



NEWS @ ST PAUL'S

Term 1, Week 2, 2025

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The students have had a fantastic start to the year, settling in quickly and getting back into the routine of school life. They're already showing great enthusiasm and focus in their learning, working hard to make the most of every opportunity. It's been wonderful to see their dedication and energy as they dive into new challenges and exciting lessons!

Our new playground is a hit with the children, who are enjoying it during playtime and making the most of this exciting new space





St Paul's Celebrates 40 Years: Building Bright Futures

In the early 1980's, a courageous group of St Paul's Lutheran Church members had a vision to provide a quality Christian education to the children of the Moreton Bay Region. Building on the legacy of Lutheran education across our great country, St Paul's Lutheran Primary School was born out of love, determination and a deep faith in God.

Since this time, St Paul's has provided 40 Years of service to this beautiful community. With a focus on **Excellence in Education, Caring and Compassion, and Partnering with Parents**, St Paul's has grown from a fledgling school of less than 20 students, to a thriving educational community delivering outstanding facilities, educational offerings and service to our community.

St Paul's is built on the foundation of the gospel message for all. God's undeserved love, His Grace extended to us, as he reaches down to his people. Of all the wonderful things we must celebrate as a community, most importantly we celebrate **40 years in God's Hands**.

And so, we invite you, the community of Moreton Bay, to celebrate with us **40 Years of Building Bright Futures** for our children.

Mrs Katrina Valencia
Principal



From the Deputy Principal (Operations) - Mr Matt Nicholls

There are moments where a memorable movie quote, inspirational speaker or even comedian can stir something in you that resonates and becomes a lifelong lesson.

- “Why do we fall, Bruce? So we can learn to pick ourselves up again”: Thomas Wayne to young Bruce in Batman Begins - **Resilience**
- “With great power, comes great responsibility”: Uncle Ben to Peter Parker in Spiderman - **Responsibility**
- “You're the best around, nothing's going to ever keep you down”: (from Karate Kid movie) Joe Esposito - **Self Confidence**
- “Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference”: Sir Winston Churchill - **Attitude**

A positive attitude and an open mind makes a good start to any endeavour. Without these, any task has instant obstacles. If we look at all the things we put in our own way from time to time, its probably confronting. How quick are we to blame someone else? It's not my fault? It's not mine, so I shouldn't have to clean it up. I can't be bothered, I'll do it later, or I'll do it tomorrow. All too often we make excuses when all we need is positivity to overcome the obstacles that we may have placed there ourselves. It's normal to think like this, right?

But we want to motivate and inspire our children to be better and achieve success. Well that starts with letting go a little. Now, this is sometimes hard to do, even when we are determined to hold back and not rescue. “Dad can you open this bottle for me?” A simple and harmless request, but where is the learning if I do it for them every time they ask?

In an article written by Positive Psychologist, Dr Justin Colson, he states, “Never regularly do for a child the things a child can do for him or herself.” – Goal: **Independence**

Dr Colson proposes “When you muck up, you make up.” – The goal of **Accountability**.

He observes, “kids of all ages will make mistakes. In fact, mucking up is part of the learning process. But kids will just repeat their mistakes unless they experience the consequences of their decisions. The use of behavioural consequences is a way of teaching children to take greater responsibility for their lives and to learn to make smarter choices”.

Allowing our young ones to start being independent, to make choices for themselves and learn which ones help them succeed and which ones result in consequence. Making mistakes is all part of it too. ‘Mistakes are proof that you are trying’. Lets make sure we allow lots of those and embrace them.

Independence-building is vitally important for parents. It's the pathway to children's competency, confidence and creativity, and the short cut to resilience and real learning.

Dr Colson, Justin. (May, 2017). The Language of Independence-Building. Happy Families;
<https://happyfamilies.com.au/>.

Matt Nicholls
Deputy Principal



Mr Nicholls hard at work on GEM Day



From the Deputy (Curriculum) - Mrs Emma Bird

At St Paul's, we believe that every challenge is an opportunity to grow and that with perseverance and the right mindset, anything is possible! To begin a new year of learning, I want to shine a light on the importance of persistence and a growth mindset in our students' learning journeys.

What is a Growth Mindset?

A growth mindset is the belief that abilities and intelligence can be developed through hard work, dedication, and learning from mistakes. Students with a growth mindset understand that challenges are not roadblocks but stepping stones toward success. Instead of feeling discouraged by difficulties, they embrace them and learn from the experience.

Why Persistence Matters

Persistence is the key to overcoming obstacles. It's about sticking with something even when it's tough, and not giving up when things don't go as planned. Whether it is mastering a tricky maths problem, editing a piece of writing, or trying something new, persistence allows students to push through challenges and keep improving.

How Can We Foster Persistence and a Growth Mindset?

Celebrate Effort: We strive to encourage children to focus on their effort and progress, rather than the outcome. We acknowledge the hard work they've put in, regardless of the result.

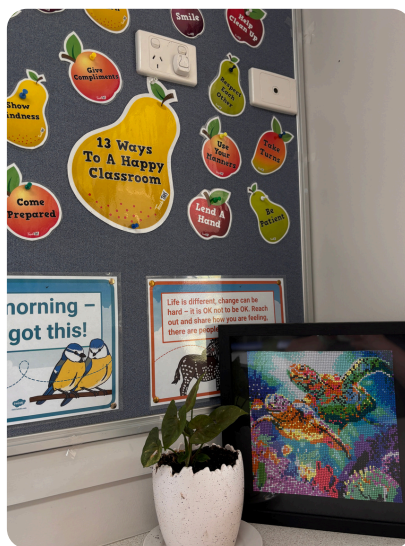
Embrace Mistakes: Mistakes are a natural part of learning! When students make mistakes, it's an opportunity for them to learn and grow. At St Paul's we strive to teach students that failure isn't something to fear, but a valuable part of the process.

Model a Growth Mindset: As adults, we can show students that we too are learning and growing. By sharing our own experiences with persistence and learning from setbacks, we set an example they can follow.

Celebrating Growth at School

We are committed to helping our students develop a growth mindset and learn the value of persistence in all aspects of their lives. Throughout the year, we will continue to encourage students to embrace challenges, persist through difficulties, and celebrate their growth, no matter how big or small.

Let's continue to work together to foster a positive, resilient attitude in our students.



Classroom displays 2025



Arts @ St Paul's

Welcome to an exciting year with Arts @ St Paul's! Music-making exercises the brain as well as the body, and getting involved in music ensembles gives students the chance to learn how to express themselves and to connect with others in amazing ways. Here's how your child can be involved:

- SENIOR CHOIR (Yr3-6): Rehearsals are held every Thursday morning (7:30-8:15am) unless otherwise advised.
- JUNIOR VOICES (Yr1-2): Rehearsals are held every Thursday First Break (10:45am) unless otherwise advised. Prep students will be invited to join in Term 4.
- STRINGS IMMERSION PROGRAM (Yr 3): All Year 3 students are involved in this program. Instruments: Violin, Viola, Guitar, Ukulele.
- PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS (Yr 2-6): 30-minute individual or group lessons in piano, flute, guitar, bass, ukulele, drums, violin, viola, cello, double bass – subject to availability. Fee-paying.
- INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES: Private instrumental students participate in the String Ensemble or the Mixed Ensemble – Before School Tuesdays.
- KIDS ROCK BAND: auditioned rock band with rehearsals on Fridays First Break. Starting later in Term 1 – details TBA.

See Mrs Kirby for more information: performingarts@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au



Our Arts @ St Paul's Music Program



Sports

Welcome to 2025 a very exciting year is ahead. Some important dates you will not want to miss:

Prep – Year 2:

- Cross Country Carnival – Wednesday 2 April
- Athletics Carnival – Thursday 12 June
- Swimming Lessons - Monday-Friday 17 – 21 November

Year 3 and 4:

- Cross Country Carnival - Wednesday 2 April
- Athletics Carnival - Thursday 12 June & Friday 13 June
- Swimming Carnival – Friday 10 October
- Swimming Lessons - Monday-Friday 17 – 21 November

Year 5 and 6:

- Cross Country Carnival - Wednesday 2 April
- Athletics Carnival - Thursday 12 June & Friday 13 June
- Swimming Carnival - Friday 10 October
- Surf Life Saving Day – Monday 17 November



Year 6 HPE Lesson - Ping Pong

Parent Help

Parents who are able to help at carnivals and Gala Day's are very welcome. We have found especially at our Gala Day's, parents and family members who are able to help manage our sporting teams have a much more enjoyable day. The role of team manager asks our helper to assist the team getting to the correct match location on time and minor team management like helping with substitutions. If you are able to assist even for part of a day, please ensure you have completed the [Volunteer Registration Form](#) and contact Mrs Mueller hpeteacher@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au.

Photo board

This year I would like to celebrate the sporting life of our St Paul's community. I would greatly appreciate any photos of our St Paul's students in full sporting action. These photos will not be shared on social media only printed and posted on the HPE noticeboards outside the GLAD Centre (library) or behind the year 4 classroom. Please feel free to print your pictures and the students can hand them to me or email them to hpeteacher@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au.

Questions:

Please feel free to reach out whenever you have any sport or HPE questions hpeteacher@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au.

Yours in sport and good health,

Kathryn Mueller



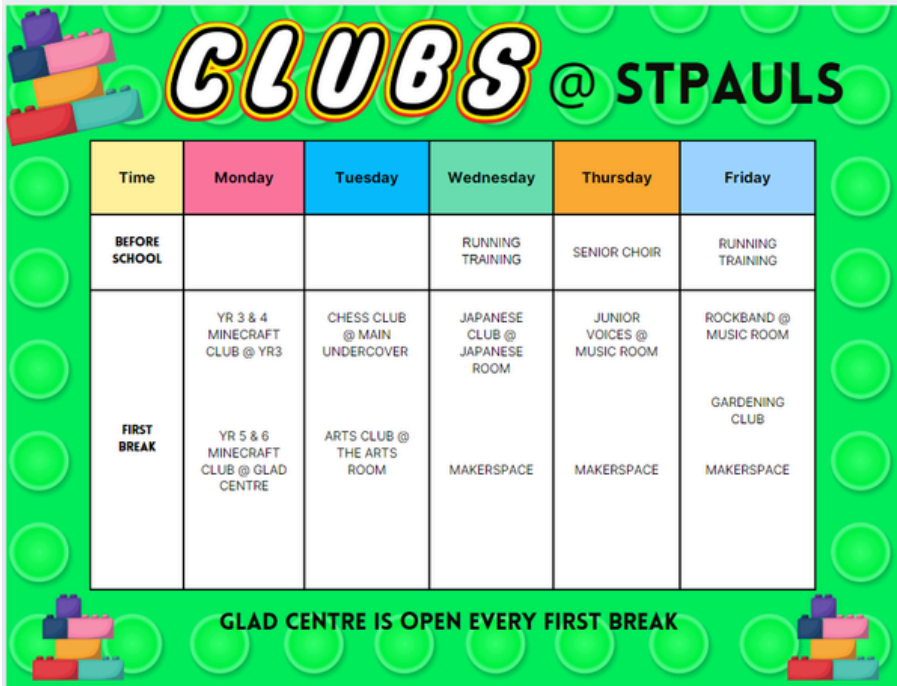
From Chappy

Nehemiah 8:10 'the JOY of the Lord is your strength' .

Welcome to a brand new school year! Its been wonderful to hear the kids talk about what they got up to on the holidays. Some of you sure sounded busy!

And as we begin this new year, I think its important to take a moment to seek what this year is going to be for you. This year I felt God saying to focus on Joy. It doesn't mean that I wont have the bad days and the sad days BUT this year I am focussing on Joy. Which means I'm busily putting reminders up in areas of my life to remind and realign me to joy.

So I encourage you, to take a moment to seek out what to focus on or join me is chasing JOY this year!



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL			RUNNING TRAINING	SENIOR CHOIR	RUNNING TRAINING
FIRST BREAK	YR 3 & 4 MINECRAFT CLUB @ YR3	CHESS CLUB @ MAIN UNDERCOVER	JAPANESE CLUB @ JAPANESE ROOM	JUNIOR VOICES @ MUSIC ROOM	ROCKBAND @ MUSIC ROOM
	YR 5 & 6 MINECRAFT CLUB @ GLAD CENTRE	ARTS CLUB @ THE ARTS ROOM	MAKERSPACE	MAKERSPACE	GARDENING CLUB MAKERSPACE

GLAD CENTRE IS OPEN EVERY FIRST BREAK



Click on the musical notes to enjoy Chappy's Chasing Joy Playlist

Commencing Week 3

From the Church



COFFEE AND KIDS
COME JOIN US FOR A COFFEE, CHAT AND PLAY!



INFORMATION

- Every Wednesday (during school term)
- 9am - 10.30am
- 65 Smiths Road, Caboolture
- All ages welcome

FREE

Run by St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Sunday @ 5 Class Dates

Term 1
Sunday 2 March - Grade 5
Sunday 16 March - Grade 1

Term 2
Sunday 18 May - Grade 6
Sunday 1 June - Prep
Sunday 15 June - Grade 3

Term 4
Sunday 19 October - Grade 4
Sunday 2 November - Grade 2



From the Library (GLAD Centre)

Welcome to 2025. There are so many exciting things happening in the GLAD Centre this year. This term we will celebrate Dr Seuss' birthday (I wonder what Mrs Pratap will dress up as?), remember why we love our library on Library Lover's Day (14 February), and host our first Book Fair for the year in the middle of March. Please make sure you keep an eye out on Newsletters, Seesaw and our Social Media accounts to stay informed.

Library borrowing starts again in Week 3. There are already some very keen students ready to borrow from our collection. Important things to note about borrowing are:

- Students will need a library bag to borrow from the library. These are available from School Locker. If you are unable to purchase one, a temporary bag can be used instead (a canvas shopping bag is perfect as a stop gap).
- Could we please get students in Prep to Grade 2 to bring their library bags in as soon as possible? Their borrowing cards are attached to their bag at the beginning of every year and it would be great to have them done before their borrowing starts.
- Prep to Grade 2 students will be borrowing Home Readers on Mondays. Please make sure that they bring their Readers Folder on that day.
- Overdue notices will be emailed to parents on Monday mornings. If you receive an email and have any questions, please reply and Mrs Pratap will get back to you as soon as possible.

As we all know, this year is the 40th Anniversary of St Paul's. The GLAD Centre will be home to a year-long display of memorabilia from the past 40 years. If you or someone you know has special items that you would be willing to lend us for the display, please drop them into the office. To ensure we can keep a track of who owns what, please place your items in a labelled bag/box or label the items themselves on the back.

To make this year even more special, we also get to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Book Week in 2025! The GLAD Centre is already getting preparations underway for our week of celebrations in Term 3. The theme for this year is *Book an Adventure!* and we are looking forward to celebrating all the ways that books can take us on adventures just by using our imaginations.

And remember... we would love to encourage your students to read for 15 minutes a day, either by themselves or being read to by a parent, grandparent or older sibling. No book is off limits – Fiction, Non-Fiction, Magazines, Picture Books are all awesome. Engaging with books regularly has a positive impact on students' mental health and helps them to achieve better at school.

Happy Reading!
Mrs Pratap



40
YEARS

* BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES *

You are invited to the

P&F AGM

Tuesday 11 March

3:15pm in the GLAD Centre

We'd love to have you join our P&F! All positions are currently vacant, and we're looking for volunteers – whether you can help for a little while or a lot, every bit of time is appreciated!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

YEAR 6
Student installation
Service

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY
8:45AM - 10:00AM

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER
THE SERVICE IN THE CHURCH COURTYARD WITH
THE YEAR 6 STUDENTS.*



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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February 2025

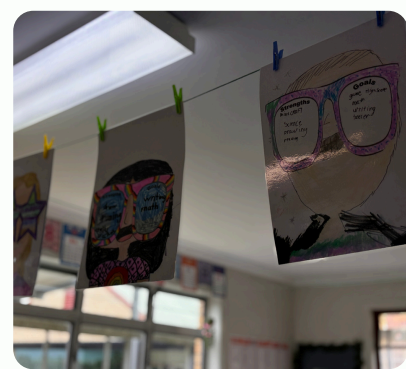
- 11th - Year 1 Visit with GLC Drama
- 14th - Installation Service - Year 6 student leaders
- 17th - Year 6 LYQ Leadership Day
- 19th - Caboolture District Swim Trials (Twilight)
- 23rd-27th - Year 6 Canberra Trip
- 28th - Year 2 Excursion to Caboolture Historical Village

March 2025

- 2nd - Year 5 Sunday@5
- 4th - Shrove Tuesday
- 4th - Year 1 Visit with GLC Drama
- 5th - Ash Wednesday - Chapel Service 8:45am
- 6th - Prep Vision Screening (catch up on 10th)
- 6th - NAPLAN Practice Test Year 3 and Year 5
- 7th - Allergy Friends Presentation 8:45am
- 7th - Year 1 Visit with GLC Drama
- 11th - P&F AGM - 3:15pm
- 12th-24th - NAPLAN**
- 14th - Year 1 Mad about Science Incursion
- 14th - Year 4 St Helena Island Excursion
- 16th - Year 1 Sunday@5
- 17th-20th - Book Fair
- 21st - National Day of Action - Bullying
- 28th - Music Trivia - Parents Evening
- 28th - Year 3 Bible Presentation during W&W
- 28th - Year 1 Visit with GLC Drama
- 31st - Year 4 Cultural Awareness Incursion

April 2025

- 2nd - Cross Country
- 3rd - Back to the 80's Celebration Day - Last Day of Term 1
- 3rd - Closing Chapel



Beautiful art from the classroom.

