



FROM THE ACTING HEADMASTER



TAKING A STAND AGAINST BULLYING – PART 2

Last Friday was the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. As you may have seen on the School Facebook page, or heard from your child, different classes and tutor groups discussed and took action to reinforce the anti-bullying message. You may also have seen a very powerful segment on “The Project”, the night before. (If not, you can catch up here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aw3iWDWE8CQ>). The segment revisited the sad story of Dolly Everett and reminded us of the message she left behind – to “speak ... even if your voice shakes”.

Of course, bullying doesn't just involve a bully and a victim, and it shouldn't be left to just the victims to speak up. Bullying often takes place in a social context, like the classroom or the playground. And, these days, much of the bullying that our children are subjected to occurs on social media platforms. Yes - sometimes bullying may take the form of private messages, or secret violence, but more often it's public – as if the bully seeks to amplify their sense of power and control through the approval of others.

Others see and hear what goes on. They are known as bystanders – although they don't have to just stand by and watch. In fact, my encouragement to our students this week is to be “upstanders”, rather than just bystanders. An “upstander” is defined as “someone who recognizes when something is wrong and acts to make it right. When an upstander sees or hears about someone being bullied, they speak up. Being an upstander is being a hero: we are standing up for what is right and doing our best to help support and protect someone who is being hurt.”¹

Of course, it takes courage to be an upstander. Courage is one of the virtues we have included in the St Paul's School Character Framework. We define courage as – “Strength to do what is right, in the face of fear, loneliness, pain or grief”. The Character Framework is also quite clear on the types of behaviour that are incompatible with the virtue of courage, including “not stepping in to help another”.

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Rev. Mark Leam is taking the opportunity to speak to students in Chapel each fortnight about the virtues, and this week he also spoke about courage. Rev. Mark reminded us that we find many reminders in the Bible regarding this virtue, including Psalm 31:24 –

*Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD!*

May I point out that a range of verses throughout the Bible give us the secret to courage, and tell us why we do not need to be afraid (eg Isaiah 41:10) –

Do not fear, for I am with you;

do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Whether we are victims or bystanders, we can all take courage from the knowledge that God is with us. We may not ever be able to completely eradicate bullying, but we can certainly reduce the incidence. Doing so, though, is going to require that we are all prepared to take a stand. We need to find the courage to be upstanders. For further ideas about the topic of Cyberbullying, you might also like to read the attached article.

Article: [Insight strategies to deal with cyberbullying](#)



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	
Year 11/12 Block Exams	Tues 20 – Wed 28 March
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

YEAR 7 CYBER SAFETY

Acting Sergeant Carol Spurdle, from Sandgate Police, gave a Think U Know presentation to the Year 7 students on Monday 19th March, during their Flex lesson. The students behaviour and attention was exemplary, as they listened to Carol's presentation regarding safe passwords, online reputation, standing up to online bullying, and learning safe online practices for protecting identity and sending personal information and images.

St Paul's School has been awarded "status" as an eSmart School. Read about our current activities and find helpful resources on our eSmart page on the School website: <http://www.stpauls.qld.edu.au/current-parents/esmart/>

Ms Judy Bolton
St Paul's School Cyber Safety Champion / Head of Information Services

SECONDARY SCHOOL

YEAR 7 FAIRY TALES

Last week Year 7 Term 1 Drama Students completed their first group performance of a Fairy Tale Script.

All students were very brave performing in front of their peers and I hope the confidence gained will serve them well in their other subject areas when it comes to oral assessment and presentations.

In preparation for this task students have worked on developing skills of planning and organisation, working collaboratively as a group, effective projection of voice and vocal skills and basic stage craft.

Many of the students were very excited to perform with our brand new portable lighting system.

Ms Siobhan Gillespie
Curriculum Leader (Drama)



WHAT'S YOUR DEFINITION OF SUCCESS?

Year 9 HPE Students were asked this question at the beginning of their volleyball unit, which was embedded with Design Thinking principles.

Students were initially presented with a design challenge: "How will we create a successful team?" Each team then developed their team around their own definition of success. For some, this meant full participation during the final tournament, whereas success to others could be winning the tournament. As part of this process, students also learned the rules, as well as techniques and skills to play the game.

Their learning culminated with a round-robin tournament of volleyball, where teams dressed up displayed great amounts of comradery.



SECONDARY SCHOOL

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING UPDATE – YEAR 7 CAMP

Since the last edition of e-news, the Year 7 students have taken part in their outdoor education experience, beginning their learning journey in this important area of their development.

The Year 7 experience is centered on shared experiences and challenges that build relationships across the year group. The camp involves three days of activities; the students stay at the Kenilworth homestead and work through a rotation of experiences including mountain biking, archery, raft construction, hiking and team problem solving.

The weather experienced over the course of this year's camp was particularly challenging across the three days but, to their credit, our Year 7s stood up exceptionally well to all the circumstances thrown at them. The inclement weather meant activities that would have been difficult in the dry, such as the hike out, camp set up and meal preparation had the added complication of mud, creek crossings and wet gear; however, all students, whilst stretched, managed to achieve the tasks set and the vast majority did it with a positive mindset and a willingness to laugh at the discomforts.

As a result of this shared experience the cohort are now a stronger team, having seen they can manage the most difficult of circumstances and work together to accomplish set goals extremely effectively despite unforeseen complications. A Year 9 student leader accompanied each camp group and these students were excellent role models and dealt with the difficulties they faced with determination and positivity keeping their younger peers focused and upbeat throughout.

There does remain quite a deal of lost property in the Krebs Centre left over from camp, so if students have returned without any items they set off to camp with, please check in with Mrs Farmer to see if they are part of this collection. All found items have been washed so don't fear collecting those wet and gungy camp socks.

Mr Cameron Howes
Head of Experiential Learning Development



SECONDARY SCHOOL

SEA OF POPPIES

Our Year 9 History students are undertaking a massive project: creating a blanket of poppies to cover the Strathpine entrance of the School for this year's 100 Year ANZAC commemorations (approximately 48000 poppies).

We have seen an amazing display of teamwork so far. At lunch times, Junior School students and staff have volunteered their time to cut and fold flowers. The International School, Learning Support department, tutor groups and the Drama and HLT learning areas are also helping to cut poppies. The Design Technology Centre is churning out 1000s a day on their laser cutter and our Year 10s are pinning up a storm.

Here are some pictures to show you of their hard work. We can't wait to see the final product!

Ms Kerry Daud & Poppy team
Curriculum Leader (Humanities & Business)



JUNIOR SCHOOL

DESIGN THINKING FOR PARENTS

Last Tuesday night 15 Junior School Parents attended a 'Design Thinking' night in the Design Thinking Centre (DTC). The aim was to put them through solving a 'real' problem using Design Thinking as a problem-solving approach.

As a Realms School 'Design' is one of the 5 Realms of Thinking that we believe are essential to students' thinking and learning to prepare them for a future that is vastly different to any we have experienced before.

The parents were put straight to task using our SPS Design Model to Engage, Ideate and Prototype a solution. This was a chance for parents to see how their children learn in Design and understand the process, the thinking and the dispositions student learn. This was a great example of how St Paul's connects with the School community to support our students in their learning.

There will be another Parent Design Night in Term 2. If you're interested, please watch your emails for further details.

Mr Justin Hill
IST Specialist Teacher



PETER PAN – VIDEO AVAILABLE!

Last year's Junior School Music, Peter Pan Jr, was a huge success!

Countless hours of rehearsals, costume-making, stage setting and much more went into the fantastic production.

If you would like to purchase a recording of one or both nights' performance, you can do so [HERE](#).

Thank you to past student, Rory Stansfield, for filming and editing these videos for us.



JUNIOR SCHOOL

JTAS UPDATE

Recently the Junior School Swimming age champions were announced at our Junior School Assembly. Congratulations to all students who received an award and displayed outstanding sportsmanship and House spirit during the Swimming Carnival.

Preparations for the Inter-House Cross Country have now started. Grab your running shoes and come along to training to prepare for this Carnival in Term 2. For more details, see Ms Norton.

You can read the full list of award recipients and see more photos on our website: <https://www.stpauls.qld.edu.au/junior-swimming-results/>

Mrs Tara Norton
Acting Sport Coordinator (Prep to 6)



CODE CAMP

Are you ready for the school holidays?

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, so get in quick!



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

TEIKYO KANI STUDY TOUR VISIT

Every term, St Paul's International School hosts students from various overseas schools on what is called a "Study Tour". The ratio of 'study' and 'tour' varies from group to group but the basic program involves a mixture of English language classes, activities at school and excursions to tourist destinations around Brisbane such as Australia Zoo, the Queensland Museum and Art Gallery, Mt Coot-tha and Tangalooma.

A group of 30 students from Teikyo Kani Junior High School in Japan has just completed their study tour with us. A particular highlight for all visiting groups is having an opportunity to interact with local students. This, of course, works both ways, and St Paul's students can use these opportunities, too, to grow as active global citizens. Staying with a Homestay family is also very interesting for our visitors. They enjoy seeing how people live in a different culture and in class often consider and discuss any similarities and differences they have noticed and learn a lot from such experiences.

Below is a list of the activities that the Teikyo Kani study tour group enjoyed at St Paul's School.



Teikyo Kani Junior High School 4–14 March, 2018

- Arrival at St Paul's School and school tour
- Interacting with tutor groups
- Zumba! class
- Aboriginal Culture presentation
- Aboriginal Art – design and paint a boomerang
- Interaction with Yr 9 Japanese language students
- Cooking – Vegemite scrolls and lamingtons
- Gold Coast visit



Ms Terese Reese
Head of Studies International School

SPORT

SPORTS SNIPPETS

FINALS

It only seems like last week that we started our 2018 sporting season. However, the end is almost upon us with this term's sport culminating in our TAS finals. It has been a rather disruptive season with weather conditions constantly causing changes to games and training schedules. These disruptions have made it very difficult for many teams to gain any momentum throughout the season and have really challenged teams to display their best with at times minimal preparation. All teams have accepted these challenges and continued to strive to achieve their best.

It is a great acknowledgment of our overall success and accomplishment across all sports, that we have at least one team from each sport challenging for a premiership. Our Firsts Girls Tennis team is looking to make it six straight premierships and our Year 10 team has also made it to the premiership game. The Intermediate 2nd XI Cricket team and Seconds Basketball team are flying the flag for their respective sports in the premiership game. Our Year 8 Volleyball team will be battling it out for top honours and the Firsts Boys Volleyball team will look to cap off a fantastic season with an elusive premiership that has been so very close over the last few years.

Good luck to all teams playing finals on the weekend regardless of what position you are playing for. A strong character trait is that desire to achieve at one's best and finishing off the season with one last effort will be a great way to sign off on what has been a great Term of sport at St Paul's.

TAS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Thursday the TAS swimming squad travelled to Chandler to compete in the annual TAS Swimming championships. There was a great sense of expectation and eagerness to finally compete after a many weeks of early morning trainings. The whole squad performed admirably and were consistent in their performances, which resulted in a mid-table finish of 5th. There were some standout performances on the day with our U14 Boys team again winning their respective Age Group with the 13 Year Girls, 16 Year Girls and Open Boys all finishing in the top three placings. Individual performances were highlighted by Mille Skinner (13 Years Girls) and Lachlan Creswell (14 Years Boys, who were awarded TAS Age champion. This was an absolutely amazing achievement given the level of competition that was present at the event, congratulation to these two young superstars. Congratulations to all our swimmers for all the effort you have put in throughout the season and on the day, you should be extremely proud of your achievements.

TAS CODE OF CONDUCT

I would like to take this opportunity to remind coaches, parents, spectators and players about the TAS code of conduct that we abide by in school sport. It is vitally important that we all recognise the importance of maintaining appropriate behaviour both on and off the playing field and in doing so demonstrating an exceptional standard of conduct. Whether it be towards officials, spectators, opposition or our own teams, can I please ask each and every member of the St Paul's community to set an example to those around us. Sport is an arena that our students are nurtured, where they can grow and flourish through the support of the St Paul's community. Therefore, it is vital we recognise the influence we can have on individuals through our own behaviour, ensure that influence is a positive one, that adds value to the lives of those involved in school sport. Attached is a link to an excerpt from the TAS code of conduct – [CLICK HERE](#).

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

The start of 2018 has been very busy in regards to representative sport. There have been trials for numerous sports this term already and there have been a number of students who have been successful in being selected in Metropolitan-North Regional teams. For information regarding district and regional sporting trials, please visit the Metropolitan-North website [click here](#) or information can be found on the St Paul's website [click here](#).

Congratulation to the following students who have been successful in being selected in Metropolitan North sporting teams:

U/18 Basketball	- Georgia Wooley	Baseball	- Ryutaro Nakasone
	- Matthew Lowden (shadow)		- Jesse Vankan
U/15 Basketball	- Kelsey Wooley	Water Polo	- Charlize Andrews
Swimming	- Millie Skinner	Softball	- Phoebe Borg
	- Sam Deacon		
	- Lachlan Creswell		
	- Chantelle Jackson		
	- Jessica Oates		

SPORT



AUSTRALIAN TEAM SELECTION:

Two of our Volleyballers have been selected to represent **AUSTRALIA** as part of the Australian Youth Boys Volleyball squad. After an intense training camp **Matthew Lowden (Year 12)** and **Blake Harrison (Year 10)** have both been selected to travel to Thailand as part of the Australian Youth team. What an absolutely incredible achievement –
CONGRATULATIONS BOYS!

Mr Tim Hughes
Head of Sport Development

MUSIC

ANGLICAN SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

On May 18 a group of our most experienced musicians will be taking part in the Anglican Schools Music Festival. This will see around 12 Anglican school in the Southeast Queensland region come together for a day of workshops and rehearsals at QPAC as part of a massed concert band, string orchestra and choir, and will culminate in a premiere concert in the evening.

Students who have been nominated should receive a letter early next week inviting them to participate. Please keep an eye on your emails for this letter.



IMPORTANT SEMESTER 1 DATES

We've got lots happening in Music!
Please save these dates in your calendar.

Activity	Date
Wind Ensemble at ANZAC Day (Brisbane City)	Wednesday 25 April
Auditioned Choir – Choral Retreat	Saturday 28 – Sunday 29 April
Music In The Park	Saturday 26 May
Solo Comp Round 2	Monday 4 and 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

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day AU celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

At St Paul's we recognised Harmony Day by giving students an orange ribbon to wear. The Interact Club also held fundraising activities across the Secondary campus and Junior School students participated in creating a 'harmony' themed banner.

"To me harmony means belonging – we appreciate our differences, and being able to live happily together in Australia," said a student in Year 6R.

Thank you to the Interact Club, students and staff involved in preparing today's activities.



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE



'Bullying: No way!'

That's our response to any kind of bullying, should it happen in the playground, at school, online or anywhere else.

On Friday 16 March, Australian schools stand united in their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

In Junior School there was a special 'Bullying: No way!' program being run in all classes. Each class spent time doing activities specific to their year level. The conversation extended through to the Secondary School, where the topic was discussed during tutor group this morning.

For more information on the 'Bullying: No way' campaign, visit:
<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/NationalDay>

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](#).

Recently we made a change with Debby's memorial garden, moving it to where the seat we have installed in her memory is located. This has created a space which invites the children to reflect on their memories of Debby. They love tending to her garden.

Pictured right: Children tending to Debby's garden.

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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



**Steve
Biddulph**

Steve Biddulph Presentations

Steve Biddulph is one of the world's best known parent educators. A psychologist for 30 years, he is now retired but continues to write and teach. His books, including *The Secret of Happy Children*, *Raising Boys*, *The New Manhood* and now *10 Things Girls Need Most* are in four million homes and 31 languages. They have influenced the way we look at childhood and especially the development of boys and men. Today though, the exploitation and misuse of girls and young women globally are a major

focus.

Steve's live talks have had a remarkable public response, reaching 130,000 people. Many people express surprise at how moving and emotional these talks are, as well as how much fun.

Steve will be presenting over two nights at Norths Lakes State College. Click [here](#) for more information.

For your convenience, following are links to make online bookings:

Raising Boys, 14 May 2018 <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=359860&>

Raising Girls, 15 May 2018 <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=359865&>

Click the image above to register or find out more information.

**Karen, Ken & Rexina
Counselling Team**

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.

*Beyond Blue
Kids Helpline*

1300 22 4636
1800 55 1800

*Lifeline
Youth Beyond Blue*

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

SUPPORTER GROUPS

CRICKET SUPPORTERS GROUP



President's Message

As the wettest season in 10 years of cricket draws to a close, well done to all the players and coaches for the spirit in which all St Paul's teams have trained and played their cricket in 2018. The Intermediate 2nd's are into a final.

Go the Red in the final game of the JTAS/TAS season and special mention to the Grade 12's in the 1st's and 2nd's who play their final TAS cricket match for St Paul's on Saturday – may the force be with you all!

Cricket Dinner

Flexischools closes on March 21 for our annual cricket dinner at Kedron-Wavell RSL on 24 March 2018, so please books all your tickets before then. Dinner highlights this year include a farewell performance by Full Distortion, some kahooting, load of raffle prizes, a numbers board, a special

guest, England Tour presentation, a wide selection of cricket auction items, special presentation to Grade 12's and plenty of trophies.

See the full cricket report [HERE](#).

HOCKEY SUPPORTERS GROUP



This Friday morning JTAS Hockey will have its final training for the season followed by a breakup breakfast hosted by the Hockey Supporters Group. Come along and enjoy some croissants, pastries, fruit and juice.

Please bring a spare shirt to change into after the game on Saturday so players can hand in their playing shirts.

TAS Hockey had its first training session last Friday with a good turn out, however we still need more players for the season. Keep a watch out in the notices for the next training session. Better yet, like our Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening in hockey. Sign on to hockey to receive your training shirt and St Paul's inners to use this season.

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP



As the year quickly gets away from us, plans are well under way as we prepare for the term 3 Football season. The committee and general members have already started planning the season and welcome all to our next general meeting as follows:

- Monday 26th March 2018 – 7pm School Library

We have a small group of members/helpers, with new faces and fresh ideas always welcome so please come along, bring a friend so we as a group can share the load and enhance the culture within the football community. If you are unable to make the meeting, please make contact.

If you have any queries please direct them to fsgpresident@spssa.org.au

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Peter Deane
FSG President