

# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 3

9 February 2021

St Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday Services are on Sunday at 9:00am and online via Facebook and YouTube.

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

## Diary Dates

### 2021

#### Tuesday 9 February 2021

5.15pm Year 5 Classroom walk-through  
5.45-6.45pm Year 5 Parent Information Evening

#### Wednesday 10 February 2021

5.15pm Year 4 Classroom walk-through  
5.45-6.45pm Year 4 Parent Information Evening

3.30-4.30pm GSP Soccer Starts  
3.30-4.30pm GSP Netball Come and Try Day for 5 to 10 year olds

#### Thursday 11 February 2021

3.30-5.00pm GSP Netball Free Come and Try Day for 11 and 12 year olds

## THE WONDER IN YOUR HEART

**"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."**

**MATTHEW 18:3**

Albert Einstein once said, "I have no special talents. I am just passionately curious."

Being curious is "wanting to know." Children are naturally like this. They ask lots of questions-often to the point of exasperating us! I can remember when mine were little and always asking, «Why?" It seemed no answer I gave was sufficient, because their next breath was again, "Why?"

But even Jesus told us to be like little children, childlike in our faith, in awe of the greatness of our God: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

Being curious, like a child, is how we keep the wonder God placed in our hearts to continually seek Him, learn, and grow. It's how we keep our hearts hungry for who He is and eager to know what He's called us to do.

Being curious about others increases our capacity for empathy and caring, because to care about someone, we have to wonder about them first. One of the best ways to learn is to be interested in people and ask them questions.

Being curious is essential to problem solving and learning. When we open the door to increasing our knowledge and understanding, we grow in innovation and creativity.

So let's stay curious!

**Prayer: Holy Spirit, please pique my curiosity today about You, Your world, and the ones You place in my path.**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to those families who have made an early connection with their child's year level teacher by attending last week's Parent Information Evenings. This week will see the school host the Year 4-6 parents. Please remember that your child's learning space will be open from 5:15pm for you to visit before attending the information session at 5:45pm in the Chapel. We hope this initiative lays a strong foundation for our transparent working relationship with you in 2021.

Next week on Monday all the Year 6 students will attend a Leadership Day Program as we acknowledge the important role which every Year 6 student will play at St Paul's this year. This has already been affirmed by the large number of Year 6 students who already have taken up this year's Leadership Program supporting and serving the students and staff across various areas of the school.

Prep 2022 Applications! If you have a child or know of someone whose child is starting Prep in 2022, please submit your application, to reserve a place for your child, as interviews for Prep 2022 will be starting in March. Please contact the school office and ask for Ms. Donna Graham if you need further information regarding this matter.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Lois Kube all the best as she goes on leave from next week. I would also ask that you join me next week in welcoming Mr. Neil Sampson back to our community as he takes on the role of Acting Deputy Principal for the rest of Term 1. It's with mixed emotions that I am letting you know that our classroom Music Teacher, Mrs. Brooke Reed, will be leaving St Paul's at the end of Week 5. Brooke has won a full-time teaching position at Eatons Hill State School which is also within her local neighbourhood. This is a wonderful growth opportunity for Brooke in her career and our best wishes go with her as she begins to prepare for this transition. It's affirming to see the next generation of teachers embracing the next season in their career, but sad for us to say goodbye to Brooke as a colleague and friend. The school is currently in the process of filling this pending vacancy.

Thank you for the great connections which have already been made and all the conversations already had this year.

Have a safe week ahead.

Yours in Christ.  
Anton Prinsloo  
Principal



**Quote of the Week:** *A smart person knows what to say. A wise person knows whether or not to say it.*

## FROM THE DEPUTY

### Student Leaders' Induction

The induction of our Students Leaders for 2021 will take place on Friday 19th February at Senior Assembly at 8.35am. All parents, carers and families are welcome to attend.

### Easter Garden

Have you wondered why there is a coloured cloth hanging around the central cross in our Easter Garden outside the School Office? The colours of the cloth represent the season of the church year. At the moment we are celebrating Epiphany. Epiphany is the Greek word meaning appearance or showing. Christians remember the time when Jesus was shown to The Wise Men – people from other countries. Jesus had not come just for the Jewish people but for all people comes after Christmas and lasts until Ash Wednesday.

### Morning Tea and Lunchtime Clubs

There are a large number of extra curricular activities or clubs that are made available to our students. Please see the table below for the list of Morning Tea and Lunch time clubs.

### Parent Volunteers in Classrooms

Some of you are asking me if parents are allowed to be in the classrooms as volunteers. The answer is YES! If however there are others – grandparents etc, then you must fill out a COVID Form every time you enter the school. There will be a Valuing Safe Communities (VSC) information session on Tuesday 9 March for Parent Volunteers. This is to be completed every 3 years. If you are unsure if you need to complete this course, please see Mrs Kube/Mr Sampson as soon as possible.

Lois Kube



everywhere. Epiphany



Morning Tea and Lunchtime Clubs 2021

2021	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Choir			
Morning Tea		Garden Club	Makerspace	Garden Club	Beyblade Club GLAD Centre
			Beyblade Club GLAD Centre	Makerspace	
Lunch	Chess Main Undercover Area	Art Club Makerspace	Japanese Club P-3	Japanese Club 4-6	
			Chappy in the Library	Chappy in the Library	
				Chess Main Undercover Area	

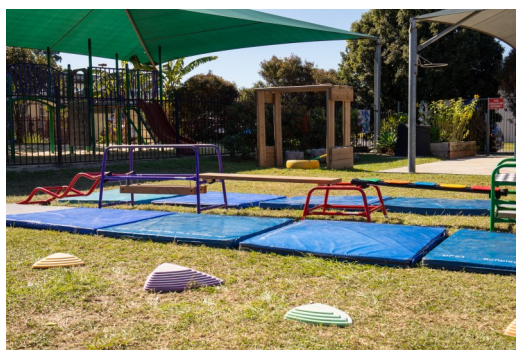
Deputy Principal

## KINDERGARTEN

Kindy would like to invite all to join our Governance Committee. We meet once a month in the school boardroom to discuss and plan all things Kindy.

If you would like to join us please see Sam at Kindy for more information. We hope you can join this wonderful group.

Sam Beaman  
Service Leader







# INSIDE STORY: YEAR 3

Last Friday, the Year 3's participated in their first Senior Swimming Carnival. The day began with excitement and a few nerves as Mrs Ferguson went through a PowerPoint outlining how the day would look. The bus trip was quick and at the pool there were many smiles as the children waited for their races. The Year 3 team was very proud of their effort and enthusiastic participation.



## FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

This week marks the beginning of our short term planning cycles in English. Teaching teams, along with Learning Support and myself, will meet throughout the week to look at current student data and needs. We will plan a 3-week English unit collaboratively that targets students where they are at in their learning and development. We are all excited to see where this journey takes us throughout the year.



At St Paul's, we love to read! It is an expectation that all students in our school borrow at least one book each fortnight to read



for enjoyment at home. Please talk to your child about the sorts of books that they might like to borrow and encourage them to show you their choices. Graphic novels, picture books, fact books, recipe books, books about other countries, books about how to look after pets, books about coding, and many more types of books are available from our large collection each week to the students, for them to borrow. Talk to your child about the books that they might enjoy trying, let them know what books you like to read, and allow time each day for them to read for 15 minutes as part of our compulsory expectations for reading across the school.

A reminder that our GLAD Centre (Growing, Learning And Discovering Centre) is open for you as a family to borrow and use between 8:00-8:30 am and 3:00-3:30 pm Monday - Thursday every week. Happy Reading!

Mrs Emma Bird  
Head of Teaching and Learning

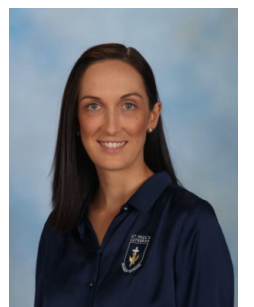
## UNIFORM SHOP

### Uniform Shop Hours Change

Uniform Shop will be open this week Wednesday 8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm, CLOSED FRIDAY 8-9AM

As of next week the regular hours Uniform Shop will be open are Monday 8-9am and Wednesday 8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm

Ian Bloxham  
Business Manager





## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A splashing good time was had last Friday, at the annual Senior School Inter-House Swimming Carnival! Congratulations to all of our participants and place getters! Thank you to all of our



wonderful spectators who attended to show their support and a special thank you to all staff who helped make the day a great success. Best wishes to our selected 10-12 Year Olds students, attending the District Swimming Trials on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. A special Swimming Presentation will be held this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, during Senior Assembly.



Mrs Jess Schneider  
PE & Sport Coordinator

## 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**  
Friday 8.35am

**Junior Assembly**  
Thursday 8.35am

## CHAPEL TIME

**Whole School Chapel**  
Wednesday 8.35am

Let's be  friends

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@StPaulsLutheranKindy

@SPLCCaboolture

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

## UNIFORM SHOP

**Monday** 8.00-9.00am &  
**Wednesday** 8.00-9.00am  
& 2.30-3.30pm.

Orders can be submitted online on Flexischools or ordered through the school office and delivered to students on uniform shop days.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP

Welcome back to another school year! The P & F would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families that have joined us this year.

Last year was certainly an interesting one! The P & F group held our first meeting of the year in February, excited about all our upcoming events on the school calendar, and then one by one we had to cancel those events and meetings and we were not able to meet again physically until November, 2020. So we are ready to 'hit the ground running' this year and we are praying that we will be able to run our events and fundraisers in COVID safe style! The St Paul's P & F group is all about being involved in the school community and providing more opportunities for the kids - whether it be through participating in fun events, being able to buy a gift for their mum or Dad on Mother's and Father's Day or fundraising for playground equipment and classroom items.

We would love it if you could join us at our first meeting of the year on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3:15pm** in the boardroom (just head to the office and they will direct you!). Kids are welcome to come along too - they usually play together on the floor in the same room.

Our first fundraising event for the year is a chocolate drive - **boxes will be distributed on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February** and the **money and any unsold chocolates must be returned to the office by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. The prize for the family that sells the most chocolates is a \$100 Coles Myer gift card.** Once you have sold your first box of chocolates, please feel free to contact the office to arrange additional boxes.

If you have any questions about the P & F group please feel free to email me on [pfpresident@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au](mailto:pfpresident@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au) or ask on the P & F Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SPLPSPandF/>

Lyndel Miles  
P & F President



## SPLICE KIDS PLAYGROUP is back.



Every Tuesday at 9am **during the school Term.**

Don't forget to bring your Morning Tea.

