

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 3

11 February 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

Tuesday 11 February

Year 5 Parent Info. Evening 5.45 to 6.45pm

Wednesday 12 February

District Swimming Carnival
Year 4 Parent Info. Evening 5.45 to 6.45pm

Friday 14 February

Inter-Lutheran Swimming Carnival

Monday 17 February

Year 6 Leadership Day

Tuesday 18 February

P&F General Meeting 3.15pm

Thursday 20 February

Senior Assembly Student Leaders Induction

Sunday 23 February

Year 5 School Sunday

God does not give up on you

The LORD says, 'Let my people return to me. Remove every obstacle from their path! Build the road and make it ready!

I am the high and holy God, who lives for ever. I live in a high and holy place, but I also live with people who are humble and repentant, so that I can restore their confidence and hope.' (Isaiah 57 : verses 14, 15)

God does not give up on you. Even if you turn away from him or forget his presence in your life or take him for granted, he is always ready to receive you back into his arms.

It's true that God is greater than you (or anyone else) can possibly imagine. His power and beauty and goodness are beyond our human comprehension. But God isn't a snob. He isn't too proud to come down to the level of human beings and be with them. He isn't too proud to be with you—even though you may sometimes feel unworthy of his goodness.

Maybe at times you've been proud and hard-hearted in relation to other people and to God. But you don't need to lose confidence. Trust in God. In Christ he freely forgives you and sets you on a clear path of life.

Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to me. Please keep me humble and repentant, so that I may live with confidence and hope in you. Amen.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

One of the strengths of St Paul's is our strong sense of community. I think it has to do with the fact that we are small to medium-sized primary school, where every student and family are known by a number of people and this in turn allows for a feeling of belonging and connectedness. The words selfless and servant-heart come to mind when I consider all the stakeholders who make up our "rich" community. One group of people who live and work by this mantra is our P&F Group. This is a group who continually give, advocate for and support all things St Paul's in the interest of all the students in our care. As the new school year continues to unfold and establish itself, you are all invited to join us at the first P&F General Meeting, for 2020, on Tuesday next week at 3:15pm. You don't have to be an events coordinator, artist, baker or performance director to belong to this group and make a difference on behalf of the parent community. What you will sign up for is making a contribution and difference as you represent and work on behalf of the parent body to continue growing all the wonderful aspects of school life at St Paul's. With special invitation to be part of this group, extended to all those families who are new to our community.

Every year the Year 6 students are reminded that they don't have to wear a badge to be a leader. It's what we do when others aren't watching which grows our capacity to serve, lead, listen to and support others. Every Year 6 student is seen as a leader within the school during their senior year and every Year 6 student will receive, and be reminded to wear, a leadership badge at our 2020 Leaders' Induction Assembly next week. The whole Year 6 student cohort will also be involved in the second part of the LYQ Leadership Day Program next Monday, as they build on the leadership Day Program which they undertook in Term 4 last year. Thank you to the parents of this group of students for the ongoing encouragement and your partnership with the school in ensuring the growth of your student.

Good luck to our Senior School swimmers as they represent our school at the District and Inter-Lutheran carnivals this week. We also look forward to your regular attendance at our weekly Junior and Senior School Assembly gatherings, which kick off this week, as we celebrate the many successes and milestones to be achieved by our students in 2020.

Wishing everyone a safe week.

Yours in Christ.

Anton Prinsloo
Principal

Quote of the Week: *Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others.*" [Jonathan Swift]



FROM THE DEPUTY

Morning Drop-

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

Students bring toys and equipment to school

Please note that students are not allowed to bring toys or equipment to school unless arranged with the teachers for such things as Topic Talks.

Student Leaders' Induction

The induction of our Students Leaders for 2020 will take place on Thursday 20th February at Senior Assembly at 8.30am. All parents, carers and families are welcome to attend.

Swimming Lessons: Year 3-6

Students can wear their Sports Uniforms every day during swimming.

Serving our Community

If you are looking for a way that you and your family can be involved with serving others within the local community then keep an eye out for this section in the newsletter each week!

This week we would like to highlight a fantastic organisation in our local community called Loaves and Fishes. This non-profit organisation sells low cost hampers to anyone within the community, no questions asked. Cost of each hamper is \$55. Loaves and fishes are located on Torrens Rd, Caboolture (take McDonalds driveway.)

Throughout the year, families within our community may need some extra support from us as a school community. We would like to put a call out to our school and church families for a donation of funds towards purchasing hampers for families in need. If you would like to donate money, or know someone in need, please see Reception, Chappy or Mrs Kube.

Lois Kube
Deputy Principal



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Term 1 School Fee Accounts have been uploaded to Parent Lounge.

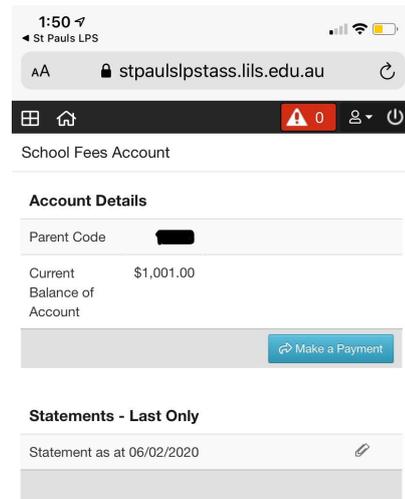
To access the statement please follow the following steps:

- Login to Parent Lounge using your parent code and password
- On The menu Accounts & Payments click on School Fees Account Statement as at 06/02/2020 – click on the paperclip to view (please see image of school fee account screen)

PLEASE NOTE: If you have been making payments in parent lounge in 2019 the Current Balance of Account may show the incorrect amount. The balance on the statement is the correct amount owing. We will have this rectified in the next few days.

All new families have now been setup in the Xplor portal. Xplor information is on page 4.

Ian Bloxham
Business Manager



FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Here at St Paul's, we are proud to promote a love of reading. Students have lots of opportunities to read throughout their week at school. Students borrow their choice of Library books each week from the GLAD Centre, they use Home Readers to practice their reading skills at their specific developmental level, and they read to self and to their peers during Daily 5. While the skills of decoding, comprehending and synthesising information are important to growing great readers, developing a love of reading is equally as important.

Dr Jennifer Rennie (a Senior Lecturer at Monash University and President of the Australian Literacy Educator's Association) argues that reading for pleasure "allows us to imagine, it sparks creativity and allows us to explore ideas and issues in a safe way." Along with these benefits, Dr Rennie also says that "Reading is also relaxing, it allows us to take ourselves away from the stresses of life."

Reading with your child has so many benefits! I encourage you to read with your child each day and find texts that you simply **enjoy** reading together. Here are some ideas to get you started: an interesting newspaper article, the latest camping catalogue, joke books, old family letters and albums, recipes, novels, picture books, comics, scientific diagrams and eye spy books. Happy Reading!

Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning



INSIDE STORY: YEAR 1



What is see through and what is not?

In Year 1, we are learning to identify things that we can see through and things that we cannot. We used torches to investigate and find things around Year 1 we could see through. We recorded our ideas in our books. We will continue to learn about sources of light being natural or artificial over the next few weeks.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Due to the recent bushfires in New South Wales over the Christmas period, our Term 1 Service Project this term will be Port Stephens Koalas. This not-for-profit organisation provides care to sick, injured and orphaned koalas to give them the best opportunity to be returned to the wild, while supporting research and collaboration to preserve their habitat to ensure that future generations may continue to enjoy seeing wildlife in their natural setting.

As a school, each \$50 raised will allow us to 'adopt' a Koala for the year. If you as a family would like to donate and adopt a Koala, please check out their Facebook page or go to www.portstephenskoalas.com.au

Opportunities to support our Term 1 Service Project include: Weekly offerings/givings at chapel & free dress at the end of term.

Chappy Teneille



Port Stephens Koalas
Port Stephens NSW - Australia



KINDERGARTEN

If you left Kindy in 2019 with a credit, this money has now been transferred to your school account. Please see me with any concerns regarding this.

Do you know anyone looking at Kindy / Pre-Kindy? We have limited spaces left available so let us know if you are interested.

Sam Beaman
Service Leader



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Best wishes to the students nominating to attend to compete at the **Caboolture District Swimming trials** tomorrow night, at the Caboolture Pool. Further acknowledgment to our St Paul's Swim Team travelling north this Friday 14th to Sunshine Grammar School, to compete in the annual **Inter-Lutheran Swimming Carnival**. Best of luck to our talented swimmers!

Upcoming Caboolture District Trials for students turning 10, 11 or 12 years of age: For the girls we have - Basketball, Softball & AFL. For the Boys - AFL, Softball, Basketball and Soccer. If you are interested in attending any sports trials, please come and see Mrs Schneider as soon as possible for information.

Jess Schneider
Physical Education Teacher



GSP Sports Academy is a participation based sports program which aims to build an attitude and desire for an active lifestyle, whilst building strong friendships through sport. By linking St Paul's Lutheran Primary School and Grace Lutheran College, Caboolture Campus, we utilise the expert coaching of both staff and students whilst ensuring all training sessions are completed on site.

We welcome all students to our dynamic sporting community. We look forward to helping your student succeed to their best potential.

To register please go to trybooking.com/BHFUZ

For ongoing updates and information on all GSP Sports Academy Programs, including information around training and events, please follow our GSP Community on our Closed Facebook Group page. To join please click through on the following link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/368854313561558/b> or search "GSP COMMUNITY" and request to join.



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



XPLOR Fee Payments

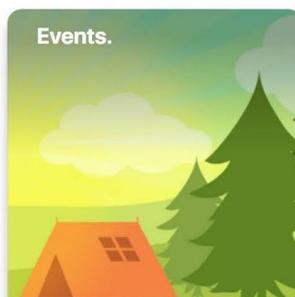
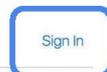


Setting up your payments

We currently use a payment system called 'Xplor' for fees and payments. Signing up is easy, providing a safe, secure and convenient way to make payments to the school.

1. Go to stpaulslps.xportal.myxplor.com (please bookmark)
2. Click sign-in (top-right of the screen)
3. If this is your first log-in, click 'forgot your password'
4. Enter your email address, and click 'request reset link'
5. Click the link that has been sent to your email and sign-in using the password you set.

Congrats, you're now set up and can make payments.



Pay

Donate

View

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.

More information on support.myxplor.com