

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 1

6 October 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

Tuesday 6 October

Students begin Term 4

Start Smart Incursion

Thursday 8 & Friday 9 October

Start Smart Incursion

Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 October

Year 4 Camp

Wednesday 14 - Friday 16 October

Year 6 Camp

Monday 19 October

Officer Bob visit to Year 4

Wednesday 21 October

Yr 4A PCYC Bike Education

Would you listen to an Angel if one came and spoke to you?

Welcome back! This term, your youngsters may want to tell you about Wednesday morning chapels where we'll be featuring the pre-Christmas stories – the drama going on in the lives of the Christmas characters that leads to the birth moment of Jesus AT CHRISTMAS.

One of the stand out features of these stories is that Angels star. God gives them a big role. For instance, Angels visit both Mary and Joseph, separately, giving them a heads up about a baby that is on its way.

It's easy to dismiss Angels as fairy tales, not real and make believe.

(The biggest misuse of the term "angel" is when we use it to describe our little people when they have been super good or super cute). However, when we start to dig a little in our bible, they are real and feature quite often. They give continual praise and worship to God (Read Revelation). They serve God, and he sends them as messengers to humans (especially in the Christmas Story). An angel helped Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:43). Satan even acknowledges the angels, as he tests Jesus in the desert, using words from Psalm 91 – "God will order his angels to take good care of you. They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones". Angels watch over God's children (Matt 18:10). Not to mention the amazing role an angel plays in the Easter story.

So ... do you believe in angels? Would you listen to an angel if one came and spoke to you?

Luther wrote this prayer: "I thank you heavenly Father, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask you to keep me this day too, from all sin and evil, so that in all my thoughts, words and deeds I may please you. In your hands I place my body and soul and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the evil one may have no power over me. Amen"

Pastor Mike Neldner.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the final school term for 2020. I hope that everyone has taken this time to slow down, catch your breath and spend quality time with family and friends. Traditionally, Term 4 goes by very quickly as the "Christmas rush" begins to gather momentum during November and as a school we plan to farewell our Year 6 students as well as hosting a number of end of year awards and closing events.

I am pleased to let you know that planning, which will be guided by the necessary Covid-19 regulations, is well underway for these events with further information to be sent home in the coming weeks. Please remember to communicate with either your student's year level teachers, the school's Executive or the front office if further information and support are needed as together we embrace the busyness of school life.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Hay, Williams and Harlow students and their parents to our school as they settle into school life at St Paul's this week. We look forward to forging a strong, productive and transparent working relationship with these families as we strive to grow and nurture these students during their time at St Paul's.

Congratulations to Miss Herbert who tied the knot during the term break and will be returning to work as Mrs. Reed. We pray that God will bless, protect and guide Brooke and her husband over the coming years.

On the final Saturday of last term a number of stakeholders met to review and subsequently update the school's Strategic Plan. This "living" document is a critical part in the forward thinking and planning for St Paul's in an ever-changing educational landscape. Included with this week's newsletter is a draft copy of our 2021-2023 Strategic Plan for your perusal and feedback. Please submit any feedback or questions to my office by Friday 16 October. Thank you for your time in this process.

Good luck to the Year 4 and Year 6 students and staff as they put the finishing touches to their respective school camp preparations for next week. Over the coming weeks our Year 5 students will also be mentored and supported as they begin to prepare for and consider their role as the senior students and prospective leaders of St Paul's in 2021.

Calling all Year 2-5 swimmers! As we approach summer and swimming season again, all students in Years 2-5 are encouraged to consider upping their swimming mileage [and possibly being part of squad training] in preparation for our inter-house, District and inter-school swimming carnivals which will take place at the beginning of Term 1 next year.



I would like to wish all our students and families every blessing for a safe and productive Term 4.

Yours in Christ.

Anton Prinsloo
Principal

Quote of the Week: "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." [Cherokee Proverb]

FROM THE DEPUTY

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that you all enjoyed the holiday break and were able to spend time together as a family. I am excited about being back after being on leave for most of Term 3. Thank you to Mr Nicholls who filled the role of Deputy Principal and did an excellent job. This term is going to be another busy but exciting term.

Prep, Year 1 & 2 Swimming

Prep Year 1 & 2 classes will be attending swimming from 9 - 19 November. Information about this will be coming to you soon.

Chapel

This term our theme for chapel is Christmas. We will be taking a deeper look at the Christmas story week by week.

Pick-Up Zone

Please note the change to the order for the Pick-Up Zone in the afternoons. This means that those students whose surnames begin with M-Z will be the first group to come and be picked up between 2:40pm -3:00pm while those with surnames beginning with A – L will come out at 3:00pm. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Lois Kube
Deputy Principal



FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

What beautiful Spring weather we had over the September holiday break! I hope that you and your family had some time to rest, recharge and reconnect over the holiday break.

Commonwealth Bank Start Smart Program

Starting today and continuing until Thursday, all P-6 students will participate in the Commonwealth Bank's Start Smart Program during school hours. The interactive, educational workshops are designed to motivate and inspire students and give them the confidence and skills to make smart decisions about money.

PAT Maths

Over the coming three-week period students in Years 2-5 will participate in a short, 40-minute online test called PAT Maths. The tests assess students' skill and understanding in multiple-choice format in the six strands of:

Number
Algebra
Geometry
Measurement
Statistics
Probability

The assessments also address the mathematical processes of understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning. The skills assessed by each question are mapped against the Australian National Curriculum for Mathematics.

We plan to use the data from these tests to understand what we do well in teaching Mathematics and what areas we need to refine further when teaching the students in our school.

Mrs Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

School Fees.

School Fee accounts have been issued via Parent Lounge. Payment due date is this Friday, 9 October 2020. If you have any concerns or are needing to set up a payment arrangement please contact my office.

Ian Bloxham
Business Manager



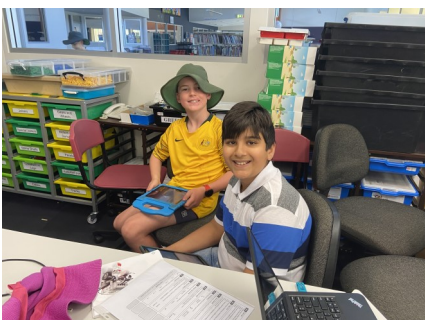
CELEBRATING STUDENTS AWARDS

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

Prep	David P Kezia M	Using a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence.
Year 1	Flynn P Mia K Isabella T Grace I	Being a kind and caring friend and is always willing to help out in the classroom. The passion and enthusiasm she shows towards singing both in the classroom and at Chapel.
Year 2	Oliver Martin	Exploring and discovering 'Simple Machines' during Inquiry.
Year 3	Annie P Bridey S Sophie F	Showing kindness towards their classmates.
Year 4	Deng A Harper P Rhiley S Isabelle M	Demonstrating great, independent focus during Daily 5 rotations. Their quality research for the Moon Information Report.
Year 5	Ava L Krish K Lochlan F	Showing a persistent and resilient attitude in all areas of school. His enthusiastic participation in extra school activities. Taking initiative to care for the school's garden.
Year 6	Kristian C Lena S Sienna S Ayen A	Enthusiasm with all tasks during National eSmart Week.

INSIDE STORY: ROBOTICS

During the term break our Robotics day camp started with the groups doing some team building activities. We then got stuck into some First LEGO League project work. Great progress was being made by all teams, minds were stretched to problem solve as well as building skills to work together cooperatively.



INSIGHTS

Help kids tap into their inner resources



My first parenting mentor, Maurice Balson, author of *Becoming Better Parents* constantly reminded parents, “If you want your child to be resourceful you need to put them in positions to develop their resources.”

Balson’s resourcefulness message is just as apt today. Coping with change, dealing with small losses, handling rejection and overcoming disappointment are the types of experiences that build a child’s or young person’s inner resources.

Developing resourcefulness is the appropriate approach to take when considering the disruptive impact that coronavirus is having on kids’ lives. A child who is struggling to come to grips with the changes brought about by the pandemic initially needs an emphatic, supportive approach. They also need encouragement to tap into their inner resources to help them manage the hard times. The following strategies will help develop your child or young person’s inner resources.

Give them a chance to be resourceful

Harry, age 10, often leaves his lunch at home. His father, who works from home, won’t take forgotten items to school. Harry either misses lunch or persuades his friends to share their lunches with him. Either way, when Harry leaves his lunch at home he’s forced to rely on his emotional or physical resourcefulness to get by. And he does.

Catch them being resourceful

A child’s behaviours that gain a parent’s attention generally expand. Highlight a child’s good manners, acts of kindness or honesty and you’re more likely to get a repeat of those behaviours. Positive parental recognition is a high motivator for most kids. To encourage your child’s resourcefulness, focus your attention and positive comments on acts of resourcefulness and resilience they exhibit.

Encourage creativity

Sylvia, age 13 walked to school each day, saving her bus fare to spend on clothes that were out of reach of her parents’ budget. Sylvia found a way to overcome her money problem in her own way. Children and young people usually come up with very creative solutions when they’re allowed to own their problems.

Develop coping skills

Kids rely on their coping skills to help them manage their emotional states when life throws them curve balls. Build your child’s set of coping skills through direct teaching, modelling and discussion. Humour, distraction, relaxation, exercise, play and thought-distancing are some of the more common coping skills kids can use to help them tolerate their difficult feelings.

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
Friday 8.35am

Junior Assembly
Friday 1.30pm

CHAPEL TIMES

Senior Chapel
Wednesday 8.35am

Junior Chapel
Wednesday 9.05am

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@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.