



Photo by Andy Warren

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's hard to believe that 12 months ago we began remote learning and lock down! I was in the supermarket yesterday looking at the toilet paper aisle and quietly lamenting how crazy things became this time last year with shortages, panic buying and the massive fear that we all had not knowing how this new virus might affect us and in particular, our loved ones. The news out of Europe was horrific and it was clear that the US was in all sorts of trouble. New words like "PPE", "Viral Load", "Remote/Online learning" and adjectives such as "unprecedented" seemed to be the most overused words in the English language. We were told that "We were all in this together," and we all knew a new city in China – Wuhan. We "sanitised" pretty much everything and what we didn't, we "Zoomed!" Young people became fascinated with American politics and followed Donald Trump's demise. Here at St Paul's, almost 50 updates and letters were sent home to families during the height of the crisis. Each being at least 750 words each! That's almost 40,000 words! The novel, *Wizard of Oz* was only 40,000 words long!

We seemed to have navigated things well and we are now able to allow more interaction between parents and the College. In fact, on Monday 22nd March, we will be hosting our first major Parent event, the Year 7- 2022 Information evening. It will be lovely to welcome our new families and returning families to this event. We still have to keep COVID safe with some appropriate spacings of chairs and QR Code sign-in but it will be lovely to have a large group back on site for the first time in 12 months.

On Tuesday this week we welcomed Andrew Fuller to the College to work with our staff to further develop our skills in dealing with adolescent mental health. I sent a letter to all families last week outlining the work that Andrew will be doing with our teachers and Learning Support Assistants.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs Carter, Mrs Shipman, Mrs Pryor, Mrs McCafferty and myself will be attending the second Professional Development opportunity with world renowned education consultant Lyn Sharratt. Lyn comes from Canada and will be zooming in to the conference and working with teachers and principals throughout the Diocese. Lyn's book "Clarity" is the basis of this work and is also the basis of the Diocesan school improvement agenda for the next 5 years. We look forward to engaging in the critical work.

As we continue our Lenten Journey this year, I found some words from Pope Francis that really speak to where the world is at:

"To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic," Francis wrote in the message published ahead of the liturgical season of Lent that started with Ash Wednesday on February 17.

"In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you' (Isaiah 43:1).

“In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.”

The Pontiff emphasised that even a small amount of almsgiving when offered with “joy and simplicity” can multiply, as did “the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd.”

“Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness,” he said.

The pope’s Lenten message addresses the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and love.

In his message, Pope Francis said that the virtue of hope is particularly important as the world continues to grapple with the effects of the pandemic.

“In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope,” he said.

“Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated.

“Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: ‘Be reconciled to God’ (2 Corinthians 5:20).

“By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others.”

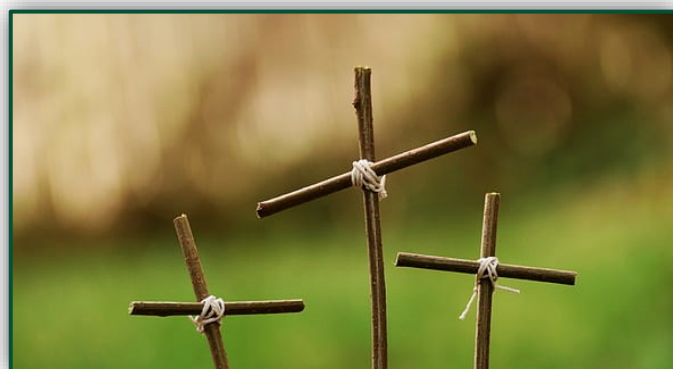
The pope said it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be “willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference”.

“In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn,” he said.

<https://catholicleader.com.au/news/message-for-lent-encourages-catholics-to-care-for-those-affected-by-pandemic> - Downloaded 15th March 2021

Go gently,

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal



Student Representative Council

Congratulations to the students who have accepted the responsibility of SRC Representative for 2021. In the group's first meeting of the year a tremendous amount of energy and many great ideas were forth coming. The focus of this first meeting was the Anti-Bullying Day which saw much discussion and excitement about how students could make the most of this awareness day. From the well-loved sausage sizzle to the staff v's student games, to science experiments and crazy Instagram photos the students were determined not to let the torrential rain damper the spirit of the day. To add to the excitement of the day, Backflips delivered some extremely important messages about bullying and how to combat the bullies in our lives. Students were extremely receptive to these messages and the performance enabled all students to keep the conversation and awareness alive about how to minimise bullying in our school context. To see more about the Backflips Program parents can visit the following website: <https://www.actioneducation.com.au/backflips-against-bullying/>

There are many students in this group who have tremendous leadership skills and as a team, I am confident they will work together to do great things for the student community. Congratulations to the following students:

Year 7: Jayden Raven, Ellie Bridger-Darling, Benjamin Cowen, Grace Saneesh

Year 8: Sienna Rolla, Jesse Walsh, Cleo Doyle, Emily O'Grady, Zack Messenger, Chase O'Brien

Year 9: Valentina Costa, Kasey Crebert, William Murphy, Maddi Rowan, Lochlan Warburton

Year 10: Ireland Thomas, Kadence Quinn, Jace Lawless, Laicey Jefferson, Tara Cowen

Year 11 House Leaders: Jorja Brown/Caleb Baker, Mia Powell/Jazmyn McPherson, Rylee Jenkinson/Lara Fennell, Kevin Van Der Merwe/Ella Rushton

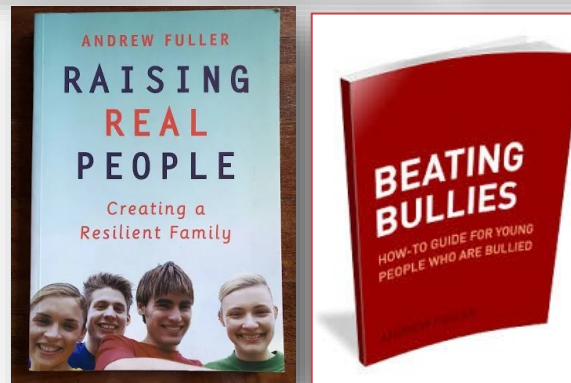
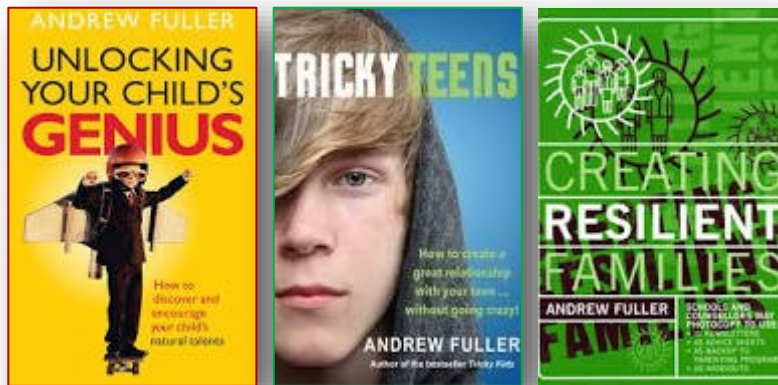
Year 12 House Leaders: Holly Callaghan, Christine Connell, Flynn Guest, John Kennedy, Benjamin Lerch, Kian Livingstone, Luke Sneddon, Claire Wilson

Staff who have also offered to work with the SRC team are: Mrs Lucas, Ms Kelly, Mrs Yates, Ms Burt, Miss Gardner and Mr Baker.



Andrew Fuller

On Tuesday St Paul's staff had the opportunity to host and listen to the expertise of Andrew Fuller. For parents with adolescent children the wisdom and advice of Andrew is worth considering. He is an expert in the field of understanding the adolescent brain and how to minimise anxiety for our children during their crazy adolescent years. Nothing can beat the importance of comforting our teenagers and making them feel emotionally safe and secure. From here our children/students will be able to, not only survive but thrive. I encourage parents to view the work and wisdom of Andrew Fuller by visiting his website <https://andrewfuller.com.au/free-resources/> He has some great books that can also be accessed. Title such as: *Unlocking your Child's Genius*, *Beating Bullies* and *Raising Real People* offer an understanding and common-sense approach on how to deal with tricky adolescent times.



Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman
Assistant Principal—Community & Wellbeing



It was a wonderful opportunity to have prominent psychologist, Andrew Fuller, speak with staff this week. During the day, he debunked some myths about intelligence. We often hear our students talk about how 'smart' they perceive themselves to be as they measure themselves against their peers. To use the phrase coined by Andrew Fuller, we want all students to know they can 'get smart' because St Paul's is a 'Get Smart' school. Part of understanding intelligence or 'smartness' is knowing that there are so many ways to be smart, it is a quality that can be expressed in a variety of ways, all of which are valued. Similarly, at the beginning of the year I challenged students to reflect on how they are defining their own success. Students shouldn't define their success, or 'smarts' based on what others are doing, instead they are encouraged to know what success is for them as an individual.

Senior Studies – student's 'getting smart'

As the term comes to a close, it is an opportunity for our senior students to reflect on how they are progressing in their academic goals. Four important questions students are encouraged to continually ask is: What Am I Learning? How Am I going? How Do I Know? What Are My Next Steps? Students can gauge how they are going by seeking feedback from their teachers through the regular submission of work for feedback. Students who are proactive in this pursuit develop resilience and a confidence in their ability to develop their understanding. Through the process of seeking and applying feedback, students also begin to define their own success.

Reports

Interim Reports for Year 7 to Year 11 will be issued on Tuesday next week. These reports include a student Self-Reflection where they are asked to reflect on how they are progressing with their learning. The questions students have been asked to reflect on are:

Do I attempt tasks which reflects my best effort in learning?

Do I seek assistance when needed and communicates with the class teacher?

Do I apply feedback to improve learning and enhance understanding?

Student responses to these questions are a useful point of discussion at the Student Conferences which are to be held, for Years 7-10 in week 10. Student Conferences for Year 11 and Year 12 will be held in week 2 Term 2. As these conversations are focused on the student and how they are progressing, it is important that students attend the conferences where possible.

Learning Walks

Our learning walks have continued throughout the term and it has been wonderful to see the variety of learning opportunities students engage in. As part of the learning walks, teachers ask students about what they are learning, how they are going, and what their next steps are. The learning walks are one way we are able to enhance the culture of learning at the College and is an opportunity for students to see teachers collaborating as well.

NAPLAN Practise Tests

Year 7 and Year 9 students will sit the NAPLAN Practise Tests on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Students will be informed of the schedule of tests early next week and they are expected to have a charged device and headphones/ear buds for these tests. Student responses to the practise tests are not reported and it is to ensure we have the structures in place to run NAPLAN Online next term. Any questions regarding NAPLAN can be directed to myself or Ms Lauren McCafferty, our Leader of Learning – Literacy.

Mrs Amber Carter
Assistant Principal—Teaching & Learning



Year 11 News

Year 11 seem to be bubbling along well but a few are experiencing forms of anxiety at being overwhelmed by their workload both in and out of school. With this in mind, a reminder about the **Study Skills Day** coming up on 26 March at school as per the email sent to all parents, carers and students on 9 March. This email outlines the purpose of the day, the costing and how to pay. Payment needs to be received by Monday 22 March please. It also invited parents/carers to the **Study Skills Parent Information Evening** so that as parents you can have some 'tools' to assist your child.

We had **Headspace** visit the school recently, and Year 11 were presented information about how to look after their own mental wellbeing. This was received well by the students, and later by the parents who attended the Headspace Parent Information Evening.

I am currently in the process of involving each Year 11 student in a **school community service**. They have been given options to choose between; including immunisation assistant, helping students in the Learning Hub, gardening, building, and many others. I think it will be a valuable experience for our emerging adults to experience the act of giving of themselves and their time. I am looking forward to their participation in this experience.

Last week during CARE group, we had our first **7/11 CONNECT**. Each Year 7 CARE group is paired with a Year 11 CARE group. Last week, the students played games together including soccer, touch footie, cricket and others. It was wonderful to see how the "white and blue shirts" interacted and helped each other have a fun and enjoyable time together. Hopefully new relations will be forged by this initiative.

Please keep me informed about your child so that we can support them the best we can here at school. As I've said previously, it really does take a village to raise a child.

Mrs Cayte Pryor

Student Coordinator

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Learning Support News

The year has got off to a flying start and the Learning Support Faculty have been busy organising timetables and Literacy support groups. This year we are running MacqLit, Corrective Reading, Stars and Cars as well offering an online home program through Literacy Planet. Students are assessed to see which intervention best suits their needs, and permission is sort from parents for these withdrawal groups.

This year we are limiting our curriculum support withdrawal groups as we believe students need to be in class learning, instead we are excited to be offering lunchtime support to any students who require assistance with classwork, homework and assessment tasks. We will open H3 in The Hub Monday – Thursday lunchtimes.

Year 7—Monday

Year 8—Tuesday

Year 9—Wednesday

Year 10—Thursday

Please discuss this option with your child and encourage them to come and get the support they need.

Mrs Anne Marie Melocco

Learning Support Coordinator



- Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who will be representing the Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Swimming Team. It is very difficult to get to State (CCC), the next level-with only 1st place (or 1st and 2nd in 50m Free) in any event going through. The following St Paul's students have made it to CCC:



Jett Jenkinson



Evie Lucas



Jaydn Raven,

- Immunisations for Year 7 will take place on Monday 29th March. Notes and forms were sent out last Wednesday and need to be returned to Student Reception ASAP.
- On Thursday, this week St Paul's students were involved in an Anti-Bullying day. Students were asked to wear red on the day, and they also saw a performance from Backflips in Period 3.



- Learning Support will offer homework and assessment support at Lunchtimes Mon – Thurs for stage 4 and 5, in H3. This is for assistance with work not a social event. This will start this week and is open for all students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Anne-Marie Melocco or me.
- If students are found to have ink graffiti on their arms or legs, they will receive a lunch detention. We want a very high standard from Year 7 in 2021. I have attached the uniform policy link which is in the student's handbook on the St Paul's Website <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/publications/student-handbook/> If students are in the incorrect uniform an email will need to be sent to me before 8.30am or students need a note regarding reasons for being in the incorrect uniform.

Mr Belinda Dempsey
Year 7 Coordinator



International Women's Day 2021

A selection of the St Paul's community recently came together to acknowledge International Women's Day, a celebration that is fast becoming part of our school tradition. International Women's Day (8 March) is a day for women and men to join voices with people around the world to seek inclusivity and equality for women and to celebrate their achievements.

This year, the campaign theme for IWD was 'Choose to Challenge'. This meant showing support and solidarity for women by committing to calling out inequality and bias, questioning stereotypes and helping to forge a more inclusive world.

While the current climate prevented us from having guest speakers on site, and kept our gatherings relatively small, they were still powerful and meaningful. The Year 11 Community and Family Studies (CAFS) students met for a delicious breakfast at the school's Jewel Café for a morning of music, companionship, and laughter. It was great to see the support of the students for this important day and listen to their informed, compassionate, and intelligent conversations.

This day also saw six Year 11 students (Amelia Douglas, Kaitlyn Allen, Evie Jones, Mia Powell, Charlotte Ferry and Gabriella Irwin) participating in the Young Women's Leadership Seminar, streamed live from Parliament House in Sydney. This program allowed the girls to (virtually) meet inspiring leaders, including Keynote Speaker Professor Rae Cooper, AO, Professor of Gender, Work and Employment Relations at the University of Sydney. The other speakers included four female Members of Parliament, who spoke of pertinent issues such as the gender pay gap, representation of females in parliament and the importance of challenging gender bias and stereotypes. It was both enlightening and inspiring to listen to these women discuss the highlights, challenges, and opportunities they have experienced throughout their careers.

To further note this day, St Paul's students and staff also raised a generous donation for the worthy charity 'Share the Dignity', which provides and distributes items of necessity to women and girls experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or doing it tough.

We look forward to continuing to acknowledge and celebrate this important day in future years.

Mrs Nicole Burns
Mrs Cayte Pryor





FROM THE LIBRARY



Reading for 20 Minutes a Day

Do you know how important reading is?

Reading for just 20 minutes a day exposes students to 1.8 million words a year and has a wide range of benefits. Having access to a diverse and current library collection helps students make good choices. We are blessed at St Paul's to have not only a beautiful space but also a very well resourced library. We have a collection that is diverse and are always looking for recommendations to ensure that we have books that suit all our students.

Benefits of Reading



Increases world knowledge



Improves academic performance



Builds empathy



Develops vocabulary



Fosters imagination



Sustains focus

20 minutes
a day



1 800 000 words a year
read

Daily reading adds up

5 minutes
a day



282 000 words a year
read

1 minute a
day



8 000 words a year
read

Learning Links (2021) <https://www.learninglinks.org.au/why-children-must-read-20-minutes-each-day/>

*Mrs Kerri Beezley
Teacher Librarian*



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

EASTER EGG RAFFLE!

Three Easter baskets to be won!

RETURN PAYMENT AND TICKETS TO THE OFFICE BY 31ST MARCH. RAFFLE DRAWN 1ST APRIL.

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*This year's **ASPIRE** production is well and truly underway with so many of our wonderfully creative students taking part. We would like to recognise the following students who are participating in the 2021 production:*

Senior Vocal Ensemble

Tara Cowen	Year 10
Kirrily Boslem	Year 9
Gabrielle Brady	Year 9

Stage Band Ensemble

Lisa-Jean Hall (<i>Flute</i>)	Year 10
Michael Pockran (<i>Trumpet</i>)	Year 10
Connor Rankine (<i>Trumpet</i>)	Year 7

Junior Drama Ensemble

Sophie Robinson	Year 8
AJ Gibson	Year 7
Sophie Fuller	Year 8

Senior Drama Ensemble

Samuel Adey	Year 11
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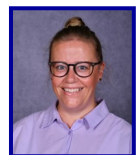
Dance Ensemble

Mikayla Francombe	Year 9
Emma Maria Alexander	Year 8
Imogen Cowen	Year 8
Analeigh McKibbin	Year 7
Cleo Doyle	Year 8
Jamie Pockran	Year 8

Our students also have the opportunity to enter the song writing competition, the details of which for any student interested are included in their Compass notifications. This is a chance for students to be creative and write a piece that may be selected to represent the current aspire show. You don't have to be musically inclined. Students who like to write poetry are also encouraged to submit an entry.

In addition to the new opportunities with ASPIRE, this term our junior students will have the opportunity provided in -class time to watch the ASPIRE 2020 production, 'The Pecking Order.' This will occur after assessments have finished in either their Visual Art or Music lessons (Year 7 and 8) or in their Elective classes (Years 9 and 10). The students are very excited to share all their hard work with their peers.

Miss Morag Aitchison
Leader of Pedagogy—CAPA





SONG COMPETITION

This year's songwriting competition offers two starting points for aspiring songwriters to explore as they get creative

This year's songwriting competition takes its themes from the 2021 ASPIRE production *The Masked DJ*. Young composers and songwriters can use one or both of this year's two inspirational concepts to write their original song:

MASKS

After 2020 we are all way too familiar with face masks, but what other kinds of masks could you use as inspiration? As well as physical masks you wear there are also the metaphorical masks we all wear at times to pretend to be something we are not or to fit in. The idea that everyone wears a mask of some kind is a strong theme in *The Masked DJ*.

DANCE MUSIC

Use the genre of dance music to inspire your tune. We encourage entries from writers who use technology to create their music.

WEEK 10, TERM 4 2020

Entries can be uploaded to the ASPIRE website

WEEK 6 TERM 1 2021

Entries close: Friday 5 March 2021

WEEK 8, TERM 1 2021

Workshopping of shortlisted songs:
Monday 15 March 2021

WEEK 9, TERM 1 2021

Songwriters Showcase Performance
where the winner will be decided:
Thursday 25 March 2021

As with last year's competition, after entries close shortlisted finalists will have the opportunity to workshop their song with professional musicians. The winner will be decided at a live concert where a panel will judge the songs. This year there will be both a primary and secondary winner, both of whom will receive a \$300 Muso's Corner Voucher and have their song professionally recorded at Tommirock Studios.

HOW TO ENTER

Video or record yourself singing and/or playing your composition, even if this is a work in progress, and save it as an **mp3** file. Attach a **copy** of your lyrics and music e.g. the chords you play with your song. However, writing out your song isn't compulsory. We really want to hear your song! You will be able to enter and upload your files to the ASPIRE website from **Week 10, Term 4 2020** and entries close Friday 5 March 2021.

Peer Support Program 2021

On Wednesday 3 March, 142 Year 7 students and 58 Year 10 students came together to participate in a Peer Support Session.

This session was the second one, to be held this year. Taking one period out of the day, students participate in activities together, learning how to listen, participate and have fun together.

At the end of 2020, all Year 9 students underwent a training program to learn how to be leaders in the Peer Support program. The benefits of this training include: the practising of leadership skills, developing confidence in working with a group, acting as a positive role model and developing organisational and relationship building skills.



Now in 2021, the leaders are in Year 10 and are putting their skills into practice, by helping Year 7 students integrate successfully and happily into the High School environment. The Year 7 students are benefiting by: learning life skills through fun and safe activities, forming positive relationships with their own cohort, plus their Year 10 peers, practising cooperation and collaboration and building confidence to actively participate.

St Paul's Booragul is fortunate to have so many willing and engaged students who are willing to serve the school, lead by example and benefit other students.

Congratulations to our leaders and our listeners who are making this Peer Support Program a success in 2021.



Mrs Libby Lucas
Student Support Coordinator





Year 12 Legal Studies student Neave O'Reilly has been selected from over 1000 students as one of the NSW delegates in the 2021 National Student Constitutional Convention, run by the Parliamentary Education Office. The Convention is open to senior students across Australia to debate Constitutional issues and facilitate young persons' engagement with our constitutional system, while informing the government of youth perspectives on important questions. The selection process involved nomination as the school representative to attend the NSW Conference in Term 4 last year, conducted over zoom with eminent speakers on the role of the Constitution during the Covid 19 pandemic. The discussions included issues such as the rights of governments to close borders and government departments' implementation of restrictions. A key point to come out was that the system has generally worked well in keeping the community safe.



Following the zoom conference, Neave had to write a response on the workings of the Constitution in current times and the need to interpret and adhere to process in order to balance individual rights with the greater good of the community. It was her response that gained her selection over the other candidates.

Normally the national conference is held in the Old Parliament House in Canberra but due to Covid restrictions, this year will be held in each state parliament and connected by video. Neave will travel to Sydney as part of the NSW delegation on the 23rd and 24th of March. She is very passionate about government and politics and it will be a great experience for her. Neave will be an excellent representative for our school community and I wish her all the best at the conference.

Mr John Gallop
Legal Studies Teacher



U14s Cochrane Cup Rugby League

On Wednesday 10th March the boys U14 Rugby League team competed against other Diocesan teams for the Cochrane Cup. St Paul's found themselves in a tough pool with St Joseph's Aberdeen, San Clemente Mayfield and eventual finalists St Pius X Adamstown. With a host of young and novice players having their first experience of Rugby League, it was up to the seasoned players to show the way. Dylan Rushton guided the team and was always dangerous in attack, Raphael Keo laid the platform with strong runs and bruising defence, and St Paul's top try scorer Jye Sliwinski put his talent on show with a host of probing runs and try-scoring tackles. Despite not being able to register a win, the entire team competed doggedly all day and were fine ambassadors for St Paul's.

Cochrane Cup Team: *Cooper Anderson, Cooper Bruce, Egan Cochrane, Braith Edmunds, Ryan Hall, Liam Joyce, Steve Kennedy, Raphael Keo, Nicholas Lynn, Ethan Madden, Mason McNamara, Dylan Rushton, Jye Sliwinski, Hugo Vaarzon-Morel, Brayden Webber and Taj Wrigley.*

Mr Brad Melville
Sports Coordinator



Diocesan Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 9th March our Dio Swimmers left school by bus at 7.30am. They committed a whole day to being at the Carnival to represent St Paul's, even though some were only in one event. They were great representatives for us. They were cooperative, enthusiastic and swam well. They participated, enjoyed the day, supported one another, got some PBs, placed or came last and did it all respectfully and with composure. The Announcer commented three or more times on how they were the best cheer squad. Please congratulate any of the kids that went.



It is very difficult to get to State (CCC), the next level-with only 1st place (or 1st and 2nd in 50m Free) in any event going through. The following St Paul's students have made it to CCC: **Christine Connell, Spencer Hamilton, Zoe Ingre, Jett Jenkinson, Rylee Jenkinson, Ella Kohl, Evie Lucas, Jaydn Raven and Chloe Scanlon**, with many of them making it in more than one event.



Our **Intermediate (15/16s) Girls Relay team (Zoe, Rylee, Chloe and Ella) won both relays and broke a 22 year (since 1999-St Pius X) record.** They finished almost half a pool in front of the next team-it was very exciting! Zoe, Rylee and Chloe were part of the team that last year also won both relays and were supposed to go to state but missed out due to covid.

Congratulations to all of these students and good luck for 29th March.

Mrs de Winter, Mr Cook, Mr Pettinari and Ms Brownlee

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-pubhlth-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>

Friday Sport Program

The Friday Sport Program is compulsory for ALL Year 7-10 students. Therefore, please avoid organising appointments in sport time.

Our Years 7-10 students could now be thinking about which sport they might like to do next term.

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](https://www.csnswwater.com.au/sport) portal.

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

Term One Individual Nominations Sport Registrations
Diving – Boys & Girls – 29 March – Close 19 March

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

Mrs Brigid de Winter
Sports Co-ordinator



Following a recent survey, our parents and carers listed concerns about **Cybersafety** as one of the top three topics they would like more information about.

The **Federation of P & F Associations** has listened and is proud to offer a **FREE** online presentation specifically for parents and carers of students enrolled in Catholic School in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.



We are delighted to announce **BRETT LEE** will present specifically for us on **30th March at 6.30pm**.

Former detective Brett Lee worked as a Queensland Police Officer for 22 years, 16 of which were as a detective in the field of Child Exploitation.

This unprecedented view of the online world enables Brett to view the cyber world through the eyes of a child yet stand back and process the experience with the mind of an adult.

Please join us for an evening with Brett from the comfort of your home.

WHEN: TUESDAY 30th March

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: FREE

PLEASE NOTE - THIS PRESENTATION IS SUITABLE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ONLY

To register, please click the link below.

[Understanding and Managing an Online World \(webinarjam.com\)](https://www.webinarjam.com/Understanding-and-Managing-an-Online-World)

This presentation will also be available **to those who register** for 5 days following the event.

Please note: To register for this event, your details will be collected by "Internet Safe Education". Further details about Internet Safe Education can be found at:

[Internet Safe Education | Home Page](#)

What's happening?

Term 1 2021		
Week 8	Mon 22 Mar	Year 12 Grip Leadership Day
Week 9	Thurs 1 April	Easter Liturgy Under 16 Boys Rugby League
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.

Clothing Pool

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the clothing pool
one morning per week
from 8.15am-9.15am
Please phone the college if you can help out

Maths Tutoring

Yrs 7-10
Experienced teacher
0408 495966

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 2020 Family Discount and Diocesan Pastoral Contribution Form, please follow the link to the Website above to download, complete and return to college office.

School Fee Payments

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

Excursion Payments

1. Qkr
2. Eftpos **Minimum payment \$10**
3. Cheque
4. Cash

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: 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 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!

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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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Newcastle Artisan Youth Markets

Come and support our local creative youth at the artisan market as part of NSW Youth Week.

Have a great afternoon shopping for a variety of handmade products including artwork, candles, scrunchies, jewellery and many more amazing products.

Fun, Food and Local Performers.

Saturday 17th April
2-5pm

Hunter Multicultural Communities Hall, Waratah

If you're 12-25yrs, have products or services to promote and would like to book a free artisan stall or live performance, please email young.artisan.marketplace@outlook.com



Lake Mac Artisan Youth Markets



Come support local creative youth at the artisan market as part of the Northlake Youth Service event. Have a relaxing afternoon shopping a variety of handmade products including artwork, candles, scrunchies, jewellery and a whole lot more of amazing products.

Saturday 24th April
2-5pm

Pasterfield Complex, Cameron Park

Market stalls
Food stalls
Community group stalls
Live music / Open mic

Art workshops
Scooter/skating/BMX demonstrations
Competitions

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Stallholders WANTED for Young Artisan Market

If your 12-25yrs old and would like to book a free artisan stall or live performance, email young.artisan.marketplace@outlook.com

Saturday 17th April 2-5 pm at Hunter Multicultural Centre

And

Saturday 24th April 2-5pm at Pasterfield Complex, Cameron Park

Registration Closes
31st March



Chilli Jam | Live @ The Lake

Next Saturday, 20 March 2021 | 02:30 PM to 05:30 PM

Live and local YOUTH music for all ages in the sculptures park at MAC by the Lake.

CHILLI JAM: Live @ The Lake brings young local musicians to the spotlight by creating a space for young people to experience local music in a live setting.

This event will run from 2:30pm till 5:30pm and features three 45 minute sets from three young local bands: BOYCOTT, LUCID LANE & SITTING DOWN. Light Snacks and soft drinks will be available.

BOOKINGS:

[Chilli Jam | Live @ The Lake - Museum of Art and Culture | Yapang \(lakemac.com.au\)](https://lakemac.com.au)

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CHILLI JAM: LIVE @ THE LAKE

SATURDAY 20 MARCH FROM 2PM

- All ages gig at MAC
- 3 x bands: Boycott, Lucid Lane and Sitting Down
- Buses available see MAC website for details

AWESOME EXHIBITION:
FIRST CLASS 20
A celebration of local HSC Visual Arts
12 Feb – 2 May 2021

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