

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 8

24 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

Wednesday 25 November

Thursday 26 November

Build a Bear Prep Incursion

Friday 27 November

Free Dress Day

Monday 30 November

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Tuesday 1 December

9.30am Prep & Yr 1 Awards Service

11.30am Yr 2 & 3 Awards Service

12.30pm Year 6 Walk of Honour

1.30pm Year 4 & 5 Awards Service

Wednesday 2 December

Prep to Yr 5 Step-up-day

What if God was one of us?

**Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago. (verse 1)**

On her 1996 album, *Relish*, Joan Osborne sung that hit song, 'One of Us'. The question: "What if God was one of us?" was the catch line that hit a chord among the listening population at the time. It is a good question even now, particularly at Christmas time: What if God was one of us?

If God was one of us, what would that really mean? If God was actually one of us human beings, what would he look like? What would be his name and would it be okay with him to call him that name to his face?

God is one of us and he has a name (or several actually!) He does not mind if we call him his names to his face. His name is Jesus – Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God; Jesus Christ – Messiah, Saviour, Immanuel, which means "God with us", Prince of Peace, King of all kings and Lord of all other lords of our life. What if God was one of us? That would be great because then we could know him and know that he really understands us in all our triumphs and losses.

God is one of us. God is Jesus of Nazareth, the very Son of God giving up his life for you and offering to give you his full life of meaning, calling, love and peace this Christmas.

Thank you God for sending your son, Jesus, to be one of us, to know us, and save us. Amen



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week will see the start of St Paul's hosting a number of end-of-year graduation, farewell and awards services over the next fortnight. Yesterday our Year 6 students spent the day at Urban Xtreme and Aquasplash as a final group excursion. Together with their parents, the Year 6 students will also attend a Graduation Dinner, Service and Awards Night next week on Monday. Tomorrow we will be graduating our littlest St Paul's students when the Kindergarten hosts their Graduation Service. We look forward to receiving and welcoming these youngest students and their families into our school next year. A huge shout out needs to go to the teaching and administration teams who have been and continue to work behind the scenes to make these events flow smoothly. I am looking forward to seeing many of you and celebrating with you as a family over the coming week.

Tomorrow afternoon your child's Semester 2 Report will be available to access in Parent Lounge. Thank you to all the Teachers who have spent the last few weeks completing the assessment and administration tasks involved in getting the reports completed. This intentional timeframe will now allow you, over the coming week, to either ask for an interview with your child's year level teaching team or be invited in by the year level teaching team to further discuss the report. If this is the case, we also strongly encourage that your student is part of these conversations as we scaffold for and empower our students to be fully involved in their learning journey. I have also included for your reading a great article providing tips on how to go about reading your child's report without it becoming a difficult process in your home.

Well done to the Prep – Year 2 students on completing their swimming intensive fortnight so well. We know and I'm sure that many families would have experienced very fatigued children by the end of each of the swimming weeks. Feedback from the swimming instructors has been very positive about how the children were engaged in the program and made great progress in their water awareness and skill development. Thank you parents for your support in packing and checking swimming bags every day as well as encouraging your child to keep persevering in this program. Thank you too, to the Prep – Year 2 staff for your role in supporting the students in your care through this fortnight of changed routines and learning programs.

Last week Mrs. Shirley Crispe, our OSHC Service Leader, informed my office that she will be retiring at the end of the year to focus on her family, health and enjoying a slower pace of life. Shirley will be thanked at a closing staff event for her time, dedication and commitment to the OSHC Program at St Paul's. Together with QLECS [Queensland Lutheran Early Childhood Services] a process is now underway to recruit and appoint a new Service Leader. Please note that the 2021 Prep – Year 6 teaching teams and Specialist teaching staff will be announced in next week's newsletter in readiness for our "Stepping-up Morning" on Wednesday 2 December.

A number of families have been inquiring as to whether school life will be back to normal for the start of the 2021 school year. At this stage we have been guided to plan for school either under the current arrangements or as we knew it before Covid-19 threw us a curve ball. We will endeavor to keep you updated, via the numerous school communication platforms available to you, once any further information is announced by



the Queensland Government. Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation in this matter as we together work towards finishing the school year well.

Have a safe week and remember to stay hydrated in the warmer weather.

Yours in Christ.

Anton Prinsloo
Principal

Quote of the week: "Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." [Carl Bard]

FROM THE DEPUTY

Captains 2021

All captains for 2021 will be announced at Senior Assembly on Friday 27 November beginning at 8.35am. Year 5 parents have been invited to attend.

Christmas Cards and Candy Canes

Christmas is quickly approaching and as the end of the year draws near, students are becoming increasingly excited to celebrate this time. Many children may be planning to give cards and candy canes to their friends. It will be expected that students who choose to bring cards and candy into the school will only do so in the last week (Nov 30 — Dec 2). Any candy that students receive must be taken home and not consumed at school.

Free Dress Day – Friday 27 November

The Service Project for this term is the Angel Tree Project. Students are asked to bring a Gold Coin Donation for Free Dress Day.

Easter Garden

The cloth on the cross in the Easter Garden will soon be changed to blue. This is because we are entering the season of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the church year, and we celebrate it on the fourth Sunday before Christmas.

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas on 25 December. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus' which means 'coming' or 'arrival'.

There are two aspects to Advent. We are first of all preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God's own son, who came into the world more than 2000 years ago in Bethlehem.

At the same time, Advent gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we are waiting for Christ to return to earth on the last day. We can look forward to such a time with great hope, because through faith in Jesus, the end of the world will mean the beginning of a new life with Christ forever.

So Advent is a time for us to repent and believe – a time to celebrate the Light of the World in the midst of darkness.

Lois Kube
Deputy Principal



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Second Hand Uniform Clearance Sale – 25% off all items.

Date: Friday 4 December 2020

Time: 9am – 2pm

Venue: Undercover Area

All second hand uniforms will be on display in the undercover area on this day. The uniforms will be reduced by 25%. This is the amount the school would normally retain as commission from the sale price.

This sale is to clear the overstock of current second hand items. We cannot accept any further items to be sold at this stage.

Payment will be via eftpos ONLY. No cash accepted. No refunds or returns for items purchased on this day.

CELEBRATING STUDENTS AWARDS

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

Prep	Bella D Zavier S	Trying hard throughout the Prep year to prepare for Year 1.
Year 1	Beaudi W Izabella S Cooper V	Being brave and giving everything a go during swimming lessons.
Year 2	Lilly B Crystal M Mitchell C Allira C	Creatively designing a playground using a splat tool.

FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Lego Cyberbullying Resource

Lego has partnered with UNICEF to create a play-based cyberbullying resource for parents and children. Over the Christmas holiday break, I would strongly encourage you to check out this great resource and to put some time aside to do this activity with your child.

Link: https://www.lego.com/cdn/cs/aboutus/assets/blt044053a6b1a9630a/Nov_BuildTalk_Activity_Pack.pdf

Puberty Resource

Over the past few months, I have been replenishing our puberty and personal health resources. One of the books that has been purchased for the school is one I highly recommend for girls aged 8-12. The book is called "Cycling to Grandma's House" and it is a story of a girl named Luna, who asks different people in her community about how they celebrate a girl's first period. It covers a range of cultural traditions and celebrations including Aboriginal culture, Mexican traditions, cultural practices in Ghana, Japan and more. A great book to normalise the process of growing up and changing for young girls.

2021 Calendar

Please follow this link to view our calendar: [2021 Parent Calendar](#).

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

Book Pack payments are now overdue. **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.

Mrs Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Outside School Hours Care for 2021

Outside School Hours Care have a survey they would like you to complete, this will help them to plan ahead for your needs in 2021.

You can access this survey from the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D7DYLTT>

We will also share this survey on Facebook and via the school app.

Thank you in advance, for taking the time to complete this survey.

Ian Bloxham
Business Manager



TUCKSHOP

Welcome everyone to the pointy end of the year. Well done everyone for rising to the extreme challenges, pulling together and getting through hopefully in one piece.



In an effort to use up all the food on hand, I will be offering 2 mystery meals in Flexischools. They will contain either spaghetti, fried rice, maybe the odd pie or sausage roll or possibly 6 nuggets. This will be teamed with your choice of juice or milk with a Sipahh straw.

It will be mystery meal with juice or a mystery meal with milk and Sipahh. These will be offered for the bargain price of \$6 each. The normal order menu and the late order menu will also be available as usual. I would just say that I reserve the right to substitute any order that I don't have stock for just on that last day.

Please explain this to your little ones.

Jenny Venier
Tuckshop Convenor

RECEPTION



Please ensure you collect all **medication** from the first aid room prior to the end of the year.

In preparation for 2021 We will require **Anaphylaxis plans** to be current.

If you visit the school, please do not forget to complete a COVID form at the front desk.

Office Hours during the Term Break will be Monday 7 December until Friday 18 December, 10am until 2pm and Monday 11 January until 21 January 2021. The Office will be closed on Friday 22 January 2021.

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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@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.

Spies In Disguise	
What	Family movie night playing: Spies In Disguise Disco & free fun activities until movie starts
When	Friday 27 November 6pm - 9pm Movie screening starts 7:30pm
Where	PCYC Caboolture, 2 Toovey St, Caboolture
Cost	\$10 per child Adults accompanying child(ren) FREE
Contact	PCYC Caboolture P (07) 5495 7143 E caboolture@pcyc.org.au