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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.”

On Monday morning we woke to the tragic news of the devastating bus crash in the Hunter Valley which claimed the lives of 10 victims and left others injured. As a community we offer our prayers for the families and friends of those who lost their lives as well as for those impacted by the tragedy.

The following prayer is taken from a Liturgy prepared by the diocese:



God of mercy, as we stand at the foot of the cross contemplating the devastation of this accident, open our hearts and minds to know your presence with us, shining the light of your love and peace into our broken hearts and dashed hopes.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Jesus **Pray for all victims and those impacted by the Hunter Valley bus tragedy.**

St Paul **Pray for Us**

Pupil Free Day

Monday 17 July, 2023 will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will engage in professional learning related to our First Nations people. Classes will resume for students on Tuesday, 18 July, 2023.

Toby Cedar Presentations

On Monday of Week 7 Toby Cedar a proud Torres Strait Islander man shared his story and also provided insights into the lives of the Torres Strait Islander people with some of the St Paul's students. Toby's presentation was part of the College's Reconciliation Week initiatives.

Thanks to Ms Stewart for arranging for Toby to come and enhance our understanding of our First Nations people.



DioDrama

St Paul's Drama students from Years 9 to 12 performed at the Civic Playhouse on Tuesday 6 June, 2023. The students worked closely with Anna Kerrigan Artistic Director of ASPIRE and their teacher Ms Burt to develop their performance.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to perform in front of a live audience in the Playhouse. The students were amazing and an indication of their dedication to their work and to the support and guidance provided by Ms Burt.



Natalia Hogan

Former St Paul's student, Natalia Hogan shared her story with the students at Assembly last week. Natalia graduated from Year 12 at St Paul's in 2018 and what is remarkable about her story is that during her time at St Paul's she started to live independently from her family through the support of the Samaritans Student Accommodation program. Natalia referred to the ongoing assistance of the St Paul's community and the Samaritan's Association during these years.

It was evident from Natalia's presentation she is a tremendously resilient person who is very determined to make a success of her life. Since her graduation, Natalia has travelled overseas and is now studying at university.

We thank Natalia for sharing her story with the students as well as outlining how organisations like the Samaritan support homeless youths. Thanks also to Mrs Burns who arranged for Natalia to come and talk at the Assembly.



DioSounds

Last Thursday, music students from across the diocese gathered at the Civic Theatre, Newcastle for the annual DioSounds performance. The theme for the 2023 performance was *'Walk Together'*.

St Paul's students performed wonderfully with their renditions of 'Who's Gonna Save My Soul' and 'Freedom'. It was great to see the students on the stage enjoying the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. Thanks to Ms Garrett, Ms Marsh, Mr Baker and Ms Burt for their preparation and support of the students. Mr Baker was instrumental in the whole production as Stage Manager.



Fr Priyantha Fernando

Fr Priyantha joined the Warners Bay, Booragul and Boolaroo Parish at the end of 2023 as Assistant Priest. He has been celebrating mass on a Tuesday morning which the students have been attending. Fr Priyantha has also joined with Parish Priest Fr Greg Barker, at the Opening College Mass and Year 12 Retreat Mass,

Fr Priyantha is from Sri Lanka and is excited to be part of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Prior to the end of term Fr Priyantha will be starting to visit some classes with our Youth Minister. This will provide him with the opportunity to get to know the students and also for the students to learn more about him and his background.

Exploring St Paul's Program

The Exploring St Paul's Program continues with students from St John Vianney, Morisset returning last week and for the first-time students from St Kevin's Cardiff visiting St Paul's this week. These students were involved in Science and Music based activities.



Term 2 Parent and Carer Gathering

Thanks to the Parent and Carers who joined the gathering on Tuesday evening.

As part of the meeting Lizzie Watkin Professional Officer, Family Engagement with the Catholic Schools Office joined the meeting and shared information regarding the diocesan Parents and Friends Federation.

The next gathering will take place on Tuesday 5 September, 2023 commencing at 6.00pm. Information related to registering for the gathering will be included in Newsletters in Term 3.

2023 and 2024 Enrolments

St Paul's is still accepting Enrolment Application from families wishing to be consider for a place in Year 7 2024. These families are asked to contact the Main Office for further details.

There are currently some places available in some year groups for 2023. If any current St Paul's families are aware of any families who are considering enrolling their students at the College, please ask them to contact the school to discuss possibilities.

Mr Nicholas Wickham

Principal



Year 6 Exploring St Paul's



DioSounds

We are so proud of our students who participated in this year's DioSounds. Our students produced an excellent standard of music. Our technical crew that works professionally in the music industry commented about our school. I was so proud to say that these were our students. Our students performed two items: "Who's Ginna Save My Soul by Gnarl's Barkley and "Freedom 90" by George Michael.

We also had some of our students perform in the DioEnsemble items. This was a showcase of some of the selected talent in our schools. Well done to Michael Pockran, Lisa-Jean Hall, Kirrily Boslem, Katherine Turton, Gabrielle Brady and Molly Herbert for representing St Paul's in these items.

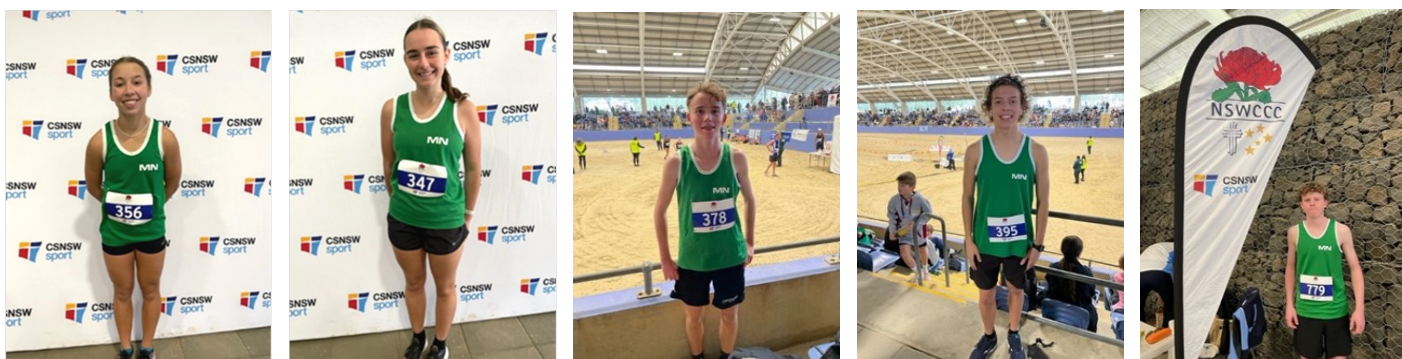
Congratulations to our students who participated: Kirrily Boslem, Gabrielle Brady, Molly Herbert, Katherine Turton, Sienna Sakavaras, Raphael Keo, Michael Pockran, Lewis Ord, Mia-Jayne Dawes, Lisa-Jean Hall, Eliza Leedham, Tanatswa Mureverwi, Ethan Goymer, Brayden Gilbert, Anna-Rose Rattray, Melanie Rowe, Latisha Tate, and Catherine Voigt.



Mr Luke Baker
Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement - Year 11



A massive congratulations to Scarlett Levy (Year 8) and Bethany Evans (Year 10) who have both successfully auditioned for a position of the Hunter Drama Immersion trip in 2024. Both girls will get to experience all that theatre has to offer in the UK and France, including a special workshop with a mystery actor. What an amazing opportunity for these two talented thespians.



The CCC cross country was held on Monday at the Sydney Equestrian Centre. St Paul’s had 5 amazing athlete’s representing us – Holly Kehoe, William Dalglish, Grady Platt, Jacob Wheeler and Madeline Platt.

All of our students competed exceptionally well, with Grady and William placing 4th and 10th in the 17 years boys, Madeline placing 8th in the 15 years girls, Holly placing 26th in the 18 years girls and Jacob placing 34th in the 16 years boys.

I was extremely proud to watch our 5 athletes compete. The Maitland/Newcastle Diocesan had a very strong team this year in both the primary and secondary categories. Grady, William and Madeline will move onto the CHS cross country to be held on July 21st at Eastern Creek.



Mrs Sarah Garland
CCC Team Manager

Upcoming Sport Events

Tues 27 June	St Paul’s Athletics Carnival	Glendale
Tues 25 July	NSWCCC 18s Netball Individual Selection Trial	Menai
Wed 16 August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival	Glendale
Tues 22 August	Diocesan Basketball Gala Day	Broadmeadow
Mon 11 September	NSWCCC Athletics Championship	Sydney Olympic Park

For information on all individual and team pathway events, please go to <https://cnsw.sport/>



Mr Brad Melville
Sport Coordinator

St Paul's Day, Friday 30 June, 2023

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

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

Following the mass, 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.

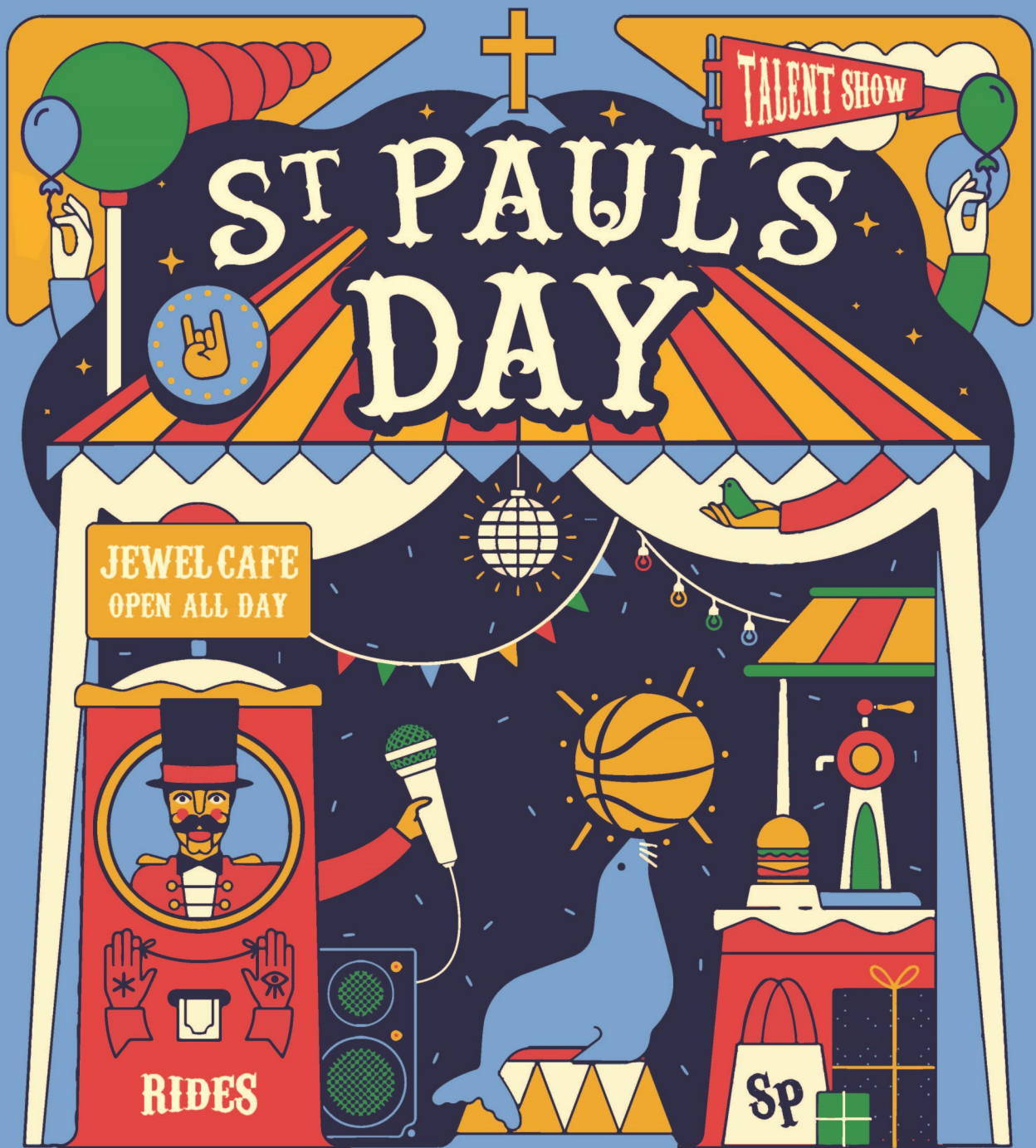


The food stalls that will be available on the day include a sausage sizzle, pizza, soft drinks, donuts, milkshakes, cakes and lollies. The food and rides are heavily subsidised by the school, however there is a small cost of \$1-2 for each food item and \$2 per ride or 5 rides for \$8. Students will need to bring cash if they choose to buy food or go on the rides.

Mrs Libby Lucas
Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement



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FRI 30TH JUNE '23

Vinnies Winter Appeal

As part of our social justice focus this term, we are fundraising for the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Please bring in donations of coats, jumpers, scarves, blankets, beanies, gloves and socks. To ensure the dignity of others, ensure these items are in good condition. Vinnies follow the rule of thumb- if you'd give it to your friend, it is good to donate.

The banner features the St Paul's Catholic College logo on the left with the motto 'Unere Christus Est' and 'Booragui'. The main text reads: 'THE POWER TO CHANGE A LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS. DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. Please donate to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.' The Vinnies good works logo is on the right. The central text says 'Vinnies Winter Appeal' with decorative stars. Two callout boxes contain: 'Please bring in coats, jumpers, scarves, blankets, beanies, gloves and socks.' and 'Make sure items are in good condition'.

Donations will be accepted at Student Reception until **Wednesday, 28th June**.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:35-36

The poster has a red top section with the Arrendell logo and 'secondary education centre'. Below is a wooden sign that says 'Winter Holiday School 4-7 July 2023'. The main body is light blue with a penguin illustration. It lists: 'HSC English Workshop Paper 1 Unseen Texts Thurs 6th, 1.00pm - 4.00pm', 'Junior Writing Workshop (yr 5 - 8) Tues 4th - Wed 5th, 10.00am - 1.30pm', and 'Selective Schools Prep Workshop Tues 4th - Thurs 6th, 10.00am - 12.15pm'. It also mentions 'Individual Lessons English, Maths, Sciences by arrangement' and 'Face to face and online tutoring available'. A banner at the bottom says '45 years experience helping Hunter students achieve their goals'. Contact info: 0408 692 045 | arrendell@ozemail.com.au | www.arrendellsecondaryeducation.com.au

The poster is blue with a gold cross at the top. It says 'Join us for Exuberant Catholic Praise & Worship!'. The text invites all interested people to a regular evening of exuberant praise and worship, featuring traditional and contemporary Catholic music, Scripture, catechesis, reflection, and testimonies. It includes an initial planning meeting on Wednesday, 21st June, 5.30pm-7.00pm at The Josephite Centre, St Mary's Catholic College, 47-49 Pacific Highway, Gateshead. RSVP to Fr Anthony Potts, m. 0466 140 066, email tony.potts@mn.catholic.org.au

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/> (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.

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 the way to pay fees, 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.

For more information about QKR visit our website

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Canteen

Telephone: 4946 3115

Clothing Pool

8.45 - 10.30am Thursdays



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

21st June: Year 9 Challenge Camp

27th June: Athletics Carnival

30th June: St Paul's Day

17th July: Pupil Free Day