

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 7

17 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

Friday 20 November
STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 24 November
Year 6 Excursion

Wednesday 25 November
Kindy Graduation 10am

Thursday 26 November
Build a Bear Prep Incursion

Friday 27 November
Free Dress Day

WRAPPING FOR CHRISTMAS

We're starting to wrap up our BIG year. Very soon, if not already, we'll see increased activity of wrapping up Christmas gifts. To help our little people get ready for Christmas, we are helping them get into the Christmas narrative ... Mary and Joseph discovering they are to be parents of the Christ child, Angels being the couriers of the Good News that Jesus is about to be born, and that God is about to deliver on his promise to rescue our breaking world. Our hope is that when they get to Christmas, they will be well prepared to unwrap the story and to celebrate what Christmas is all about.

As you begin to wrap for Christmas, here's a gift idea. Go to ALWS.ORG.AU/Grace, phone 1300 763 407 (or grab a brochure from School reception). Gifts of Grace is about "buying" a Christmas gift that helps families in poverty in overseas countries where Australian Lutheran World Service is working hard to connect and support our struggling neighbours.

Prayer: Jesus, help us appreciate that, as everyone's about to get ready for Christmas, it's all about you. We have Christmas because you came into our world, born as a baby, just like anyone of us. Thanks for the Christmas Story ... all about you. As we finish up our last few weeks of the school year, bless us as we look forward to wrapping it all up with Christmas.

Pastor Mike Neldner



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we continue to build on our reputation as a school which provides an outstanding Robotics and Coding Program across all year levels, I am proud to announce that one of our two teams competing on the weekend won the Regional Robotics Competition. This competition included participants from both high and primary schools with larger teams and from better funded schools. Well done to the "Pink Team" consisting of Karla, Jessica, Isabelle and Kenzie on their outstanding achievement. Our "Blue Team" consisting of Cooper P, Noah, Nathan S, Cooper B and Nathan M won the Core Values Award on the day and also qualified for the Nationals. Our Robotics Co-ordinator and Coach, Mr. Josh Witham, was also named Best Coach on the day! Feedback from the judges included observations of the two teams helping, supporting, encouraging and collaborating with each other. Thank you to Mrs. Lynda Witham and Mrs. Emma Bird for all their support and work which happens behind the scenes to ensure that we continue to provide a challenging, exciting and thriving Robotics Program. Both teams will now begin preparing for the National Robotics Competition to be held at Southbank on Saturday 5 December.

As we continue to proactively bridge the gap between our physical and education technology learning journey, St Paul's has invested in and is currently installing both mobile and fixed interactive panels in all learning spaces. Thank you to our IT Committee for the research done behind the scenes to ensure that we remain innovative and flexible as a digital learning community.

I would like to acknowledge the current Year 5 students on the incredible courage, energy and enthusiasm which they have brought to the Leadership Nomination process for 2021. We have had large numbers nominate across all leadership positions, something which hasn't occurred for a long time. It was wonderful to see the spontaneous House Team war cries, led by the current House Captains, which took place on Friday after the 2021 House Captains nomination speeches. Good luck to all our nominees as this selection and interview process continues this week.

For the last 5 years St Paul's has embarked on an exciting and at times challenging research based journey of how students learn best. This has resulted in us moving away from a "one size fits all" approach, where students are expected to conform to a way of schooling designed and implemented over 100 years ago for the Industrial Revolution, to a learning philosophy and culture geared towards understanding and equipping the students with the processes of learning to learn rather than just focusing on the product and end result of learning. As we continue to reflect on our learning environments at St Paul's as well as looking at what the latest research is telling us about how students learn best, I would like to share with you an article from the Term 4 *School News* publication about the importance of flexible and varied seating options for the students in our care [see attached article]. This affirming article highlights the rich journey which we are on as a school as well as the shifting trend in the schooling culture of a large number of Australian schools.



This coming Friday will see the Teaching Staff undertake a process of proofing and editing the Semester 2 report comments in preparation for these reports to be sent home on Wednesday 25 November. This timeline will provide every family with the opportunity to either ask for an interview in order to discuss the content of your student's report or to be invited by your child's year level teaching team to discuss aspects of the report during the final week of Term 4. Thank you in advance to our teachers for the hours of work which have gone into the assessment, writing and preparation of the Semester 2 Reports.

Please note that the Teaching Teams and Specialist Teachers for 2021 will be announced in the newsletter on Tuesday 1 December in readiness for the students to meet their 2021 teachers at our "Stepping Up Morning" on Wednesday 2 December. This date has been decided on as we are still interviewing and will be appointing some new teaching staff over the coming week for the 2021 school year.

Wishing all our Prep – Year 2 students a great week of swimming lessons as we wrap up this extra-curricular program at the end of the week – and isn't the weather just perfect for it!

Have a wonderful week.

Yours in Christ.

Anton Prinsloo
Principal

Quote of the week: It takes strength to be certain, it takes courage to have doubt.
It takes strength to fit in, it takes courage to stand out! (Author Unknown)

FROM THE DEPUTY

Pupil Free Day

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

Works on Smiths Road

Please find attached with this week's Newsletter a letter from Moreton Bay Regional Council re works on Smiths Road, starting next week.

Captains 2021

All captains for 2021 will be announced at Senior Assembly on Friday 27 November beginning at 8.35am.

Junior Swimming

Please remember to name all of your child's belongs. It makes it so much easier to get it back to the rightful owner.

2021 Calendar

We are good to go for 2021! Please follow this link to view our calendar: [2021 Parent Calendar](#)

Grace Bus Service

Will continue to run until the last day of the St Paul's Term.

Lois Kube
Deputy Principal



FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Senior Robotics

Congratulations to the Pink Team for winning the overall Regional Competition at Rothwell on Saturday. The Blue Team were also successful in winning the Core Values Award, congratulations to this team. Both teams will go through to the National Finals in December. We wish them all the best!

A big congratulations to our amazing robotics tutor, Mr Josh Witham, on being awarded the best coach award at the Regional Competition on the weekend as well. We are very blessed to have such a caring, dedicated and knowledgeable tutor who is such an asset to our school community.



Report Cards

Report cards will be available for you to access on Parent Lounge on Wednesday 25th November.

Please contact the school office if you need assistance logging onto Parent Lounge.

Book Packs

From 2021, all St Paul's students will require a St Paul's pencil case as a compulsory school item. A St Paul's pencil case is available for purchase from the uniform shop for \$10.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

All payments are to be paid directly to the school.

Online payments are preferred and can be made via the Xplor portal at the following link: stpaulslps.xportal.myxplor.com, by Thursday 19 November 2020.

COLLECTION

There will be no home delivery of book packs. The book packs can be collected from the school office on the following dates and times:

- .. Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December 8:00am – 4:00pm
- .. Monday 7th December – Friday 11th December 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- .. Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Thank you for supporting this initiative.

Mrs Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning

CELEBRATING STUDENTS AWARDS

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

Prep	Grace W Flynn W	Being brave during swimming.
Year 1	Mia K Kobi M Isabel M	Their positive attitude and progress in reading.
Year 2	Archie M John B Samuel D	Engagement and enthusiasm when designing using a splat tool.
Year 3	Lucas V Coan H	For working hard and focusing well on their narrative writing.
Year 4	Caleb F Tyton H	Making strong choices about where to sit during class work time.
Year 5	Jake H Kaleb G	Enthusiasm and fantastic effort in the space unit with a super model of the Solar System.
Year 6	Bailey O Appanda A	Strong organisational skills and motivation in the end of semester assignments.

INSIDE STORY: Year 4

As you know Year 4 submitted the entry with a rap and a video sharing some of our ideas about "What'll Happen to the Wattle?"

We were one of six Queensland schools to be chosen to be the caretakers of some space wattle seeds arriving back in Australia in May 2021.

We had to submit a video and 200 words stating why we should be chosen. Here is an excerpt of what was submitted and some still shots from our video:

"St Paul's Lutheran Primary School should get some wattle seeds because we have lots of land space to plant the trees and enough space so everyone in the community can see them or visit them. Our school has a kindy and a high school attached to it and an aged care centre close by. We have homes in the community close to our school and public places like an historic bike trail and a park. There are also several other schools nearby. All these people will be able to see and enjoy the wattle.

The wattles will feed birds and 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 should get the wattle seeds because we have a gardening club and the students in our school always take care of plants. Students in our school community participate in everything and we are very enthusiastic in everything we do as well!"

Hopefully we can share our video on assembly sometime!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Introducing the NEW, colourful and vibrant 'St Paul's Sport Notice Board'. We are very excited to have this central location, outside the library, for students to access sporting notices, event updates, nutritional/healthy habits information, action photos, celebrating school sport results and showcasing students' sporting achievements inside and outside of school. With limited external sporting competitions available to the students this term, Year 3-6 students were given the opportunity to participate in an Inter-House morning tea and lunchtime Competition in the following games: Capture the Flag, European Handball or AFL. Congratulations to all students who were involved, earning participation points to go towards the School Cup Trophy: **ARCHER - 78 points, JEFFREYS - 72 points & GREGOR - 54 points.**



Jess Schneider
Physical Education
Teacher

SCHOOL TIMES

8.00am
Students Supervised

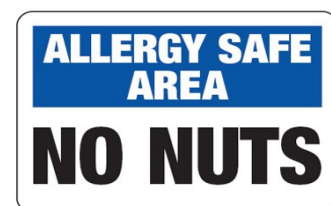
8.20am
Warning Bell to Classes

8.30am
Learning Begins

10.50am - 11.30am
Morning Recess

12.50pm - 1.30pm
Lunch

3.00pm
End of School Day



ASSEMBLY TIMES

Senior Assembly
Friday 8.35am

Junior Assembly
Thursday 8.35am

CHAPEL TIME

Whole School Chapel
Wednesday 8.35am

Let's be  friends

@StPaulsLutheranPrimarySchool

@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.



Event Details:

Name: Caboolture Christmas Carols
Date: 29th November 2020
Time: 3pm – 8pm
Where: Centenary Lakes Park, Caboolture

Event Details:

Name: North Lakes Christmas Carols
Date: 6th December 2020
Time: 3pm – 8pm
Where: Kinsellas Sports Complex, Innovation Place, North Lakes

Event Details:

Name: Redcliffe Christmas Carols
Date: 13th December 2020
Time: 3pm – 8pm
Where: Dolphin Stadium, Redcliffe

Event Details:

Name: Pine Rivers Christmas Carols
Date: 20th December 2020
Time: 3pm – 8pm
Where: Pine Rivers Park, Strathpine

Attendees MUST register their attendance online prior to the event date to secure their spot and receive their free entry ticket. No ticket = no entry. Spots are limited and will sell out.

A maximum of 6 tickets per transaction are permitted. Each attendee must have their individual details listed on their ticket. This also includes children and babies - no matter the age ie 3 months old. Failing to comply will result in the cancellation of your registration as details are required by the Government for COVID-19 contact tracing. If your details change after securing tickets, you can access your account online to amend accordingly. Alternatively, please get in touch with us at: events.support@mbrit.com.au

Due to COVID-19, amusement rides and Santa's Village won't be going ahead this year. In lieu, families can enjoy the new Christmas Wonderland experience where they can meet Santa from a safe distance. These measures are all to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable Carols experience and we thank you for understanding!

You can view the full program at www.moretondaily.com.au/christmas