

From the Principal - Mrs Valencia

Canberra Delights – what a trip they had!

Last week our Year 6 staff and students attended Canberra for the 2023 Year 6 Camp Experience... and what an experience they had. The students, rock climbed, went ten pin bowling, designed their own capital city, developed and passed their own bill, voted in their own election, gazed upon some incredible works of Art and tested their skills at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Furthermore, our students unleashed their curiosity at Questacon, travelled up mountains, remembered fallen heroes at the Australian War Memorial, met members of the St George Illawarra Dragons and had their belongings signed, spent time together in community, demonstrated grit and courage and represented our school so very well.

To top it all off, our students were invited to be a part of the welcoming party for our Prime Minister - Anthony Albanese, and his special guest, the Prime Minister of Samoa - Fiame Naomi Mataafa. There was an 18-cannon salute, a guard of honour, the official signing of documents, fist bumps and handshakes to go around. They were then treated to a special meeting with Terry Young MP - Federal Member for Longman who joined our students for their electoral role play. There are no words for how proud we are of this group of students. Special thanks must go to the attending staff and Mrs Deb Forshaw for your camp coordination throughout the past 6 months.

Our National Capital, Canberra, has been developed with a wide range of educational programs that focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The quality of these programs is of the best quality, displaying the best knowledge and relevant guides.

The Australian Government identifies the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of \$90 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs.

The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has already been passed through to families through a reduction in the camp charge at the time of calculation. As a school, we are thankful to current and past Governments for continuing to emphasise the importance of this camp experience and for providing this rebate to our families to assist student attendance.



Pastor Mike - Devotion

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 terrible abuse. 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.

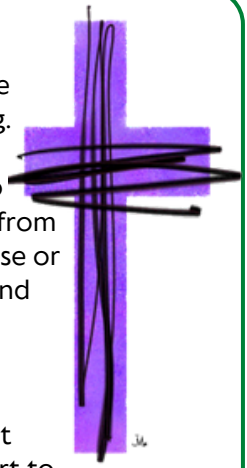
This is something we need to appreciate and take on board in the 40 days leading to Easter. In most Christian churches, this is known as the season of Lent.

"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 save 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."

You and your family are most welcome to attend our Easter services.

Pastor Mike Neldner



Easter @ St Paul's
6/4 Maundy Thursday 7pm
7/4 Good Friday 9am
9/4 Easter Sunday
- Dawn Service Caboolture 6am
- Bribie Island 8am
- Caboolture 9am
- St Pauls Aged Care 10:30am

He is Risen

Who's Who in the Zoo?

Meet... Mrs Buyers



The beautiful Mrs Buyers has been at St Paul's for 12 years, Lutheran schools for over 18 years and is a much loved teacher on our staff. She grew up in South Australia near the beach and loves craft, craft and more craft! She is named after Ruth in the bible and demonstrates loyalty, bravery and love of God and her family. We would be lost without you Mrs Buyers! Thank you for all that you bring to our community.



What's coming up?



30 - Free Dress Day (End of Term 1) / Closing Chapel
30 & 31 - Parent / Teacher Interview
31 - Pupil Free Day



17 - Term 2 Begins
24 - ANZAC Day Service @ 1.30pm

Save the Date

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