

From the Principal - Mrs Katrina Valencia

Growing in Christ

Developing our Spiritual Growth

If you have ever tried to keep a plant or garden alive, you have probably noticed the time and energy it takes to help the plants grow. However, as the plant thrives and blooms all the hard work put into nurturing it pays off.

2 Peter 3 tells us to "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This is not referring to physical growth like you might see from a plant. Rather, this passage is referring to spiritual growth and growing closer to God.

What Is Spiritual Growth?

You may be wondering, "what is spiritual growth?" Spiritual growth involves learning more about and leaning into God. We all start somewhere when we become Christians. At the start of our journeys, some of us may be more familiar with God's word while others may be completely new to the concept of salvation.

Spiritual growth can be reflected through our actions. We can ask ourselves, are we living more for God and less for ourselves? Have our thoughts and actions toward others and God shifted or have they remained the same since the start of our relationship with Christ? How can we get to know God and His word more? "Jesus said, 'Everything is possible for one who believes.' Mark 9:23 When we want to grow spiritually, we can start by asking Jesus for help. He will honour our request and efforts to grow closer to him. Ultimately, we need to open our heart to Him.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." — Philippians 1:3-6, NIV

We give thanks for you, the parents of St Paul's. We are grateful for your partnership as we work together to grow and nurture young people who are ready to give back to the world, sharing their God-given gifts with all they meet. May God richly bless you in your calling as parents.

Mrs V



You are awesome!

What a great first week back we have had! The sports carnivals are so much fun, and it gives our students a great opportunity to practice good sportsmanship, team work, encouragement, and dealing with disappointment. Regardless of whether you came 1st, 4th or last, the truth of the matter is that we have all been made just as we are meant to, with different strengths and weaknesses, and as hard as it is sometimes, this should be celebrated!

Psalms 139:14 says "I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well."

You are AWESOMELY and WONDERFULLY made, and our worth is not held in the first place ribbon but in who God created us to be!

This term in chapel we will be discovering who we are created to be, which can all be found in the bible. We would love for you to come join us on 8:30am Fridays, in the Chapel.

Blessings
Chappy Teneille



Who's Who in the Zoo?



Mrs Kadel is our wonderful Junior Learning Support Teacher who moved with her family from Bundaberg. Her home town is Brisbane where she grew up and went to school in Albany Creek. Mrs Kadel's favourite food is pizza and she enjoys swimming, craft and loves to shop! Making earrings is a favourite hobby and the bible verse that is close to her heart comes from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." While Mrs Kadel only started here this year, she has settled in very quickly making an impact on our staff and students.



What's coming up?



- 19 - Year 3 Prof Jelly Bean Science Incursion
- 21 - Prep Excursion to White Ridge Farm
- 21 - P&F Disco
- 24 - Year 5 & 6 - Engineers Without Borders
- 25 & 26 - Caboolture Districts Athletics Carnival
- 27 - Parent / Teacher Conference - Round 2

