

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 9

1 December 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 2 December

Closing Chapel Service

Prep to Yr 5 Step-up-day

Thursday 3 & Friday 4 December

Student Free Days

Thursday 24 December

6.30pm Christmas Eve Service

Friday 25 December

8am Christmas Day service

2021

Thursday 21 January

Family Administration Day

Tuesday 26 January

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 27 January

Term 1 Begins

Book Pack Collection

8am - 4pm

30 Nov - 4 Dec

10am - 2pm

7 Dec - 11 Dec

11 Jan - 15 Jan

Office Hours

10am - 2pm

Monday 7 Dec to

Friday 18 Dec

Monday 11 Jan to

Thursday 21 Jan.

Office is closed

on Friday 22 Jan.

Christmas Stars

You love it when your little people star. So do we. You love it when your little people are described as little Angels. It has been an absolute privilege to see these little people grow this year.

It's clear that your little people absolutely love to hear about the Star and the Angels in the Christmas story ... which is all about a little baby arriving into our world, God keeping his promise to come a rescue our world (which needs saving).

The Star guides us to find the greatest gift of Christmas ... the baby Christ child. Angels are out and about, telling people what God has done.

Maybe you will see your little star (usually quite an angel??) differently in the light of Christ's birth at Christmas, and the star that points us toward him.

Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thanks for bringing us to this time of the year, when we celebrate all the growing of these little ones in a year of life at our school. Thanks for each family here, for each little star and the gift that each person is. Thanks for each teacher and person who helped take care of these children. Bless each child as they arrive at the end of another school. Go with them as they continue to grow. May their Christmas break be safe. And may there be time for them this Christmas, to remember the greatest Gift of all that God gave us ... the baby Christ child, and his Christmas birthday!

You're welcome to come along to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Christmas Eve 6.30pm/Christmas Day 8.00am... and enjoy how the story of JESUS birthday really does light up our world.

Pastor Mike



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is with a great sense of accomplishment, appreciation, humility, gratitude, self-awareness and yes, relief that I find myself writing my piece for the final newsletter of the 2020 school year. Together we have accomplished, overcome and grown so much as a school community in a year which will be spoken of for generations to come! On behalf of the Staff and School Council I would like to thank you for your incredible support, loyalty, words of thanks and encouragement throughout the year – well done to all of you!. As we reflect on the 2020 school year at St Paul's, I thank God for his grace, daily blessings and protection on our school. I thank you for your incredible efforts to remain connected with your child's year of learning and living at St Paul's.

As we reflect on the past several months, our lives have changed in so many immeasurable ways, but especially when it comes to schooling. The world has seen with new eyes just how essential and under-appreciated educators are. This year has made very clear that schools are more than just physical buildings that provide learning content, our teachers at St Paul's do more than just stimulate minds and the many school-based activities, which we have all missed so much this year, are essential to the social and community fabric of how we go about our business at St Paul's. As we went about our business of school starting, stopping and then starting again, a big part of our focus moved beyond just focusing on possible gaps in the learning content to also consider the emotional gaps which the year may have brought. I would like to acknowledge and thank the incredible staff of St Paul's for going above and beyond under very challenging and demanding circumstances to face these gaps and challenges head-on. I remain encouraged and so optimistic about St Paul's because of all of you!

Congratulations to all the students who, over the past week, have been celebrated at graduation services and those of you who have been recognized at the various Awards Services for your achievements this year. It has also been wonderful to have so many groups of parents back on our campus!

Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who were announced, at last week's final Senior School Assembly, as our various school captains in 2021:

School Captains 2021 – Working with Mr Prinsloo & Mrs Kube

Jorja Hughes	Cooper Byers
Ruby Tweed	Noah Pradella



Faith & Service Captains – Working with Chappy and Mrs Kube

Amelia Adam
Khyra Fryar
Kaiden Jenkyn
Jack Hughes

Music Captains – working with Mrs Reed

Kenzie Persich
Haper Poetschka

eSmart Captains – working with ICT Support and eSmart committee

Esther Bolarinwa
Nathan Mali
Barbnaby Thorton
Hayden Wood

House Captains – Working with Mrs Schneider

Jeffreys

Karla Schutz
Nathan Stoltz

Archer

Jessica Callahan
Judah Bior

Gregor

Isabelle Moore
Tyson McGill

Staff news

We will be saying goodbye and safe travels to Mrs. Merle Schrodter, Mrs. Becky Farrell and Mrs. Debbie Cottrell who will be on leave for 12 months next year. We are also looking forward to welcoming back Mrs. Jacquie Delroy as part of our Junior School Learning Support Team. We also look forward to welcoming Mrs. Amanda Wyatt, Miss Amanda Seamann, Mrs. Rebecca Qualischefski and Mr. Aaron Hayton [full-time IT Support] to our school as new staff members.

I am pleased to announce the Teaching Teams and Specialist Teachers for 2021:

Prep: Ms. Katrina Crispe and Mrs. Joyce Kapinga

Year 1: Mrs. Ruth Byers and Miss Jenelle Cross

Year 2: Mrs. Julie Woolf and Mrs. Cathy Henderson

Year 3: Mrs. Marnie Ferguson and Mr. John Smith

Year 4: Mrs. Lynda Witham and Mr. Ray Bellert

Year 5: Mr. Dom Riley and Miss Amanda Seamann

Year 6: Mr. Matt Nicholls and Mrs. Rebecca Qualischefski

PE: Mrs. Jess Schneider, **Library/Inquiry Skills:** Mrs. Danielle Morris, **Music:** Mrs. Brooke Reed and **Japanese:** Mrs. Amanda Walker [Prep – Year 3] and Mrs. Elizabeth Hewett [Year 4 – 6].

Learning Support: Mrs. Katrina Russell, Mrs. Jacquie Delroy and Mrs. Amanda Wyatt

RISE: Mrs. Katrina Russell

I would like to extend my personal thank you and appreciation to Mrs. Carol McFarlane, Mrs. Renee Newman and Mrs. Julia Bowman who have done an outstanding job as contract teachers this term. We are tremendously blessed at St Paul's with the quality of the supply teachers which we can call on for day-to-day, short term or long term contracts.

Tomorrow will see the current students and those who will be new to our school next year, visit their new classrooms [learning spaces] and meet their teachers for next year. Parents and Caregivers, you will have the opportunity to meet and say hello to your child's classroom teaching team at our **Family Administration Day [FAD] on Thursday 21 January next year.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish every family a relaxing holiday, a very blessed Christmas and a safe start to the new year. We look forward to welcoming you back again on Wednesday 27 January.

Yours in Christ.

Anton Prinsloo
Principal



CELEBRATING STUDENTS AWARDS

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

Prep	Matilda D	Working collaboratively in a group.
	Lachlan W	Being able to work collaboratively in a group.
Year 1	Mae R Caitlin H Nate W Giordanna H	Demonstrating her love of books when reading to someone.
Year 2	Isabella K Ezekiel W Konnah J	Effort made towards achieving learning goals.
Year 3	James B Koah H Elliot B Bol M	For coming to school with a positive attitude and finishing strong! His interest and attentiveness during shared reading. His curiosity of all things “bugs” and the passion he shares with others in this subject. Always engaging in learning with a positive attitude.
Year 4	Kiki B Cohen P Koby P Aston N	Enthusiastically volunteering to help out in the classroom. Improved focus during independent work times.
Year 5	Judah B Emily D	Selfless acts and initiative within class community.
Year 6	Lawson C Leila M	Writing to a Parliament representative regarding an issue they feel needs to be addressed.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Hair

Please remember the following, which is taken directly out of the Parent Handbook, if and when having haircuts over the holiday period; Hair is to be kept neat and tidy **without colour, spikes or tails**. Long hair past collar length must be tied back and longer fringes over eyebrow must be secured off the face. **Cuts should not be shorter than Number 3**. There are to be no severe undercuts, tracks or patterns. No hair products (eg. Gel, mousse, etc) are to be used. This applies to both girls and boys.

School Shoes

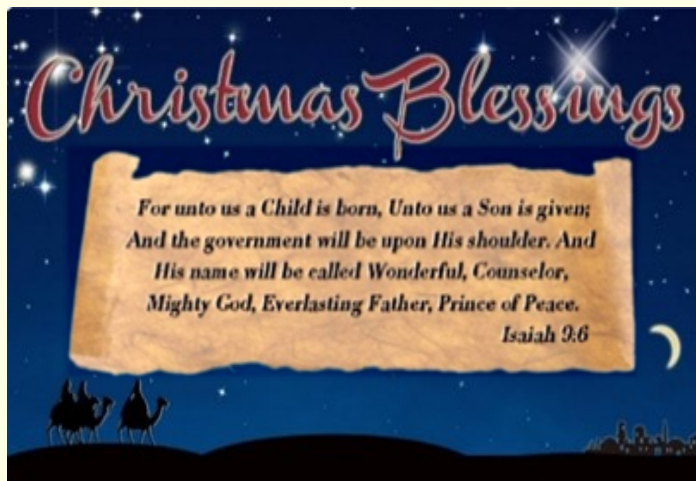
The school holidays are a good time to check the state of your student’s shoes. If buying new ones, please remember that plain black lace-up school shoes are to be worn with the formal uniform and plain white lace-up joggers with the sports uniform.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property box. There are quite a few things that need to be returned to their owner.

As the year draws to a close

As we draw the curtains on another school year at St Paul’s, let us not forget that learning is an every moment of every day experience. School may be over until January but each of us, young and old, continue to learn on a daily basis. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. I wish you and your children time together to be creative and have fun. I pray that everyone can take some time this holiday to relax, rejuvenate, and reflect on our many achievements.

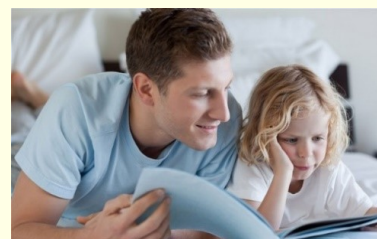


Finally, this break should provide you the opportunity for rest and relaxation. One of the best ways to relax and calm the mind is to read. Please remember that reading with your child every night will help them a great deal with being prepared for the next school year.

I would like to congratulate all the children on their hard work this year. I wish all those leaving us a successful future.

As this is the final newsletter for the year I’d like to wish all our students and families a very Blessed Christmas. I hope the holidays provide you with the opportunity to stop and enjoy some family time.

Lois Kube
Deputy Principal



FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Summer Listening

The summer holidays are almost here! One of our favourite things to do as a family on a car trip is to listen to a podcast. They are free to listen to, quick to download and provide variety. As a bonus, they help to develop your child's listening and comprehension skills and they provide great points of conversation for the family dinner table!

Story Pirates - The 'Number 1 Podcast' in the Bird Family! Children send their stories into the Story Pirates and the stories are transformed into sketch comedy and songs. Excellent whole family listening where you will laugh lots and the kids will be inspired to create their own stories to send into the podcast.

The Big Fib - A new factual topic is explored each week. A child has questions prepared for two adults who must answer questions as an 'expert'. You have to guess which person is the actual expert and which person is telling a 'big fib'. A great podcast to learn some new facts and feel like a detective as you work out who is lying and who is telling the truth!

Happy Listening and Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Mrs Emma Bird

Head of Teaching and Learning



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

@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.



ADVENTURES IN SPACE
WITH ASTRONAUT TERRY VIRT

AVAILABLE NOW COLONEL TERRY VIRT ■ FREE

Discover what it takes to become an astronaut, surviving 200 days in space!

Register for this FREE event - <https://www.screenfest.com.au/program/adventures-in-space/>

There are also 39 other shows to choose from!

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.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GIVING NETBALL A TRY IN 2021? NET SET GO IS RETURNING TO CABOOLTURE IN JANUARY:

- From ages 5 to 10 for new and returning players, girls and boys;
- Presented by Caboolture Netball Association at the Caboolture netball courts on a day and date to be confirmed (most likely Saturday morning);
- Learn basic skills in a fun and friendly environment with a program structured by Netball Queensland;
- Part of program registration fee deducted from GSP Netball Club registration fee if participant signs up to play in winter day season for GSP Netball Club;
- Receive participation pack;
- All enquiries to Heather Ball, GSP Netball Club Head Coach:
heather_ball@glc.qld.edu.au or text 0411-712949.
- Request to join the GSP Community Facebook page to receive program start and registration updates.

