

News @ St Paul's



July Highlight - Senior Sports Day





From the Principal - Mrs Valencia

What can a Surfboard teach us about God?



Have you ever considered what a surfboard can teach you about God? We did in Worship and Well-being this week. A surfboard is carefully designed for a purpose. Its shape, size and strength all matter. In the same way, each of us has been created by God with purpose. We are known, valued and loved by Him.

Surfing also reminds us how important it is to stay connected. A surfboard is most useful when it is connected to the surfer and guided through the water. Our lives are similar. When we stay connected to God, we can follow His direction and trust where He is leading us. A surfer must also learn patience, balance and courage. They cannot control the wind, tide or waves, but they can learn how to respond. Life can feel much the same. We cannot control everything that happens, but we can trust that God remains in control.

Most importantly, a surfboard does not remove the waves; it helps carry the surfer through them. God does not promise a life without difficulty, but He does promise to be with us. When we experience disappointment, fear or failure, His grace helps us keep going. Even a wipeout is not the end. We can get back up, try again and keep our eyes fixed ahead. So next time you see a surfboard on a car, or at the beach you too might think of God and everything he does for us each day.

Exciting announcement - School Owned iPad Program rolling out in 2027



From the beginning of the 2027 school year, St Paul's Lutheran Primary School will begin a transition from our current Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program to a 1:1 **School-Owned iPad Program**.

The new program will be introduced gradually, beginning with students in Years 1 and 4 in 2027. Other year levels will continue with the existing BYOD arrangements until their cohort transitions, with all students in Years 1–6 expected to be included in the school-owned Device program by 2029.

Under the new model, students in Year 1 and 4 will be provided with a school-owned iPad for use at school. Devices will remain on campus and will be securely stored and charged. This approach will provide students with consistent, reliable and equitable access to technology, while allowing the school to manage applications, security settings, updates, repairs and technical support. If your child is not in Year 1 or 4 in 2027, they will continue to bring their own device to school as they currently do.

A Technology Levy will be applied to the school fees for any student receiving a school owned device - In 2027 - this will only be for Year 1 and 4 students. These new devices will come with protective cases, educational applications, device management, technical support, maintenance, AppleCare and future replacement. Families are encouraged to check their email for the full announcement and Frequently Asked Questions document. This information is also available on the school website.





From the Deputy Principal (People & Operations) - Mr Keane

Listening, Learning and Growing Together

At St Paul's Lutheran Primary School, we believe that wellbeing is not simply an initiative or a program - it is the foundation upon which meaningful learning, positive relationships, and personal growth are built. When students feel safe, connected, valued, and supported, they are better able to engage in learning, develop resilience, and flourish. The same is true for our families and staff. A thriving school community begins with the wellbeing of everyone who is part of it.

Wellbeing has always been a strength of our school. The caring relationships, strong sense of community, and commitment of our staff to knowing every child are what make St Paul's such a special place. We are proud of the culture we have built together and of the many ways we already support our students and families each day. However, we also believe that excellence is never a destination. Just as we continually seek to strengthen teaching and learning, we are equally committed to refining and enhancing our approach to wellbeing.

As our community grows and the needs of children and families continue to evolve, it is important that we continue listening, learning, and responding. This term, St Paul's is participating in the **Living Ripples Wellbeing Project** in partnership with Living Ripples and Adelaide University. This project provides us with an opportunity to better understand the experiences, strengths, and needs of our students, families, and staff, ensuring that our future decisions are informed by the voices of our community.

The purpose of this project is not to identify problems, but to build on the many strengths that already exist. By gathering meaningful feedback, we can celebrate what is working well, identify opportunities for refinement, and ensure our wellbeing practices continue to grow alongside our community. Rather than relying on assumptions, we want our strategic direction to be shaped by evidence and by the lived experiences of the people who know St Paul's best.

The insights gathered will help inform our long-term strategic direction for wellbeing, guiding future initiatives, programs, and supports so they continue to reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. Our goal is to ensure that wellbeing remains deeply embedded in every aspect of school life and that every decision we make continues to strengthen a culture where every child, family, and staff member feels known, valued, connected, and supported.

As part of this project, students in Years 3–6 will complete the Living Ripples Student Resilience Survey during Term 3, and we warmly encourage all parents and caregivers to participate in the Parent Wellbeing Survey. Every response contributes to a richer understanding of our community, helping us continue to build on the strong foundations that already exist while shaping an even stronger future together.

Thank you for your continued partnership with St Paul's. Together, we can continue to nurture a school community where wellbeing is more than a priority - it is part of who we are, and where every member of our community has the opportunity to flourish.





From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum) - Mrs Bird

Learning Expo 2026: An Evening to Celebrate Learning!

The excitement is building at St Paul's as students across the school put the finishing touches on their learning in preparation for our annual Learning Expo on Thursday 13 August. Classrooms are buzzing with energy as students reflect on their learning journeys, curate displays, practise presentations and prepare to share their thinking with an authentic audience.

The Learning Expo is much more than an exhibition of work. It is a valuable opportunity for our students to communicate their understanding, explain their inquiry learning and celebrate the growth they have achieved throughout the term. We know that when students have the chance to share their learning with family members and members of the wider community, they develop greater confidence, pride and ownership of their achievements.

We warmly invite all families, grandparents, friends and community members to join us for this special event and become our students' authentic audience. One of the most powerful ways to support learning is to show genuine interest in what children are exploring. By asking questions, listening to their explanations and celebrating their efforts, you help reinforce the importance of learning and encourage students to see themselves as capable and successful learners.

Event Schedule

3:00pm – Community Gathering

- Food trucks and a coffee van will be available outside the GLAD Centre (Library).
- Families are encouraged to enjoy some time together before the Expo begins.
- BYO picnic rug.
- Specialist subjects will showcase the work of students in the GLAD Centre from 3:00-4:30pm.

Just before 4:00pm

- A small bell will be rung and an announcement made to signal that it is time for students to move to their classrooms and prepare for the Expo.
- We ask all families to support this process and ensure students promptly make their way to their learning spaces.

4:00pm – 5:00pm: Learning Expo

- Students will remain in their classrooms with their class teacher for the duration of the Expo.
- During this time, students will showcase their learning, explain their inquiry projects and engage with visitors.
- We encourage you to visit the Specialist Expo in the GLAD Centre, along with visiting a range of classrooms to get the full Expo experience and allow our students to chat with a range of people about their learning.





From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum) - Mrs Bird

To ensure every student has the opportunity to share their work and learning, it is important that students remain in their classroom from 4:00pm until 5:00pm. Your support with this expectation helps create a positive learning environment for all students and ensures each child can fully participate in this important celebration of learning.

As you visit learning spaces across the school, we encourage you to ask questions such as:

- What was the most interesting thing you learnt?
- What challenged you during this inquiry?
- What are you most proud of?
- How has your thinking changed?

These conversations help students articulate their understanding and recognise the progress they have made. Our students have worked incredibly hard and are eager to share their learning with you.

We look forward to welcoming our St Paul's community for an afternoon and evening of celebration, connection and learning. Thank you for partnering with us to make the 2026 Learning Expo a memorable and meaningful experience for every student.

We can't wait to see you there!



**ST PAUL'S
LEARNING EXPO**
SPECIALIST EXPO IN GLAD CENTRE
3-4:30 PM

FOOD TRUCKS
3-4PM

CLASSROOMS OPEN
4-5PM

STUDENTS MUST
BE IN THEIR
CLASSROOM
FROM 4-5PM.

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST
3-5PM



**ST PAUL'S
LEARNING EXPO**

**FOOD VANS
3-5PM**

**CARLOS TACOS
POTATO SLINKYS
DUTCH POFFERTJES
COFFEE**





Arts@St Paul's

Welcome to the New Term

Welcome back to another exciting term in **Arts @ St Paul's**! We hope everyone enjoyed a refreshing break and are looking forward to another wonderful season of creativity.

Our regular co-curricular rehearsals are now underway, and it has been fantastic to see so many students returning with enthusiasm.

Rehearsal Schedule

- **Instrumental Ensemble:** Tuesdays, 7:30–8:15am
- **Drama Club:** Tuesdays, First Break
- **Dance Troupe:** Wednesdays, First Break
- **Senior Choir:** Thursdays, 7:30–8:15am
- **Junior Voices:** Thursdays, First Break
- **Kids Rock Band:** Fridays, First Break



One of the highlights this term will be **Grandparents Day** in Week 7, where **Senior Choir** and **Junior Voices** are looking forward to performing for our special visitors. If your child has been thinking about joining one of our choirs, there is still time! New singers are warmly welcome over the next couple of weeks, and we would love to have them involved.

This term also includes **School Photos** for our co-curricular groups. Students who are committed members of **Senior Choir, Junior Voices, Instrumental Ensemble, Dance Troupe** and **Kids Rock Band** will be included in these group photos. Please ensure students attend rehearsals regularly so they can be included. Further information about photo day will be shared by the school closer to the date.

Thank you to all our students and families for your ongoing support of Arts @ St Paul's. We look forward to another term filled with learning, creativity and wonderful performances together.





Sport@St Paul's

Strive for your personal best

Term 3 has been a busy and successful start for Health & Physical Education and school sport. Although it was disappointing that the Junior Carnival had to be cancelled due to uncooperative weather, the Senior Carnival was a successful day full of team spirit. Our students represented St Paul's exceptionally well at the Caboolture District Track and Field Trials, demonstrating great sportsmanship, determination, and school pride. It was particularly pleasing to see so many students achieve personal best performances.

This term will also feature a number of action-packed Gala Days, with Year 5 and 6 students competing in the Caboolture District Gala Day and Year 3 and 4 students enjoying a fun, non-competitive Gala Day experience. I would like to sincerely thank our parents for their ongoing support, not only at these events but also through the positive and encouraging conversations you have with your children about being physically active. Your support plays an important role in fostering positive attitudes towards movement, participation, and lifelong healthy habits.





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

August

24th - 28th: Book Week - Save the date!
24th - 28th: Scholastic Book Fair
24th - 27th: Book Trivia
Monday 24th: Book Blanket
Wednesday 26th: Dress Up Parade
Friday 28th: Grandparent's Day



Book Week is Coming!



"It's the most wonderful time of the year!"



No... not Christmas and Summer Holidays... August is nearly here and that means **Book Week**!

St Paul's has a wonderful history of supporting this yearly celebration of books and reading. Our Dress Up Parade is always a highlight, and I love watching our Year 6 students reading to our school at Book Blanket.

But Book Week is more than just these things.

The Children's Book Council of Australia started Book Week in 1946 to celebrate and acknowledge the work of our amazing Australian Children's Authors and Illustrators. Each year, books from the spectrum of Australian Children's Literature are shortlisted to win Book of the Year in six different categories.

These categories include:

- Older Readers (13-18 year old audience)
- Younger Readers (7-12 year old audience)
- Picture Books (0-18 year old audience; some with deep themes)
- Early Childhood (0-6 year old audience)
- Eve Pownell Award (for non-fiction titles)
- New Illustrator (for a new illustrator recently published; it must be their first book)

In Library Lessons this term, we will be exploring some of these shortlisted titles. Preps have already read about Derek the goldfish, who asks SO many questions. Year 3s will be looking at *The Emperor's Egg*, which is based on a Chinese folktale, and Year 4s will engage with Zeno Sworder's beautiful work *Once I Was A Giant*. Our Kindy students won't miss out - they will get the chance to listen to many of the Early Childhood shortlist, as well as books from the New Illustrator and Picture Book categories, during their weekly library visits.

We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week with you this year!

2020 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES



22-28 August



#CBCA2020

Stay tuned for all the details!





From our Chappy

At St Paul's, we believe that some of the best learning happens outside the classroom. Our range of student clubs offers the perfect opportunity for children to discover a new interest, develop a new skill, build friendships across year levels, and step outside their comfort zone in a fun and supportive environment.

Whether your child is looking to pursue a passion they already love or try something completely new, there is a club for everyone. Why not encourage your child to give one a go this term? You never know what hidden talent or new-found interest might be waiting to be discovered!

Term 3 Clubs

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Break	Drama Club @ Arts Room	Minecraft Yr 5 & 6 @ GLAD Centre Japanese Club @ Japanese Room Dance Troupe Yr 5&6 @ Music Room	Junior Voices @ Music Room Minecraft Yr 3 & 4 & Chess Club @ GLAD Centre	Chappy's Office Gardening Club @ Yr 6 Jnr Dance Club @ Jnr Playground stage

Makerspace open first break on Wednesday to Friday
Senior Choir - Thursday 7:30am **Rock Band - Fridays**
Beyblade Club Thursday second break

Replenish
Women's Retreat

Grace Laced
Spouses of LCAQD Pastors
Sunday Lunch

Women 18+
This is a weekend for you!
 9 - 11 October 2026
 Luther Heights
 Coolool Beach

Ocean Outlook & Cross Ridge
 Accommodation options begin at \$206
 (with 2 nights, 5 meals included)
 Registrations open from 15 June - 27 Sept
lyq.org.au

Scan the QR code for more info.
 Contact: office@lyq.org.au
 or 07 3511 4080

For the Women in our Community

Step away from the busyness of everyday life and be part of a beautiful time of connection, encouragement, and spiritual renewal. Come as you are, and leave feeling refreshed, empowered, and renewed in God's love.

More details through the QR code.





From our P&F

Welcome back to Term 3! Thank you to everyone who continues to support our P&F through volunteering, donations, and attending our events. Your generosity and time help make a real difference to our school community.

Breakfast Club Volunteers Needed

Our Breakfast Club provides a great start to the day for many of our students, but we need your help to keep it running. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist on Monday and Friday mornings. Even if you can only help occasionally, we would love to hear from you. If you're able to lend a hand, please contact the P&F Team.

Father's Day Stall Donations

We are now collecting donations for our upcoming Father's Day Stall. If you have any new items that would make a great gift for Dads, Grandads or special father figures, we would greatly appreciate your support. Donations can be dropped off at the School Reception or the Breakfast Club table.

Upcoming Events

Monday 17 August - **Subway Day** – Flexischool ordering will be open soon

Friday 28 August - **Grandparents Day** – We are looking for volunteers to help serve tea and coffee during the celebrations.

Wednesday 2 September - **Father's Day Stall** – Volunteers are needed to help set up, assist students with their purchases, and pack up after the stall.

Thank you for your continued support of the St Paul's P&F. Together, we can continue creating wonderful opportunities for our students and school community.



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Upcoming Dates

August

- 4 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 10 - Ekka Show Public Holiday
- 13 - Learning Expo
- 16 - School Sunday - Year 2
- 17 - 21 - Bullying No Way Week
- 17 - P&F Subway Day
- 24 - 28 Book Week
- 24 - Book Blanket
- 26 - Book Parade
- 28 - Grandparent's Day

September

- 2 - Father's Day Stall
- 3 - Father's Day Breakfast
- 11 - Prep 2027 Come and Play Session 2
- 11 - Yr 4 Excursion to CREEC Burpengary
- 18 - Last Day of Term 3 - Free Dress Day

Book Week 24th - 28th Aug



Ekka Show Public
Holiday - 10th August

