

News @

St Paul's



Term 1, Week 3, 2026

A wonderful start to the School Year!

The first few weeks of school have been filled with excitement, new experiences, and plenty of smiling faces as our students settled into life at St Paul's for 2026. From meeting new teachers to exploring familiar spaces, it's been a joy watching our young learners grow in confidence each day.

One of our highlights was our first Chapel service of the year, where students gathered together as a school community to reflect, sing, and learn. It was a beautiful way to begin the term and to set the tone for a year centred on kindness and connection.

Students also jumped straight into their Read Write Inc sessions this week, engaging eagerly with phonics, reading, and early literacy routines. It has been wonderful to see them participating with enthusiasm and building strong foundations for success.

Of course, no start to the school year would be complete without exploring all the fun and adventure our grounds have to offer! The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing on all of our playgrounds, making new friends, learning to share equipment, and developing their confidence in outdoor play.

Inside the classroom, students have met their teachers, begun forming strong relationships, and settled into their learning routines. They have also started their specialist lessons, experiencing a range of subjects that enrich their school week - from the arts to health and physical education and more.

It has been a fantastic beginning to 2026, and we are so proud of the way our students have embraced school life with energy, joy, and a readiness to learn. We look forward to the many wonderful moments still to come this year!





From the Principal - Mrs Valencia

Together in Love

Our 2026 theme, "Together," speaks deeply to who we are and who we are called to be. It reminds us that education is not a journey we take alone, but one we share—students, staff, families, church, and community—walking side by side in faith and purpose. Our theme is grounded in the words of Colossians 3:14: *"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."* This verse beautifully captures the heart of Christian community. Love is not simply an emotion; it is an action. It is what connects kindness, compassion, patience, forgiveness, and humility, shaping how we live and learn together each day.

In our classrooms, "Together" means students supporting one another, celebrating differences, and learning that everyone belongs. It means teachers working collaboratively to nurture each child's God-given gifts, and students discovering that they are stronger and more confident when they learn as part of a caring community. In the playground, it looks like inclusive play, empathy, and reconciliation. In worship, it is voices joined in prayer and praise. For families and friends, "Together" reminds us that partnership matters. When we work in unity, children thrive. Your encouragement, involvement, and trust enable us to provide a learning environment where faith and learning are woven together with care and intention.

As we continue this year, my prayer is that love will remain at the centre of all we do. May it bind us together in perfect unity, guiding our words, actions, and decisions. When we live "Together" in Christ's love, we reflect God's grace to one another and to the wider world. Thank you for being an important part of the St Paul's community. Together, may we continue to grow in faith, learning, and love.

With Love, Mrs V xo





From the Deputy Principal (Operations) - Mr Keane

I am honoured to introduce myself as the new Deputy Principal – People and Operations. It is a privilege to be joining this school community, and I am grateful for the warm welcome already extended to me. I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with our students, staff, families and the wider community as we continue to build on the strong foundations already in place.

By way of background, I am a proud father of three beautiful girls, and my family and I live on the Sunshine Coast. I have taught across a range of settings, both locally on the Sunshine Coast and internationally. These experiences have been invaluable in shaping my approach to leadership and education, providing me with a broad perspective and a deep appreciation for the diverse needs of school communities. They have also reinforced the importance of collaboration, adaptability and maintaining a strong focus on people and relationships.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and being active outdoors. I have a passion for surfing and enjoy racing dirt bikes, pursuits that reflect my appreciation for challenge, balance and personal wellbeing. I believe maintaining a healthy balance between professional and personal life is essential, and I value the role wellbeing plays in supporting positive outcomes for both students and staff.

At the core of my educational philosophy is a strong belief in the power of connection. I believe that meaningful relationships between students, staff, families and the wider community are fundamental to creating a positive, inclusive and successful school environment. When strong connections are in place, schools become spaces where everyone feels valued, supported and empowered to contribute.

I am particularly passionate about ensuring that every student feels safe, respected and has a strong sense of belonging. I firmly believe that students learn best when they feel known and understood, and when they are confident that their school is a place where they belong. Creating and maintaining safe, supportive environments where students can develop socially, emotionally and academically is a priority in my work.

In my role as Deputy Principal – People and Operations, I look forward to supporting staff, strengthening relationships across the school community and contributing to systems and practices that enable both students and staff to thrive. I am excited about the opportunity to work collaboratively to support the continued growth, wellbeing and success of our school.

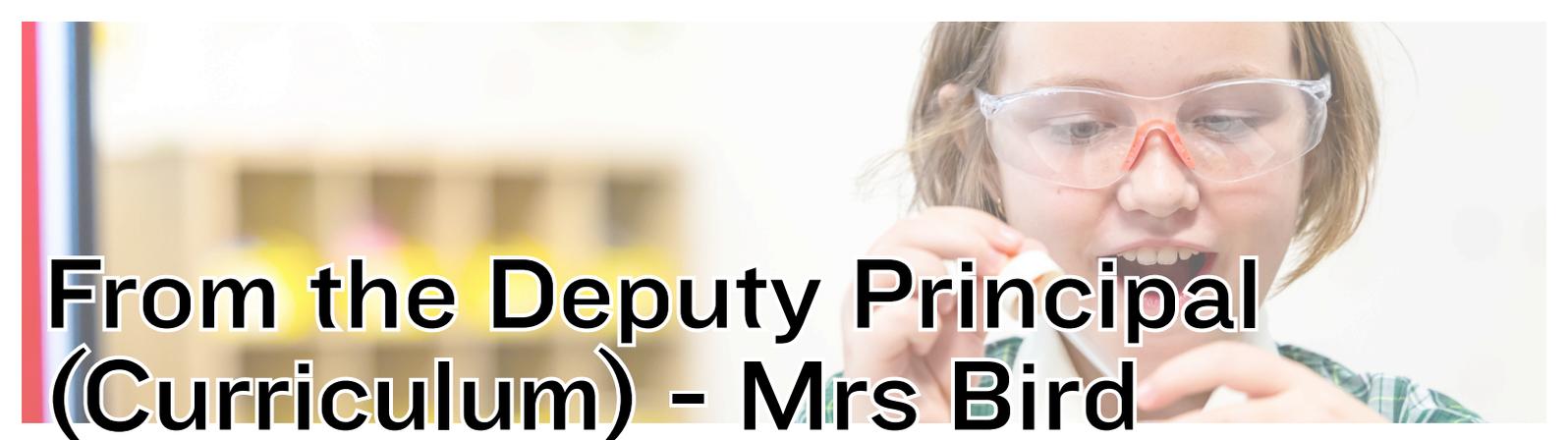
I look forward to getting to know you over time and working together in partnership. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you see me around the school — I would very much welcome the opportunity to connect.

Kind regards,

Dan Keane

Deputy Principal – People and Operations





From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum) - Mrs Bird

Short Term Planning Cycles in English

At our school, we are committed to ensuring every student is known, supported, and challenged in their learning. One of the key ways we achieve this is through our short-term planning cycles, a process that allows teachers to regularly reflect on student needs, use up-to-date information, and design targeted and responsive English units aligned with the Australian Curriculum.

Every 5–6 weeks, teaching teams come together to meet with the Deputy Principal (Curriculum) for a dedicated planning session. During this time, teachers engage in rigorous, reflective conversations about their learners. They triangulate a range of evidence, including student work samples, cohort data, classroom observations, and identified areas of need. This collaborative process allows teams to build a clear picture of where students are currently performing and what support or extension they require next.

From these discussions, teachers develop short-term English unit plans that directly respond to their students' needs. This ensures that teaching is focused, intentional, and differentiated. These units remain fully aligned with the Australian Curriculum while offering flexibility for teachers to target specific literacy skills, deepen comprehension, support writing development, and strengthen the foundations needed for long-term academic success.

For our first English cycle of the year, all classes will be working with a central text or group of texts, which students will explore, analyse, and respond to through reading, writing, and speaking and listening activities. Using common texts across the cohort strengthens shared understanding, supports consistency, and ensures all students begin the year with rich, engaging literature experiences.

By revisiting this short-term planning cycle throughout the year, our teaching teams are able to continually reassess, adjust, and refine their teaching. This ensures that every student is provided with meaningful learning opportunities that build strong literacy foundations, foster growth, and keep students actively engaged in their English learning.

We are proud of the dedication our teachers bring to this process and the positive impact it has on student learning across our school.





Arts@St Paul's

Instrumental Lessons have had a fantastic response and are now almost at capacity. It's wonderful to see so many students committing to learning an instrument and growing their musical skills. Thank you to families for your support as we finalise timetables.

2026 is off to a Wonderful Start!
The Arts program at St Paul's is already buzzing as we begin another exciting year of creating music together.

Senior Choir is off to an amazing start, with a strong turnout, beautiful enthusiasm, and a great mix of new singers alongside our returning choristers. It's been a joy to hear harmonies already beginning to take shape as we work towards upcoming performances.

Junior Voices has also begun for our Year 1 and 2 students, and there is still time to join. This group is a wonderful introduction to singing together, developing confidence, and experiencing the joy of music in a fun environment.

Instrumental Ensemble will commence in Week 3, bringing together our instrumental students to rehearse, listen, and learn as a team.

Later this term, **Kids Rock Band** will kick off with auditions for students who are confident musicians on instruments such as drums, guitar, bass or keyboard. Vocalists will also be auditioned, with the expectation that singers are already members of Senior Choir. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop performance skills and work collaboratively in a contemporary band setting.

We're also excited to introduce a **Dance Troupe**, running during break times. Year 5 and 6 dancers will be learning and refining their funky moves with Mrs Ferguson, Miss Harrison and Miss Gledhill, as they work together to build confidence, teamwork and stage presence.

As we look ahead to the year, our school theme of "binding us together in perfect unity" (Colossians 3:14) is a beautiful reflection of what music does best – bringing people together, listening to one another, and creating something greater than ourselves.

I'm very much looking forward to a year filled with growth, creativity, and joyful music-making at St Paul's.

Mrs Elisabeth Kirby
Arts @ St Paul's Coordinator





Sport@St Paul's

Welcome to 2026! Sport@StPaul's has already kicked off.

We have already held our first sport trials - Netball - and sent 4 students to represent St Paul's at the Caboolture District Netball Trials. Good luck girls!

Cross Country is our first big event of the year and any students from year 3-6 are welcome to join us for Running Training Wednesday and Friday mornings. This year we would love any parents to join our walking group. What a great way to get your steps up.

We are fortunate to be able to host the Ultimate Athletics Program again this year. Why not avoid the traffic, come a bit later and watch your child get some expert training in all things Track and Field (a great way to get ready for Athletics Day).

This year I would like to create a whole school notice board filled with pictures of St Paul's students being active outside of school. Please send me your pictures hpeteacher@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au



**CROSS
COUNTRY
RUNNING
TRAINING
2026**

**WEDNESDAYS &
FRIDAY MORNINGS
7.15 - 8AM**

GRADES 3-6

PARENT PERMISSION NEEDED -
PARENT LOUNGE
MEET GLAD CENTRE

CROSS COUNTRY
CARNIVAL
FRIDAY MARCH 27
2026
KINDY - YEAR 6



**WALKING
GROUP**

While the kids are working hard at Running Training, enjoy the grounds of St Paul's, have a chat and boost your steps for the day!
When: Wednesday's and Friday's, 7.15am-8am



Sports@St Paul's



Run, Jump, Throw!

ULTIMATE ATHLETICS

Schools Program

RUN, JUMP, THROW....Give Athletics a GO!

Location: St Pauls Lutheran Primary School (Caboolture)

Start Date: Wednesday, 18th February

Time: 3:10pm-4:10pm

Grades: All primary school grades

Venue: School Oval



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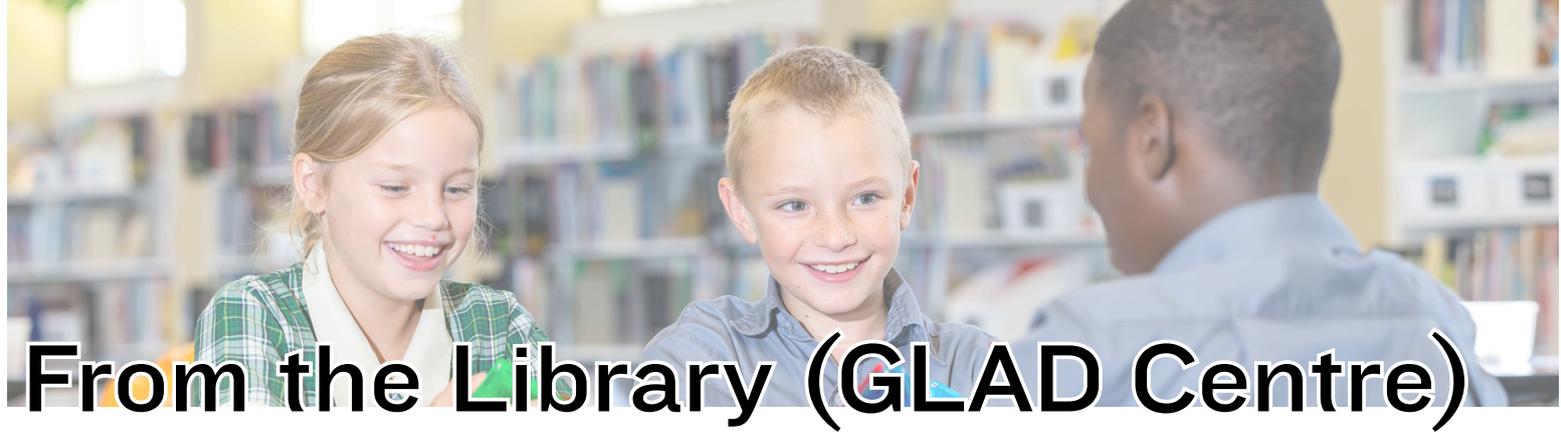
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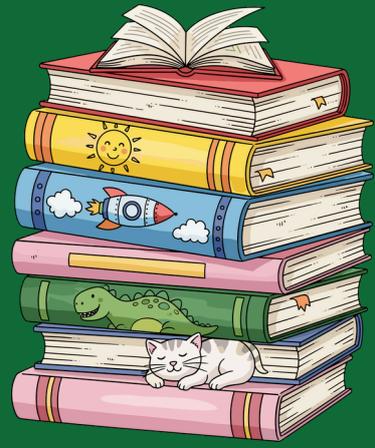




From the Library (GLAD Centre)

Class Borrowing Days

- Prep: Friday
- Year 1: Friday
- Year 2: Tuesday
- Year 3: Thursday
- Year 4: Wednesday
- Year 5: Monday
- Year 6: Friday



Important Dates

February

- 9th -13th February: QSLA School Libraries Week
- 12th February: Last Day for Book Club Orders (Issue 1)
- 14th February: Happy Library Lovers Day!

March

- 2nd-6th March: Dr Seuss' Birthday Week



Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful seeing everyone's smiling faces in the GLAD Centre during first break or Library Sessions.

Borrowing begins this week, and I look forward to seeing what students love to read this year. Last year's top picks were Dave Pilkey's *Dog Man* series, the *Pig the Pug* series by Aaron Blabey and *Minecraft Books*. I wonder whether they will continue to lead the borrowing list this year?

Just a reminder to ensure students bring a library bag to their Library Sessions. If you are unable to purchase one at School Locker, please bring a substitute.

Thank you so much for your support of our first Book Club for the year. For those still wishing to order, make sure you do so by 5pm Thursday 12th February so that orders can be finalised for a timely delivery.

I'm looking forward to lots of reading this year!

Mrs Pratap

Providing Value to Families

Book Club

ORDERS ARE DUE
5pm
Thursday
12 February

SCHOLASTIC BookClub





From our Chappy

What a wonderful start to 2026! I've loved seeing all the familiar faces and meeting lots of new ones. It was especially great to see us all together in Worship and Wellbeing for our opening service & staff installation last week. It really is beautiful to watch the kids sing, dance and enjoy church. Don't forget you are always welcome to join us for Worship & Wellbeing on Fridays at 8:45am.

Clubs have also started again for the year and this term we have a great variety of clubs run by our staff. So, if your child is interested in trying something new like gardening club, or is wanting to make some friends with similar interests, encourage them to try one of our clubs!



Clubs Term 1

WE ALL BEE-LONG

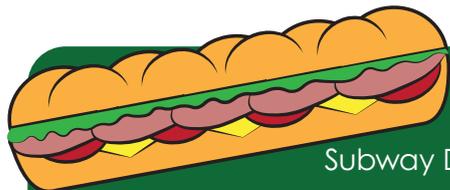
	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
First break	Minecraft Club Yr 3 & 4 @ GLAD Centre	Book Lovers Club @ GLAD Centre	Minecraft Club Yr 5 & 6 @ GLAD Centre
	Japanese Club @ Japanese Room	Junior Voices Yr 1 & 2 @ Music Room	Gardening Club @ Yr 6.
	Dance Troupe Yr 5 & 6 @ Arts Room	Hang out @ Chappy's Room	

Makerspace open Wednesday - Friday
Senior Choir Yr 3-6 Thursday 7:30am @ Music Room



From our P&F

The P&F has some exciting events coming up this year! Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and the school newsletter, where further details and reminders will be shared.



Subway Day – Friday 23rd February

Subway Days are back! We will be running one each term, as they are always a favourite with the students.

Orders for this term are now open via Flexischools and will close on Tuesday 18th February. Please note that late orders cannot be accepted.

P&F Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 10th March

All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend our P&F AGM.

This is a great opportunity to hear about what the P&F achieved last year, what's planned for the year ahead, and how you can get involved. New members are always welcome!

Hot Cross Bun Day – Friday 30th March

Hot Cross Bun Day will be held to celebrate the Easter season.

More information about ordering will be shared closer to the date.



Volunteers Needed:

Help is always appreciated at P&F events. Whether you can help on the day or behind the scenes, we would love to hear from you.

Email Michelle for more details: pfpresident@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au

Thank you for your continued support of the P&F—every event helps us support our school community and students





From the Church

This past Sunday we had our Education Sunday Service which included a blessing of the backpacks. It was fantastic to see so many faces from St Paul's Lutheran Primary School out in the congregation.

Personally I really enjoyed sharing with everyone the Theme for this year: "Together: Put on Love" with the Bible verse from Colossians 3:14: "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect unity".

Being together can feel hard in today's world. We are often encouraged to look after ourselves first and to keep our distance from others. It can be easier to go it alone than to stay connected. But the apostle Paul offers us a different way. He says: put on love. Love is not just a feeling. It is something we choose to live out every day. Love is what holds us together.

Paul writes these words to a community, not to people on their own. He is speaking to a church community as it learns how to live as God's people. When Paul says "put on love," he is using the picture of getting dressed. Just as we choose what to wear each day, we choose to put on love. This love has a purpose: it keeps us connected. From the beginning, God created us for relationships. The Bible tells us that it is not good for people to be alone. We are made to live in relationship with God, with one another, and with the world around us. Faith is not meant to be lived alone. We belong together.

The picture of being "bound together" helps us understand this. A single thread is weak on its own, but many threads woven together as a cloth are much stronger. The church is like that. We are all different, with different stories and gifts. What holds us together is not being the same, but Christ-shaped love.

Love is not an extra part of faith. It is at the centre. Without love, community falls apart. With love, we can stay united even when we disagree. This kind of unity does not ignore differences, but treats one another with grace. Love shows itself in simple ways: being patient, showing kindness, listening well, and forgiving each other. It creates a community where people belong before they believe and are valued just as they are.

Being together is not always easy. Living in community is often messy! People make mistakes. We hurt one another. That is why we need the love of Christ. On the cross, Jesus showed a love that holds a broken world together. In the resurrection, God showed that this love is stronger than anything that divides us, even sin and death.

So we are all invited to put on love each and every day. When we put on love, our community becomes a place of hope and healing, and a sign of God's love in the world.





From the Church

Join Our Team Today!

Administration Assistant
St Paul's Lutheran Church, Caboolture
Part-time – 9 hours per week

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Caboolture is seeking a friendly and organised Administration Assistant to join our team.

This part-time role involves:

- Providing administrative support to the church office
- Maintaining records and managing correspondence
- Assisting with the day-to-day operations of the church

You will need:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong organisational and time management abilities
- Initiative to complete tasks efficiently
- Ability to think systematically and follow office processes and procedures

If you are reliable, detail-oriented, and enjoy working in a supportive community environment, we'd love to hear from you!

For the full Position Description, please visit our website:
www.stpaulscaboolture.org.au

To apply: Send your resumé and a brief cover letter to
employment@stpaulscaboolture.org.au

Applications close Friday, 20th February.





From the Church

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN DEVOTIONS



**JOIN US FOR OUR EVENING LENTEN DEVOTIONS
FOCUSING ON JOHN 3:16 & GOD'S LOVE
FROM 6:30PM EACH WEDNESDAY BETWEEN
THE 18TH OF FEBRUARY AND THE 25TH MARCH**

Embrace this sacred season together in faith, fellowship, and prayer.
All are welcome to attend. Or go to our website to follow online.

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65 Smiths Road, Caboolture
www.stpaulscaboolture.org.au





Upcoming Dates

February

- 13 - Installation of Student Leaders
- 13 - Year 1 Drama Experience with GLC
- 15-19 - Year 6 Canberra Camp
- 16 - Year 4 Living History Incursion
- 17 - Shrove Tuesday
- 18 - Ash Wednesday Service, 8:45am
- 20 - Year 6 Student Free Day
- 23 - P&F Subway Day
- 27 - Year 1 Inquiry Incursion

March

- 1 - Year 4 School Sunday, 9:00am
- 2 - Year 1 Drama Experience with GLC
- 2 - P&F AGM Nominations Due by 4:00pm
- 10 - P&F AGM, 3:15pm
- 11-23 - NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
- 20 - National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
- 25 - Year 4 PCYC Bike Ed
- 27 - Cross Country Carnival
- 29 - Year 5 School Sunday, 9:00am
- 30 - P&F Hot Cross Bun Day
- 31 - Parent Teacher Interviews, 3:30pm



Images: 2026 Church Display

