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Celebrating 40 Years: A Service of Gratitude and Hope

Our 40th Anniversary year concluded with a beautiful Celebration Service, a time to pause and give thanks for the incredible journey of St Paul's over the past four decades.

The service reflected the heart of our school community-faith, gratitude, and vision for the future. Together, we celebrated the milestones that have shaped us and the people who have contributed to our story.

As we close this chapter, we look forward with excitement to the next season of growth and opportunity. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this service a meaningful and memorable occasion.



Left: Our Year 5 and 6 Liturgical Dance Team

Right: A special thank you to Bishop Mark for joining us and sharing in this significant occasion.



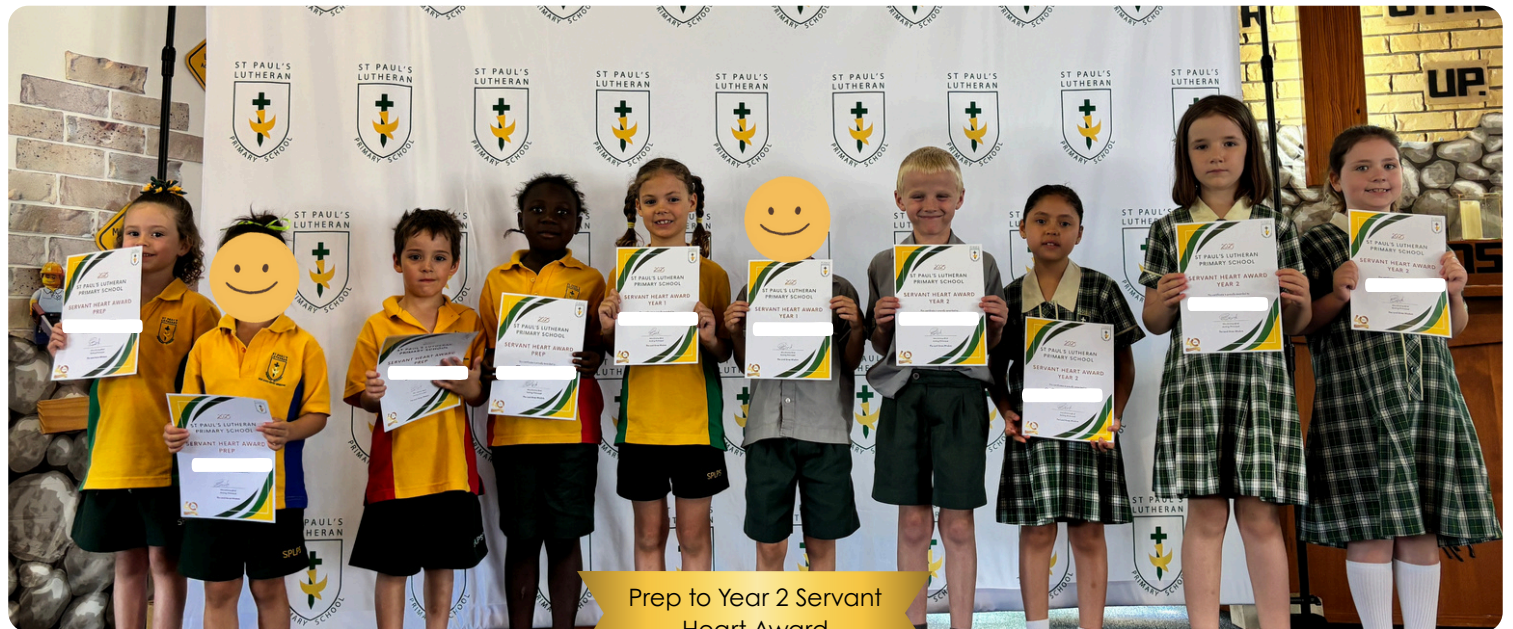
Awards - 2025



Prep to Year 2 Personal Achievement Award



Year 1 and 2 Academic Endeavour Award



Prep to Year 2 Servant Heart Award



Year 3 to 6 Servant Heart Award



Awards - 2025



Year 3 to 6 Academic Endeavour Award



Year 3 to 6 Academic Excellence Award



Year 3 to 6 Arts Award



Awards - 2025



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Representing St Paul's



Grace Award



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Archer House
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Gregor House
Captains



From the Acting Principal - Mrs Emma Bird

Celebrating 40 Years of St Paul's

What an incredible day we shared a few weeks ago as we came together for our 40th Anniversary Celebration Service. It was a privilege to gather as one community - to honour those who have gone before us, to celebrate this significant milestone, and to give glory and praise to God the Father for His abundant blessings over the past four decades.

Throughout this year, we have marked this milestone in many special ways - from GEM Day, to Music Bingo, to 80's Disco Day, to the Winter Carnival, and finally concluding with our Celebration Service. Each event has been a testament to the vibrant, caring culture that makes St Paul's so unique. Thank you to every student, staff member, and family who joined us in celebrating these moments. We truly have a special school community, and we are grateful for each of you.

During the Celebration Service, I had the joy of speaking with some of our founding staff members, including our first Principal, Trish Brady. Their stories reminded me of the strong culture of care and community that has been part of St Paul's since the very beginning. We give thanks to God for these faithful people and for St Paul's Church, who answered His call to establish our school.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Celebration Service so meaningful. To our staff - thank you for your dedication, flexibility, and service in bringing this event to life. To our students - whether you spoke, danced, carried symbols, sang in the choir, played the flute, joined the processional, or participated in worship with your class, you represented St Paul's beautifully. Your behaviour and participation were outstanding, and we are so proud of you.

As Pastor James reminded us at the Celebration Service, St Paul's is a community that cares. Thank you for choosing each day to live out that caring culture. Your actions strengthen our community and glorify God.

As we move into the Christmas season, may the joy and peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes. Thank you for being part of this extraordinary year of celebration. We look forward to continuing this journey together with faith, hope, and love.

Christmas blessings to you and your family!

Emma Bird
Acting Principal



From the Deputy Principal (Operations) - Mr Matt Nicholls

So much has happened in 2025 and just like that it's done!

Celebrating a landmark like 40 years is worth doing well. People see the results and the celebration of all the hard work. To make it all happen, I'm sure you can imagine that there is much going on behind the scenes and some incredible people who put in time and effort above and beyond the call of duty.

I'd like to acknowledge and appreciate those efforts. Even before many teachers arrive, our ground staff have been here for a few hours already. Keeping the grounds looking great is one part of a huge portfolio for these legends. Before and after every event, its this team that set up, pack down, transport equipment, fix things, and make areas safe for our students. Unsung heroes!

Then there is the admin/office team who are the front line. Taking every call, every injury, every message, every visitor while also performing countless administrative duties and always with a smile. Our marketing, enrolments, Workplace Health and Safety staff keep things ticking and making sure we are at our best to make sure you get the best.

Our cleaning team, who every night go through a vigorous and thorough clean of every room and area in the school.

And, then our teaching staff and learning assistants. The driving force of the school, the people who make St Pauls what it is. The unseen hours of preparation, grading, creating engaging and interesting units of work, meeting deadlines, complying with every aspect of legislation while at the same time catering for the needs of each and every individual student. Making decisions and moderating results, responding to calls and questions. Giving up their own family time for the benefit of others. And so much more.

We thank each and everyone person in our school community who has put countless hours into making 2025 a prosperous and fulfilling year for St Pauls. Now its all done for another year. Stay safe everyone, and Merry Christmas.

Christmas quiz

- 1) Which Charles Dickens character had 3 spirits come to visit him on Christmas Eve night?
- 2) 'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a _____. Finish the sentence.
- 3) What did naughty children traditionally get in their stockings?
- 4) Sir Henry Cole invented which Christmas item, the card, mince pie or crackers?

Christmas fun and music

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



Silent Night by Chewbacca



Where Santa Can't Get in by Hank Nicholls



From the Deputy (Curriculum) - Mrs Emma Bird

Celebrating Growth Through Report Cards

As we reach the end of the school year, our staff are in the final stages of completing student report cards. This is a time not only for reflection on academic progress but also for recognising the growth, effort, and character each child has shown throughout the year.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our teachers for their incredible dedication across the year. From designing and delivering meaningful assessments, to marking student work, uploading English and Maths results to Seesaw as part of Progressive Reporting, and thoughtfully writing each report - our teachers have poured care and professionalism into every step of the process. Their commitment to every student's learning journey is evident in all they do, and I am grateful for their service to our school community.

Semester 2 reports were published via Parent Lounge on Friday 28th November. These reports provide a summary of your child's academic achievement across subject areas, but they represent just one part of a much bigger picture.

At St Paul's, we recognise that learning is far more than a grade or a comment. It's about curiosity, perseverance, creativity, and character. Reports can tell you how your child is progressing in literacy and numeracy, but they can't fully capture the quiet resilience, the personal breakthroughs, or the moments of kindness your child has shown along the way.

As you sit down to read your child's report, we encourage you to focus on the journey - on the effort behind the outcomes, and the personal growth that's happened day by day. Celebrate the progress, however big or small. Ask your child what they're proud of, what challenged them, and what they hope to learn next. These conversations remind children that learning is a lifelong adventure and that they are valued not just for what they achieve, but for who they are becoming.

We are incredibly proud of every student - each one unique, each one growing in their own way. As this year comes to a close, thank you for walking alongside us in partnership. Your support, encouragement, and belief in your child's potential makes a real difference.

If you require assistance accessing Parent Lounge or have forgotten your login details, please contact Reception.

Together, let's celebrate not just a year of learning, but a year of growth, connection, and possibility.



Arts @ St Paul's

What a remarkable year it has been for Arts @ St Paul's! Our students have continued to shine, sharing their gifts with enthusiasm, courage, and joy.

One of the standout moments of Term 4 was our Twilight Concert, which once again showcased the incredible depth of talent across our school community. Our Arts Captains, Aria and Abigail, did a fantastic job MC'ing the event with confidence and warmth. Audiences enjoyed performances from Senior Choir, the Kids Rock Band, the Instrumental Ensemble, and a wonderful selection of solo and small-group instrumental performers. It was a truly unforgettable evening of music making.

We were also delighted to introduce a new venue for our Piano & Flute Soirée, held for the first time in the Chapel. The space brought a sense of beauty and intimacy to the event, perfectly complementing the poised and expressive performances of our young musicians.

Our school's 40th Celebration Service was another major highlight. The Senior Choir, together with the Year 6 Flute Ensemble, accompanied by our piano tutor Mrs Hall, presented a moving performance of the beloved hymn *Be Thou My Vision*. Our Year 5 and 6 Dance Troupe also shared a beautiful liturgical dance to *Jesus Strong and Kind*, adding a deeply meaningful and memorable element to the service.

Throughout the year, students enthusiastically represented Arts @ St Paul's at a variety of community events and celebrations, including the Winter Carnival, where our performers helped bring energy, colour, and joy to the day. These opportunities continue to strengthen our vibrant arts culture and provide students with invaluable performance experience.

We brought our musical year to a fitting close at the final Worship and Wellbeing Service, featuring Christmas-flavoured contributions from the Kids Rock Band, Junior Voices, and Senior Choir.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to offer a wide range of instrumental lessons once again. New offerings such as voice and alto saxophone may be added, depending on the level of interest. We have very limited alto saxophones available for hire so families may need to source their own instrument if choosing this option. With lesson spaces filling up quickly this year, we encourage families to get in early. Enrolment application forms for 2026 are now available on the school website.

Thank you to all students, families, and staff for a wonderful year of creativity and music. We look forward to another inspiring year ahead!



Arts @ St Paul's



Sports

What a Fantastic Year of Sport!

What an incredible year it has been for sport at St Paul's Primary! A huge thank you to the Caboolture Sports Group for their generous grant, which helped make our brand-new Multi-Sports Day a huge success.

We also want to give a big shout-out to our fabulous families for supporting the St Paul's athletes across so many sporting events this year-your encouragement makes all the difference!

Finally, thank you to our amazing 2025 House Captains for your leadership and enthusiasm. You've set a wonderful example for everyone. And to our 2026 House Captains welcome aboard! I'm super excited to work with you next year and see what we can achieve together.



From the Library (GLAD Centre)

Summer holidays are coming – a wonderful time of relaxing, swimming, visiting family and friends, and time for reading!

If you are looking for ways to keep your readers occupied over the school holidays, make sure you check out the [Moreton Bay Libraries website](#). They offer free kids' programs for you to explore, as well as a wide range of books you can borrow. Why not try ebooks through the Libby or BorrowBox apps if you'd prefer not to brave the heat? All you need is a library membership account to borrow eBooks or audiobooks.



Audiobooks are a great way to enjoy books as a family. When my family goes on holiday we always drive, and we have found that listening to audiobooks together is a great way to pass the time. Some of our favourites so far have been *The Wild Robot* (Peter Brown), *The Wizards of Once* (Cressida Cowell), and the *Monty's Island Trilogy* (Emily Rodda). We are going away between Christmas and New Year's this holiday and have already discussed which audiobooks we will be borrowing.

Keeping reading going over the summer holidays helps to avoid the backwards slide that some children have when they don't engage with books for a period of time. Research states that if students read for over 15 minutes per day, for 6-7 days a week, they can maintain or improve their literacy skills. This shouldn't be a chore. Reading for pleasure should be encouraged for all our students. If they aren't interested in novels, then steer them towards information books, graphic novels, or audiobooks. Look for titles about what they are interested in – Minecraft, art, cooking, motocross. The important thing is that they are reading!

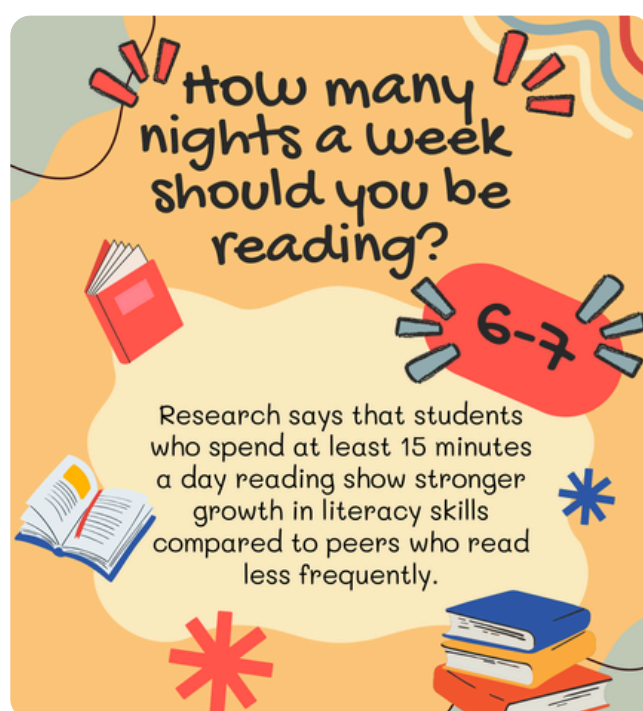
I would love to hear which titles students have read over the summer break. To do this, I would love to challenge you all to a Summer Reading Challenge. Here's how it will work:

- Read some AMAZING books
- Take a photo of you reading someplace summer-y OR take a photo of your "Have Read Pile"
- Email them to librarians@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au with your name and class (for 2026)
- I will collate a list of what everyone has read 😊

If you email me a photo, find me on GEM Day next year to pick up your reward.

Have a wonderful break, and happy reading!

Mrs Pratap



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

All you need to do is:

1. Read some AMAZING books
2. Take a photo of you reading in a summer-y place (e.g. the beach, the pool) **OR** take a photo of your "Have Read Pile"
3. Email your photo to: librarians@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au by Wednesday 21 January. Don't forget to include your name and class for 2026.
4. Find Mrs Pratap at GEM Day 2026 (January) to pick a reward!

It's that simple!

From our Chappy

How are we already in December?! We have well and truly entered the Christmas season – Christmas tree is up, shopping centres are full, and the calendar is booking up fast with all the Christmas events. But I want you to take a second to think about:

What is something you really love about Christmas?

There are so many things to love about Christmas. I love going Christmas light looking with the kids, or singing Christmas carols... and all these things are wonderful but they are not the main reason we celebrate.

Luke 2:10-11 says *"Don't be afraid! I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior-yes, the Messiah, the Lord-has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"*

Christmas is full of lights, gifts and celebrations – but the greatest gift of all is Jesus. God saw that the world needed hope, forgiveness, and a way back to Him, so He sent His Son as the greatest gift ever.

When we see Christmas lights, we can remember that Jesus is the Light of the World.

When we open presents, we can remember that Jesus Himself is God's gift to us.

And when we spend time with family, we can remember that Jesus invites us to be part of His forever family.

So, even though we enjoy the fun things, the heart of Christmas is Jesus—His love, His birth, and the hope He gives us.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and praying that you receive the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

Blessings

Chappy Teneille



From the P&F

Our recent Ice Cream Sundae Day was a huge success, with students absolutely loving every moment. Thank you to everyone who helped bring plenty of smiles (and sprinkles!) to the day.

We also enjoyed serving free Ice Cream Cones during Multi Sports Day, adding a fun and refreshing treat to an already exciting event. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces across the school.

As we wrap up the year, the Parents & Friends Group would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all your support throughout 2025. Your involvement—big or small—helps us continue creating memorable experiences for our students and school community.

Over the holiday break, we encourage families to consider getting involved with the P&F in 2026. Whether you can lend a hand occasionally or join regularly, every contribution makes a difference.

We look forward to another fantastic year ahead and can't wait to see what 2026 brings!

Enjoy your Holidays.

Happy Christmas!

Michelle, Chantel & Riana



Get in Contact!

Email: pfpresident@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au

Facebook: St Paul's LPS Parents & Friends Group





Please join us for a

Christmas Eve Family Service

December

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At 6:30 pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church
65 Smiths Road, Caboolture

Interactive Carols and Lessons
Children's Play and Song

Dress up's for all ages
available for all who want to take part

SUMMER CAMPS

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YEAR 4-6

JAN 5-9

YEAR 7-10

JAN 12-16

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Celebrating 40 Years with LLL's Incredible Support!

As we look back on our 40th anniversary year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to LLL for their amazing support in making this milestone truly unforgettable.

LLL played a key role in helping us create a fun, community-oriented Winter Carnival that brought students, families, and friends together in celebration. Their generosity and commitment ensured that our carnival was more than just an event-it was a vibrant day filled with laughter, connection, and school spirit.

Their partnership reflects the values we hold dear: community, collaboration, and creating memorable experiences for our students and families.

We encourage you to learn more about their incredible work and the joy they helped bring to our school community by reading this article:

[Sun Shines on St Paul's Wonderful Winter Carnival](#)

Thank you, LLL, for being such an important part of our journey this year!



Final Blessing for 2025

Joy AND BLESSINGS

Blessing for Our School Community

Gracious and loving God,

We give thanks for the gift of this school and the 40 years of learning, growth, and community we have shared.

Bless every student, teacher, staff member, and family who has been part of this journey.

May the wisdom of the past guide us, the joy of the present inspire us, and the hope of the future strengthen us.

As we look toward 2026, fill our hearts with courage, kindness, and a spirit of unity.

May our school continue to be a place where faith, knowledge, and compassion flourish.

We ask this with gratitude and trust in Your loving care.

Amen.



Images: Year 4 Excursion to St Paul's Aged Care Village to do Christmas craft with the residents!
Thank you for having us!



2026 Term Dates

2026 Term Dates and Holidays

TERM	DESCRIPTION	DATES
TERM 1	Australia Day	Monday 26 January (Public Holiday)
	Student Term Dates	Tuesday 27 January – Wednesday 1 April
	Parent Teacher Interviews	Thursday 2 April (Pupil Free Day)
Student School Holidays		Friday 3 April – Sunday 19 April
TERM 2	Good Friday	Friday 3 April (Public Holiday)
	Easter Monday	Monday 6 April (Public Holiday)
	Student Term Dates	Monday 20 April – Friday 19 June
	ANZAC Day	Saturday 25 April
	Labour Day	Monday 4 May (Public Holiday)
	Teacher Week	Monday 22 June – Friday 26 June (Pupil Free Days)
Student School Holidays		Saturday 20 June – Sunday 12 July
TERM 3	Student Term Dates	Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September
	MBCC Ekka Show Day	Monday 10 August (Public Holiday)
Student School Holidays		Saturday 19 September – Monday 5 October
TERM 4	King's Birthday	Monday 5 October (Public Holiday)
	Student Term Dates	Tuesday 6 October – Wednesday 2 December
Student School Holidays		Thursday 3 December – Tuesday 26 January 2027
TERM 1	Term 1 Start Date 2027	Wednesday 27 January 2027 (Students return)

