

## From the Principal - Mrs Valencia The Wonder of Wonder

Curiosity is so important! Children often display a good measure of curiosity. But why is curiosity so important?

1. It makes your mind active instead of passive. Curious people always ask questions and search for answers. Their minds are always active. Since the mind is like a muscle which becomes stronger through continual exercise, the mental exercise caused by curiosity makes your mind stronger and stronger.

2. It makes your mind observant of new ideas. When you are curious about something, your mind expects and anticipates new ideas related to the subject. When the ideas come, you will recognise them.

3. It opens new worlds and possibilities. By being curious you will be able to see new worlds and possibilities that are normally not visible. They are hidden behind the surface of normal life, and it takes a curious mind to look beneath the surface and discover these new worlds and possibilities.

4. It brings excitement into your life. The lives of curious people are far from boring. They are neither dull nor routine. There are always new things that attract the curious person's attention, there are always new 'toys' to play with.

Just like our children, I encourage you to look at life through the glasses of fun and excitement and enjoy the learning process – after all, there is great wonder in wonder!

Be blessed and filled with wonder this week! Love Mrs V xo



## Pastor Mike - Devotion

Last Wednesday, you may have noticed that your youngster came home with a black smudge of charcoal on the forehead or on the back of their hand. In Chapel, we focussed on the meaning of Ash Wednesday, and each student may have opted to receive a small mark of ash. It is the beginning of our countdown of 40 days until Good Friday and Easter. This is the season of Lent. There are many remarkable stories in the Bible built around "40". Noah's Ark, Moses on the mountain, the Israelites in the desert on their way to the Promised land. These were tough times, God leading his people through some challenging **Growing Experience**, in which they grew closer to God. In the forty days leading to Good Friday, those of us who follow Jesus, focus on travelling with Him as he makes His way to the cross. This is a difficult and challenging journey. In it, we will grow closer to Him.

# Who's Who in the Zoo?

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Meet...

## Mrs Ferguson

Mrs Ferguson is a much loved teacher who has been at St Paul's for over eight years. This year, she has moved into the Arts position where she is creating up a storm for our students! Mrs Ferguson grew up in Brisbane and spent 4 years living in China with her husband and three young children. The beach is where she loves to spend time with her family. You are such a blessing to our community, Mrs Ferguson!



### Family Surnames for the Pick Up Zone

It helps our pick up zone line run smoothly and efficiently in the afternoon when your surname is displayed in the visor on your passenger window. Please help support our amazing staff who assist your children to leave school in a safe and efficient manner by displaying your family surname on your car visor. If you require a surname card, please see the school office. Alternatively, your child may like to decorate their own surname card for you to display.



## What's coming up?



- 01 - NAPLAN Omnibus Practice - Year 3
- 02 - Year 4 Incursion - Recycling / Dr Seuss's Birthday (Glad Centre is celebrating all week)
- 03 - Whole School Chapel @ 8.40am (Yr 3 & New Yr 4-6 students receive their Bibles)
- 05 - Sunday @ 5 Year 5
- 06 - Student Induction Service - Yr 3-6 @ 1.30pm
- 10 - Whole School Cross Country Carnival
- 13 - Whole School Assembly @ 1.30pm

