

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2

15 February 2022

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 2022

Tuesday 15 February

P&F Meeting

Wednesday 02 March

Ash Wednesday

Sunday 06 March

Staff Installation & Reaffirmation Service

Monday 07 March

Year 4 Bin Inspection Training (incursion)

SERVICE, THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY



Welcome to our Newsletter, your window into Life at St. Paul's. We begin with a Word from the One who has provided us the Gift of this Community. God asks us to serve in our community. He asks us to serve for Him and with Him. In this new year, together in our school community, He will provide us with plenty of opportunity.

Watch out for our theme text for this year: **"As for Me and My House, we will serve the Lord"** (Joshua 24, verse 15).

Joshua was one of the most gifted leaders in the epic history of Israel. The name "Joshua" means "God will save." Joshua served as a national leader as God delivered on a five hundred year old promise to give a community a home – a huge moment in their history.

As we go to work this year, allowing SERVICE to grow into a really BIG part of all we say and do in this community, may I introduce to you the BIGGEST feature of SERVICE:

Our Service to others BEGINS with the WAY GOD SERVES US.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help us into this year together. Help us in our service for each other. Inspire us as we discover how you continually lead us, through your own example of Serving Us.

Pastor Mike.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.

- Wills A Foster

The Habit of Quality

Aristotle once said, "Quality is not an act, it is a habit." It is the conscious choice to focus one's efforts and attentions to bring about the most optimal result possible.

Now as parents our idea of quality effort may differ from our child's perspective. We may be looking for quality through how clean their rooms are, how neatly their workbooks are laid out, or how well they perform on their report card. Our children, on the other hand, may be looking at how beautiful their Minecraft mansion is, how aesthetic their 'vibe is in their room' or how long their win streak was on their favourite game.

What I love, is that all these things show a deliberate decision to put thought, effort, and skillful execution towards a task... (perhaps just not always the task we as parents want 😊).

As we work with our young people to develop the value of quality, my encouragement to you is to see quality in your child's area of focus first. Ask them about their latest Minecraft creation. Delight in the latest dance they have created and marvel at the cool soccer trick they have perfected. In doing so, use the language of quality to encourage them. For example, 'That was brilliant. I have watched you practice that skill over and over again, and now you've got it! All of that hard work has paid off and I am so proud of you.' Or perhaps you might say, 'Wow, is that the same mansion Minecraft mansion you were working on yesterday? It looks incredible. I love how you have carefully placed each of those blocks around the waterfall. You have worked so patiently on that. Well done!'

At these times it is often so tempting to add, 'I wish you worked that hard on your homework too', but my encouragement is just to let them sit in your positive words of encouragement. In these moments, you are planting the seed of love, developing their understanding of quality effort and providing them with positive affirmation.





They will remember these special times and more importantly, they will be learning the benefits of their focused attention, patience and skilful efforts, and this will have a flow on effect into their lives.

Changes to our Newsletter

Throughout the later part of 2021, our staff have been working hard with a new service provider to develop a new digital format for our newsletter. It is our hope that this format will be user friendly and provide some useful metrics for the school to allow us to review and enhance our processes. At this stage we expect our new format to be ready to launch in the next few weeks, so keep an eye out for something new.

To coincide with our new format, we will now be moving to a fortnightly newsletter in 2022. Each new newsletter will be made available to families in Week 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 of each term (even weeks) and will continue to be available to families on Tuesday of each week. It is our hope that this will allow staff to provide families with relevant information without significant repetition.

In His Service

Mrs Katrina Valencia
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It certainly is lovely having the students and their families back with us for what will be another busy but fabulous year here at St Paul's.

Parent Information Evenings (PIE)

By now you should have received your PIE Booklets and PowerPoint/Video from your child's class teachers via Seesaw. Please note that if you have any questions, we ask that you send them to the class teachers by 17 February. They will respond with a Q&A sheet on 24 February via Seesaw.



Students bringing toys and equipment to school

Please note that students are not allowed to bring toys or equipment to school unless arranged with the teachers for such things as Topic Talks.

School Sundays/ Sunday @ 5

Each year level is invited to participate once a year in the worship service at St Paul's Lutheran Church. These were previously called School Sundays. This year sees a change, not only with the name but also with the format and timing. This year the services will be called Sunday @ 5 and will be held on Sunday at 5pm. Your year level teachers will provide you with details about when they are being held throughout the year.



WE ARE SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

Deputy Principal

Kaizen Class

STOP, THINK AND ASK

Am I using great strength to be sensible?

Redirect → Warning 1 → Warning 2

STOP, THINK AND ASK

Am I doing the right thing or the wrong thing?
Am I making a strong decision or a weak decision?
Are my feelings in charge of my actions or is my thinking?

WORK AND LEARN

St Paul's students:
- treat others as they would like to be treated
- are brave - they participate to progress
- pursue their personal best no matter what
- have reasons for the things they say and do

Behaviour Education

Towards the end of 2021, we introduced an outline of the expectations of student behaviour at St Paul's. Please see attached. This has become known as the Behaviour Ladder and as one student commented when it was introduced to her class, "It's a ladder you don't really want to climb". It incorporates the language of the Play is the Way Program that we use at school for social and emotional development. You will see the term Kaizen Class being used on it. This is when a child will be sent to another classroom to take a break from their own classroom environment, gather their thinking and hopefully return ready to work. Kaizen is a Japanese word meaning; a *method for transforming habits one step at a time in order to continuously improve*. Each year level will be introduced to this over the next few weeks. Please ask your student about it. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Deputy Principal
Lois Kube

HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Read Write Inc

Our school is very excited to be adopting a more systematic approach to teaching our students how to read and write. The program that we are adopting from the start of the 2022 year is called 'Read Write Inc'. This program is something that all teachers and most learning assistants received training in through a whole day workshop in January. Our teachers and learning assistants will then have access to ongoing professional learning throughout the year and we will have a face to face training yearly to refine our skills to ensure the best outcomes for all students.



Your child will learn to read in a very simple way. He or she will learn to:

1. Read letters by their 'sounds'
2. Blend these sounds into words
3. Read the words in a story

More information and support will be provided to you soon. If you would like to learn a bit more about the program, please click this link for some more information (this link expires on 26 February 2022): <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QPxobDzD/cdxsGgMn>

Mathematics

At St Paul's we are passionate about teaching your children well so that your child has a deep understanding of the content and can apply their learning to a range of real-life contexts. Since Term 4 last year, our teachers have been engaging in professional learning through Stanford University. Our teachers have been learning more about what the latest research and neuroscience tells us about how students best learn in Mathematics. Using a framework of 'Big Ideas' students will start to delve deeper into Mathematics investigations where they will problem solve, collaborate, explain their thinking, try out ideas, make mistakes and reflect on other ways to approach a problem.

Want to know more about how you can best support your child's mathematical development and understanding? Click on this link for some practical ideas and tips: <https://www.youcubed.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Parent-Night-Handout-vF-1-2.pdf>

Emma Bird
Head of Teaching and Learning

INSIDE STORY: Year 3

Year 3 had an exciting and settled first week of school. The students created their own self – portrait and name label to decorate the entrance to the classroom as a welcome to the Year 3 learning area. We are all looking forward to exploring our Science unit of inquiry on Earth as a spinning planet. We are sure in the next few weeks students will share lots of facts and questions with you. Here is a sample of students art work from the last week.



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

School Fees

The school has, for the first time, implemented annual billing for school fees, rather than billing per term. Annual School Fee Accounts for 2022 have been uploaded to Parent Lounge. To access the statement please follow the following steps:

- 1) Login to Parent Lounge using parent code and password (please phone reception if you do not have your login details)
- 2) On the menu Accounts & Payments click on School Fees Account
- 3) Statement as at 07/02/2022 - click on the paperclip to view Full Year's Fees (to qualify for discount of \$150 per student) must be paid by 18 February 2022.

If paying by the term please make your quarterly payment by the due date of 18 February 2022. Payment options are via Parent Lounge, Direct Debit or B-Pay. If you have any questions, please contact the business office.



Business Manager
Ian Bloxham

CELEBRATING STUDENTS AWARDS

	Good Citizen	Most Improved	Academic Excellence	Growth
Prep	Carter H Leon L	Ador A Imogen L	Isaac P Benjamin X	
Year 1	Kerrie Mc Lachlan W	Isla M Chelsea O	William C Arah J	Adut D
Year 2	Odin H Arcadia H	Isabel Mc Rylan M	Abigail M Saige S	Savanah G Ivy K
Year 3	Channing H Charlee Mc	Jacob B Lily M	Kate F Addison S	
Year 4	Emma K Arushi P	Thomas L Kaelan S	Alice B Violet R	Kenneth O
Year 5	Aiden M Abby S	Aston N Abby S	Amelia B Scarlet Y	Connor E
Year 6	Cooper B Scarlett C	Emily D Quade H	Jorja H Nathan M	Jasmine B

SCHOOL TIMES

8.00am
Students Supervised

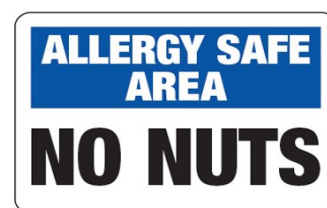
8.20am
Move to classrooms

8.30am
Learning Begins

10.15am - 11.00am
Morning Recess

12.30pm - 1.15pm
Lunch

2.45pm
End of Day Warning Bell



ASSEMBLY TIME

Friday 8.35 am—due to Covid restrictions, no assemblies are allowed

CHAPEL TIME

Wednesday 8.35am—
Chapel in
Classrooms

Let's be friends

@StPaulsLutheranPrimary
School

@StPaulsLutheranKindy

@SPLCCaboolture

@SPLPSBuySwapSell

@StPaulsLPSAlumni

Join the P&F closed group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SPLPSandF/>

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.

ARTS @ ST PAUL'S

This week in Arts @ St Paul's, we commenced our 2022 program with eight performing arts tutors and over 120 students enrolled in Private Tuition, Ensembles, Clubs and Immersion. We've had an action-packed week meeting each other and making music together. We also welcome our Performing Arts Captains for 2022 - Amelia and Scarlet.

Term 1 enrolments close this Friday, 18 February, so it's not too late to sign up. Here's the link to our new digital Enrolment Application Form <https://stpaulslps.qld.edu.au/learning-caring/co-curricular-extra-curricular/>.

Later this term students can look forward to a new event, "Busking @ St Paul's", and a Drama Incursion for Prep to Year 6. In Term 2, we have three events planned – a Year 6 Ukulele Workshop with a guest artist, a Drama event for Year 3-6 students, and our Twilight Music Recitals. Stay tuned for more information about these exciting events.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL Guitar Ensemble Beginner Band LUNCH Open Music Room Practice/School (VBS Cello/Double Bass) DURING SCHOOL Year 3 Immersion Guitar & Ukulele Private Tuition Guitar & Ukulele Band, Voice & Theory AFTER SCHOOL Private Tuition Guitar, Ukulele, Voice & Theory	BEFORE SCHOOL Private Tuition Piano LUNCH Drama Club DURING SCHOOL Classroom Drama Private Tuition Piano AFTER SCHOOL Film & TV Club Private Tuition Piano	BEFORE SCHOOL St Paul's Choir LUNCH Junior Voices DURING SCHOOL Private Tuition Piano, Percussion & Theory AFTER SCHOOL Music Tech Club
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
BEFORE SCHOOL String Ensemble Private Tuition Piano, Voice & Theory LUNCH Performing Arts Crew DURING SCHOOL Year 3 Immersion Strings Private Tuition Strings & Piano AFTER SCHOOL Private Tuition Strings, Piano, Voice & Theory	BEFORE SCHOOL Private Tuition Voice & Theory LUNCH Rock Band DURING SCHOOL Private Tuition Voice & Theory	

2022 PERFORMING ARTS TUTORS

	Mrs Hall Piano Tuition School Piano Accompanist Choir Accompanist		Mr Larkin Woodwind & Brass Tuition Beginner Band
	Mr Weston Guitar & Ukulele Tuition Year 3 Immersion Guitar Ensemble		Mr Veal Drums/Percussion Tuition Theory Tuition Music Technology Club
	Mr Hall Orchestral Strings Tuition Year 3 Immersion String Ensemble		Mr Nicholls Rock Band
	Mr Montenegro Drama Club Film & TV Club Year 4-6 Drama		Ms Ellwood Performing Arts Teacher (Music and Drama) Voice & Theory Tuition 31 Years Choir Junior Voices Open Music Room Practice/School V3 Lower Strings Performing Arts Crew

Ms Carol Ellwood
Performing Arts Co-ordinator and Teacher