



Welcome to our first 2024 Newsletter.

2024 will see a change to our normal school newsletter format and timing. The newsletter will be distributed in Week 1, 5, and the last student week of each term, Week 9 or 10. Each edition will include various components, including messages from the Principal, Deputy, Head of Teaching and Learning, Sport, the Arts, Chappy, Church, P & F, and more. We aim to include numerous photos to celebrate our students' efforts and keep you up to date with what is happening at St. Paul's and what is coming up through our date claimer section. Our goal is for this new format to be comprehensive and focused on quality information.

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February 9: Year 6 Senior Shirt Presentation

2024 School Theme

In 2024, our school theme "Belong" is inspired by Psalm 24:1, emphasising that everything, including every inhabitant, belongs to the Lord. Represented by concentric circles, from the individual to God as the largest circle, "Belong" embodies the essence of belonging, influence, and interconnectedness. It urges us to recognise our ability to impact and foster belonging within our community, reflecting a broader unity and shared purpose.





February 13: Shrove Tuesday

From the Principal - Mrs Katrina Valencia

Community

Something that is a very important and a valuable tradition in Lutheran schools, is the installation of new staff. Being 'installed' isn't essential to somebody being able to carry out their duties effectively, however, there are several elements to installations that I cherish and believe are wonderful elements of making us who we are as a Christ-centred community.

In the first instance, installations ask those being installed to commit—with the help of God—to carry out their work faithfully and to the best of their ability, in accordance with the word of God. As all who take a role in a Lutheran school understand, this is not a surprise and is often what we already feel called to do. However, it is a lovely commitment to make in front of those we serve. Part of the ritual of installation takes note of these words:

'Each one of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very word of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.'

Schools work effectively because we have wonderful staff from so many backgrounds, with diverse gifts, working toward a common goal of serving and educating our students. So many different roles and gifts exist, but all are equally important to our school community.

An installation is a recognition of a mutual partnership. We ask our students, congregation and parents to support, honour and work alongside those being installed. Lutheran schools exist to educate our children in a Christ-centred environment, and the strength of this comes from all of us. It is fitting that we reaffirm all existing staff in much the same way every year. That is, to recommit to one another our support in our roles within the community.

Finally, events like these demonstrate community. They show the strength of the St Paul's community and how wonderfully supportive and welcoming it is. Celebrating opportunities like these help us to remember that St Paul's is a great community, which exists because of the commitment of everyone within it.



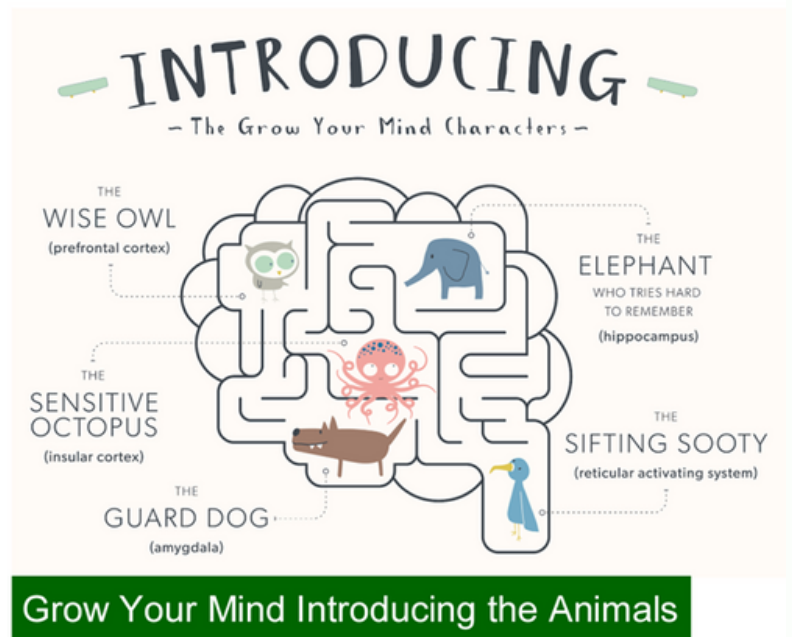
Mrs Valencia



From the Deputy Principal - Mrs Marcia Jealous

At St Paul's, we are proud of our wellbeing program, Grow Your Mind, which promotes whole-school flourishing.

Beginning this year, we are exploring all the ways we take care of our physical health every day – from brushing our teeth and eating fruits and vegetables to staying hydrated. Next, we explore how we look after our minds on a daily basis. This is harder to do initially!



Children are then asked to point to their toes, their heart, their prefrontal cortex...! And so the journey of brain awareness begins. As the term continues, listen out for your child talking about shrinking their Guard Dog, waking their Sensitive Octopus or growing their Wise Owl, their Remembering Elephant and their Sifting Sooty.

For more information head to <https://growyourmind.life/> and you can watch our Parent information video to share in this common language between home and school.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daTfpekObQ8>

Have a great week!

Mrs J

Year 3: Grow Your Mind in the Classroom



From the Head of Curriculum - Mrs Emma Bird

Literacy is fundamental to a student's ability to learn at school and to engage productively in society (ACARA, 2023). Literacy skills are built throughout Prep – Year 6 at St Paul's, across all subject areas, with the most explicit teaching of these skills occurring in English.

ACARA states that "Literacy enables students to access, understand, analyse and evaluate information and ideas, express thoughts and emotions; present ideas and opinions; interact with others." Being literate requires the development of a range of multi-faceted skills that are supported by:

- RWI lessons for Prep to Year 3 students – which focus on teaching phonics, reading, spelling grammar and writing skills in sequential order at each child's individual developmental stage.
- Daily practice of fluency, note-taking, grammar and spelling across Years 4-6.
- Short term units of work in English that focus on the breadth of the subject. Within these short, 5-6 week units, students study a variety of multimodal texts, refine skills for writing in sentences and paragraphs, discuss and critically analyse texts in small groups, and create texts for real life purposes and authentic audiences.

English is taught strategically and explicitly, targeted to both the curriculum and the cohort of learners within a year level. At St Paul's we want to not only equip your child with excellent literacy skills but also to instil a love of reading, writing and communicating that will serve them for years to come.

Kind regards,

Emma Bird

Head of Teaching and Learning



RWI in the classroom

Arts @ St Paul's

The Arts department at St. Paul's is buzzing with excitement as private and group music programs kick off for 2024. Students have the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments, including flute, violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, ukulele, percussion, and music theory. Enrolment packs are available at the school office.

Year 3 students are embarking on an unique immersion program offering a chance to explore six different instruments – violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, or ukulele. The program provides instruments and weekly group sessions with specialised tutors. In Term 1, weeks 3-6, students at St. Paul's sample various stringed instruments through a 4-week rotational series. Subsequently, in weeks 7, students can hire their chosen instrument from the school library, bringing it to school for lessons. They'll get to showcase their new skills at Twilight Music Recitals and other school events throughout the year.

St. Paul's is harmonising with the return of vocal ensembles. Lower primary students (Years 1 and 2) can join Junior Voices, which is held on Thursday lunchtimes while senior primary students (Years 3 to 6) are invited to be part of St. Paul's Choir. Rehearsals for St. Paul's Choir are scheduled on Wednesday mornings.

Whether it's mastering an instrument or singing in the choir, students have the chance to experience the joy of music.

Mrs Elisabeth Kirby

For more information, reach out to Mrs. Elisabeth Kirby at performingarts@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au.



Year 3 String Immersion

Sports

Term 1 is a busy period for sports at St. Paul's. In the Caboolture District, there are competitions across 13 sports. We organise tryouts to choose students who will represent our school. For certain sports, only 3 students per school can attend trials for the Caboolture team. In Term 1, we organise tryouts for 10 out of the 13 sports. So far, we've invited 17 students to represent St. Paul's, and 5 of them have received call-backs or invitations to join the Caboolture District team. Well done, St. Paul's students!

Approaching the St. Paul's Cross Country Carnival, our training is in full swing despite some challenges. While our runners are enthusiastic, weather conditions have posed some limitations. Let's hope we can get our legs pumping again soon.

Exciting developments are also unfolding in our classrooms. Our newest sporting recruits are learning various new skills through the play of party games.

Mrs Mueller



Preps Playing Party Games



From the P & F Committee

Firstly, a huge thanks to the families who are bringing donations for Breakfast club – you guys are the best and totally appreciated by us AND the children!

Our chocolate drive is well under way, and we've had an overwhelming response so far. We can't wait to see who wins the 10kg choccie block - yum!



We're so grateful that the cold-water fountain is being enjoyed by the students during this hot and sticky weather – we're super proud to have been able to provide this with the help of QLD Quality Plumbing.

Tara, Chantel, Michelle & the P & F Team

Get in Contact

Email: pfpresident@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au

Facebook: St Paul's LPS Parents & Friends Group

Upcoming Meetings

12 March
AGM
3:15pm

16 April
3:15pm

14 May
3:15pm

REMINDER

Nomination forms for our AGM in March are available in reception.



From Chappy



Firstly, I'd like to thank all the students and parents that have come along to our new Worship & Wellbeing service. It has been a wonderful start to the year, and I know the students have really enjoyed sharing their worship time with all the parents. If you haven't come along to check it out, its every Friday at 8:40am.



Did you know?

We have a parent's section in our GLAD Centre? It has a range of resources on a variety of topics for parents. So, if you haven't checked it out yet, our GLAD Centre is open before school starts at 8am.

Blessings,
Chappy Teneille



February 14: Ash Wednesday Service



From the Church

PROMISE ... One of God's BIGGEST Words

The rain just keeps coming! Everything is so soggy! Here's a thought that will hopefully help us not get cranky about it.

There's a big, big rain and flood story in the Bible (Genesis 6 – 9) ... and a Rainbow at the end of it, a picture to remind us that when God makes a promise, He keeps it. With God, there is always the promise of more to come. This year promises so much, even though it's raining!

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for your promise to stay with us in all the rough and tumble of life. Thanks for your promise to help us, to love us, and provide for us (no matter how much it rains).

Pastor Mike Neldner.



FFF SUNDAY@5
2024 THEME - A Journey with Jesus
5pm, Sunday 18th February



Service @5pm
Dinner 5:45pm
\$5.00 per family
All Welcome!



St Paul's Lutheran Church New Bible/Film Study - The Chosen - Series 1

The Chosen is the TV series about the life of Jesus, adapted from the four Gospels of the Bible. Each tell the story of Jesus' birth, life, and death through the varying viewpoints of the writers. Series 1 (8 episodes) will be from the perspective of Mary.

We'll send you a link so you can participate:

As a **HOME GROUP** - Watching the episodes together with a 20-minute discussion to follow.

or

By yourself or with your **FAMILY/FRIENDS AT HOME** - Watch and study in your own time, at your own pace.

or

ONLINE ZOOM GROUP - view episodes in your own time & meet with your zoom group for discussion.

or

A BIG SCREEN EXPERIENCE AT THE CHURCH - Watching the episodes together with a 20-minute discussion to follow. We are considering offering this at 2 different times – 2:30pm Wednesday afternoon and 6:30pm Wednesday or Thursday evening.

Commencing:

Episodes 1-4 starting the week commencing Sunday 25th February

Episodes 5-8 starting after the Easter school holidays - the week commencing Sunday April 14th

Please indicate your interest by emailing Maria at stpaulscab@gmail.com so we know the best way to support you.

Maria will be emailing session video and study guide each week and assisting you to access all you need.

Link to the trailer to Season 1:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1-FoFj8Jbo>



DATE CLAIMERS



February

26th - Prep Vision Screening

26th - P & F Subway Fundraiser

26th - Year 6 LYQ Leadership Day

28th - Practice NAPLAN Test - Years 3 and 5

March

1st - P & F Cadbury Chocolate Drive Concludes

1st - School Leadership Installation Service - 8:40am

5th - Prep Hearing Screening

6th- Years 5 & 6 Paralympian Visit and Workshop

11th- Year 4 Incursion - MBRC Waster Management Team

13th - 29th (dates to be confirmed) - NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5

17th - Sunday @ 5 - Year 6

18th - 4A Bike Education - Redcliffe PCYC

March continued...

19th - 4B Bike Education - Redcliffe PCYC

22nd - P & F Subway Fundraiser

22nd - Cross Country Carnival - Kindy to Year 6

24th - Palm Sunday

26th - P & F Hot Cross Bun Drive

26th - Year 3 Spark Lab & Queensland Museum Excursion

27th - Last Day of Term 1 - Free Dress for Paralympics Australia

27th & 28th - Parent Teacher Conferences

29th - Good Friday

April

15th - First Day of Term 2

19th - National Day of Action. "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully"

21st - Depart for Year 6 Canberra Trip

26th - ANZAC Day Chapel Service

Dates correct as of 21st February 2024

