



NEWS @ ST PAUL'S

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Year 6 Canberra Adventure 2025!

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Our Year 6 students recently embarked on an unforgettable educational tour of Canberra, immersing themselves in history, science, and culture. From admiring incredible artworks at the National Gallery of Australia to discovering democracy at the National Electoral Education Centre and Parliament House, their learning extended far beyond the classroom.

They explored the wonders of science at Geoscience Australia and the CSIRO Discovery Centre, uncovered our nation's rich history at the National Museum of Australia and the National Capital Exhibition, and paid their respects at the Australian War Memorial. A visit to the Australian Institute of Sport and the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex added even more excitement to their adventure!

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians visiting the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families with the cost of the excursion, the government provided funding of \$90 per student through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. This rebate was paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

It was an incredible experience filled with learning, exploration, and fun—one that our students will remember for years to come!



Canberra 2025



From the Principal - Mrs Katrina Valencia

A lot can happen in three days!

It is an interesting thing to reflect on, how much we can and do achieve in three days. Let's take Friday to Sunday. We may be at work on Friday, carrying out our usual duties, emails, meetings, a work shift and more. Perhaps we are at home and complete the washing, drying, folding, ironing, cleaning, cooking and some activities with the children. Then along rolls the weekend – and we may have sport commitments, Church, mowing, gardening, a birthday party and more. All in all, we are busy, sometimes chasing our tails, but most of the time, there is a rhythm and routine to what we achieve in those three days.

As hard as we work, as much as we do, as busy as we are, what we do on our weekends does not fundamentally alter humanity – perhaps just our own families.

Then there are the three days of Easter – three days that fundamentally and eternally shifted the outcomes of humanity.

Picture this - you were arrested overnight after being betrayed by one of your closest friends. The next day your trial was held, and you were sentenced to death on a cross, a most public and brutal death. You were laid in a tomb, sealed shut by a large rock. The next day your friends visited your grave and mourned for you. Finally, you are raised from the dead, an empty tomb discovered by your friends and multiple eyewitness accounts of your resurrection. As if this wasn't enough for you to bear, you were all along aware that your loving Father needed you to do this, to make the ultimate sacrifice for all humankind.

You see the death and resurrection of Jesus happened on earth's soil, in our time, for the benefit of humankind whom God created and endlessly loves.

It is because Jesus is risen, conquering sin and death, that life for us is forever anchored in the good news. Christ's resurrection gloriously demonstrates that God's eternal love has the last word. As a powerful hymn puts it, "No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand." We now live in the joyful assurance that because Christ lives, we too will live for all eternity.

Talk about three days that altered humankind. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

It is my prayer that the upcoming Easter period – those three days – will be a reminder to you all that you are love, cherished and now have life altering hope in Christ our Lord.

Easter blessings to you,

Mrs V



From the Deputy Principal (Operations) - Mr Matt Nicholls

Emotional Intelligence

How resilient am I?

We talk about this as a family all the time. We share stories and memories and it's great to reflect because it helps you to see how you handled a situation. Inevitably, there is going to be the times where you ask yourself, "Could I have handled that better?" Perhaps not necessarily better, but differently.

Let's take rejection as an example. We face numerous rejections in our lives, but what do we take from them.

'Dear Matthew, Thank you for attending professional football trials at Bristol City FC. We are sorry to inform you that you did not meet the standard required. We wish you all the best in your future football career.'

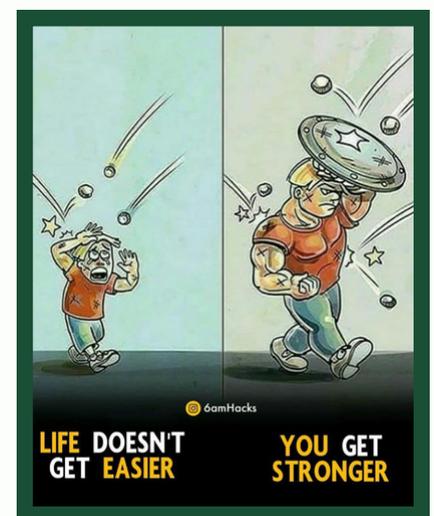
Boom! If ever there was a hard-hitting rejection for me, that was it! There in writing, I'm not good enough!

How did I handle that? I remember sulking for a while, not wanting to play anymore, ready to give up. Could I have handled it better or differently? It was devastating, but it was one rejection, albeit a big one. I bounced back eventually because I had learned resilience skills. I ended up playing semi-professional football but got my big personal achievement many years later as a coach when I took an elite Adelaide Academy squad to the UK on tour and played against and beat....Bristol City!

When understanding what emotional intelligence means and includes, we must discuss and analyse our own resilience. It's such an important concept and yet such an under exposed skill. Dr Justin Coulson (Happyfamilies.com.au) discusses resilience in many ways but narrows it down to these two key propositions:

- Life is hard. Full stop. End of story.
- People are resilient. It's in our nature. We are designed that way.

The problem is that we gradually turn away from challenges so we try to make life comfortable. When we avoid the necessary hardships, we start to do the same with our kids, rescuing them and protecting them. But resilience is a muscle and we need those hardships and challenges. Without facing them, we can't build our resilience 'muscles'. You are stronger than you think.



From the Deputy (Curriculum) - Mrs Emma Bird

Shop @St Paul's

Our Learning Expo each year celebrates a culmination of student learning and understanding in our Inquiry learning units of work. In our 40th Anniversary year, we have decided to merge our Learning Expo into our Winter Carnival, and for this year only, we will be having an entrepreneurial focus as each year level and specialist subject creates a market stall for Shop @ St Paul's. Students will be rostered on to help run their class or specialist stall for a small amount of time during the Winter Carnival.

Each class and specialist subject area is working hard currently to develop a product for sale that authentically relates to what the students are learning. EFTPOS machines will be available on the day for you to purchase products from the students and once the cost price has been made, additional monies will be donated to a not-for-profit organisation, voted on by the students at our school. We look forward to seeing what our young entrepreneurs design, make, package and sell at their class stall.

GOLD Maths Active Status and Maths Competition

It is with great excitement that I share with you that our school, for the second year in a row, has achieved a Queensland Maths Active Status of GOLD! The Queensland Association of Maths Teachers has assessed what our school has been involved in, how people in our school have contributed to mathematics at a state and national level, and what the active processes are for both the professional learning of our staff and the learning experiences designed and delivered for the students in our school. As a result of this assessment of our school, we have been found to be at the top level of Maths Activity and we now have the honour of displaying our Gold Status to the school community for the year.

St Paul's is one of only 6 schools to be awarded this honour for 2025, and we are one of only 2 primary schools in the state to have achieved the gold status level. Well done to all of our teachers and students for their work in mathematics!

To celebrate this achievement as a school, I am running a competition. Take a photo of you and/your family members using maths at home or out and about in our community. Send it to Emma Duggan at marketing@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au and you will be in the running to win a family board game. We would ideally love to share this in student notices, and at Worship and Wellbeing next term, along with some photos being put on social media. Please let Emma Duggan know if you do not want your photo shared on social media when you send your photo in. Entries close Monday 21st April. More details are on page 12 and 13 of the newsletter.



We love Arts @ St Paul's! So much is happening with our music programs.

Kids Rock Band auditions are done and dusted, with our eager group of musicians ready to kick off practice at the start of Term 2. Thank you to everyone who auditioned. It is wonderful to see so many students keen to try out. It can be nerve-wracking! Well done on having a go and keep up the practice.



Our **Senior Choir** is now filling the music room every Thursday morning from 7:30am, learning new repertoire and even experiencing recording in our makeshift recording studio! We have a surprise in store for next term. Keep your ear to the ground!

Our youngest singers in **Junior Voices** are enjoying a longer rehearsal on Thursdays at First Break, so we are able to expand our repertoire! Both choirs will fill the stage as they perform together at the final Chapel of the term. It is sure to be both uplifting and adorable!

Our **Year 3 students** have now received their instruments for the **STRINGS IMMERSION PROGRAM**. We hope they are loving practising their violin, guitar or ukulele at home, so they can make the most of this fantastic program lead by Ms Blythe.

Private Instrumental Lessons (Yr 2-6)

30-minute individual or group lessons in piano, flute, guitar, bass, ukulele, drums, violin, cello, double bass – subject to availability. Fee-paying. Limited places still available on most instruments. Email performingarts@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au if you are interested!

Our **Instrumental Ensemble** has grown steadily, and they are sounding fantastic!



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES TERM 2

- Wednesday 23 April - ANZAC Day – Senior Choir
- Tuesday 10 June - Twilight Concert (most Arts @ St Paul's students)
- TBC - Piano & Flute Soiree



Sports

Running Club

Year 3-6 students have been waking up early and running their little hearts out each Wednesday and Friday morning preparing for Cross Country. These are some tough kids, they have run through mud, up hills, in muggy temperatures, and dodging Plover chicks.

Caboolture District Teams

Congratulations to the St Paul's students who earned a place in the Caboolture District Teams:

Saige S – Netball

Ajang M – Boys Basketball

Parker S – Boys AFL

Harper C – Girls Soccer

What's happening in HPE?

Prep students started the year working on their hand-eye coordination and body movement, they have progressed well.

Year 1 and 2 were learning about their superpower. We certainly have some amazing kids at St Paul's.

Year 3 and 4 finished up their Parkour unit and can be seen shoulder rolling, vaulting and bouncing off walls all through the playground.

Perseverance was the theme for the **Year 5 and 6's** this term. They had to create their own trick then keep working on it until they got it. It has taken a great deal of effort to keep trying and work through their frustrations. They have done a great job and a lesson well learnt.



From the Library (GLAD Centre)



Dr Seuss's Birthday Week!

Oh, what a week, what a fun-filled affair,
We gathered around with much love to share!
The air was alive with giggles and glee,
For it was Dr. Seuss' birthday, you see!

We donned our best hats, all wobbly and tall,
Some red, some blue, and some green ones so small!
The Cat in the Hat led the parade,
With Thing 1 and Thing 2 in a colourful charade!

We danced through the halls with a hop and a skip,
And took silly photos with smiles on our lips!
In green eggs and ham, we all took a bite,
Then jumped to the rhythm of a Seuss-filled delight!

So here's to the week, and the joy we did find,
With Seuss in our hearts and his words in our mind.
For every year, when the calendar turns,
We'll celebrate him, with giggles and squirms!



Student Picks

This year we are inviting students to share their favourite books. Every few weeks, one of our students is invited to choose 5 books for our Students' Picks display.

So far, we have enjoyed choices from Grades 3 to 6 and have appreciated the wide variety of books that they have chosen.

If your child is interested in participating in our Students' Picks display, they can come and see Mrs Pratap in the library for a nomination form.



From our Chappie

Happiness vs Joy

I want you to take a moment to think about something that makes you happy....

Most of the time we feel happy when something good happens to us. But what happens to our happiness when something hard or bad happens? Usually, our happiness goes away. Happiness is our reaction to something good happening, so when something bad happens, we stop feeling happy.

But what about Joy? Well, what do we know about Joy.... It's a fruit of God's Holy Spirit which you can read about in Galatians 5:22. Psalms 16:11 also says, "You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever." Which pretty much means that when we spend time with God and trust God, we experience joy! We also know that Paul wrote in Philippians 1:18 that he was rejoicing because he was talking to people about Jesus. Guess where Paul was writing from when he wrote about rejoicing? Prison!!! So, to be rejoicing in prison must mean Joy is really powerful!

So, then what happens to Joy when bad or hard things happen? Well, Joy doesn't disappear, and that's because Joy isn't based on the good things that happen to us, it's deeper. Joy is knowing that even in the bad times, God loves us, that He is for us, and that we know that we can put our hope in our future with God – and that is unchanging.

Happiness can change, but JOY.... when it's anchored to the goodness of God - its unchangeable!

So next time your happiness disappears on you, and you feel sad or angry, think about what Jesus did for you, how much He loves you and be filled with Joy knowing that we have a future with God.

Praying you all have a safe and happy Easter!



From the P&F

Cadbury Chocolate Drive

Thank you to everyone that sold Chocolate Boxes! If you still have Chocolate boxes at home, please return to Reception as soon as possible.

- \$100 Gift Voucher Winner – Andi (Year 2) – selling 9 Boxes
- Gift Pack Winner – Harper (Year 5) – selling 5 Boxes

Mother's Day

It is not long now until our Mother's Day Stall. We have so many beautiful gift options available this year for the students to choose from, plus a special wooden handcrafted plaque that can be purchased via Flexischools.

Subway Day

We held our first Subway Day for the term on the 17th of March 2025 – we had 192 orders which was awesome!

Breakfast Club

A MASSIVE Thank You to all of the wonderful families providing donations and/or their time to Breakfast Club – this initiative brings so much positivity, and we are so grateful for your continued support. If you would to be a part of Breakfast Club in Term 2 – we are looking for volunteers for Monday morning, please email Chantel at pfvicepresident@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au

Upcoming Events Next Term:

- Mother's Day Stall – 1st May
- Subway Day – 19th May
- School Disco – 6th June

More details to follow on these events.

Have a Safe & Happy Easter Holidays!

Get in Contact!

Email: pfpresident@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au

Facebook: St Paul's LPS Parents & Friends Group



On the left: The Winner of the P&F Chocolate Drive - Andi Year 2

On the right: Runner up - Harper Year 5



SAVE THE DATES!!

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CABOOLTURE GOOGA FAMILY CAMP 2025

Arrive from 3pm
Friday 12th September

Depart sometime after Lunch on
Sunday 14th September

Don't miss this fun weekend hosted by
St Pauls Lutheran Church, Caboolture.

Activities may include Bushwalking; Orienteering; Team Games; Campfire; Spotlight Walks; Bush Chapel.

For enquiries, costs and accommodation options or to
RSVP email Maria at stpaulscab@gmail.com

www.glc.qld.edu.au/googa-campus



Where Faith is at the Centre
food, Faith, Fun!

**Food, Faith, Fun
Sunday @ 5pm**

4th May

THEME: WOMEN

**Dinner 5:45pm
\$5.00 per adult
Kids eat free!!**



MATHS COMPETITION

**Take a photo of
you and your
family using
maths at home or
out in the
community.**

Email your photo to
marketing@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au for a
chance to win a family board game.

Entries close Monday 21st April.



Some examples of Maths in everyday life:

- Building with blocks.
- Setting the table with one fork and one knife for each person.
- Playing a board game (Monopoly Junior is an excellent choice!).
- Counting birds at the park.
- Measuring lengths of wood.
- Buying groceries with a budget (*How many oranges can you buy with your budget?*)
- Hitting a tennis ball on a particular angle to get it across the net.
- Measuring ingredients when cooking.
- Packing the family car boot for a holiday (*How can you fit all of those bags of food and clothing into that little car boot?*)
- Sorting and folding laundry into categories.





SAVE THE DATE

PLEASE JOIN OUR

Mother's Day
BREAKFAST

THURSDAY 8 MAY
7:30AM-8:25AM



**ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY
SCHOOL - CHURCH**



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BRIGHT MINDS FESTIVALS

GRADES 1 – 6

Festival of workshops to inspire bright young minds

TWO LOCATIONS

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May 16 2025

Rothwell
June 1 2025

Huge range of workshops on offer at each festival

Art, Floristry, Science, Music, Maths, Soccer, Media, Lego & much more!

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For more information & bookings visit glc.qld.edu.au
Bookings open Monday 31 March





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/mrxpkm3p>

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DATE CLAIMERS

April 2025

- 3rd - Back to the 80's Celebration Day DISCO - Last Day of Term 1
- 3rd - Closing Chapel 2:00pm
- 4th - Parent Teacher Conferences Round 2 (8:30am-2:30pm)
- 4th-21st - School Holidays
- 22nd - First Day of Term 2
- 23rd - St Paul's Lutheran Primary School ANZAC Day Service
- 25th - ANZAC Day Public Holiday and Caboolture March and Service
- 28th - Caboolture District Cross Country
- 29th and 30th - Year 4 PCYC Bike Education Excursion



May 2025

- 1st - P&F Mothers Day Stall
- 2nd - Allergy Aware Presentation 8:40am
- 5th - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 8th - Mother's Day Breakfast
- 8th - Year 5 and 6 Excursion to see GLC Shrek Musical
- 11th - Mother's Day
- 12th-14th - Scholastic Book Fair in GLAD Centre
- 12th - Photo Day 1
- 16th - Caboolture District Gala Day Year 5 and 6
- 16th - Prep Excursion to White Ridge Farm
- 16th - Year 1 Australia Zoo
- 18th - Sunday@5 - Year 6
- 19th - P&F Subway Day
- 19th - Year 3 Excursion Ipswich Rail Museum
- 21st - Prep Hearing Screening Program
- 28th - 30th - Year 4 Camp
- 30th - 2025 Battle of the Brains Competition



Year 3 and New Students Bible Presentation from the St Paul's Lutheran Church.

