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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 passage from John's Gospel below will be proclaimed at Holy Thursday celebrations this evening.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter. 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me'. 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter, 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'



When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again, he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so, I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

The Risen Jesus

Pray for Us

St Paul

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Jesus' act of washing the disciple's feet was signifying His desire for his followers to show love and acts of service towards each other. The central message of Jesus' death and resurrection is one of hope and by being loving and of service to others, we are providing hope to our fellow humans for a better future.

Project Compassion

With the Easter message of hope in mind, on Tuesday, students and staff participated in a number of fundraising activities to support Project Compassion. There was a wide range of activities organised for the students.

The funds raised through Project Compassion support Caritas with their social justice work for the marginalised throughout the world.

Thanks to the students who arranged the activities and to the students and staff who supported the initiatives.



Pupil Free Day

Monday 29 April, 2024 will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will engage in Wellbeing Professional Learning activities on this day. Classes will resume for students on Tuesday, 30 April, 2024.

Year 7 to 11 Interim Reports and Conferences

Yesterday families and student would have received their Term 1 Interim Reports. The Interim Reports can be accessed through Compass. These reports provide a snapshot of how students have started their studies in 2024. This information could form the basis of conversation at the Student Conferences scheduled for Tuesday (2 April, 2024) afternoon and evening. The conferences provide an opportunity for students to be affirmed for their effort and application or to develop strategies to refocus attention as we approach Term 2. Bookings for the Conferences are to be made through Compass.

St Paul's 2025 Information Evening

The St Paul's 2025 Information Evening will be held on Monday 8 April, 2024 commencing at 6pm in the College Hall. Information about life at St Paul's will be presented, and students will provide insights into the life of a St Paul's student. Interested families can register at the College's Facebook page <https://form.jotform.com/240388112235854> or by contacting the Main Office.



Enrolment Vacancies

There are currently some places available in some year groups for 2024. If any current St Paul's families are aware of any other families who are considering enrolling their students at the College, please encourage them to contact the school to discuss possibilities.

Annual School Visit

On Wednesday, members from the Catholic School Office, Diocesan Agencies and our Parish Priest, Fr Greg Barker were at St Paul's for our Annual School Visit. These visits were introduced last year to build stronger connections between schools and diocesan leaders.

The Annual School Visits provide an opportunity for St Paul's to showcase our community and share our hopes and dreams for the future of the College. Our day started with Cleo and Zoe Doyle leading our Acknowledgement of Country, followed by Prayer in our Yarning Circle which was constructed towards the end of 2023.



We offer our thanks to the leaders from the Catholic Schools Office, Diocesan Agencies and Fr Greg for their ongoing support of the St Paul's community.

Easter Liturgy

St Paul's Drama students performed a poignant interpretation of the story of Christ's passion as part of our Holy Week celebrations. It was a powerful and provocative reminder of Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.



Middle Leader Changes for the Term 1.

Mrs Brownlee and Ms Guest are on Leave for the remainder of Term 1. Mrs de Winter and Ms Heard will be the acting PDHPE Leader of Learning. Students and families with questions or who require support related to Year 9 are asked to contact Mrs Shipman or Ms Rieck.

I wish everyone a holy, happy, and safe Easter.

Mr Nicholas Wickham
Principal

