



FROM THE ACTING HEADMASTER



AN EASTER REFLECTION

I taught a unit on Diversity and Tolerance to my Year 10 Religion and Values Education (RaVE) class this term. It reminded me that Australian society (including our St Paul's community) is culturally very diverse. Of course, at St Paul's we celebrate this diversity: we are an international school, and preparing global citizens is part of our core business.

At St Paul's we also find great diversity when it comes to religious beliefs: our school community includes Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists and Sikhs, as well as members of the many and varied denominations of the Christian faith. And, of course, many of our school families would have responded to the last census by ticking the "No religion" box.

So what can I say about Easter, to such a diverse audience? May I begin by pointing out a moral belief that is almost universal, that seems to transcend almost all cultural and religious differences – the belief that we should "do unto others as we would have them do unto us". This 'Golden Rule' comes from the teaching of Jesus (Matthew 7:12), as does another, similar teaching - "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." (Luke 10: 27). And that brings me to my Easter message. Jesus was asked to explain: who is my neighbour? What does it look like to put the Golden Rule into practice? To answer these questions, Jesus told a story that has become almost as well known as the Golden Rule – the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37) ...

"There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

(Aside: perhaps your experience of "religious" people has been a bit like this?)

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbour to the man attacked by robbers?" "The one who treated him kindly." Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

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"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.'"

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbour to the man attacked by robbers?" "The one who treated him kindly." Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

You might be expecting that my Easter message would be an encouragement to put into practice the Golden Rule - to treat others in the same way that you would like to be treated. You might even expect that I would urge all members of the St Paul's community, irrespective of faith (or lack of faith), to love your neighbour as you love yourselves. Well, I do. But wait, there's more...

At the heart of the Easter message is the **gospel**, and to understand the gospel we need to see ourselves in the parable – not as the Good Samaritan but, rather, as the one in need. *Tim Keller puts it this way, in his book Ministries of Mercy: The Call of the Jericho Road –*

This is the gospel. All of us lie helpless and bankrupt, dying on the road. Jesus Christ, who is our natural enemy, who owes us nothing, nevertheless stops and gives us of His spiritual riches and saves us.

I do wish every member of the St Paul's community well this Easter. I wish every student and every teacher a refreshing, well-deserved holiday. Enjoy the hot-cross buns, the Easter eggs, the sleep-ins, the camping expeditions and everything else that you get up to. Can I urge you also to spend some time reflecting on the meaning of this holiday season and, perhaps, to find yourself in church?

Kind regards,

**MR NIGEL GRANT
ACTING HEADMASTER**



Interviews for Prep, Year 4 and Year 7 2019 are well underway. Have you enrolled siblings?

You will need to submit the enrolment application quickly to be considered for final place offers.

Email our Registrar (enrolments@stpauls.qld.edu.au) or complete an [application form online](#).

**Debbie Cameron
Registrar (Domestic)**

SECONDARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see important dates for Terms 1 & 2 to the right.

More details can be found in the School Calendar, which is accessible via Parent Lounge.

Activity	Date
TERM 1	
Easter Service	Thursday 29 March
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 29 March
TERM 2	
First Day of Term 2	Tuesday 17 April
Year 12 QCS practice test	Wed 18 & Thurs 19 April
ANZAC day memorial service	Tuesday 24 April
Year 7 GCC meetings	Thursday 26 April
Year 12 Parent/teacher interviews	Monday 30 April
Inter-House Cross-Country Carnival	Tuesday 1 May
Year 11 Biology Camp	Wed 2 – Fri 4 May
Year 8 Camp	Tues 8 – Fri 11 May
Year 10 Boostrix vaccinations	Friday 11 May
NAPLAN	Tues 15 – Thurs 17 May
Year 8 GCC meetings	Thursday 17 May
Year 11/12 Block Exams	Mon 11 – Fri 15 June
Formal	Saturday 16 June
Year 11 RYDA Road Safety Program	Tuesday 19 June

JUNIOR SCHOOL

CODE CAMP – 4-6 APRIL

It's not too late to register for Code Camp!

Just like that, there is less than one week until Term 1 comes to an end. If you're looking for something for your child to do over the holidays, Code Camp may be the perfect activity! Over the course of three days, your child can learn the basics of coding and even design their own app!

Code Camp will be held here at St Paul's School from 4-6 April and we would love for your child to come along. For more details and to register, see here: www.codecamp.com.au/stpaul

Places are limited – register now to secure your place.



ORIENTEERING

During Term 1 the Year 5s have completed a unit in Orienteering. Students have learned navigation skills while increasing their levels of fitness as they race to complete their course. They have also demonstrated fantastic resilience and perseverance while learning new skills. Thank you to all the Year 5 parents too as there has been quite a lot of muddy trails recently and I am sure lots of extra washing! I have been incredibly impressed with every student in Year 5 as they overcame challenges and improved their problem-solving abilities. We have also been grateful for the coaching expertise of Gordon Bossley from Orienteering Queensland who has given us a memorable experience and set some perplexing courses for us to use.

Gordon is now offering a clinic specifically for our St Paul's families who are genuinely interested in the sport as an activity. This is a great opportunity for parents to come and see what the fun is all about!

The clinic will take place on Sunday 22nd April, 2018 at 3.00pm at Pine Rivers Park and is free to students and their family members. **Each student MUST be accompanied by a nominated responsible adult.** The clinic will include some orienteering theory and practical activities as well as a challenge course (parents can participate with or in competition with their children!).

If you want to come you **must REGISTER PLEASE** with Gordon Bossley – from Orienteering Queensland, by **Thursday 19th April, 2018** – gbossley@westnet.com.au, or 0412 776 876.

A note was offered to interested students during the final orienteering sessions on Wed 28th March.

The Junior Orienteers Queensland [Facebook](#) page is a good place for parents to learn more – search for @JuniorOQld – come and learn more about the sport!



SPORT

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SPORT DEVELOPMENT



A lot has been written and spoken about in regard to the Australian Cricket team and the events that unfolded last weekend. It is indeed a slight on our proud sporting nation and has had a deep and widespread impact. My sentiments might reflect what many others have said but I would like to use this incident as a lesson and learning experience for all of us that are involved in any sport.

As many would have, I have had numerous conversations with people over the last week. Perhaps one of the more interesting ones have been with those who aren't necessarily avid lovers of sport let alone cricket. One of the conversations revolved around, "it is just a game of cricket?" And that it is or was until members of the Australian cricket team decided to blatantly contravene not just the laws of cricket but the values of

integrity, honesty and respect, characteristics that underpin our society and are integral to the character values framework at St Paul's School.

Instead of the few diehard cricket supporters who haven't switched over to "Footy season," having the regular water cooler discussions of who should or shouldn't be picked for the next test, it has evoked a national response and call to arms to preserve or perhaps repair the reputation of our national team. So rather than a loss of a cricket game that would have been forgotten in a month's time, instead through the actions of a number of individuals the reputations and careers of many will be changed forever, the fabric of Australian sport and all of those involved has now come into question.

Each one of us that is involved in sport are custodians of the values that are inherent within it and are responsible to uphold these in how we carry ourselves both on and off the field. When we fail to do so, we fail ourselves, our families, our communities and all of those involved in sport. Regardless if you are representing your country on the International stage or representing St Paul's in Year 4 Netball, the responsibility is everyone's to ensure the foundations and integrity of sportsmanship are maintained.

It has been a rapid fall from grace for some of our most revered athletes and an example of how one poor decision can alter your life forever. Years of hard work and dedication got them to the pinnacle of their careers but one fleeting moment where they forgot the meaning of sport has caused unprecedented damage to their personal character. It is a reminder to all of us the importance that sport plays in our lives and the ability it has to shape and determine who we are. We have the control and responsibility to continue to ensure that what we do in sport is a true reflection of the person you are and a representation of the values you espouse. Let sport be the arena where through your actions respect is earned and strength of character admired.

The last week has been one of the most disappointing times in my experience in Australian sport but it most certainly has reinforced my continued mantra that success in sport is not measured in wins and losses alone but rather by the manner in which we conduct ourselves. Ashes victories, World Cup triumphs, Bradmanesque statistics have all proven to be inconsequential against the value we put on sportsmanship and character. Let's hope this incident helps us all to become better sportsman and sportswomen but more importantly better people.

Mr Tim Hughes
Head of Sport Development

SPORT

PREMIERSHIP SUCCESS

In a week that has unfortunately been dominated by the Cricket Australia incident, St Paul's has produced a story of hard work, commitment and perseverance. As reported on last week we had a number of teams competing for premierships last weekend. Despite some wonderful efforts from all involved, St Paul's only came away with the solitary premiership in Term 1. However, this premiership exemplifies St Paul's sport.

After a number of years competing in the premiership game but unfortunately falling at the last hurdle, our Boys First Volleyball team this year were not to be denied. After losing to CHAC during the season their determination to finally win the premiership was evident as they produced some of their best volleyball of the season ending in a comprehensive 3-0 victory. Congratulations boys and to all those involved in Volleyball over the last few years.

Although this was our only premiership, the Firsts and Year 10 Tennis, Intermediate 2nd XI Cricket, Year 8 Volleyball and the 2nds Basketball teams all fought valiantly, ultimately not winning the premiership but still representing St Paul's with distinction. This may have not been our most successful season in relation to premierships but nonetheless was highlighted by teams that achieved to their potential and displayed their Puma pride!



***Pictured:** Firsts Volleyball team after their Premiership win!*

YEAR BOOK SPORTS PHOTOS - SCHEDULE

Please find photo schedule for **Friday 20 April 2018** [HERE](#).

- a All photos will be taken on the grassed area beside Walker 1 (usual spot)
- a Yearbook photos are taken in full playing uniform including boots/runners and the correct socks

MUSIC

SO LONG, FAREWELL

This week we farewell two very important people in the Music Department. Mrs Mear has been our clarinet teacher for 16 years, and we appreciate all the work that she has done in that time; preparing students for exams, helping students learn parts for ensemble and starting our Year 4 clarinets down a musical path as part of our Year 4 Band program. Thank you, Mrs Mear, for all your hard work, and we wish you all the best in your next adventure.

Mrs Preston, our lovely administration assistant, is also moving on to an exciting new position as Co-Ordinator of the Wind and Brass Program at Genesis College. This is a perfect position for Mrs Preston, and we know she's going to be brilliant in her new role. We are so grateful for everything she has done for us in her administrative role, and will miss her calm presence, good memory and terrible sense of humour. Good luck, and lots of love to you, Mrs Preston!

MUSIC IN THE PARK

PLEASE NOTE Our annual Music In The Park event is shaping up to be better than ever this year! In the past we have had the event on a Sunday through the day, but this year we are trialling having it on Saturday afternoon and evening. There will be more details coming out early next term, but please make a note of this in your diaries.



ON THE HORIZON

By now, students should be busy practising for the **2018 St Paul's Music Solo Competition**. Round 1 auditions will be held in Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 2.

Our Auditioned Choir will be going on a **Choral Retreat on April 28 and 29**. During this weekend they'll have intensive rehearsals and sectionals, and will even participate in a Singing Yoga class, which is designed to help them with their breathing. Forms and money for this camp are due in Week 1 next term.

Wind Ensemble will be performing in **Anzac Day services** at both Samford and Brisbane City.

Select students will be participating in the **Anglican Schools Music Festival on May 18**. This is a day of workshops and rehearsals with other Anglican schools from Southeast Queensland which culminates in a combined performance at QPAC.

Even though it's much later in the year, please also note that the date of Con Brio (our end of year secondary ensembles concert, Year 12 Farewell and announcement of non-Executive Music Captain positions) has changed from Saturday November 3 to **Friday November 2**. This has been changed on the School and Music online calendars.

We wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break, and will see you all back for another great term of Music in April.

MUSIC

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

There is always lots happening in the Music Department. See across and mark these dates in your calendar!

Activity/event	Date
Wind Ensemble @ ANZAC Day (Brisbane City)	Wednesday 25 April
Auditioned Choir – Choral Retreat	Sunday 28 – Sunday 29 April
Music In The Park	Saturday 26 May
Solo Competition Round 2	Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 June
Solo Competition Final	Friday 22 June

As always, please like our St Paul's Music Facebook page, follow us on Instagram (@musicpsps) and keep up to date with Music happenings by visiting the Music website – www.stpaulsmusic.com.au

Mrs Kellee Green
Head of Music

GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES

ANZAC DAY SERVICE – TUESDAY 24 APRIL

Mr Grant, Acting Headmaster, cordially invites members of the St Paul's Community to our ANZAC Day Memorial service, to be held on Tuesday 24 April commencing at 9am. Formal invitation can be found [HERE](#).

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

At YMCA St Pauls we are always reflecting on our service, and what we can do to meet the needs of our families. We are passionate about creating an environment for the children which is engaging for children of all ages who attend our service. We would welcome feedback from the St Paul's Community on what is important to you and encourage you to drop in and visit us or simply send us an email to asp@ymcabrisbane.org.

Our holiday club is fast approaching and we are keen to enjoy all of the activities we have planned with your children. If you would like to make a booking please contact our service via email or phone 07 3261 1124 to discuss your needs.

Check out our Autumn School Holiday program brochure [HERE](#).



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RETAIL SHOP

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm

For a list of 2018 uniform requirements, see [HERE](#).

2018 & 2019 TERM DATES

2018 Term Dates can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Term Dates for 2019 (Tentative) are also available via the link above. These are subject to final confirmation.

WELLBEING CENTRE

COUNSELLING

Balancing your child's digital diet

Not only are parents encouraged to monitor their child/children's behaviour online, it is important to consider the overarching mental and physical health effects of screen-time in general, too.

One of our School Counsellors, Mrs Karen Semple, has sourced a great article that gives insight into how best to balance your child's "digital diet".

You can read the article [HERE](#).

Karen, Ken & Rexina Counselling Team

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Kids Helpline*

*1300 22 4636
1800 55 1800*

*Lifeline
Youth Beyond Blue*

*13 11 14
<http://www.youthbeyondblue.com/>*

USEFUL CAREERS WEBSITES

My Future www.myfuture.edu.au

Job Outlook www.jobsearch.gov.au/joboutlook

Job Guide <http://www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au/>

CAREER NEWS

This service provides students, parents and staff members with up to date career information. The information is updated fortnightly and we highly recommend that you scan it regularly for items of interest, especially for students in the Senior School. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the latest Career News.

UQ PHARMACY EXPERIENCE DAY – SAVE THE DATE

Pharmacy Experience Day is an annual UQ showcase which invites students to discover where a Bachelor of Pharmacy can take them.

Throughout the day guests will take part in a range of hands-on laboratory activities, meet and quiz current students, and participate on a guided tour through the world class facilities.

All members of the public are invited to attend the Pharmacy Experience Day, held on Sunday 19 August 2018.

To register or find out more information, see [HERE](#).