



# ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 11 - DECEMBER 16, 2019

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday, 18th  
December**  
Term 4 Finishes  
12pm

**2020**

**Tuesday, 28th January**  
School Office Opens  
11:30am  
Uniform Shop Opens  
12pm-3pm

**Wednesday, 29th  
January**  
Term 1, Commences for  
Years 1-6

**Thursday, 30th January**  
Prep students  
Start school

**School Starts  
@8:50am**

## 2020 Sacraments

**Reconciliation**  
Wednesday, 9th  
September  
7pm

**Eucharist**  
Saturday, 12th  
September  
5pm

**Confirmation**  
Friday, 16th October  
7pm

**St Paul's Fete**  
Sunday, 22nd March

Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul's,  
We congratulate our Year 6 students and wish them every success as they enter secondary school next year. We are confident they are ready, and more than equipped, to embrace the exciting challenges in the coming years. We feel privileged that we were given the opportunity to play a part in your education and lives, and in shaping the person that you have become.



**“Be bold enough to use your voice,  
brave enough to listen to your heart,  
and strong enough to live the life you’ve always imagined.”**

We farewell families who will be leaving the St Paul's community at the end of this year – we thank you for all you have contributed and hope your time at St Paul's has been filled with lasting memories and friendships. We wish you all the best in the future. You will remain special members of our community and will always be welcome.

*Abdo Ageras Buenaventura Dahdah Deluca Ferres  
Forgione-Raco Govic Kutin Mastrogiannis Paglia  
Pennella Poselli Rotundo Wallis Zamora*

We also say goodbye to the following children who will be attending new schools in 2020:

*Emma & Mike Max & Vivienne Chiara F Swarnim Jacques*

We wish them all the best at their new schools

*GOD OUR FATHER,  
WE ASK YOU TO BLESS OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN  
AND ALL THE CHILDREN WHO ARE LEAVING ST PAUL'S THIS YEAR.  
MAY THEY ALWAYS VALUE THE GIFTS OF FRIENDSHIP, CARE AND COMPASSION.  
MAY THEY ALWAYS BE SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.  
HELP THEM GROW AND THRIVE IN THEIR NEW SCHOOLS.  
WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.  
AMEN*



### **Mr Sean Brohman**

Sean joined us in mid-2018 as a classroom teacher. His work with our children, knowing where each child was in their learning, and his focus on their emotional wellbeing, was a strength and he will be missed. We will see Sean around in 2020 as a casual teacher.

### **Mrs Priscilla Chidiac**

Priscilla joined us as a graduate in term 2, 2018. She quickly made her mark as a 'special' teacher who ensured that each day was a bright happy one for her students, They were all made to feel welcome and valued. Priscilla will still be around as a casual teacher.

### **Mrs Di Mantos**

Di joined us early this year and implemented our Literacy and Numeracy Intervention. We thank Di for the work she has done with our children and wish her the very best as she takes the position of Deputy Principal at St Fidelis.



### **Father Ray**

We thank Father Ray as our faith leader for his support, and spiritual guidance. We are fortunate to have a Parish Priest such as Father Ray who supports our school in many ways, which are not always obvious.

### **Parents**

I thank all parents and families who have supported our school in so many ways. Firstly in working in partnership with us, to ensure we give your children the very best school, learning and emotional support. Through your support of all the fundraising activities this year, the money we have raised has enormously contributed to the technology upgrade, There is now one device between 2/3 children.  
THANK YOU!



### **Volunteers and Parent Helpers**

A huge thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers and parent helpers in our school; for your contributions in the classroom, assistance with lunches and all the other jobs around the school. Without your help we would not be able to provide these wonderful opportunities and additional 'extras' to our children.

### **Parents and Friends Committee**

Once again this year the Parents and Friends have outdone themselves. This year's fundraising total is **\$28,348**.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered and helped with lunches, Movie night, Colour Fun Run, Disco, Raffle tickets, Mother's & Father's day stall and Bunnings BBQ.

Special mention to Chantelle, Maria C, Alex, and Marcelle, for organising these events. Thank you to Donna C for coordinating the Playgroup and Aleisha C for coordinating Book Club.

Thank you to our Parents and Friends committee, lead by Sean Bajada, Fiona Madia, Joyce Meilak and Ms Donna Ervin, and to all the families who supported our fundraising by purchasing and attending events.

The money raised is already being used for Maths resources, IT devices and equipment.

Finally , a reminder that we will be holding our school fete on **22nd March 2020** .

Our joint fete convenors, Christina R and Alex K, continue to work enthusiastically in organising the best school fete ever !!

### **Staff**

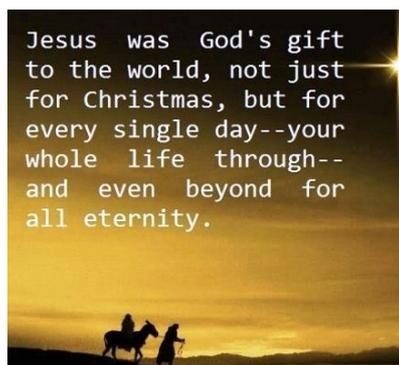
A huge thank you to all of the wonderfully dedicated St Paul's staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to educate and nurture your children. We are fortunate to have a dedicated, committed, caring and professional group of educators. Our staff work together to ensure all the children: have many enriching learning opportunities and experiences; are always improving; and are developing the whole child - academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Thank you to our Office staff for their work in keeping our school running efficiently.

### **Our Beautiful Children**

Our beautiful children are the reason we are at school each day. I love watching each child enter the school gates and classrooms every morning, witnessing their energy, enthusiasm, care, laughter and passion, and a excitement for learning. We have the privilege to witness, share and influence their transformation and growth. We are most grateful to share this in partnership with our parents and look forward to celebrating more success in the years to come.

On a personal level, I feel very privileged to be the Principal of this great school, I thank you for all your support. Wishing every family a very happy, safe and blessed Holy Christmas with your children and families. We look forward to welcoming you back to the 2020 school year.

Maria Mercuri



Jesus was God's gift to the world, not just for Christmas, but for every single day--your whole life through--and even beyond for all eternity.