

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8

9 June 2020

St Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday Services are NOW ONLINE.

If you have questions about the Christian Faith, please contact Pastor Mike on 0421 131 965 or 5432 4419

Diary Dates

2020

Wednesday 10 June

School Officer Day

Thursday 25 June

Students finish Term 2

Friday 26 June

Student Free Day - Report Proofing

Monday 13 July

Student Free Day - Staff First Aid Training

Tuesday 14 July

Students begin Term 3

Wednesday 15 July

Semester 1 Reports available on Parent Lounge 3.00pm

Monday 20 July

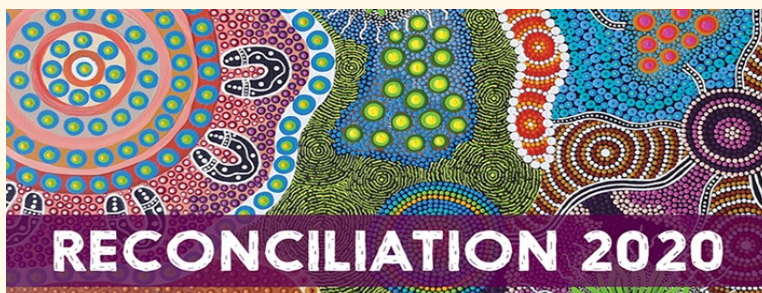
Aboriginal Culture for a Day Program TBC

Just as our world begins to crawl out from its Covid hibernation, a tsunami of racism swept over the planet ...

It just so happened that this last week, was RECONCILIATION WEEK 2020. The following prayer was shared around Australia.

Lord God, bring us together as one,
Reconciled with you and with each other.
You made us in your likeness.
You gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
Different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ:
Together as your body, your church, your people.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
Reconciled, healed, forgiven,
Sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one.

Pastor Mike Neldner



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I have the privilege most mornings to say hello to and welcome about 90% of our students to school as they enter via the drop-off zone – one of the perks which have come my way from the social distancing rules and regulations. Now that we are just over 3 weeks into this new normal, I am blown away by the children's confidence, their big smiles and beautiful manners as they transition so easily into school every day. Thank you, as the parent body, for your courtesy towards one another as you patiently allow traffic in and out as you either find a parking space or a place to stop every morning and afternoon as part of your daily routine.

After much deliberation, the members of the 2020 School and Church Fair organizing committee have decided to cancel this event. This decision was made due to the fact that we don't yet know what the state government's rules will be next term regarding the hosting of community events of this size. We also thought it not appropriate at this time to be approaching and asking local businesses for their support in terms of donations or produce given the dire financial situation which many will now find themselves in after being closed for a number of weeks.

Given the above situation regarding our local business community, St Paul's together with Grace College Caboolture would like to set up a School Business Directory as an idea that may further enhance the way our community can support each other. St Paul's is not seeking any other involvement or benefit from this proposal, other than to assist our families in business to support each other as we help to grow the local economy again. If you would like to have your business listed in the Business Directory, to then be made available to families in our community, then we suggest contacting us and sending in the following basic information:

- The name and logo (if applicable) of your business
- Business contact details and address
- A very short description of the service and product, if not obvious from your business name and logo.

Details should be forwarded to dgraham@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au by the end of the term. We would be looking to distribute the directory from the beginning of Term 3.

Thank you to those families who recently completed the school survey regarding which aspects of our Distance Learning Program you would like to see continued as part of our face-to-face learning philosophy. This feedback will now be used to ensure we continue to achieve the best outcomes for all our learners as we fine-tune our strategic direction as a learning community.



A very warm welcome is extended to the Laubscher family as they join our school community this week. We look forward to a long and rewarding working relationship with you as together we grow and nurture your student over the coming years. God bless and keep you safe as a family.

On-site school tours as well as Prep – Year 6 interviews for 2021 will commence again this week with the necessary social distancing and hygiene guidelines in place. If you know of any family members, friends, neighbours or work colleagues who are looking at enrolling their student in a strong community minded primary school which is at the cutting edge of primary school learning, please bring this information to their attention.

I would like to wish every family a great week.

Yours in Christ

Anton Prinsloo
Principal

Quote of the Week: *Do what is right, not what is easy nor what is popular.* [Roy T. Bennett]

FROM THE DEPUTY

If your student is unwell

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home, please let the school and OSHC know if your student is absent for the day.

Early Departure / Late Arrival of Students

Students can enter and depart the school via the school office where they will need to sign in/out, please make arrangements through the office for early departures.

Named Uniform

Please make sure that all uniform items are named, especially jumpers and jackets. With the cooler mornings, many students come to school wearing jumpers or jackets and take them off as the day warms up. If the item is named it can be returned to the right owner. This unfortunately is not the case if unnamed.

Smiths Road Connection

Are you aware that a new bridge has opened up further along Smith's Road connecting to Old Gympie Road and Caboolture Showground? Using this way into school may help to alleviate the heavy traffic situation in morning and afternoon out towards King Street.

Lois Kube
Deputy Principal



FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun.
The Challenge runs from now until 28th August.

- Students in P-2 need to read (or experience) 20 books.
 - Students in Years 3-4 need to read 20 books.
- Students in Years 5-6 need to read 15 books.
Books will be logged on See Saw, with an activity that has been set up especially for your child to record the books they read. At the end of the challenge, students will receive a certificate from the Queensland Premier.



Grace Testing

Grace Caboolture has partnered with us to offer their Year 7 testing days on our school campus. Maths and Reading tests are scheduled for the morning session on Wednesday, 2nd September.

Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning

KINDERGARTEN

Enrolments for 2021 are taking place from now.

If you would like a tour or to enrol please contact me and I will take you through the enrolment for placement in 2021.

Thank you to all families, as well as the school, for helping with restrictions placed on Kindy with parents and siblings needing to be limited at this time.

We look forward to having all restrictions lifted in the coming months.

Sam Beaman
Service Leader



INSIDE STORY: Year 1

In Year 1, we are learning to identify animals, their coverings and habitats. In our Inquiry unit called '**Feathers, Fur and Fins**' we have learned about lots of animals including chameleons, frogs and toucans. We have also made some beautiful artwork when we find out about these animals.

Here is some of our work:



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Term 1 Service Project - Meet the Koalas we adopted!



Eila

Eila is one of the koalas caught in the Mambo wetlands fire late in 2018. She has badly burned paws from climbing a burning tree. She has had extensive treatment for her burns and has responded well but will still be in care for a long

time while she recovers. While Eila was in care it was discovered that she had a tiny joey on board. Her joey, Patu, has also been adopted.



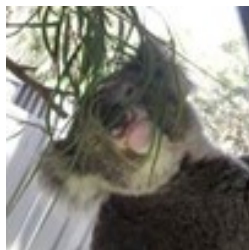
Patu

Meet popular Patu, whose name is the local Aboriginal Wonnarua word for 'water'. Patu's mum is Eila who was rescued, along with Patu's older brother, from the Mambo fires.. Despite the trauma of the fire, timing indicates that Patu was born some 35 days after Eila came into care!



Jax

Poor Jax came into care after being hit by a vehicle in Salamander Bay, and left at the roadside with a broken leg. However, Jax is a very determined boy and after 10 weeks of intensive homecare, was moved to one of our larger yards for further rehabilitation.



Joanie

When Joanie was brought in with a wounded eye, she had a joey in her pouch. She managed to care for him despite her condition and once he was old enough, Pablo was released back to the wild. Unfortunately, Joanie's eyesight did not improve and she remains in permanent care with us.

Chappy Teneille Kirby

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

St Paul's anxiously awaits further guidance from the Queensland Health and the Australian Government, regarding the return of Representative School Sport. Currently, all Representative School Sporting events are cancelled until 30th June 2020. The Representative School Sport program includes: Inter-Lutheran, District, Regional, State, National, Interstate and International competitions. In the meantime, with the 'Return of Play Guidelines' and current safety measures the school is practicing – St Paul's endeavours to explore possible approaches to potentially still host our: St Paul's Prep- Year 6 Inter-House Cross Country, Year 3- Year 6 Inter-House Athletics and Prep – Year 2 Junior Sports Days Carnivals in either Term 3 or Term 4, 2020. Thank you for your vigilance in minimising the risk to students, staff and communities during this time. Continue to make fun, keep safe and get moving!

Jess Schneider
Physical Education Teacher



9 digital technology guidelines for parents

by Martine Oglethorpe

Technology is everywhere now, in our homes, in our pockets, and perhaps worryingly for many parents, in our children's hands.

Every family is different, and will have their own ideas around what's considered 'normal' or acceptable use of our beloved devices, which means there's no universal answer.

However, there are some suggestions that can help you build some rules of your own and bring some order to the way your children use digital devices at home.

1. Know what the rules and expectations are at school

School digital device policies make a great starting point for families. Every school is different – some let students keep mobile phones in lockers or backpacks, while others allow limited mobile phone usage between classes or even during class time to aid with assignments. Make sure that you and your child know what the rules are at school. Importantly, support the school and keep your own expectations in line with theirs.

2. Specify hours for digital use

Set the ground rules for when your youngsters can use their tablets and phones, and when they need to shut them off for the night. It's just a smart way to build a habit for the whole family so it becomes ingrained and just the way things are done in your home. Keep in mind that this age group faces tremendous peer pressure to be online 24/7, and even though they'd never admit it, it might be helpful for them to have an acceptable 'way out' from their demanding digital life.

3. Consider a digital device 'contract'

Mobile phone 'contracts' were popular with parents a few years back and they are still a smart way to go. Clearly set out your digital device usage guidelines, and print them in an agreement that you and your young one can both sign. If there are any disputes, then you both have the expectations in writing. This digital technology guideline maybe a little too formal for many people's tastes, but it removes the grey areas around expectations that many young people are likely to exploit.

4. Lay out consequences from the start

Make the consequences clear for breaking the rules, such as taking away the phone or tablet for a set period of time. But remember, the goal isn't to punish them, but just to set clear boundaries. Your home's digital device guidelines should be reasonable rather than excessive, and be made in collaboration with your youngster so they feel a sense of ownership about the rules too. This should make it less likely for them to 'break the law', so to speak.

5. Talk about respectful relationships, safety and pornography

You can't let your young person loose in the digital world without having several conversations about how to stay safe online, how to show respectful behaviour and be aware of the pitfalls of pornography. Each of these topics is a separate issue on its own, but each is deeply affected by the virtual, boundary-free nature of digital technology. This kind of digital exposure can have massive ramifications on the growth and development of young people, especially when it comes to the quality of their relationships and well-being.

6. Be prepared to learn

Be ready to learn about social media, and the different apps and games that young people may be playing. But at the same time, be mindful of their boundaries. A recent Australian survey found that young people see TV-watching as a way of connecting to their family, and social media as a way of connecting to their friends.

7. Change the rules if necessary

Many families will have a young one who believes that rules are made to be broken. They are the ones always pushing past their boundaries, their own limits and the limits of their parents' patience. Smart parents take a more flexible approach, and believe that rules are made to be changed. Be prepared to keep evolving your rules based on your young person's behaviour, maturity, sleep habits, their tendency to leave homework or chores unfinished, bullying or any number of issues that will invariably crop up to make them feel like your rules just aren't working.

8. Keep digital devices out of the bedroom

If there was one rule that you should stay firm on, then this is the one. Many young people are in a constant sleep deficit as it is without bringing digital devices into the mix. They may say they want to charge it in their room. Keep the charger in a public place. They may even want to use their mobile or tablet to wake up in the morning. Applaud them on wanting to wake up on their own, but get them a regular alarm clock instead.

9. Have a 'digital detox' one day a week

The only way that this idea will work is if you join them in making one day a week a digital device-free day. They will probably not like it, and neither will you, but the point of having one day off is to prove that they can live without their digital device, and involve them in different forms of communication and entertainment.

Digital technology is now an integral part of our lives, but it's not the only option we have for entertainment, information and or communication. Before we help our young people, it's best to look at our own digital habits to make sure we are providing them with what they need – that is, leading by example and being balanced role models who know when to use and when not to use their devices. They are far more likely to walk our walk than follow our talk. It's not easy, but with a little effort and forethought, it does not have to be such a daunting proposition.



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

**ALLERGY SAFE
AREA**

NO NUTS

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Senior Assembly Postponed

Thursday 8.35am

Junior Assembly Postponed

Friday 1.30pm

CHAPEL TIMES

Senior Chapel Postponed

Wednesday 8.35am

Junior Chapel Postponed

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

& 2.30pm-3.30pm

Fridays

8.00am-9.00am

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