

# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 1

27 January 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

### Thursday 28 January

8.35am Whole School Opening Chapel

### Sunday 31 January

9.00am Staff Induction & Dedication Service 9.00am

### Monday 1 February

5.45-6.45PM Prep Parent Information Evening

### Tuesday 2 February

5.45-6.45pm Year 5 Parent Information Evening  
GSP Academy (Running starts)

### Wednesday 3 February

5.45-6.45pm Year 2 Parent Information Evening

### Thursday 4 February

5.45-6.45pm Year 3 Parent Information Evening  
GSP Academy (Running)

### Friday 5 February

Year 3 to 6 Swimming Carnival

### Monday 8 February

5.45--6.45pm Year 6 Parent Information Evening

### Tuesday 9 February

5.45-6.45pm Year 5 Parent Information Evening

### Wednesday 10 February

5.45-6.45PM Year 4 Parent Information Evening

### Thursday 11 February

GSP Academy (Soccer starts)

## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's my privilege to welcome every family to St. Paul's for the start of the 2021 school year. It's wonderful to have you all back safe and sound. I trust and hope that you have had the opportunity to connect with those closest to you as a family and have also had a time of rest and relaxation - I call it creating your own busyness! We thank God for rest, reconnecting and safe travels during this holiday time.

An extra welcome is extended to those families, across Prep - Year 6, who are new to our school community. We look forward to establishing a strong, rich and transparent working relationship with you as a family, as together we nurture, share and grow our partnership.

Thank you for the incredible patience and support given to the school last year as we navigated our way through the COVID-19 challenges and expectations which were put on us as a community. We will again be calling on your patience, understanding and co-operation at the start of the 2021 school year as we endeavour to land every student and family successfully in this regard. To our current families, please be understanding of any different arrangements which may be put in place for our newest families and students as we settle them into our community. Please be assured that any arrangements implemented will be done under the guidelines of the government to ensure the safety and wellness of everyone.

Thank you to those families who took up the opportunity last week to be part of a slightly modified Family Administration Day (FAD) which is designed to help with the settling in process to the new school year for you as a family.

Our next initiative to help you connect with us and settle into the new school year is the Parent Information Evenings which begin next week. Please note that each year level has been assigned its own evening, to allow those families with more than one student at St Paul's the opportunity to attend their required evening. To accommodate the necessary COVID-19 physical distancing rules, the following arrangements will now apply to each of the Parent Information Evenings:

- Your student's learning space (classroom) will be available for you to visit and walk through from 5:15pm onward. At around 5:40pm all parents still in the learning space will be asked to move over to the school's Chapel where the year level teachers will further host you as they present the necessary year level information to you. These arrangements will ensure that we can all physically distance safely on the evening.

Both the Teaching staff and the Executive propagate a strong open-door policy at St. Paul's. Open and transparent communication are vital to the success of your child's time at school. We are proud of the innovative learning philosophy and programs being offered at St. Paul's. Our goal in 2021 is to continue improving on our reputation as a school which is forward-thinking and which provides quality learning experiences for all our students, within a safe environment, under the guidance of a highly committed staff. I warmly invite you to walk this journey with us.



Below you will find an introduction to our new staff, please make them feel welcome at St Paul's.

May God bless you and your family in 2021.

Yours in Christ

Anton Prinsloo  
Principal

Greetings! My name is Amanda Wyatt, and I am thrilled to join the community at St Paul's Lutheran Primary. I have worked in the Lutheran System since I graduated from University in 2007 and gained much experience within various teaching and mentoring roles. This year I am blessed to be a part of the Learning Enrichment team where I will work collaboratively with Katrina Russell and Jacquie Delroy. I am excited to undertake the shared role of Junior Learning Support with Jacquie and I will also have the privilege of running Junior RISE. I look forward to building strong partnerships with staff, students and families.



はじめまして (hajimemashite - pleased to meet you). My name is Elizabeth Hewett and I will be teaching Japanese from Years 4 to 6 in 2021. I am very passionate about language learning and over the last twelve years I have taught a variety of age groups right up to senior level. I started learning Japanese when I was in primary school and have loved the language, culture and people of Japan ever since. I was lucky enough to spend my second year of university studying in Japan and I have returned many times for further study, school trips and recreation. In my spare time I enjoy cooking and taking day trips with my husband and young children. I look forward to sharing my love of Japan with the St Paul's Lutheran Primary School community.

Hi, my name is Amanda Seemann and I feel so blessed to begin my teaching journey at St Paul's in Year 5. After graduating with my teaching degree in 2020 from Australian Catholic University, I was longing to find a school environment where students could grow academically, socially and spiritually. Even from my short interactions with the team at St Paul's, I feel I have found what I have been searching for. I have previous experience in teaching a wide variety of children of different ages, ranging from Nursery to Grade 5, including working within the children's ministry at my church.



I also have a Certificate III in Visual Art, allowing me to create imaginative classroom environments. I love using my creative skills to develop programs allowing students to display their learning in creative and innovative ways. Aside from working with children, I have a love for travelling, playing board games with my friends and baking delicious desserts. In 2021, I am excited to get to know the students and families at St Paul's and become involved within your school community.



Thank you to the many community members of St Paul's Lutheran Primary School for the warm welcome extended to me as I join the Year 6 team in 2021. What a privilege it is to participate with students, their families and carers in what is an exciting journey of transition ahead. My experiences as an educator have provided opportunities to participate in both developing and extending phases within Queensland and Northern Territory districts of Lutheran Education Australia over 27 years.

My husband Tony and I have raised two sons together. They are now adult and independent in their own careers. Matthew is an educator, also within the LEQ district. Daniel is a lawyer within the Federal Government sector, working out of Sydney.

I look forward to the year ahead, in developing strong connections with Mr Nicholls as we support our Year 6 students in their final year of primary education.

Blessings to you all! Rebecca Qualischefski.

Hi, my name is Aaron Hayton, and I am super excited to be starting as the ICT Admin at St Paul's after having graduated from QUT with a Bachelor of Information Technology. Having done IT in schools before, I have grown to love the way St Paul's approaches learning and the school community.

