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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."

The Liturgical season of Advent commenced on Sunday. The season of Advent is about waiting and preparing for the birth of Christ. During this holy time the Church asks to wait with anticipation for the joys which are associated with the arrival of the Messiah. The following prayer comes from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Advent Reflections.



We are looking for God in our world.

May we see what God wants us to see.

We are looking for God in our lives.

May we be who God wants us to be.

And may God our Shepherd, Protector, Awakener, and Holy Spirit, bless us through these Advent days. Amen

Jesus **Pray for us and for peace in the world.**

St Paul **Pray for Us**

School Musical – Alice in Wonderland

Last week, twelve months of hard work by the students and staff involved in the production of our musical, Alice in Wonderland came to fruition with performances taking place. Throughout the week the students performed for their peers, students from our feeder Primary Schools and for the broader community on Thursday evening.

All the students performed to an amazingly high standard with the enjoyment evident on the student's faces. The performance was seamless with the different scenes transitioning from one to another in such a professional manner. All the students involved are to be affirmed for their dedication and commitment throughout the practices and performances.

Congratulations to the CAPA staff for turning the idea of a school musical into a reality. This required many hours of planning and collaboration to bring all the elements together for the performance. It was wonderful to see the faculty working together to enable the musical to occur. Special mention to Ms Burt for her leadership of the Faculty and as well as for being the driving forces behind the whole production. To the Production crew of Ms Burt, Mr Baker, Ms Garrett and Ms Marsh, your nurturing of the students was clearly evident in the performance. The painting of the sets by Ms Howard, Ms Pateman and Mr Beezley brought the musical alive. Members of the TAS and VET Faculties were also involved with Ms Nowland overseeing the development of the costumes and Mr Lynn for coordinating the manufacturing of the sets.

The Alice in Wonderland musical was a wonderful school event which saw everyone coming together to celebrate and acknowledge the creative and performing talents of the students and staff.

The Cast of the musical were:

Alice - Anna-Rose Rattray	Ensemble
Mad Hatter - Scarlett Levy	Zoe Crawford
White Rabbit - Bethany Evans	Scarlett Beattie
Queen of Hearts - Catherine Voigt	Vinnie Groeneveld
March Hare - Brooklyn Tickner	Charlotte Russell
Tweddle Dee - Lewis Ord	Harshita Diwakaran
Tweddle Dum - Beau Jenkinson	Zavier Scott
Mock Turtle - Isabelle Mould	Heidi Parlett
Cheshire Cat - Kirrily Boslem	Alyssa Mackay
King of Hearts - Jesse Walsh	
The Door Mouse - Eliza Leedham	
The Caterpillar - Kate Turton	
The Dodo Bird - Lana McDowell	
Loreena - Charlotte Rayner-Watson	
The Knave - Lauren Kohlhagen	
Two of Hearts - Mia-Jayne Dawes	
Five of Hearts - Charlotte Burt	
Seven of Hearts - Eliana McElhone	
Performance swing & sound consultant - Dominic Voigt	
Bridget Voigt - Vocalist	
Cast Member - Tiana Beckwith	



2024 College Newsletter

Recently, discussions have been taking place regarding the publication frequency of the College Newsletter for 2024.

Currently the College uses Compass, Facebook, the College Website as well as our Newsletter to communicate with our community. During the discussions staff indicated they use Compass to send messages to families which would have traditionally occurred in the Newsletter. Facebook also allows us to share information about events in real time. The number of times the Newsletter would be published was also discussed at the Parent and Carer Meeting last week.

As a result of the discussions, it has been determined the Newsletter will only be published three times each term in 2024, in Weeks 2, 6 and 10. From time to time there may be the need to publish additional editions, depending on, what is occurring in the life of the College.

*Mr Nicholas Wickham
Principal*



Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

As my tenure at St Paul's Catholic College comes to a close, I write this message with very mixed emotions. As a community, together we have experienced a variety of disruptions over the past four years which have had a significant influence on the way we work and learn. Events like the pandemic and the rapid emergence of new technologies have encouraged us to be flexible and agile in response to change. I feel a sense of pride when I consider how staff and students have embraced the challenge of change and worked towards creating St Paul's as a centre of learning that looks towards the future.

While there is not enough space to list all the wonderful moments that reflect the dynamic nature of the College community, the production of Alice In Wonderland, Year 12 graduation celebrations, Socktober, the Vinnies Appeal, and of course St Paul's Day, are indicative of a culture that is dynamic, celebrates success and recognises the transformative power of community. As new students and staff join St Paul's, they become a part of the St Paul's story. Each new person brings different strengths and enhances the life of the school community in different ways. Each of us has had an influence on the culture of the school and sets this culture in place for those who come after us.

As I reflect on my time at St Paul's, I would like to acknowledge all staff who I have had the privilege to work with. Their incredible dedication, passion, and commitment to student learning and wellbeing have been instrumental in creating a nurturing and enriching environment. I have witnessed some extraordinary teaching skills that have resulted in outstanding improvements in student learning. I am in awe of the commitment, talents and care our staff show for students and their families. I also acknowledge the wonderful team of Leaders of Learning who have led the faculty teams with dedication and with a vision of improving learning for students. The work of this exceptional group of middle leaders will continue to shape the future of the College – they are a force for change!

Over the past four years I have been continuously inspired by our students through their achievements and willingness to embrace the learning challenges presented to them. St Paul's students are exceptional individuals who are the change-makers of the future, and it has been an honour to be a part of their journey. Witnessing the variety of students' academic, cultural and sporting accomplishments, big and small, reinforces the joy of teaching and makes me immensely proud of our students. I would like to also thank the families who have trusted the teachers of St Paul's with the education of their children. I have thoroughly enjoyed walking with the families as we guide students to be the best versions of themselves.

I would also like to thank Fr Greg and Fr Priyantha for the important part they play in centralising the mission of Catholic education for all young people. As St Paul's continues to be a lighthouse to the community, their presence and guidance of staff, students and families is integral to upholding Pope Francis' call for us to be an evangelising church. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Nicholas Wickham for his leadership over the past two years and for his vision for St Paul's. Most importantly, however, I would like to thank Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman who has been an exceptional colleague and leader. It has been an honour to lead with her throughout the past four years and working with her has highlighted the power of women in leadership lifting each other up and enhancing each other's strengths.

With the leadership of Mr Wickham, Mrs Shipman and the incoming Assistant Principal the College continues to be in good hands, as a place who welcomes all and, in the words of St Paul, *Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.*

Colossians 3:14-15

Mrs Amber Carter
Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

St Paul's Catholic College

Day of Photography

7/2/2024

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:
ZKY 3V2 FDM
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact *advancedlife* directly:
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Care Group News

Students will be completing a kindness Advent Calendars in Care Group



Early Closing Dates for Sport Nominations 2024

- 7th February - NSWCCC Softball Selections
- 8th February - Diocesan Rugby League (U16 Girls, U15 Boys)
- 16th February - Diocesan Rugby League (Opens)
- 16th February - NSWCCC Golf Selections
- 17th February - NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships
- 23rd February - NSWCCC Tennis Selections

St Paul's Carnivals 2024

- Monday 12th February - Swimming Carnival, Lambton Swimming Pool
- Tuesday 2nd July - Athletics Carnival, Hunter Sports Centre Glendale



*Mr Brad Melville
Sport's Coordinator*



Alice in Wonderland


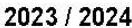



Alice in Wonderland



College Uniform

Please see below the updated Uniform pricing from LOWES Glendale as well as the link to the website:






St PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

		RRP
GIRLS ALL SEASON UNIFORM		
56313 Sky Blue Overblouse - Junior		\$48.95
92268 S/S Overblouse White With Red Piping & Embroidery - Senior		\$44.95
78144 Ladies Tailored Shorts Charcoal	from	\$34.95
78143 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Shorts - Seniors		\$39.95
79221 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Pants - Seniors		\$50.95
91876 Blue/Grey Check Skirt - Junior		\$63.95
91881 Navy Skirt - Senior		\$84.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
86260 Navy Jackie Tights		\$8.95
BOYS ALL SEASON UNIFORM		
84257 S/S Deluxe White Shirt with Embroidery	from	\$44.95
84258 Sky Blue Shirt	from	\$47.95
95047 Mid Grey Short		\$54.95
95051 Navy Deluxe College Shorts		\$49.95
97030 Mid Grey PQS College Style Trousers		\$67.95
97032 Navy College Trousers		\$67.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
99011 Black Leather Belt		\$21.95
SPORTS		
85062 Sky Polo Top	from	\$47.95
96326 Navy Microfibre Stretch Short		\$45.95
79003 Navy Knit Shorts	from	\$45.95
57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
97906 White Sport Socks		\$5.95
SENIOR BLAZERS		
98410 Navy Collarless Blazer		\$219.95
98590 Navy Blazer		\$219.95


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INAUGURAL CSNSW SPORT AQUATHLON
TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 2023

Register Now!

Age Groups:
 8 Years - 19 Years

Cost:
 Entry - \$35 4th Dec
 Late Entry - \$55 11th Dec

Eligible Students:
 Affiliated schools to Catholic Schools NSW

First Race: 8:30AM Max Parker Leisure & Aquatic Centre

NSW TRIATHLON CSNSW SPORT PROGRAMMES/AQUATHLON CSNSW sport




SUMMER JAZZ CAMP 24
 Katoomba, NSW 1-5 January

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 T.S, student

“Jazz Camp is the hippest thing happening in this country”
 Eric Dunan, jazz director, Wollongong Conservatorium

“She loved the friends she made and all the great things she learnt. You have managed to turn Jazz from an interest to an obsession!”
 Tina, parent

Details & booking online:
www.Jazz.camp



Family Support Newcastle and Samaritans invites parents and carers of young people aged 10+ living in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the Hunter to this FREE 6 week group:

Tuning in to Teens

Family Support Newcastle Samaritans

WHEN
 Mondays and Tuesdays
 5:30 - 7:30pm

DATES
 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd
 January 2024

WHERE
 Online

Discussion include:

- Develop new ways of talking with and understanding your teen
- Support your teen to manage difficult emotions
- Develop your teen's skills in managing conflict
- Being kind and caring to yourself
- Join online from the comfort of your home

To register or enquire call
 Rachelle on 0407 891 650 or
 Mark on 0491 060 916

Stay Tuned

The Family Relationships and Skills program is funded by the Australian Government through Family Support Newcastle
 Youth Engagement officer is funded by DCJ through Samaritans







Arrendell
 secondary education centre

Summer Holiday School
 16 - 18 Jan 2024

- HSC English Prep - Craft of Writing Workshop
- Senior Essay Writing Workshop
- Yrs 6 - 9 Writing Workshop
- Yrs 5 & 6 Selective Schools Workshop
- Individual lessons by arrangement
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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.

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

www.booragul.catholic.edu.au



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Switch/Reception
Hours: 8.15am until 3.30pm

Finance Office
Hours: 8.30am to 2.30pm
Email: finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Canteen
Telephone: 4946 3115

Clothing Pool 8.45 - 10.30am Thursday



St Paul's
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

6th Dec: Year 7, 2024 Orientation Day

7th Dec: Sports Awards (P3)

11th Dec: 7-10 Awards

14th Dec: ATAR BBQ

12-14th Dec: End of Year Activities