

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 9

30 November 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

Wednesday 01 December

Free Dress Day—End of Term 4

Thursday 02 December

Student Free Day

Friday 03 December

Student Free Day



Make Room for Jesus

Most of us would agree that the Christmas season can be quite chaotic. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle and lose sight of why we celebrate. That is why it is important for you to be intentional in pointing your loved ones to Jesus during this Christmas season. Dedicate time to worship God as a family and explore the meaning of Christmas. There are many helpful resources for drawing your family's attention to Jesus during Christmas, but no resource is as valuable as God's Word.

Read Luke 2:1-20.

Why do we celebrate Christmas?

We celebrate Christmas to honour the birth of Jesus.

What makes Jesus' birth different from any other baby's birth?

The Son of God was in heaven with God but came to earth as a human baby. Pick up a wrapped Christmas gift. Jesus is the mighty, all-powerful God who created everything but He came to earth as the most tiny and helpless of all human forms.

Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to rescue us (from sin). As sinners, we deserve to spend forever apart from God because of our sin. Jesus kept all of God's laws perfectly while He was on earth. Jesus did not deserve to die, but He took God's punishment we deserved and died on the cross in our place.

What makes Jesus' birth good news? Because Jesus came to earth, we can be saved from sin. Jesus rose from the dead, and one day, He is coming back to make everything new and right.

Prayer

God, thank You that because of Jesus we can celebrate Christmas. As we do all the fun things that come with Christmas, help us remember Jesus most of all. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your very own Son to earth as a baby so that we could be saved from our sin and can spend forever with You. We love You! Amen.



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9 and our final newsletter for the year. Thank you for your support and encouragement of your students, our staff and our school community. It is the people in our community that make it what it is.

I personally thank you for your support and encouragement of me as I filled the position of Acting Principal the past two terms. It has been an absolute privilege and joy to serve the St Paul's community in this way

We thank our staff for their commitment, dedication, care and support. Having such a team makes coming to work each day so enjoyable. To those staff who are heading off on new adventures, we wish you God's every blessing. We especially thank those who are retiring, Mr Smith, Mrs Schrodter and Mrs Cottrell for the many years of service to St Paul's as well as to Lutheran Education.

Today, Student Effort awards will be sent home with students. Celebrating Student Effort Awards are given to students who continue to give consistent outstanding effort. The focus of the award is to recognize those students who keep trying their best. If your child receives an Effort Award, please celebrate with them as a family.

On Friday night the Australian Education Awards Virtual Event will take place. We are very proud that St Paul's is a finalist in two categories.



As we draw the curtains on another school year at St Peter's Lutheran School, 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.

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.

Have a great week.

Lois Kube
Acting Principal

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We made it! Another school year has concluded and as we wrap up, I think it is right to reflect on the year 2021. So COVID struck again and we had a mini lockdown, but thankfully it didn't last too long. We had to endure the inconvenience of wearing masks for a large part of the year and everyone was thrilled when that rule was lifted. With that cloud always hanging over us all, staff and students all did their very best to operate as normal as possible. To this end, I applaud everyone for coming through so well. As we gradually tried for normality, it was wonderful to be able to hold events again with visitors such as Fathers and Sons Event, Grandparents Day, Sports Days.



We say congratulations and farewell to our graduates from Year 6 and we wish them all the very best for their next chapter in their journey to high school. I would like to thank everyone for their support as I too end a mini journey as Acting Deputy Principal at St Paul's. It has been an absolute honour.

Merry Christmas to everyone and happy holidays. Stay safe folks and we will see you again in 2022.

Step-Up Day

Step-Up Day is on Wednesday 1 December, the last day of school for Prep to Year 5. This is when students spend the middle session in their new class and with their new teachers for 2022. Year 6 do not come in on this day, they have graduated!

Tuckshop week 9

There will be mystery meals available for Wednesday. These will consist of:

Nuggets/pie/sausage roll/spaghetti (whatever is still left)

Paired with either apple or apple blackcurrant juice, or milk with a Sipahh straw.

Normal late menu items will be available subject to availability.

Terry Young's Christmas card Competition

Congratulations to Maddie Byers and Hayley Koper who, although didn't win the Terry Young's Christmas Card Competition, received honourable mentions and will have their entries displayed on Terry's official Christmas Cards.



Mr Nicholls quiz corner

Last week the challenge was: In Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol', What is Scrooge's first name?

Answer: Ebenezer

This weeks challenge: Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?

Matt Nicholls
Acting Deputy Principal

BUSINESS OFFICE 2021

CHRISTMAS TERM BREAK HOURS:

Business Office Reception will be closed from the 20/12/2021 to 07/01/2022.

Holiday hours 10.00am—2.00pm apply from 06/12/2021 to 17/12/2021 & 10/01/2022 to 14/01/2022.

HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

EXTREME Summer Reading Challenge

Our new Teacher Librarian, Mrs Donna Stephens is busy planning amazing things for our GLAD Centre and students. Mrs Stephens challenges you to an EXTREME Summer Reading Challenge. Take a photo of yourself reading on the holidays and get creative. Can you read upside down on monkey bars? Sitting on the sand at the beach? Balancing on one leg on a beam? See the attached flyer for more details. Happy EXTREME Reading!



Summer Listening

Listening skills are really important to develop and keep using over time (for both young and old). Podcasts are an excellent way to develop better comprehension and listening skills and they are an awesome conversation starter for families. Our absolute family favourite to put on in the car is called **Story Pirates** (where kids stories get turned into sketches, comedy and songs). Some other great podcasts are:

- **Circle Round** - retold folk tales from around the world that include a range of musical instruments and a musical score written specifically for each story.
- **Short and Curly** - an ABC Kids podcasts about ethics for kids.
- **Greeking Out** - a podcast about Greek Mythology explained in kid friendly stories and language.
- **Wow in The World** - an engaging and funny science and facts podcast for kids.

Thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to the amazing students and families in our school community. It is an honour and a pleasure to be able to lead the curriculum in our school and to be able to serve you all in my role is such a blessing! Thanks to all of the kids for relaxing into their creativity in the Maker Space this year. It is so nice to see your innovations, ideas and the risk taking you are showing to create amazing things. I love that you are thinking outside of the square and pushing the boundaries of what is possible. May I encourage you to keep on reading this holiday? Reading is amazing for not only our learning, but it calms our nervous system and engages our brain in something it really likes to do. You can sign up to the Caboolture Library for the Summer Reading program where you can win some amazing prizes.

May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas. Keep on reading and creating!

Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Over the term break, the school is looking at some minor capital works including:

- A new 95% UV Shade Sail over the tennis courts, along with some sails off the tennis courts facing the oval. It is envisaged the new sail over the courts will give added protection from light rain as it uses a new fabric that is relatively new on the market. The sails out to the side, off the tennis courts, facing the oval, these sails it is hope will provide much needed sun cover for sporting events and lockdowns. COVID has delayed this project as it has been in the pipeline for some time now.
- Some new fencing. This includes the northern corner of the school, where SPLPS boundary connects with Grace College. Unfortunately after hours, vandals often destroy this section of fence so that they can cut through the Lutheran campuses, rather than spend an extra 3mins of their lives walking around on Smiths Road to get to Parish Road. The school will also be looking at other ideas to try and alleviate this problem in a cost efficient, but effective way.
- New fencing behind the Library / Japanese room. Over the years the punishing effects of hurtling soccer (sorry Mr Nicholls! "football") balls have taken their toll on the chain wire here, making it bowed and rusty. I am hopeful that the heavier gauge chain wire we use this time will



outlast the standard gauge wire we have had there for the last 10 years.

- Upgrade of the schools servers and Wi Fi hardware. This is a project that is overdue and needed to keep SPLPS at the forefront of having excellent IT infrastructure. This project will see a new Wi Fi network installed, new servers, and a new VOIP Phone system. Our new IT Tech, Elliot Hollands will be working with Redeemer Lutheran College & BES on this project. The final results is something I am looking forward to seeing, with improvements in speed, security, capability and reliability.

School Fees:

Just a reminder that outstanding school fee accounts need to be finalized by the end of the year. Families who leave the school with outstanding fee debt and no arrangements in place with the Business Office, will in due course, have their accounts automatically referred to debt collectors for management. Please remember that a condition of enrolment is also to give a terms notice (10 weeks) regarding departure, lest this time will be charged to the account (with the exception of graduating Year 6 students).

Finance Committee

If you happen to have skills in Finance (Accountancy, Banking, Financial Planning) the Finance Committee is always looking for committee members. The Finance Committee meets once a month (third Tuesday at 1.30PM ; either in person and / or Zoom) and is a sub committee of the SPLPS School Council. As a CPA Accountant, I serve on another finance committee in the Lutheran System, and apart from the obvious benefits (networking and gaining knowledge), CPA Australia does allow me to claim some of this time for my CPD Hours. If you are interested, please contact me.

Ian Bloxham

Business Manager

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



GSP Sport Academy Bookings for 2022 Soccer, Netball & Running Seasons – ARE NOW OPEN! For more information and registration details please attend St Paul's Family Administration Day (FAD DAY), Friday, 21 January 2022 (9.00am-3.00pm) in the St Paul's Library or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BVYPT>.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank the St Paul's staff, students and families for their involvement and support towards yet another strong and successful year in sport for St Paul's. As I step back from my position next year and take on Maternity Leave, I have no doubt that Sport and Physical Education here at St Paul's will continue to enable students to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to strengthen their sense of self, build resilience, to make decisions and take actions to promote their own and others health, safety and participation in physical activity. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2022!

Jessica Schneider

PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator

SHEP Primary Vocal Ensemble



Queensland Conservatorium of Music (27-28 November 2021)

Congratulations Nathan Mali (6A) for representing St Paul's last weekend in the SHEP Primary Vocal Ensemble. SHEP (State Honours Ensemble Program), coordinated by the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, is an educational program for outstanding young musicians that helps to extend and encourage the pursuit of music excellence. Thousands



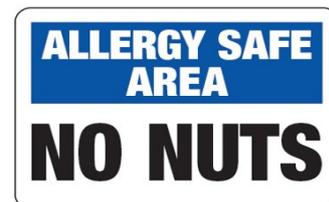
of students apply each year and only a few are chosen to participate in this intensive weekend of music making, which culminates in a series of performances. Well done, Nathan!

Carol Ellwood

Performing Arts Coordinator and 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 TIME

CHAPEL TIME

Whole School Chapel
Wednesday 8.35am

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UNIFORM SHOP

Monday 8.00-9.00am &
Wednesday 8.00-9.00am
& 2.30-3.30pm.

Orders can be submitted online on Flexischools or ordered through the school office and delivered to students on uniform shop days.