

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6

3 March 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 3 March

Valuing Safe Communities Parent
Workshop for Volunteers 2.00pm &
6.00pm

Friday 6 March

Year 2 Glasshouse Excursion

Monday 9 March

Yr 4 Caboolture Waste Management
Excursion

Wednesday 11 March

Aged Care on Campus
School Fair Committee Meeting

Monday 16 March

Year 4 MBRC Bin Inspection Training

Tuesday 17 March

P&F Annual General Meeting 3.30pm

Last Wednesday at Chapel, we observed Ash Wednesday, which marks 40 days till Good Friday and Easter. Students were invited to have a small cross, marked with ash / charcoal, on their forehead or the back of their hand. Why is it "Ash Wednesday"? Ash is all that remains after life has been destroyed. Totally destroyed. Look at ashes, and you must think of what has been destroyed, and what destroyed it. On Ash Wednesday, many who follow Jesus wear a mark of ash, a cross, to symbolize how we will follow Jesus to discover how he intends to deal with everything that destroys life.

Early in the Gospels, we read about Jesus spending 40 days alone in the wilderness. This was a testing time for him, in which he needed to sort out whether or not he was up to the challenges coming his way, the Cross of Good Friday in particular. Ash Wednesday is about challenging ourselves to follow Jesus, all the way to that moment he gives his life for us.

Mark 10:32-34 Back on the road, they set out for Jerusalem. Jesus had a head start on them, and they were following, puzzled and not just a little afraid. He took the Twelve and began again to go over what to expect next. "Listen to me carefully. We're on our way up to Jerusalem. When we get there, the Son of Man will be betrayed to the religious leaders and scholars. They will sentence him to death. Then they will hand him over to the Romans, who will mock and spit on him, give him the third degree, and kill him. After three days he will rise alive."

Pastor Mike Neldner



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we move into the second half of Term 1 already, planning is well underway for us to host you at the end of Term 1 Student, Parent and Teacher Conversations [interviews]. This community event provides all of us with the opportunity to share with you how your student[s] has settled into the new school year socially and emotionally as well as looking at how they are progressing in the learning journey. **Conversations will take place on Thursday 2 April [4pm – 8pm] and Friday 3 April [8am – 12pm].** You will be invited to book a time on either of these two days, as our expectation is for every family to engage in this process as continue to build and grow a trusting and transparent working relationship with you. Details on how to go about making a booking will be emailed home this week Thursday in readiness for the Bookings Page to open next week on Monday. If you have any difficulties with this process, please notify the front office. We look forward to meeting with everyone at the end of the term.

With the P&F AGM now only two weeks away, nomination forms for the Executive roles are now available either in hard copy or via an email request from the front office. Please remember that the person you wish to nominate for a specific role, also has to endorse the nomination by signing the nomination form. If you would like to know more about the P&F Group, please see the information provided in this week's newsletter or pick up a P&F Group information brochure from the school. Thank you for your consideration in this process.

The first of our Inquiry Units for 2020 have begun this week. Please speak to your student about their learning journey in this rich learning process which will take place over the next 10 weeks. A summary of all the Inquiry Units happening across Prep – Year 6 is now on display in the main Undercover Area. Do stop or drop in to have a read of this.

Staff news: I am pleased to welcome Mrs Julie Woolf to our staff as the Junior School Learning Support Teacher for the remainder of the school year. Julie comes with a wealth of experience as a Junior School classroom teacher as well as previously working in a Learning Support role. Julie will be using the coming days to familiarise herself with our school's processes as well as getting to know the students, you as the parents and the teachers as she builds a collaborative working relationship with all the stakeholders involved and begins to contact those families involved in this program. We pray God's richest blessing on Julie as she settles into her role at St Paul's.
Wishing everyone a safe and productive week.

Yours in Christ.

Anton Prinsloo
Principal

Quote of the Week: *"Speak to people in a way that if they died the next day, you'd be satisfied with the last thing you said to them"* [author unknown]



FROM THE DEPUTY

Covering Books & Readers

If any parents are happy to come in and cover books & readers, we would greatly appreciate the extra help in getting the books out and available to the students quickly. You can come in any day other than Friday. You might like to come in for some time after you drop your students off or earlier before you pick them up. That way you are not making a special trip. Also if you come with a friend you will probably enjoy catching up and having a chat whilst covering, which makes it less boring. Please see Mrs Kube or Mrs Bird if you are able to help with this.



Child Protection Policy

You will find the [St Paul's Lutheran Primary School Child Protection Policy](http://stpaulsps.qld.edu.au/community/parent-resources/) on our website <http://stpaulsps.qld.edu.au/community/parent-resources/>. It is important that parents are aware of this policy and that we are diligent in caring for the needs of our students.

Ready Reading

Yesterday we welcomed back Ms Virginia Greenup as our Ready Reading Volunteer.

The Ready Reading Volunteer Program is an initiative to train volunteers to support children's reading in schools across Queensland. Ready Reading volunteers work with individual children under the direction of the classroom teacher to provide reading support to students and assist them to become confident and independent in their reading. Virginia will be working with students in Year 3 each Monday. Please welcome her to our community.

Collecting Students Early

Should you need to withdraw your child for part of the school day (e.g. doctor's appointments, etc.), it is good manners to write a note or email to the teacher informing them of the intended withdrawal. Please report to the office before collecting your child and collect a departure card to show the teacher. Please return to the office with the student's ID card to scan out.

Lois Kube
Deputy Principal

FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Oral language is an essential skill for both social interactions and academic understanding. We use oral language throughout our day to ask questions, give instructions, make requests and interact with others. Every social interaction that your child engages in, is a new opportunity to practice their oral language.

There are some simple ways that you can help your child to practice their oral language and interaction skills. Here are some ways that you can engage orally with your child:

- Ask them questions about their favourite things.
- Have some dinner time conversations and have everyone share a 'high point' in their day.
- Tell jokes to each other and focus on not only the words being said, but the timing of the delivery of the words and pausing for effect.

Share stories from your childhood and encourage your child to share stories from when they were younger.

Oral language is an essential skill for learning and for life. Enjoy talking with your child and having them talk with you about what matters most to them.



Robotics

The Senior Robotics program will commence next Thursday, 12th March in the GLAD Centre. We have been very blessed to again secure Mr Josh Witham as our tutor for Robotics in 2020. We are opening the program up during Weeks 7-10 of this term, to any students in Years 3-6 that are interested in Robotics in 2020. The cost for the 'Come and Try' period will be \$40. **Please see the attached letter for further information about the program.** Registration via Parent Lounge is due by Monday 9th March.

Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning

DEBATING CLUB

Wednesday Mornings 7:30am—8:20am

This year St Paul's will be entering a team into the **National Virtual Debating Competition** and students from Years 5 and 6 are invited to join the St Paul's Debating Club which will operate on Wednesday Mornings from 7:30am-8:20am. **The first Debate Club will start on Wednesday 11th March in the RISE room.** Join Mrs Russell for hot chocolate and muffins, watch some previous virtual debates and see if debating is for you.

Here are 9 reasons **Why should you join the Debating Club...**

- You will become a critical thinker- with the ability to create reasoned and well thought out arguments.
- Articulate your thoughts- become more confident to explain your thoughts clearly.
- Think on your feet- learning to think outside the box and challenge ideas.
- Conflict resolution- being able to stay focussed on the issue in a personable manner.
- Show empathy- understand the ideas of others.
- Keeping emotions in check- not getting too carried away emotionally



CELEBRATING STUDENTS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were recently celebrated at assembly:

PA	Matilda D	Being able to listen carefully with her whole body.
PB	Lachlan W	Being able to listen with my whole body.
Year 1	Lucy O Isabel M	Her positive attitude towards learning and displaying lovely manners. Her positive attitude towards learning and displaying lovely manners.
Year 2	Charlee M	Showing great stamina.
Year 3	Gabby T	Pursuing her best at all times.
Year 4	Shinaya T Abby S	Showing respect and consideration toward others within our school community.
Year 5	Bailey B	Demonstrating mature and responsible choices while showing leadership qualities.
Year 6	SJ S Leylani T	Showing initiative to support and mentor peers when they require assistance.

INSIDE STORY: JAPANESE

In Year 3, we have been learning about Japanese culture and places in Japan of cultural significance. This week, we looked at Mt Fuji (Fujisan). The students really enjoyed using watercolour to design a Mt Fuji painting. Next week, we will explore and write the sentence to express 'I go to' (place ni ikimasu). For example, Fujisan ni ikimasu.

In Year 1 this week, we have been learning about the names of our body parts in Japanese. We sang the song 'atama, kata, hiza, ashi' (heads, shoulders, knees and toes). We then worked in pairs to match the word in Japanese to the body part pictures.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98rDSRw7sv0>

What a great week we have had!

Arigatou gozaimasu,
Walker Sensei



- Construct meaning out of complex situations
- Boost confidence and improve presentation skills
- Expand your world view- have a deeper understanding of how our world works (today and in the future)

If you are interested in the Debating Club- please fill in the form using this link by Monday 9th March.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pwiBE0aNsK65RfPtIEKe4YskbK7f8rIHk4aJq1AIGaJURUNRMUtPNVNEQIBaU0dUUzNLN043TjMxOS4u>

I look forward to welcoming eager participants next week.

Please see me should you have any questions.

Thanks
Katrina Russell
RISE teacher





PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP

Our P & F Annual General Meeting is coming up soon on Tuesday 17th March at 3:15pm, so I thought it might be a good opportunity to highlight what the P & F Group does and how you could be involved.

What do we do?

We are a group of parents, staff and other interested people who come together to discuss issues that affect the school community. We help the staff and students by conducting fundraising to provide funds to make purchases that will benefit the school community; conducting school community events and serving in the school community.

Why be involved with the P & F?

- To be involved with your children's education
- To provide input to the school administration team
- To help the school
- To teach your children about service
- To meet other parents in the school
- To create bonds of friendship and community spirit
- To have fun!



How can you help?

The ways in which you can help and serve with the P & F are as varied as all the wonderful people that make up our school community! We recognise that many parents work and are busy, so please be assured that we understand and we are happy for you to help out using whatever time and skills you have available. Just a few ideas of how you could be involved are:

- ⇒ Committing to be at 2 meetings a term for the year, or maybe it is just getting along to one meeting in the year!
- ⇒ Planting some herbs or succulents in small pots (in the next few weeks) and growing them ready for our Mother's Day stall in Term 2.
- ⇒ Volunteering for an hour or so to help us butter Hot Cross buns for our "Hot Cross Bun" Fundraising morning tea on Thursday 2nd March (more about that coming soon!).
- ⇒ Coming in after drop-off one day early in Term 2 to help sort and distribute Picture Products to classes.
- ⇒ Volunteering for an hour at our Mother's Day Stall in Term 2.
- ⇒ If you are a landscaper – you could offer your knowledge and expertise to consult with us in the planning stages of our Nature Play area.
- ⇒ Donating logs, tree stumps or large boulders for us to use in our nature play area.
- ⇒ Donating goods or services from your business for us to use for fundraising in our School Fair this year.
- ⇒ Volunteering to visit local businesses and ask them for donations (with a school approved letter) for us to use in fundraising for this year's fair.

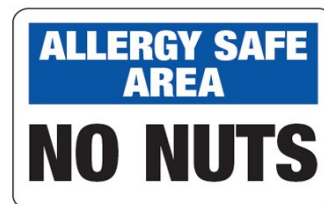
This is by no means an exhaustive list, but you can see that there are lots of different ways to be involved! If you would like to contribute in any of these ways (or have other skills you would like to tell us about!) please drop me an email on pfpresident@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au

Lyndel Miles

P&F President

SCHOOL TIMES

- 8.00am**
Students Supervised
- 8.20am**
Warning Bell to Classes
- 8.30am**
Learning Begins
- 10.50am - 11.30am**
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

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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.