

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 1

28 January 2020

St Paul's Lutheran Church Services Sunday
8am & 9.30am
If you have questions about the Christian
Faith please contact Pastor Mike
0421 131 965.

Diary Dates

2020

Wednesday 29 January

Opening Chapel

Friday 31 January

Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Sunday 2 February

Staff Dedication Service 9.30am

Monday 3 February

Brainstorm Productions Cyber Safety and
Bullying Incursion P-2 11.50am 3-6 1.40pm
Prep Parent Info. Evening 5.45 to 6.45pm

Tuesday 4 February

Year 6 Leadership Day
Year 1 Parent Info. Evening 5.45 to 6.45pm

Wednesday 5 February

Year 2 Parent Info. Evening 5.45 to 6.45pm

*"But blessed are your eyes because they see,
and your ears because they hear." Matthew
13:16 NIV*

This morning I was at the optometrist's office getting fitted with new contacts. This appointment came on the heels of the realization that I was guessing the names of streets instead of reading them as I would drive by. James Street? Jones Street? Jackson Street? Your guess is as good as mine.

Clearly, my old prescription wasn't cutting it any longer. At this point, without the aid of glasses or contacts, I am in need of a Seeing Eye dog or at least a small child to fetch and carry for me at all times. My vision is something I take seriously. If I can't see properly, I can be a danger to someone else or to myself, especially if I am squinting and trying to make out road signage.

Sometimes I forget that my "spiritual" vision is just as important or even more so. I can tend to let pride or self-righteousness cloud my vision which is beyond dangerous in Jesus' eyes. He often called the Pharisees "blind guides." Not the best nick name for someone who thought they were trying to follow God and lead others along that path. I need to see things how Jesus sees things, to understand His words, get caught up in the excitement of who He is and the path that He has for me.

When we take Jesus at His word and submerge ourselves in His grace, our eyes are refocused, renewed and filled with the light of who He is. We are filled with a new sense of clarity about what is important and the hope of what Jesus can do in our lives when we see things the way He does.

Take a moment to ask Jesus for "new" eyes. Eyes that are open to seeing what He wants you to see and show you where He wants you to go today and in 2020.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the 2020 school year at St Paul's. An extra warm welcome is extended to our new students and families as you settle into all things school life in our community. We look forward to getting to know you and growing a long and rewarding relationship with you and your child. I hope that everyone had the opportunity to slow down by setting your agenda and subsequent pace for a few weeks during the past summer school holiday. We are thankful for this time of rest, connecting with family and friends and safe travel. We also welcome the following new and returning staff to St Pauls – Mrs. Katrina Clarke [Kindergarten], Mrs. Katrina Russell [Learning support Teacher] and Mr. John Smith [Year 3] and Mrs. Emma Bird as our new Head of Teaching and Learning. May God bless these staff members and their work as they nurture, guide and care for our students.

Over the summer break a number of building and property projects have happened around the school. With the ongoing implementation and growth of Agile Learning across our whole school, the Year 1 and 2 students have arrived back to occupy their respective Agile Learning Lab. Our Year 5 and 6 students will have access to an additional learning space and a purpose-built outdoor area to allow for indoor-outdoor learning opportunities every day. Our Library and Resource Centre will also take on a more agile look and flexible feel as this learning space becomes an extension of what the students are familiar with within their Agile Learning environments. This space will also now be known as the GLAD Centre [Growing, Learning and Discovering Centre] as it takes on a very central role in the learning journey of all our students. The GLAD Centre will also incorporate 6 different learning zones including a wonderful covered outdoor area. You, as a parent community, are also invited to use and visit this space for either your own needs [maybe a quiet space to do your own studies and use our abundance of resources or as a family]. The GLAD Centre will be open from 8am – 3:30pm, Monday – Thursday, for your convenience, with optimal family time to borrow from 8-8:30am and 3-3:30pm. A new shed has been erected in Junior School yard area and a fresh lick of paint done around certain areas of the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for the work done over the past fortnight in getting the learning spaces, learning programs and school environment ready for the arrival of the students this week. This was further supported by our Family Administration Day [FAD] last week to ensure a smooth transition back to the 2020 school year.

Our school theme for this year is **VISION** [20/20 Vision]. For our faith journey this year it's about stepping out to ask Jesus for "new" eyes - eyes and ears which are open to seeing what He wants us to see and show us where He wants us to go this year. At the same time we need to ensure that our Vision [goals] for this year's learning journey go hand-in-hand with action and hard work and that this is how we can make a difference and change the world. Our theme will be underpinned by the words from 1 Samuel 16:7 which say, "We look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."



Congratulations to those students who received an award at our Closing Chapel and Awards Night at the end of last year. While we continue to recognize, acknowledge and celebrate our Academic and Good Citizen achievers at each year level, what stood out for me was the 96 students who received a Semester 2 Effort Award, as this was up from 75 students who received an Effort Award at the end of Semester 1 last year. These 96 students accounted for almost a quarter of our students in 2019, with all 96 students achieving either an Advancing or Extending Effort acknowledgement in 8 out of 11 learning areas on their Semester 2 reports. Many of these students, in the past, would not have been recognized for their effort at a whole school awards ceremony had we not continued to grow a learning philosophy and school culture focused on process rather than product, where pure rote learning and the regurgitating of information, soon forgotten, no longer set the tone for success. It's affirming to see that intrinsic motivation, based on the essential skills of independence, collaboration, motivation, team work, creativity, co-operation and time management, rather than working towards an extrinsic motivator, such as a gold star system, is now setting the pace for our learners at St Paul's.

You are strongly encouraged and warmly invited to attend the **Parent Information Evenings [Prep – Year 6]** which begin next week. These meetings will provide you with the wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teaching team for 2020. More details regarding these meetings will be provided via your child's year level newsletter this week.

As we begin the new school year, I would like to appeal to every family to ensure that your child[ren] is on time for the start of school each day. We would like all the students to be at school by 8:25am, allowing your child to unpack their bag, settle in and be part of the morning routines. It also means that a late arrival does not impact on the morning routines for the rest of the students and the teachers. Do you know that being late 10 minutes per day will result in your child missing out on 1.5 weeks of school per year and nearly half a year over twelve years of schooling.

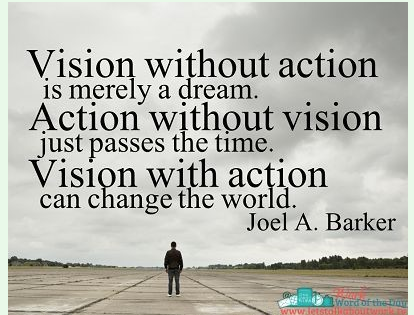
Both the teaching staff and the Executive Team propagate a strong Open Door policy at St Paul's. Open communication and transparency are vital to your child's time at St Paul's as well as to our working relationship. We look forward to building on and strengthening this partnership with you in 2020.

Our ongoing goal for 2020 continues to be that of growing our reputation as a school which is at the cutting edge of primary school teaching and learning, whilst at the same time providing a rich pastoral care program based on compassion, grace, being noticed, forgiveness and starting each day with a clean slate. I look forward to walking this journey with you this year.

May God bless you and your family this year.

Yours in Christ.

Anton Prinsloo
Principal



God sees each of us much differently than we see ourselves; "We look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

FROM THE DEPUTY

From the Deputy Principal

It certainly is lovely having the students and their families join us for the first day of what will be another busy but fabulous year here at St Paul's.

Chapel and Assembly

Parents and carers are always welcome to attend our weekly chapel and assemblies.

Senior Chapel – Wednesday 8.35am

Junior Chapel – Wednesday 9.05am

Senior Assembly – Thursday 8.35am

Junior Assembly – Friday 1.30pm

Swimming Lessons – Years 3-6

All the senior classes will have swimming lessons in Weeks 2 & 3 – Monday 3 February to Friday 14 February. The cost of swimming is \$72.00 per student which will be charged to Term 1 Fee Accounts. Permission to attend the Learn to Swim lessons is only available electronically via Parent Lounge and is due by Wednesday 29 January 2020. Parent Lounge can be accessed on the school website and the school app. You will require your login details to access Parent Lounge. Please enquire at the School Office if you don't know these details. Swimming lessons will be held at the Swimming Centre on King Street.

Morning Drop-off

Please remember that the students are only supervised from 8.00am therefore they are not to be dropped off any earlier unless attending OSHC.

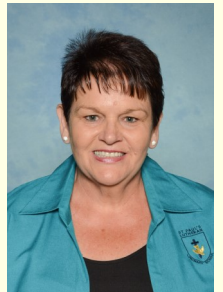
Afternoon Pickup

Please remember that the students are supervised until 3.30pm by which time it is expected that all students should be picked up.

Drop-Off Zone/ Bus Zone

If you are dropping students off, please do so in the Drop-Off Zone in the car park to the west of the church. The Bus Turn Around is not a Drop-Off Zone. Currently, students are asked to walk around the western and southern sides of the church due to renovations in the church.

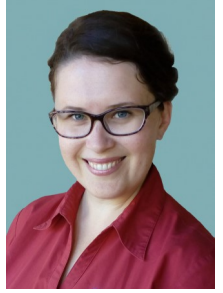
Lois Kube
Deputy Principal



FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

The first day back at school is always a time of mixed emotions. I have been particularly excited for today as it is my first day at St Paul's! I have been part of the St Paul's community for the last four years (my two children attend our wonderful school) and I feel honoured and blessed to serve the community in my new role of Head of Teaching and Learning. Thank you to the lovely parents and students who have already come to me, introduced themselves and warmly welcomed me to the St Paul's community. Please feel free to come and say, "Hello!" to me and introduce yourself.

Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning



FROM THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND RISE TEACHER

My name is Katrina Russell and I will be working at St Paul's this year in the role of Learning Enrichment Teacher (Years 4-6) and Coordinator of the R.I.S.E program (Years 1-6). I am lucky enough to have been an educator for too many years to actually write down but in a variety of systems and countries. I have been blessed to work in Lutheran Schools for the past 17 undertaking a variety of roles including: Learning Support, Classroom Teaching, Curriculum and Teacher Coaching. I connect strongly with the Christ centred approaches of Lutheran Schools and enjoy the strong pastoral care and community. I am really looking forward to working in partnership with the fantastic staff here at St Paul's to support your children to meet their potential. My home is on the Sunshine Coast in Caloundra where I live with my husband who has a Landscaping/Lawn business. I enjoy walking my 2 dogs on the beach, reading and always seem to be dreaming of my next travel opportunity. I thank you for welcoming me into the St Paul's community and I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few weeks.

Katrina Russell
RISE and Learning Enrichment Teacher



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The **Annual St Paul's Year 3-6 Inter House Swimming Carnival, this Friday 31st January at the Caboolture Pool & Fitness Centre**, has fallen early this year. The reason being, in Week 3 is the District Swimming on Wednesday 12th February and Inter Lutheran Swimming Friday 14th February, therefore we need to have a St Paul's Swim Team organised prior to these carnival days.

Information letters and Parent Consent Forms for this carnival have been electronically distributed. Please ensure all required information has been submitted. Any concerns, please see the ladies in the front office. Parents Helpers available to assist at the swimming carnival would be very much appreciated. Please find Jess Schneider on arrival at the venue.

The **FairPlay initiative** is a Queensland Government's 10-year strategy to get more Queenslanders moving, more often. In supporting kids to get active, **FairPlay** supports families by providing vouchers up to \$150 to eligible Queensland kids towards sport and active recreation and participation fees. Round 2 of **FairPlay** opens in January 2020. For more information please visit: <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay>

Jess Schneider
Physical Education Teacher



TUCKSHOP

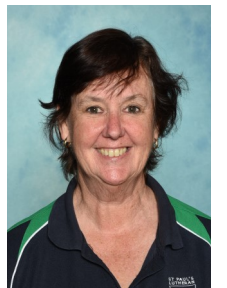
Welcome back to school for another year. I hope you have all had great holidays and a wonderful time with your children. I look forward to catching up with all of you. Please pop by for a chat.

This year I will be offering one special food item on a Wednesday each term. Term 1 will be sushi. At this point there will be tuna or teriyaki chicken and avocado. The price will be \$3.00 for 3 slices. These special items will, however, only be available online through Flexischools. You will all understand that that to guarantee supply you need to order by Tuesday at 9.00am.

As always, if you need tuckshop then order online and if you have missed the cut-off time, then call by and write a bag from the lists on the casual menu.

Hope you all enjoy your week.

Jenny Venier
Tuckshop Convenor



KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to 2020. We would like to introduce our new teacher, Mrs Katrina Clarke. We hope you can all drop into say hello. We have limited spaces for the 2020 Kindy/Prekindy so if you are interested in a place please see us. Blessings to you all for the new year.

Sam Beaman
Service Leader



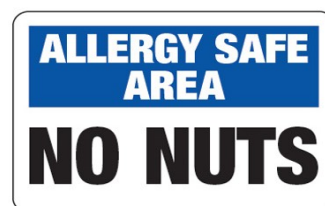
END OF YEAR STUDENT AWARDS 2019

	Good Citizen	Most Improved	Academic Excellence	Effort Awards	
Prep	Carter M Cooper N	Savanah G Ajang M	Olivia K Saige	Alex B Arok D Giordanna H Hayden K Kerrie	Isabel McD Emma M Cooper N Saige S Zackary S
Year 1	Lily M Sophie R	Harvey F Ayva-Ann R	Kate F Addison S	Evie A Georgia A Jacob B Kate F Harvey F Felicity K Seth K Emma M	Oliver M Charlee M Thomas M Ayva-Ann R Sophie R Addison S Mia W
Year 2	Arushi P Levi S	Jacob H Cerys W	Alice B Elliot B	Alice B Charli C Jessica D Sophie F Ruby H Tinkalee L Eli M Anelia P Arushi P Violet R	Levi S Bridey S Gabriella T Louis T Cerys W Cameron W Isabella W Esther Y Evie Z
Year 3	Amelia B Cameron	Abigail S Marciano W	Mary D Scarlet Y	Amelia B Carly C Mary D Sidney D Leila G Larissa K Cameron K Ava L	Sarah L Ellysia L Chelsea M Lily O Abigail S Shinaya T Scarlet Y
Year 4	Cooper B Karla S	Milly F Angus H	Esther B Nathan M	Amelia A Lauren B Noah B Esther B Cooper B Jessica C Scarlett C Milly F Angus H	Austin L Nathan M Isabelle M Kenzie P Eden R Karla S Mason T Ruby T Addyson W
Year 5	Toby G Kaleb V	Ayen A Aurora D	Sofia H Missy S	Claire C Sofia H Leila M Lena S	Missy S Alexandra T Leylani T Amy W
Year 6	Darcy D Maddox P	Nirvana C Timothy S	Grace L Ashlee T	Thomas A Nirvana C Darcy D Tiana G Grace L	Ella M Elizabeth R Sinead S Ashlee T Ethan W

SPECIALIST EXCELLENCE AWARDS		JUNIOR	SENIOR
Library		Gabriella T (Year 2)	Alexandra T (Year 5)
Physical Education		Esther Y (Year 2)	Deleni P (Year 6)
Japanese		Olivia K (Prep)	Elizabeth R (Year 6)
Music		Alice B (Year 2)	Missy S (Year 5)
RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS			
Athletics		Abbey T	Regional Athletics
		Brady H	Regional Athletics
Swimming		Sofia H	Regional Swimming
		Deleni P	Regional Swimming
Soccer		Kaleb V	Regional Soccer
GLC CABOOLTURE ACADEMIC PRIZE			
Thomas A (Year 6)			

SCHOOL TIMES

- 8.00am**
Students Supervised
- 8.20am**
Warning Bell to Classes
- 8.30am**
Learning Begins
- 10.50am - 11.30pm**
Morning Recess
- 12.50pm - 1.30pm**
Lunch
- 3.00pm**
End of School Day



ASSEMBLY TIMES

Senior Assembly
Thursday 8.35am

Junior Assembly
Friday 1.30pm

CHAPEL TIMES

Senior Chapel
Wednesday 8.35am

Junior Chapel
Wednesday 9.05am

Let's be  friends

@StPaulsLutheranPrimary School

@StPaulsLutheranKindy

@SPLCCaboolture

Join the P&F closed group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SPLPSPandF/>

UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesdays
8.00am-9.00am
& 2.30-3.30pm

Fridays
8.00am-9.00am

Orders can be submitted online on Flexischools and delivered to students on uniform shop days.