



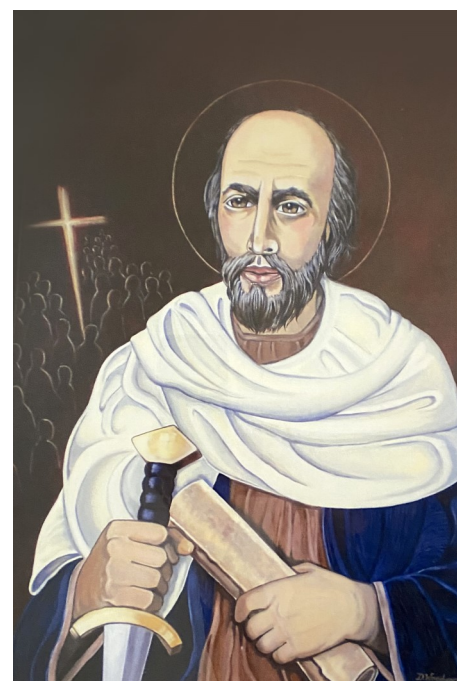
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"We are in the country of the Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their elders, celebrating their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors."

Wednesday 29 June is the Churches nominated Feast Day of St Paul. As a school community we celebrated this significant day today. Originally known as Saul, the following scripture passage from Chapter 9 of the Acts of the Apostles outlines St Paul's conversion from being a persecutor of Jesus to one of his great followers who travelled around the Mediterranean Sea continuing Jesus' work, building Christian communities.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."



St Paul

Pray for Us

As our patron saint there are many messages we can draw from St Paul, his story and works. One of the central themes to take away from St Paul is even if we drift away from God and in St Paul's case actively work against the works of God, God is still our companion and when the time comes for us to seek guidance from Him once again, God is always there for us.

As a school community there were several events which occurred to celebrate St Paul's Feast Day:

- Initially, the community gathered in the Hall for Mass celebrated by Fr James Odoh. Joining us for the celebration were three former Principals, Fr Kevin Kiem, Mr Gerard Mowbray and Mr Graeme Selmes. It was wonderful Fr James celebrated Mass for us and St Paul's former leaders being able to join us for part of the day.
- In the middle of the day, 'St Paul's has Got Talent', saw a variety of students perform on stage.
- During the afternoon, the students got to spend time with their friends in a range of activities.

It was fantastic to see the community come together and celebrate this special day in the life of the school.

Thanks to all the staff who were involved in the organisation of the day, notably Mr Doyle for his organisation of the Mass, Mrs Lucas for her coordination of all the activities and to the Leaders of Wellbeing and Engagement for their organisation of the stalls and activities.

Pupil Free Day and Strategic Plan

Earlier today, parents and carers would have received the details below via Compass relating to St Paul's next Strategic Plan. **A Pupil Free Day will be held on Monday 8 August, 2022** to allow time for staff to be involved in the preparation of the plan.

Information sent to Parents and Carers via Compass on Friday 1 July, 2022:

Every three years all Catholic Schools in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese are required to develop a Strategic Plan for the coming years. Earlier this term, St Paul's completed a Self-Review of the past three years which was presented to members of the Catholic Schools Office staff. This information assists with the formation of the next Strategic Plan. The focus areas of the Strategic Plan are:

- Catholic Formation and Mission
- Learning
- Wellbeing and Partnerships

On Monday 8 August, 2022 all staff will be involved in a Consultation Workshop where they will have the opportunity to have input into St Paul's next Strategic Plan. **As a result, Monday 8 August will be a Pupil Free Day with no classes scheduled.** The Consultation Workshop will be led by Dr Dan White. Dr White is the former Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools.

The Student Leaders and the Student Representative Council will meet with Dr White throughout Term 3 Week 2.

To ensure parents and carers have input into the Strategic Plan, you are invited to participate in a Consultation Workshop. **The workshop will take place on Wednesday 27 July, 2022 at 6.00pm in the Damascus Centre** and will be led by Dr White. It is anticipated the workshop will take between 60 to 90 minutes. To assist with organisation for the workshop if you wish to attend you are asked to register at the [Parent and Carer Consultation Workshop link](#).

I thank you for taking the time to consider being involved in shaping the coming years of St Paul's.

Public Speaking

On Thursday of Week 9, several students travelled to the Catholic Schools Office for the annual diocesan Public Speaking competition. Three St Paul's students were successful in their categories on the day. We extend our congratulations to Brooklyne Kusum (Year 7), Kirrily Boslem (Year 10) and Rosemary Hale (Year 11) for their success.

Thanks to Mr Doyle and Miss McIntosh who supported and accompanied the students on the day.



Creative Arts Showcase

On the second last Thursday evening of the term, it was great to be in the audience to witness the creative talents of our artists, musician, dance, and drama students as they performed and displayed their gifts at the Creative Arts Showcase.

To start the evening, the St Paul's Aboriginal Dance group performed for the first time, another example of the inclusive nature of the St Paul's community. This was a continuation of the wonderful work and support Ms Stewart and Ms Blacklock provide our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

The evening allowed the Year 12 Drama, Dance and Music students to perform some of the HSC performances prior to final presentation of their work to the HSC markers during Term 3.

It was wonderful many parents and extended family members were in attendance to support the children. The Creative and Performing Arts teachers invest significant amounts of time with their students to prepare them for the evening. We offer our thanks to these teachers and to Ms Burt for her coordination of the evening.



Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, St Paul's annual Athletics Carnival took place at Glendale. Despite the challenging weather conditions, students in attendance were willing participants in both track and field events. Congratulations to the successful competitors on the day, especially to Grady Platt for setting a record in the Under 16 1500m and to Bella Fitzhenry for equalling the Under 12 High Jump record which has stood since 1984. The successful house on the day was Polding.



Thanks to Mr Perrin for his organisation of the carnival and to Mrs de Winter and Mr Melville who coordinated the running of the carnival.

Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Shipman from leave at the start of Term 3 to her role of Assistant Principal Community and Wellbeing role and we offer our thanks to Mrs Brownlee who has very capably stepped into the Acting Assistant Principal position while Mrs Shipman was away. We also offer our thanks to Mrs Hatfield-Smith who was Acting Year 11 LoWE during this time as she efficiently continued to offer support to our Year 11 students.

Mr Morgan has been appointed to replace Mr Ekin in the Maths Faculty. Mr Morgan has recently completed his Internship at St Paul's and will commence his new position at the start of Term 3.

At the end of the term, Mr Blaik will finish at St Paul. We thank Mr Blaik for his work at the school throughout Semester One and wish him all the best for the future. We are currently working through a process to replace Mr Blaik for the remainder of 2022

As we the end of Term 2 draws to a close, I take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and for those travelling a safe journey and we look forward to the students returning on Monday 18 July, 2022.

Term 3 commences on Monday the 18th of July

Mr Nicholas Wickham
Principal



St Paul's Day

St Paul's Day brings our whole community together for friendship and fun. This year we had the inaugural St Paul's Day Mass where Father James inspired the students with his humour and wise words. The St Paul's Got Talent Show involved showcasing some amazing talent but also applauding those who are brave enough to stand on the stage and have a go. The afternoon continued with rides and sports. The sea of smiling faces tells the story that St Paul's Day was another huge success.





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Creative and Performing Arts Showcase





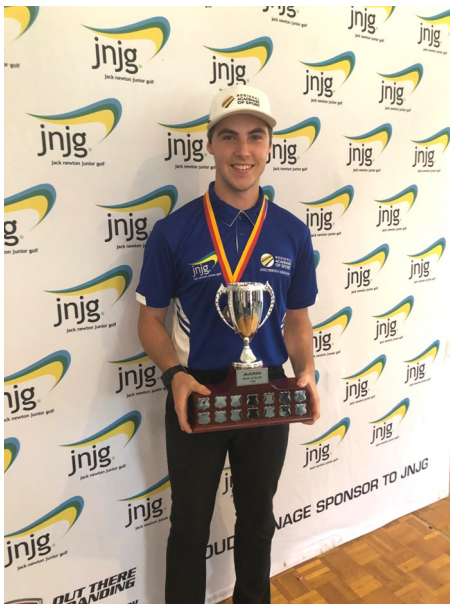


Recently, 9 female students from year 9-11 travelled to Aberglasslyn to participate in a Girls Rugby League Day - 9 a-side. All girls did an amazing job (considering they had no reserves), represented SPCC with pride and continued to show up on the field. Courage, grit, tenacity and determination were just a few of the qualities displayed throughout the 3 games. Games were tough, some heavy tackles were made and they came home with 1 win to their name. Thankyou to the families for helping with transport and their support. A fabulous day. Great job Ladies.



Lachlan Venables, a year 11 student at St Paul's, recently competed in the North Vs South golf competition. This was an invitational competition with the best 24 golfers being invited from North and South of the state.

Lachlan had to compete over three days, playing 18 holes each day in a grueling, highly competitive cup. We are so proud of Lachlan for making it to this competition, but even prouder that HE WON! A big congratulations to Lachlan as he feels the success of his hard work.



Representing the Hunter Pickleball club... Mrs Fox was part of the 22 person NSW squad that defeated a strong Victoria team over the June long weekend at the annual - Battle of the Border state team challenge. Congratulations Mrs Fox!





Experience a FREE Holiday Break Camp this Winter School Holidays

Book your childs School Holiday camp today!

The NSW Government is pleased to announce the return of FREE kids camps for this Winter School Holidays.

Holiday Break camps are available for kids 12-15 years from regional NSW communities. The camps are a combination of day and residential camps across seven Sport and Recreation Centres and include all meals, accommodation (residential camps only) and activities.

Kids will get to participate in activities such as archery, kayaking, mountain biking and much more! So why not get the kids to take a break, get active, and have some fun this Winter school holidays.

Free Holiday Break camps are being offered at the following Office of Sport, Sport and Recreation Centres:

- Milson Island
- Broken Bay
- Point Wolstoncroft
- Berry
- Lake Burrendong
- Lake Keepit
- Borambola

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Toronto Community Kitchen

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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/> (Please take the figure to the next five cents)

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

Also, if you have not completed 2022 School Fee Information Form, please follow the link to the Website above to download, complete and return to college office.

School Fee

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

Excursion Payments

1. Qkr

Excursions Coming Up

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: Payments can be made at Reception between 8.30am and 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 and Friday Sport



For your 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 for 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 you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

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