

# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6

10 November 2020

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

2020

**Monday 9 - Thursday 19 November**

Prep - Yr 2 Swimming

**Saturday 14 November**

Regional Robotics Competition

GLC Rothwell

**Friday 20 November**

STUDENT FREE DAY

**Monday 23 November**

Year 6 End of Year Excursion

**Thursday 26 November**

Build a Bear and Apple Store Prep

Incursion

**'My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed' (Isaiah 54:10).**

Do you ever dare wonder about the magnitude of God's love for you? Do you ever wonder why he chooses to focus his steadfast love and compassion on you? Do you wonder why God wants you to prosper and for everything that comes from you, such as your children, to also flourish? Does it ever scare you a little and lead you to think, maybe God loves you more than you can love yourself?

In the text today, we are reminded that worldly calamities are real, and they can throw us off course. This text talks about natural disasters, violence, and oppression. Here, God offers comfort to the Israelite people, reminding them that his love is true stability and a source of peace.

When life throws us a curve ball, we tend to cling to visible things, usually people or possessions. But for us, the church, God has revealed himself as the true source of strength and stability. It is from him that we receive the very good gifts of stability and order in this world, such as loving families, safe homes, and peaceful communities.

When we look for comfort in the things of this world, we will ultimately be disappointed. But when we look to God for comfort, his steadfast love flows into our lives and transforms the way we perceive all reality – even a reality that is frightening. This is the peace that surpasses all understanding that keeps our hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

***Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for revealing your true nature to us in the Holy Scriptures. Thank you for sending Christ to fulfil and be the way to your peace. Lord, strengthen us as we grow through hardship, joy, and ordinary times. Bless our hearts in our longing for rest in you. Amen.***

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Over the past few months we have been revisiting and fine-tuning the strategic direction of how we do learning at St Paul's. As a primary school which strongly advocates and implements a contemporary approach to learning, the impact of Covid-19 has again highlighted that we need to continue pursuing and growing this mindset within and beyond our learning community. This has been considered and written into our 2021-2023 Strategic Plan. Included, for your reading, with this week's newsletter [see attachment] is an article which was published in this month's *Education Review* magazine which reflects on the current school system in Australia which is stuck in a bygone era. What a wonderful affirmation this has been of the learning journey and growth mindset which we continue to pursue at St Paul's away from this bygone era.



Congratulations and good luck to the "Blue" and "Pink" Senior School Robotics Teams who have qualified for the Regional FLL Robotics Competition to be held at Grace Rothwell this coming Saturday. Well done all our Senior School Robotics students for your commitment, perseverance and time put into this year's program. Thank you to Mr. Josh Witham for his ongoing expertise and leadership in our Robotics Program and to Mrs Lynda Witham for all the help and work done on behalf of the school.

Last Saturday I had the opportunity to head down to the Caboolture Netball Centre to watch 4 of our Year 6 netballers represent the GSP Blaze netball team in their division's Grand Final match. I am pleased to announce that they emerged 23-14 winners and I have since learnt that they have gone through the season undefeated – what an impressive performance girls! The GSP Netball Club has emerged and grown into a strong and thriving club within 4 years and I can recommend it to all our families who are considering netball for their child[ren] as a sporting option in 2021. Since announcing and introducing the "Straw no More Campaign" in Term 3, we have noticed a dramatic drop in the number of poppers being packed into lunch boxes – thank you for this! This in turn has resulted in fewer straws and straw wrappers being filtered through the rubbish bins at school. One family has shared with me how they have replaced poppers with small pre-mixed drink bottles for school and another has replaced plastic straws with bamboo straws for home use. Thank you for your ongoing support and the thought which has gone into this environmental initiative.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy week.

Yours in Christ.

Anton Prinsloo  
Principal

**Quote of the Week:** *Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most importantly, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. [Steve Jobs]*

## FROM THE DEPUTY

### Swapping Pick-Up Times and Early Pick-Up

Please do not ask to swap your Pick-Up Time. It was changed this term to be fair to all families. If you wish to pick up your student(s) prior to 2.30pm, then please make these arrangements through the school office. Family names M-Z are to be picked up at 2.40pm and family names A-L at 3.00pm. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Instrumental Music at St Paul's

Enrolments are now open for all students to learn a musical instrument at St Paul's in 2021 with Grace Academy. Your child could learn a string or band instrument, piano or guitar. Visit the Grace Academy website for more information.

### Pupil Free Day

Please note that Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November is a Pupil Free Day as our teachers will be Proofing Reports.

### National Road Safety Week

#### Let's teach our kids road safety

From 15 to 22 November, it is National Road Safety Week - a time to remind our students how to be safe on and around roads. It is so important to teach our students how to travel safely to and from school each day, but we need your help. Please encourage your child to practice safe behaviours around roads. Our School Crossing Supervisors have some great tips to share on road safety with your children:

Always STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK before crossing a road

Listen to the school crossing supervisor.

Only cross the street on the green 'walk' traffic sign or at a pedestrian crossing.

Explain traffic signs and signals with your child.

We also encourage you to get involved in committing to road safety by:

Drive slow around schools and obey the 40km/h speed limit.

Look out for children and school crossing supervisors entering the road.

Make sure all of your passengers are wearing a seatbelt.

The safety of our students is our highest priority and together we can make road safety top of mind.

For more information view the [school travel options](#) on the Transport and Main Roads website or visit <https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/> for more information on National Road Safety Week and the daily themes.

Lois Kube  
Deputy Principal



## National Road Safety Week

### 15 - 22 November 2020

*Drive so others survive*

## FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

### Senior Robotics

The Senior Robotics students participated in their in-school competition on Friday.

The teams worked hard over the last couple of months to prepare a presentation to solve a community issue about exercise. I was very impressed with the creativity, innovation, problem solving skills and team work that I saw in the group presentations.

The students blew the judges away with their ideas, research and reasoning. Our youngest team of Year 3 students gave a presentation that was outstanding, well done to our youngest robotics members on this achievement! Judged on programming, their presentation, team work and various other elements throughout the day, the Blue Team (Nathan M, Cooper B, Cooper P, Noah P, Nathan S) and Pink Team (Kenzie P, Jess C, Karla S, Isabelle M) were the two highest scoring teams on the day, and they will go through to the Regional Final on Saturday at Grace College, Rothwell. We wish these two teams all the best as they prepare for the competition.



Mrs Emma Bird  
Head of Teaching and Learning



# CELEBRATING STUDENTS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently received Student Awards:

Prep	Kayla G Ava A	Being able to show number in a variety of ways. Willing to try something new.
Year 1	Aria P Alex B Savanah G	Working independently and being a good role model.
Year 2	Ethan W Jacob B	Making positive choices when learning.
Year 3	Miya F Thomas L Tyler T	Being willing to always turn up and participate with a great attitude. Excellence in reading using a mature level of expression. An Excellent achievement in spelling.
Year 4	Molly O Anabelle M	Making a strong effort to be organised to learn and complete tasks on time.
Year 6	Mozes A Holly S	Quality research in monotheistic religions.

## INSIDE STORY: What'll happen to the Wattle?!!



Year 4 (with some extra assistance from Blake Witham), have recently been working on something special. They have submitted a video application to be one of 6 Queensland schools to be selected to receive Australian wattle seeds that have been studied in SPACE!

The selected schools around Australia will receive wattle seeds that have been flown to space as well as seeds that have not. The seeds are from the same seed lot. These seeds will be germinated and grown, with data being uploaded to the 'What'll happen to the wattle??!' app.

There will be teleconferences and other education support materials provided for the duration of the program. A small greenhouse, growing medium and all material will be provided to schools.

The project will take at least a year and it is envisaged that the wattle will then be planted and a map be made of all the 'space wattle trees' around Australia.

Please read below for the students reasons why their nomination should be chosen:

Our school should be chosen because we have lots of land space to plant the trees and enough space so everyone in our community can see it. Our school should get some seeds because we have a Kindy and a high school attached to it and an aged care centre close by. The wattles will feed birds, give us something else to look after and the wattle tree will help other plants, which need shade, to grow. People who love science will be able to study, make notes and share their information with the community. Our school is a clean environment. We learn about waste and carefully manage our waste so that we can care for the environment. We also have homes in the community close to our school and public places like an historic bike trail and a park nearby. We can plant the trees where the local community can see them and visit them. I think we should get the wattle seeds because the students in our school always take care of plants and we have a gardening club. Students in our school community participate in everything and we are very enthusiastic in everything we do as well!

And GUESS WHAT .....we have been chosen!! This is a first for Australia. We will be a part of history!



Check out the  
Year 4 Video  
submission at  
[https://  
streamable.com/  
apxjck](https://streamable.com/apxjck)



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION



A Special acknowledgement goes to our Sports Star, Abbey Thomason, who competed at the Brisbane Blue Cup Touch Football Competition last weekend. Well done to Abbey and her 12-Year-Old Girls Social Team, undefeated and taking home the Cup!

Jess Schneider  
Physical Education Teacher



## 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



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## SAVE YOUR PLACE AT GRACE

Grace Lutheran College are proud to partner with our Lutheran primary schools in the Moreton Bay region to provide continual quality education to our students. This partnership enables Grace to easily transition students from primary into secondary school, ensuring the students are comfortable with their surroundings and are delivered consistent core values.

Should you wish to arrange a personal school tour of our Caboolture Campus or speak further regarding enrolment at Grace, please do not hesitate to contact our Enrolments Coordinator, Cheree Woodbridge  
**[enrolments\\_caboolture@glc.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrolments_caboolture@glc.qld.edu.au) | (07) 5495 2444**



**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

**Wednesdays & Fridays  
(CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE)**

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