for each. It can be a stressful time and I know the levels of angst that can be associated with Trial Examinations. Students and families should use this time and the time immediately following the Trial as an evaluation of where they are at in their final preparations and put strategies in place to address any gaps or areas to improve.

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https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsCatholicCollegeBooragul







Have a great long weekend.

Mr Colin Mulhearn Principal

Assistant Principal—Teaching & Learning

Learning & Goal Setting

I have enjoyed visiting classrooms over the past few weeks and discussing with students their attitudes about their learning and how they approach their learning. It has struck me how quickly students will often describe their perception of intelligence as something that is fixed and can't be changed. This is an aspect of learning that I believe teachers and families can help our young people change their awareness of. As I have often explained to students, no matter where you think you are now with your learning, your ability to master knowledge and skills is an area of untapped potential! Teachers and parents can assist our young people in developing their self-efficacy – the belief they have of their ability to achieve an outcome or reaching a goal. Self-efficacy shapes the behaviours and strategies that help students pursue goals.

High self-efficacy reflects confidence in the ability to exert control over their motivation, behaviour, and environment, and allows students to become advocates for their own needs and supports. Research suggests that self-efficacy can boost student achievement, foster emotional health and well-being, and serve as a valid predictor of motivation and learning. Studies also have shown that students with high levels of self-efficacy participate more in class, persist longer, and are able to effectively solve problems when encountering difficulties than students with lower self-efficacy. One way in which we are supporting students to cultivate higher levels of self-efficacy is through the inclusion of self-reflection on reports. Students can use this information to help them set goals for their learning. Using the SMART goal strategy is a good way to start setting goals and students are encouraged to write these down and share them at home.



(https://dougthorpe.com/be-smart-about-your-goal-setting/)

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Trial HSC Examinations

The HSC Trial Examinations are taking place during week 8 and 9 this term. Students are commended on the way they have conducted themselves from the focused approach demonstrated in the library to their promptness in arriving on time for schedule examinations. The importance of trial examinations is not only to practice examination conditions but to also allow students to identify possible gaps in what they know and understand to this point in their courses. Students are encouraged to use the feedback they will receive in week 10 this term and early next term to evaluate their approach to each course. Term 3 is an opportunity to develop a consistent approach to study as the HSC examinations are only #### school days away.

Year 11 Reports

Parents, carers and students received the Year 11 Mid-Course report this week. These reports are an opportunity for students to evaluate how they are approaching the rigours of Stage 6 studies. At this point in Year 11 students often speak about the need to be organised and to regularly seek feedback from teachers in order to understand where they are with their learning. Students are encouraged to ask themselves: How am I going? How do I know? What are my next steps? The last question is the most important as this is where students develop greater advocacy for their learning. If students can not identify their next steps they need to approach their teachers for guidance and advice.

Year 7-10 Learning and Reports

Teachers are currently preparing the Year 7-10 reports which will be published early next term. These reports will include a grade for each course based on the Common Grade Scale or the Course Performance Descriptors (NESA Advice On Awarding Grades). Grades are determined by teachers based on the evidence gathered during learning and incorporates assessment tasks, both formal and informal, along with the work students have shown in class. Our focus on formative assessment allows students to demonstrate what they know and can do across a wide range of learning experiences therefore providing students with multiple opportunities to show growth in their learning.

> **Mrs Amber Carter** Assistant Principal—Teaching & Learning



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Subscription details for St Paul's are:

School's Username - stpauls

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Public Speaking Competition

St Paul's wins Champion School at Diocesan Public Speaking Competition

Giving a speech to a room full of people is a formidable challenge. Delivering a speech after only five minutes preparation is even more intimidating. On Thursday June 10th, a group of students from St Paul's had the courage and wit to compete in the annual Diocesan Public Speaking Competition and came away as Champion School!

The contest was held at the Catholic Schools Office in Newcastle. Catholic Schools from around the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese sent their best public speakers to compete. Students were required to deliver a prepared speech in the first round, and then an impromptu speech with only five minutes preparation time.

The students who represented St Paul's were Madeline Platt and Arrabella McLeish from Year 7; Mia Holmes and Pyper McAllister from Year 8; Kirrily Boslem and Bethany Evans competing in the Year 9 category; Rosemary Hale from Year 10; Evie Jones and Jordyn Laucht from Year 11.

All the students delivered impressive speeches and represented the school admirably. The students performed so well that St Paul's achieved the highest overall score and was awarded Champion School. There were also some commendable individual results, including Madeline Platt - 2nd in the Year 7A category, Kirrily Boslem -1^{st} in the Year 9A category, Bethany Evans (a Year 8 student) -1^{st} in the Year 9B category, Rosemary Hale -1^{st} in the Year 10A category and Jordyn Laucht -2^{nd} in the Year 11B category.

A huge thank you to Mrs Libby Lucas and Miss Olivia Moscidis who recruited the team and helped them prepare for the day.

Mr Michael Doyle English Teacher





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Dramafest

DRAMAFEST

On Wednesday 2nd June Years 9, 10 and 11 Drama students travelled to All Saints College St Marys in Maitland to attend Dramafest. This annual event is sponsored and coordinated by the ASPIRE team and gave our students a wonderful opportunity to develop their drama and performance skills while working with other like-minded drama students from schools from across the Diocese. Students were able to select their preferred workshops to attend in an area of interest and these workshops were run by industry professionals including the Australian Theatre for Young People, Upstage Youth Theatre, Scott Witt from Combat Circus and actor Angie Diaz (AKA Pink Power Ranger Mystic Force 2006). The workshops the students could select from included; Stage Combat, Physical Theatre, Character, Playbuilding through Improvisation, Comedy and Script to Stage. Our students had a fantastic day of creating and physicality, many so exhausted that they went to sleep on the bus ride home. Great Job guys!!!



Mrs Cassie Burt Drama Teacher









St Paul's Day Celebrations

St Paul's Day, Friday 25 June, 2021



The last day of Term 2 each year is celebrated as St Paul's Day.

St Paul's Day is a celebration of our school patron – St Paul.

The day begins with a Care Group activity where all students will co-create a mural to celebrate the community of St Paul's. This will be displayed in the library.

The celebration will continue with the story of St Paul and his willingness to live the gospel and create a gospel-centred community.

Following this liturgy Year 11 students run the annual "St Paul's Got Talent" Quest. This fun activity involves a wide range of students who showcase their talents to the whole school. A lot of clapping and cheering is usually involved.

After the formal part of the day is over, students will enjoy a series of food stalls, carnival rides and sporting activities for the rest of the day.

There will be no formal lessons or organised sport on this day.

This is an Out of Uniform Day and our policy on modest clothing will apply and appropriate attire for carnival rides is encouraged.

There will be a small charge for the carnival rides. These rides include: the mechanical bull, jumping castle, chair-o-plane ride and sizzler.

The food stalls that will be available on the day include a sausage sizzle, pizza, soft drinks, donuts, milkshakes, cakes and lollies. The food and rides are heavily subsidised by the School, however there is a small cost of \$1-2 for each food item and \$5 for 7 ride tickets. Students will need to bring some money if they choose to buy food or go on the rides.

Mrs Libby Lucas Student Support Coordinator



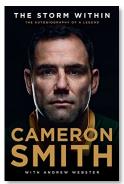
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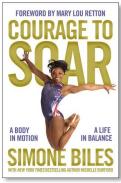


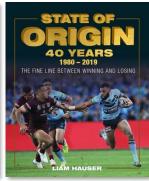
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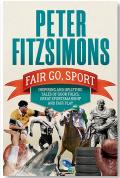
New Books

The library has received a lot of new books just in time for school holiday borrowing!



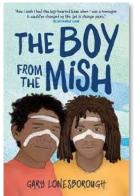




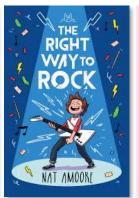




These are some of the new sport books that the library has received in the last few weeks. Is there a sport you are into, but the library does not hold any books? Please ask, and we will do the best we can to get them in.











And just a few of the new fiction titles. If you would like more information on any of these books, you can log in to the library catalogue and read all about each book. You can also reserve books in the catalogue.

If you would like us to get a book in for you, please ask. Many of our books come from student requests



Mrs Kerri Beezley Teacher Librarian

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Rainbow Club Australia

Rainbow Club Australia is a network of social swimming clubs for children with a disability. They are a not -for-profit organisation and have been around for over 50 years. With NDIS provider status and their unique Swim the Rainbow program, Rainbow Club offers a fun and safe community for children with a disability to have individualised swimming lessons catered to their needs. Toronto Rainbow Club are now taking enrolments for Term 3. Club lessons will commence on Saturday 17th July from 12noon – 3.30pm at Toronto Swim Centre - 280 Awaba Rd Toronto 2283.

> Mrs Anne Marie Melocco **Learning Support Coordinator**















A safe and friendly community for children with a disability

Rainbow Club welcomes children with a disability for individualised swimming lessons to learn to swim, be safe in the water, interact, feel included, play and have fun.



Swim the Rainbow

- Our unique Swim the Rainbow program has been specially designed to teach children with a disability
- The swimming goals are aligned to the seven colours of the Rainbow to help build confidence
- Individualised swim lessons are delivered by qualified and dedicated swim teachers

Register your interest

- · Vacancies arise at short notice. so we recommend you register and be ready to start swimming with a Club that understands and supports children with a disability (regardless of the type of disability)
- There is an expectation that a parent or guardian will remain close by during lessons to assist if required

About Rainbow Club

- · We provide a membership for the duration of a school term (9 weekly half hour lessons)
- · Our social calendar has something for everyone
- · Club Committees are run by volunteers

We can't wait to see you at Rainbow Club soon!

Rainbow Club is a network of social swimming clubs for children with a disability

Join us! Sign-up online at myrainbowclub.org.au/register/

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Sport News

Mountain Biking

On Friday 21st May Jack Kelly, Tallan Edworthy, Tom Treddinick, Jacob Wheeler, Aidan Buchanan, Cameron Hawkins, Koen Roberts, Joshua Pyke and Daniel Fold represented St. Paul's Catholic College at Glenrock in the Hunter Mountain Biking Schools Competition. The students enjoyed the day despite the wet and cold weather.



Some were experienced competitors, but for others it was their first time at competing in this sport. We thank and congratulate them all on taking their time and making an effort to represent themselves and the school.

CCC Cross Country

On Tue 8th June St. Paul's Catholic College had 5 students representing the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese at CCC Cross Country at Eastern Creek in Sydney.

Madeline Platt, Jacob Wheeler, Grady Platt, Paige Wheeler and Gabriella Sneddon all competed really well on a cold day against the best Cross Country runners from Catholic Schools in NSW.



Congratulations to Grady and Madeline who both placed 6th, which means they now go through to NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships on Friday 16th July. Good luck!

Friday Sport Representative Teams

Each Friday during sports time students have the opportunity to represent the school and play in a round robin competition against the other Catholic high schools in our region. Congratulations and thanks to all those students who have been participating in those teams this term.

Looking ahead to Term 3, the following sports will be available:

7/8 Girls Basketball
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9/10 Girls Football (Soccer) 9/10 Boys Football (Soccer)

9 Girls Netball 10 Girls Netball

If you would like to participate in any of these sports please put your name down on the sheets on the sports noticeboard outside the staff room by Friday 11/6/2021 (trials will take place if required).

Diocesan, NSWCCC and All Schools Rep Sport

For those students who want to participate in Rep Sport at a higher level, there are options to represent in Diocesan and State levels.

Registrations 2021 for pathway sports are via the CSNSW.sport portal.

For instructions on how to register see the info included in this newsletter or go to: Guide For Parents – Sport Registrations >>

For further information, go to the CSNSW Sport website Sport pages.

Physical Activity 4 Everyone (PA4E1)

Did you know your child should be doing at least 1 HOUR of physical activity each day? Read more: https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-publith-strateg-phys-act-guidelines

Have you used your child's \$100 Active Kids Voucher? Find a fun activity and move your body. Find out more: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids

Mrs Brigid de Winter and Ms Fran Heard Sport Coordinators

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Ministry News



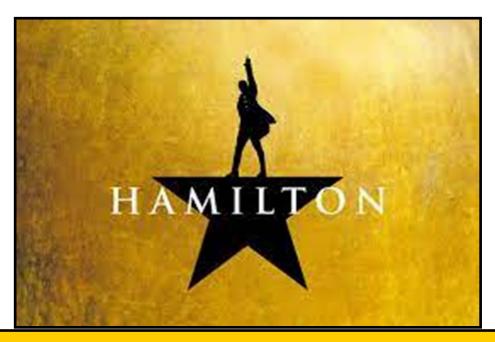
Our annual Vinnie's Winter Appeal is happening again.

If you have any donations of clean blankets and warm clothing (jumpers, long pants, socks etc), bring them to Student Reception.

Donations can be brought in up until St Paul's Day on 25th June 2021.







GET EXCITED CAPA STUDENTS!!

The Hamilton excursion is coming soon

- Wednesday 15th September
 - Term 3 Week 10

Music/ Visual Arts/ Drama Students
Start Saving \$100.00 for ticket & transport
More Information coming soon......



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LOST PROPERTY TUB IN THE HUB

THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF SPORTS JACKETS AND DRINKBOTTLES IN THE LOST PROPERTY TUB

IF YOU HAVE LOST ANYTHING PLEASE COME AND CHECK IF ITS YOURS







Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed for 2021

St Paul's is in URGENT need of Canteen
Volunteers for 2021

If you are able to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Please phone Mrs Carolyn Stanton on 4946 3115

for more information



From the Finance Office

For all Finance enquiries please use the following email address: finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

To calculate your Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly payment amount, please go to our Website and use the calculator. http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/finance/fee-calculator/

If you have not already done so, please ensure I have copies of relevant updated Health Care / Pension Cards.

Also, if you have not completed 2021 Family
Discount and Diocesan Pastoral Contribution Form,
please follow the link to the Website above to
download, complete and return to college office.

Excursions Coming Up

School Fee Payments

- 1. Qkr
- 2. BPay through your own home banking via the Internet
- 3. Eftpos Minimum payment \$10
- 4. Cheque
- 5. Cash

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Please pay for all excursions by the due date written on the excursion notes which are sent home with your child. This date is important as excursion costing is calculated on the number of students who should be attending that particular event. Venues and buses have to be paid when the booking is first made. Your understanding of this would be very much appreciated.

Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: Come to Student Reception or Reception

from 8.30am to 2.30pm

Students: Mornings from 8.30am until tutor group bell,

all of recess and all lunch times

QKR is a great way to pay fees and excursions



For you r convenience, when paying for excursions the new Qkr! App is now live

for families of our students. Qkr! By Mastercard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones, iPad users can download the iPhone app or from Google Play fo Android phones. Simply:

Step 1 Download Qkr!

On your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app





Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school yo will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

For more information about QKR visit our website

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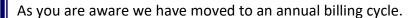


Mrs Betty Harris—Finance Officer finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au



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Billing of School Fees





School fee statements will be sent out at the end of April. We ask that parents who have not yet returned their Payment Frequency Form please complete and return to the Finance Office as soon as possible (copy available on Compass).

We remind you the fee payment should have commenced by now and if paying by instalment we ask that accounts are finalised by 30 November 2021. If paying in full please finalise prior to 30 June 2021.

Payments can be made via BPay, direct debit or credit card.

For families experiencing financial hardship, or wishing to discuss other payment arrangements please contact the Office.



Term 2 2021		
Week 9	Monday 14 June Tuesday 15 June Thursday 17 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend Trial HSC continues NSW All Schools Rugby 7's Girls Selections
Week 10	Mon—Thurs 21-24 June Thursday 24 June Friday 25 June	NSW All School RL Carnival St Vinnies Sleepout Last Day of Term 2 -St Paul's Day Celebrations

Please see website for further Calendar dates

http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/events-calendar/



Please be aware that the events and dates listed on this school calendar are subject to change. Please check regularly.

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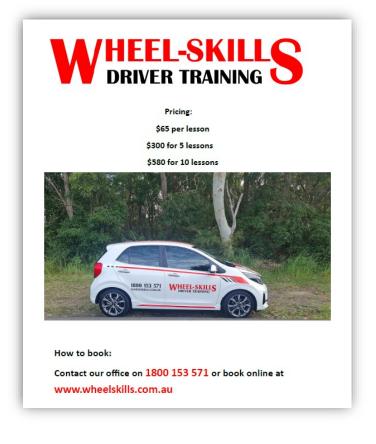
We are excited to announce that St Paul's Catholic College has now joined Facebook. Follow us for up to date information, notifications of events and photos.



Community Notices







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For the best holiday fun, our popular kids' camps get kids outdoors learning new skills and making new friends. With so many activities to choose from, you're sure to find a camp your kids will love.

Camp locations

Milson Island:

28 June - 2 July. Residential 8-12 years 5 July - 7 July. Residential 8-12 years

Sydney Academy of Sport:

28 June - 2 July. Day Camp 7-12 years 5 July - 9 July. Day Camp 7-12 years

Berry:

29 June. Day Camp 7-12 years 6 July. Day Camp 7-12 years 8 July. Day Camp 7-12 years



Seasonal activities may include: Giant swing, canoeing, fishing, archery, cookout, campfires.



Click on the link below to view the holiday programs:

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Contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator

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