

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 8

16 March 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

Tuesday 16 March

P&F AGM & General Meeting 3.15pm
Prep-Yr 6 World of Maths Incursion
Yr 1 GLC Science Incursion

Thursday 18 March

NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING
(Orange Accessories Day)

Return P&F Chocolate Drive money & unsold Chocolates

Friday 19 March

Prep-Yr 6 Cross Country Carnival
In case of wet weather - please check social media and app for notifications.

Sunday 21 March

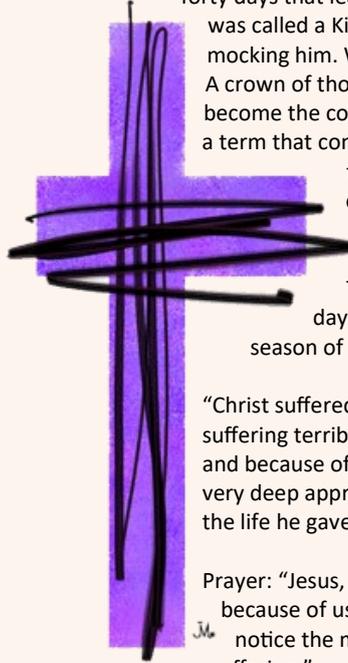
Year 5 School Sunday

Monday 22 March

Year 4 MBRC Worm Farm
Prep Grace Drama Incursion
Lutheran Leaders and Teacher Tour of St Paul's

VIOLET

In chapel, you will notice a lot of the colour violet hanging around. This colour features for the forty days that lead up to Good Friday and Easter. Violet is the colour of royalty. Jesus was called a King. But the people calling him a King were making fun of him, mocking him. When Jesus was arrested, he suffered badly, and was treated terribly. A crown of thorns was just part of it. And a fake purple robe. So, violet has also become the colour of Jesus' suffering. We sometimes call this the Passion of Christ, a term that comes from the Greek "pathos", which means "suffering". Can you see



this word in "sympathy"? When we sympathise or empathise with others, we try to somehow get close to the person suffering, showing understanding and sensitivity, even though we can't possibly feel the pain that the other is suffering.

This is something we need to appreciate and take on board in the 40 days leading to Easter. In most Christian churches, this is known as the season of Lent.

"Christ suffered once for us all" (1 Peter 3:18). You may well know someone who is suffering terribly right now. It could be you. As we realise that Jesus suffered for us, and because of us, it could be that we start to appreciate that he really does have a very deep appreciation of what we are suffering. More than that, his suffering and the life he gave saves us.

Prayer: "Jesus, help us appreciate the suffering you went through. For us and because of us. Let this have an amazing impact on the way we react whenever we notice the many places in our world, and our community where people are suffering."

Pastor Mike Neldner.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This coming Thursday we will be acknowledging the National Day Against Bullying initiative at St Paul's. This annual awareness day is a great affirmation of the philosophy and culture propagated at St Paul's. We pride ourselves, as a school, on our zero-tolerance approach to bullying as well as the rich pastoral care programs which support our behaviour education program. I often explain to parents the difference between bullying and conflict, as nowadays any differences and arguments between children get the "bullying" brand attached to them. Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social, or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying which is carried out through information and communication technologies.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include conflict, mutual arguments and disagreements between or amongst friends and are usually resolved very quickly as there is no power imbalance, not liking someone, one-off acts of meanness and isolated incidents of aggression.

What is critically important for us at St Paul's is that these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved, something which our behaviour education philosophy calls for daily.

Thank you to the many parents who continue to use our strong open door policy, when advocating for their child, to have transparent conversations, seek advice and walk a journey with us to ensure the social, emotional and physical wellness of all who attend St Paul's.

Thank you too, to those staff members and students who will be looking after this awareness campaign this week. See you in something **ORANGE** on Thursday!

On next Monday, we will be hosting several teachers and school leaders from Victoria and Queensland as they visit St Paul's to see our Agile Learning Spaces in action as well as hearing about our Agile journey over the past six years. With ongoing research-based information informing our Contemporary Transformation journey at St Paul's, a parent body who is aware of and understands contemporary learning is critically important for the development of contemporary schooling at St Paul's. This week I have included for your perusal [see attachment] an article recently shared with our Teachers and Learning Assistants, published by *Education Review*, about the physical classroom environment. Your thoughts and feedback on the article are always welcome.

This coming Friday, weather permitting, we look forward to hosting our first whole community event in over 12 months as our Prep – Year 6 students come together for our 2021 Inter-house Cross Country Carnival. The students have been practising hard for this, with many earning House Cup Points by doing extra laps of the oval at lunch times in preparation for this event. Please remember that any additional adult family members and friends who do attend on the day will need to do the necessary Covid-19 contact tracing signing in. Go all the students on Friday!



Have a great week and stay dry!

Yours in Christ.

Anton Prinsloo
Principal

Quote of the Week: *The measure of a man's greatness is not the number of servants he has, but the number of people he serves.* [John Hagee]

FROM THE DEPUTY

Cross Country Friday 9am

Please note that our cross country this Friday may be postponed if the rain continues to fall. However, if the day is fine we will run in muddy conditions as the cross country race traditionally has been on rugged terrain and difficult climatic conditions. We will make a final decision early Friday morning and will post the decision on our social networks. If the Cross Country does go ahead please send an extra uniform and footwear - an old pair of joggers to run in would be preferable as it may be very muddy.

Year 5 School Sunday 21 March 9am

All parents are invited to attend St Paul's Church where our Yr 5 students will present their School Sunday.

Legally Blonde Jr Friday 26 March 11.30am

Years 4-6 have been invited to a matinee showing of the musical Legally Blonde Jr performed by Grace College. Students are asked to bring a gold coin to cover some of the costs of this musical. It was to have been performed in 2020 but delayed till now.

Neil Sampson
Acting Deputy Principal



FROM THE HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

World of Maths

World of Maths came to visit our school on Monday and Tuesday this week. The students thoroughly enjoyed solving hands on problems and found the activities and experiences engaging, challenging and fun. The students worked really well in small groups to solve the problems.

Robotics

Robotics begins this week. We had over 40 students apply for the program and only 28 spots on offer. From Term 2, our tutor, Josh Witham will be offering a hands on lunchtime Robotics Club where students can come and learn coding and programming with our Spheros, Lego Robots and other Digital Technology tools. Lunchtime Robotics will run on a Tuesday lunchtime from the beginning of Term 2 for students in Years 3-6.

Mrs Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning



The **National Day Against Bullying** is Friday the 19th of March.

We will acknowledge it as a school on Thursday the 18th of March.

To raise awareness of this day, the issues surrounding bullying, and to celebrate this event students will be invited to post a selfie and message to Seesaw. Some of these selfies and messages will also be posted to the St Paul's Facebook page. Small posters saying 'I Say No Way To Bullying' were sent home yesterday for students to use in their selfie. A folder has been created on Seesaw for students to upload their selfie.



CELEBRATING STUDENTS AWARDS

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

Prep	Russell F Benjamin X	Writing my name correctly.
Year 1	Matilda D Maximus M	Being a very helpful class member.
Year 2	Brock M Beaudi W	Using great strength to do the right thing, when it's the best thing to do!
Year 3	Heidi M Brock H	An exceptional effort in learning new maths concepts. Having a positive attitude towards doing his best work.
Year 4	Charli C Cerys W	Consistently making excellent choices and practising self-control.
Year 5	Cameron K	Setting an example for others by consistently showing respect with his whole self.
Year 6	Esther B Michael P	Showing the value of compassion towards others. Showing responsibility and mentorship in his duties of community service.

INSIDE STORY: YEAR 2

On Friday the 5th of March, the Year 2s ventured out on their first excursion of 2021 to see the Glasshouse Mountains and the surroundings of interest. Our tour guides were from Abbey Museum who were



fountains of information on the area and the indigenous sites of interest. Our first stop on the bus was at Rocky Creek where we viewed ancient axe grinding marks when the indigenous men sharpened rocks for their axes. We also viewed the swimming hole where the women and children used to play and weave baskets, while the men were sharpening the stones.



Our second stop was at the Glasshouse Mountains lookout where we had a rest stop and lunch. We went up the lookout and viewed the scenery and the guides told indigenous stories. We also made friends with a Goanna during our lunch picnic.



Our last stop was a Bora Ring. The guides explained that this was where the ancient indigenous boys were initiated into manhood. This was done through physical tests and dancing .

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers and the students, who the bus driver and guides said were a pleasure to take on this excursion!

Mrs Woolf and Mrs Henderson.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP

Upcoming Events on the P & F Calendar:

Reminder: money and any unsold chocolates for our **Chocolate drive** are due to be returned to the office by **Thursday 18th March**, but if you don't think you will sell your box please return the unsold chocolates BEFORE this date so others can take them to sell.

On **Wednesday 31st March** (which is the last day of the term for students), we will be running a "Hot Cross Bun and Pizza day". Order forms were sent out this week and are due by Friday 26th March. All hot cross buns and pizza must be pre-

