



Term 4, Week 10, 2024

Our Community Christmas Carols was a truly unifying evening, bringing together people from all corners of our community to celebrate Christmas. Despite the change in plans due to wet weather, the understanding and support from everyone was heartwarming.

A huge thank you to our dedicated community groups, staff, and students who worked tirelessly to make the event possible. We are so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community, where we can come together, share special moments, and spread holiday cheer. Your efforts and enthusiasm made the night unforgettable.



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Community Christmas Carols



From the Principal - Mrs Katrina Valencia

With Gratitude

To our students, who light up our classrooms with their laughter, smiles and endless joy – we say thank you!

To our staff, who tirelessly plan, prepare, educate and pray for our students – we say thank you!

To our families, who walk alongside their children and the school on this educational journey – we say thank you!

To one and all, who make our community special – we say thank you!

Thank you for your support, your efforts, your prayers, your warmth and your belief in us!

Most importantly, we thank our loving Father, who is, who was and who is to come!

We thank you Lord for St Paul's!

Always yours, in His service,

Mrs V xo

Christmas Blessings

We pray that you get to spend some quality time with your families and your children over the coming break, as we pause to reflect on the most incredible gift of grace that God offers to all of us, beginning with the birth of Christ. I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)



From the Acting Deputy Principal - Mr Matt Nicholls

Festive Gratitude



We have so much to be grateful for, but do we show it?

Have you ever received a gift that you didn't really want? It's likely. But even so, you can still appreciate the thought behind it—the time someone took to pick it out, wrap it up, label it, and place it under the tree just for you..

I think back to my childhood and a gift under the tree that had no label but was the perfect size and shape to make me think it was for me and that it was the *Star Wars Millenium Falcon* that I had dreamed of all year. My best friend had got it for his birthday and it's all I could think of.

When Christmas morning came and the gift was presented to me and I got excited, and was convinced it was the Falcon. I opened it to reveal a spaceman costume and laser accessories. I was gutted! And I think I showed it. Did mum and dad stitch me up, was there a secret gift hidden? They knew how much I wanted it. No, of course there was no other gift. Do you know what though? I played in that suit all the time and ran around with my laser like I was Buck Rogers! I absolutely loved it, and it was probably the gift I remember getting the most use out of over the years. I really was grateful in the end.

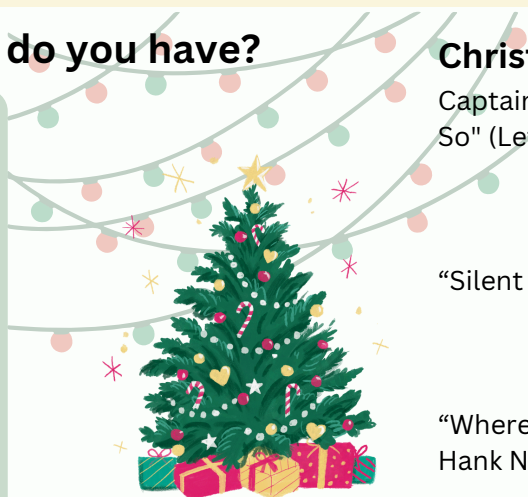
Whatever you give or receive this year, I hope it's something that gives you joy and gratitude.

And for the record, the following year.....I got the Millenium Falcon!

Merry Christmas

What Christmas Traditions do you have?

- Bake cookies
- Watch multiple Christmas movies
- Visit some light displays
- Go to a Church service
- Spend Christmas with relatives
- Eat too much chocolate
- Santa stockings/sacks
- Only listen to Christmas music
- Play backyard cricket
- Donate something
- Make a wish list
- Eat leftovers for days
- A street gathering
- Photo with Santa
- Volunteer your time
- Make cards
- Go carol singing
- Something unique



Christmas fun

Captain Picard sings "Make it So" (Let it Snow)



"Silent Night" by Chewbacca



"Where Santa Can't Get In" by Hank Nicholls



Quiz Corner

Last time: General Knowledge

1. In SA, what is the day after Christmas known as? **Proclamation Day**
2. What is the term for the fear of spiders? **Arachnophobia**
3. What's the most-consumed beverage in the world that is not water? **Tea**

This time: Christmas

1. How many gold rings did my true love give to me?
2. Who do they call Pere Noel in France?
3. Who were Balthazar, Melchior and Caspar?



From the Head of Teaching and Learning - Mrs Emma Bird

As our year draws to a close, I want to take the opportunity to thank our entire school community for an unforgettable year. We've dreamt big together, worked hard, and celebrated many special moments.

One of the year's highlights was our first whole-school show, a remarkable achievement. This performance featured an original script, created collaboratively by our students and teachers, and it was a testament to the creativity, teamwork, and talent within our school. Watching our students shine on stage was an inspiring reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together.

Throughout the year, we've witnessed incredible growth, not only academically but also in the way our students have supported one another, explored their passions, and embraced challenges. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our wonderful teachers and staff, as well as the continued support of our families.

As we prepare for the Christmas Holidays, I encourage you to take time to rest, reflect, and enjoy quality moments with your loved ones. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to "Give thanks in all circumstances". Take time to count your blessings and reflect on all that you have to be thankful for as you finish 2024.

Blessings to you and your family as you celebrate Christmas.



Images: Year 5 and 6 Maths Extension group in conjunction with Grace Lutheran College



Arts @ St Paul's

What a term we've had with Arts@StPaul's as we wrap up a year of marvellous music-making!

- Twilight Music Evening in Week 5 with performances from the Year 3 Strings Immersion students, private guitar, ukulele, percussion, piano and strings students, and the Senior Choir
- Piano & Flute Soiree in Week 6
- St Paul's Community Christmas Carols in Week 8 featuring all our talented students from Kindy to Year 6, plus some energetic staff along for the ride!
- Junior Voices and Senior Choir at the Christmas Carols in Week 8 and the Final Worship & Wellbeing Service in Week 10
- Kids Rock Band lunch time concert and Worship & Wellbeing Service performance in Week 9

We are looking forward to a creative and music-filled New Year ahead, but in the meantime, wishing you a safe and blessed Christmas break with family and friends!



Rock Band lunch time performance and End of Year Choir Performances



Sports



Taylor McKeown visits St Paul's!

We were honoured to have Taylor McKeown, an Australian Olympian visit our students, sharing her remarkable journey of perseverance and achievement in swimming. She is also a past student of St Paul's Lutheran Primary School.

She spoke about the challenges she faced, the sacrifices she made, and the unwavering determination that led her to Olympic success.

Taylor's story resonated deeply with the students, inspiring them to push through their own obstacles, stay focused on their goals, and pursue their dreams with passion and resilience.

Her visit left a lasting impact, motivating everyone to aim higher and never give up on their aspirations.

A heartfelt thankyou Taylor! It was a great way to finish off the term! The students thoroughly enjoyed your visit.



Who Am I?
1x Olympic silver
1x Commonwealth Games gold
2x World Championships bronze
1x Australian champion
1x Olympic representative
3x Commonwealth Games representative
3x World Championship representative

TAYLOR MCKEOWN
Unleash Your Passion #OlympusUnleashed



From Chappy

What a year we have had! 2024 has definitely had some highs and lows, and I'm looking forward to stepping into 2025 and embracing the joy of what's to come!

Today's closing Christmas Chapel was loads of fun with jokes, carols, candy canes, and the excitement for the upcoming holiday season, but most of all our focus is always Jesus.

This Christmas season I encourage you to make Jesus the true reason for this season. Take time out to read the story of Jesus' birth with your family (check out Matthew Chapter 1 and Luke Chapter 2), head to your local church for one of their Christmas services, and take some time to find your own family traditions to honour Jesus' birth this Christmas.

I pray you all have a safe, and happy Christmas, and if you need some help finding a local church this holidays please reach out via email: tkirby@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au.

God bless & Merry Christmas

Chappy Teneille



From the Church

DATE CLAIMER
9am
Sunday,
12th January

*Farewell
Service for
Pastor Mike*

More details to come!

PEACE **NOEL**

*CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS
ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, CABOOLTURE.*

**Christmas Eve
Tuesday 24/12/24
6:30pm Service**

**Christmas Day
Wednesday 25/12/24
8am Service**

Christmas **JOY**



From the P & F Committee

A HUMUNGOUS thank you to each and every one of you who has taken the time to step in and step up and help with the numerous P&F activities we have undertaken this past school year. We truly appreciate the assistance as without our volunteer helpers we would not be able to run any of the fun events and initiatives that the students enjoy!

2025 will bring with it a whole new year to plan and coordinate – please jump in with us where you can and help us continue the fun, community, friendship, and service of our little organisation.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a happy holiday period, and look forward to seeing all the smiling faces in the new year! Except you, current year 6's! Onwards and upwards for you!



Year 6 Graduation!



Our 2025 Year 6 Leadership Team

We were truly impressed by the outstanding pool of candidates who applied for leadership positions for the Class of 2025. The competition was tough, and it was clear that each applicant brought dedication, enthusiasm, and a genuine passion for making a difference. We are grateful to have such committed students, and we would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our successful candidates.

However, leadership opportunities don't end here—there will be plenty of chances for the rest of the cohort to take on very important roles throughout 2025.

We look forward to working together and having a fantastic year with the Class of 2025!

School Captains



Olivia



Sienna

House Captains - Jeffreys



Saige



Madelyn

Faith and Service Captains



Annabelle



Lyla

House Captains - Gregor



Alby



Isabel

Arts Captains



Abigail



Aria

House Captains - Archer



Hayden



Harrison



40 YEARS

* BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES *

G.E.M. Day

You are invited to our first event of the year to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of St Paul's Lutheran Primary School.



 Friday, 24 January 2025

 9am - 11am

Inflatable Obstacle Course
Coffee Van
Sausage Sizzle



Bring your Book Pack, come and visit your new classroom, meet your 2025 teachers, and have some fun celebrating with us.



2025 LCAQD Convention of the Synod

ART COMPETITION

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Get creative and paint, draw, or collage your way to an amazing cash prize! YOU are invited to consider the Synod theme *Open Doors to Many Communities of Grace. One Church. One Purpose. Many Ministries* (Revelation 3:7-12) and submit your interpretation of the theme in your artwork!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Winners will loan their artwork for display at Lutheran Church House Milton, for 12 months. The submission deadline is 4pm on Thursday 24 April 2025.

To find out more and to enter, scan the QR Code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/mrxpmk3p>

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For more information, please head to Lutheran Youth of Queensland - <https://lyq.org.au/>



You are invited to a

Christmas Market

DECEMBER 7TH

9 AM - 12 PM

FREE ENTRY

Come gather your loved ones and have a stroll around our Christmas Markets. Handmade gift options are available. Please note this is a Pet-Free Event. Cash and Eftpos stall, some will be cash only.

St Pauls Aged Care
Follow signs for parking
Main carpark will be closed



A note from Kangaroo Bus Line



YOUR GUIDE FOR 2025 STUDENT SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

We often get asked "How do my kids catch the bus" and "Am I eligible for a Bus Pass?". To help answer your questions we've put together some helpful guidelines and tips to assist with your enquiries.

Catching the bus

Students must be in possession of a "TransLink GO Card" or a "Bus Travel Assistance Card" to travel on all student school bus services.

It is a Condition of Travel on Translink Services that a passenger must be in possession of a valid ticket or token for the entire journey.

If student/s have a 2024 bus pass, they are current until 29th February 2025.

1. TransLink GO Card

A payment option for school bus travel is the Translink GO Card system. If you are not eligible for one of the below transport assistance schemes, you can still get discounted daily fares by using a Go Card. These cards are available for purchase from your nearest Train Station and some news agencies provide this service.

2. Bus Travel Assistance Card

Eligibility: There are two types of travel assistance options, "Bus Travel Assistance" which is based on kilometers and "Safety Net Assistance" which is based on concessions / pensions.

Paperwork: If you believe you're eligible, the correct paperwork will need to be completed either [online](#) or at our Head Office in Burpengary. We recommend you **submit this paperwork as soon as possible.**

Processing: Bus Pass applications can take up to ten (10) to fifteen (15) business days for processing.

2025 Collection: Bus Passes can be collected from our Burpengary Depot, Monday to Friday from 8am until 4pm from 20th January 2025. We encourage all parents to visit our Head Office to avoid processing delays.

This is just a quick guide to the school bus pass system so if we haven't specifically answered your question, please call our office on 1300 287 525 or call in and visit us at 2 Motorway Drive, Burpengary.

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A note from Grace Bus Lines

BUSMINDER

PARTNER PRIMARY TRAVELLERS

Dear Parents/Guardians



The College is excited to officially launch the partnership with BusMinder to further enhance the College's bus service experience.

WHAT IS BUSMINDER?

The BusMinder Parent app enables you to view the real-time location of your child's bus, their boarding location, and whether your child is on board. Your child will use a BusMinder card to tap on and tap off the bus when travelling.

The Parent app also contains an alert feature that can be used to send push notifications to your smartphone if a bus is running late, has been replaced or is not running that day (for example in the event of Catastrophic Fire conditions)

HOW TO APPLY FOR GRACE COLLEGE BUS SERVICES?

Partner primary students will need to apply by completing a [Partner Primary Schools Bus Application Form](#) on the College website to have their BusMinder account created.

1. Once approved by Grace Bus Administration team, you will receive a 'Welcome' email from support@busminder.com.au. Then follow the steps outlined in the email. Do not reply to this email.
2. Download the BusMinder Parent app from the Apple [iTunes](#) or Google [Play Store](#), click on Login then enter the email address supplied to the College at the time of initial bus application, then 'Forgot your password?' This will enable you to set your own password.
3. Once you have logged in, you will be asked whether the app should be allowed to send you notifications. We strongly encourage you to allow notifications.

PURCHASING TERM BUS PASSES FOR 2025 AND CASUAL TICKETS

From 2025, all bus ticket purchases will be facilitated through the BusMinder Parent app. The finance office will no longer process bus ticket purchases.

Term passes must be purchased through the BusMinder Parent App and will be available for purchase starting two weeks before the end of the term. Any Term Passes not purchased during this period will only allow for top-ups to the BusMinder account, rather than providing full-term access. Please note the following Term Pass purchase dates for 2025:

Term 1 2025 - Term pass – 20 November 2024 – 7 February 2025

Term 2 2025 - Term pass – 24 March 2025 – 4 April 2025

Term 3 2025 - Term pass – 9 June 2025 – 20 June 2025

Term 4 2025 - Term pass – 8 September 2025 – 19 September 2025



A note from Grace Bus Lines

Students who are NOT approved through BusMinder for this service will incur the maximum zone fee.

2025 Bus Pricing is below:

Term Passes		Casual Passes	
Zone 1	\$175.00 per term	Zone 1	\$2.50 per Trip
Zone 2	\$255.00 per term	Zone 2	\$3.30 per Trip
Zone 3	\$340.00 per term	Zone 3	\$4.30 Per Trip

BOOKING YOUR CHILD ONTO A BUS ROUTE

Parents can book your student(s) on a route and stop via the parent app. You can follow the steps below or see a [Parent app booking video](#). A \$2 confirmation booking fee will be charged at the time of booking (Casual trips only), with the remaining trip balance due once the student(s) have completed the trip. *e.g. Zone 1 Casual trip - \$2.50 - \$2 will be deducted from your BusMinder account and the remaining balance of 50 cents will be deducted from your account once student trip is completed.* If the student does not travel on the scheduled date and the booking is not cancelled through the app, the booking fee will still be charged. Bookings cancelled 24 hours before travel, will not be charged the booking fee. Term pass bookings not required.

1. Beginning at the route screen, click on book button next to the route you want to book for.
2. Select the stop you want to pick up from in the AM or choose the stop to be dropped home at in the PM. Then onto the calendar and then confirmation.
3. Select the student you are making the booking for. If you have more than one, you can choose which student by moving the slide to the right.
4. Choose the days you are making the booking for. If the date is **GREEN**, the seat is available. If the date is **RED**, the bus is at capacity. Please contact the Bus Department at Grace Lutheran College.
5. Now you can view your booking. Once you are okay with your details, select 'Book' and a confirmation will pop up on your screen to confirm the booking.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO DO?

Partner primary school students will be issued with a dedicated BusMinder card, which will be distributed by the driver on their selected route.

Students are expected to have their BusMinder card with them at all times when travelling on College buses.

As students board the bus, they tap their BusMinder card against the BusMinder unit which records their name, location and boarding time. **Tapping ON** in the morning and **Tapping ON** and **OFF** in the afternoon. This 'tap' will provide parents with information that their student(s) have boarded or departed the bus via the BusMinder app notification.

If the bus is full, casual users are not guaranteed a seat; notwithstanding this, for safety reasons no student waiting at a bus stop will be left behind (AM only).



A note from Grace Bus Lines

HOW DO I FIND INFORMATION ON BUS ROUTES?

The College continues to provide a list of bus services and their scheduling on the [College website](#).

Bus Route information is also available on the BusMinder Parent app.

Grace Lutheran College has the right to change or terminate at our discretion.

Should you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 3203 0066 or email bus_applications@glc.qld.edu.au.

We appreciate your understanding and partnership as we implement BusMinder at the College, as we continue to enhance this service provided to our families at the College.


Yours faithfully

Mr Jon Hopman
Bus Coordinator

Mrs Kylie Briaes
Business Manager



DATE CLAIMERS



January 2025

- 17th - Book Pack Collection from School
- 24th - GEM Day
- 27th - Australia Day Public Holiday
- 28th - First Day of Term 1 (Year 1 to 6)
- 28th - Prep Staggered Start 1
- 29th - Prep Staggered Start 2
- 30th-31st - All preps to attend together



February 2025

- 4th - Parent Information Evening
- 7th - Opening Chapel
- 10th - Arts @ St Paul's Lessons Commence
- 11th - P&F Meeting
- 14th - Installation Service - student leaders and new staff
- 17th - Year 6 LYQ Leadership Day
- 19th - Caboolture District Swim Trials (Twilight)
- 23rd-27th - Year 6 Canberra Trip
- 28th - Year 2 Excursion to Caboolture Historical Village
- 28th - Year 3 Bible Presentations during W&W



Images of Year 3 and 4 Christmas Craft and Cooking.

