

FROM THE ACTING HEADMASTER



DEVELOPING SERVANT LEADERS

As you have heard us say many times, the purpose of St Paul's School is to develop **“resilient global citizens, who are innovative thinkers, with a heart for servant leadership”**. In this purpose statement you will find represented each of the core values of the School – Community, Learning and Faith.

I continue to search for new ways to describe each of the elements of our purpose statement and this week I'd like to discuss “servant leadership”. What does it mean exactly, and how do we teach it to the students at St Paul's School? I would suggest that, like many virtues, servant leadership is “caught” rather than taught. Let me try to explain. Immediately before the holidays we celebrated Easter. Specifically, on Maundy Thursday we remembered the occasion on which Jesus washed his disciples' feet, which the apostle John records this way (in

chapter 13) –

12 After Jesus had washed their feet, he put his outer garment back on and returned to his place at the table. “Do you understand what I have just done to you?” he asked. 13 “You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am. 14 I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet.

It is from this simple yet profound act that the concept of servant leadership has been derived. For, as Jesus explained in Mark 10 –

*42 ... “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and **whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.** 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

As a School, we literally obey Jesus' command to wash one another's feet on special occasions such as the training and induction of student leaders. I had the privilege of washing the feet of one of our Captains at the beginning of the year, and the even greater privilege of having my feet washed by another of the Captains.

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It was a special occasion to me because it is such a rare and unusual thing to do in our culture. It felt almost sacramental. To literally practice servant leadership in a 21st-century Western society seems counter-cultural, almost subversive.

Of course, servant leadership does not have to be limited to the literal following of the example of Jesus, and that is what we hope the students at St Paul's School will come to realise. The attitude of the heart is more important than the specific actions. Any fool can wash someone else's feet. Indeed, I can even be proud of my own "humility". However, servant leaders are not puffed up with pride and self-importance. Servant leaders focus less on their own needs and more on the needs of those around them. Servant leaders have overcome (or, at least, put aside) their own legitimate needs and desires, and so are able to do the lowly tasks, without the need for recognition and praise.

I love the way in which John Ortberg expresses this great paradox – "When we truly notice another person, in that self-forgetfulness our own soul flourishes"¹. May each of us learn to flourish this way.

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)

¹ J. Ortberg – "The Me I Want To Be" (2009) – p 187

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 2	
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

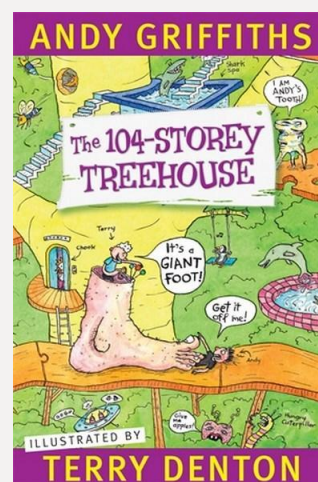
AUTHOR VISIT – ANDY GRIFFITHS & TERRY DENTON

Renowned author and illustrator duo, Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton, will be visiting St Paul's!

Join Andy and Terry for two hours of stupendous fun in the new 104-Storey Treehouse. Be entertained by Terry's terrific live illustrations and laugh out loud at Andy's tales of the 13 new levels that have been added, including a stupid-hat level, a refrigerator-throwing level and a deep-thoughts thinking room. For the ticket price of \$25 you'll get a signed copy of the new book and a photo opportunity with Andy and Terry! What are you waiting for? Come on up!

On Monday 16 July 2018 at 6:00pm.

Tickets are available [HERE](#).



SECONDARY SCHOOL

STUDENT IN COMMONWEALTH GAMES CEREMONY

If you were a keen Commonwealth Games viewer, you may have seen one of our own students involved in the Closing Ceremony!

Madeline Harper (Year 11, Mitre) was one of 12 children from Brisbane Birralelee Voices who were chosen to sing with Amy Shark and Archie Roach in the opening item of the Commonwealth Games Closing Ceremony, along with a handful of children from an indigenous Gold Coast choir.

Lots of hours went into travel and rehearsals to ensure the act was a great success.

What an opportunity to perform on a world stage! We think you did a wonderful job Madeline, well done.



JUNIOR SCHOOL

WORM FARM IN PRE-PREP

The Reggio Emilia approach in Pre-Prep, puts the child at the centre of the learning experience. Topics of conversation and the direction of activities is often led by the students themselves. Recently Adam brought a worm into class, which launched a very exciting journey into learning more about worms.

Students read a story about worms, sang songs and listened to poems. Students also drew pictures, painted and used pipe cleaners to make their very own worms!

One of the most exciting projects was building a worm farm with Mr Hill. Students were involved in every stage of the process – from drilling the holes so the water could escape to, tearing up newspaper for food and putting the worms into their new home.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S

Day one of Term 2 was a busy day in the International School as we welcomed a number of new students into our school. Eight new long term students began at the beginning of the term, 2018. Six students have joined classes in our High School Preparation Program and two students have entered Year 11 in the main school. These students come from China, Hong Kong, South Korea and Vietnam. They spent a long and tiring day receiving a lot of general school orientation information, buying their uniforms, having their English level tested and getting to know their way around our campus.



SPS WELCOMES STUDENTS FROM AMNUAY SIPLA SCHOOL, THAILAND

St Paul's School is very pleased to enjoy a close relationship with the Amnuay Silpa School, a co-educational private school in Bangkok, Thailand which was founded in 1926. For over ten years now, students from Amnuay Silpa School have visited SPS each year to complete a Joint Program. This involves a full immersion experience in main school classes for these visiting students. This year, the ten Thai students are integrating into classes in Year 8 and Year 9. The Thai students are accompanied by two of their teachers who are also here to experience what an Aussie education is like. They follow a program of class observations across the school with a particular focus on how we are preparing students for the 21st Century through our unique Realms of Thinking.



Picture 1 – On arrival – Thai teachers and students
Picture 2 – Students ready for class



SPORT

2018 CROSS COUNTRY (U12 – OPEN)

The 2018 focus for students participating in St Paul's School Cross Country season is on the student giving a high level of commitment, having a positive attitude, supporting each other and performing to the best of their ability to achieve their goal.

SEASON DETAILS

The 2018 Season will commence on Tuesday April 17, 2018 and culminate with the 2018 TAS Cross Country Championships on Wednesday May 24 at St Paul's School. This season, there are only 2 official training sessions scheduled, each of these sessions will cater for varying ability levels. We are asking you that you make a commitment to attend both these training sessions and if you have any concerns about this see one of the coaches or myself.

This year we are continuing with the "TT" which is modelled around the popular 'Park Run' concept that is available each Saturday around Brisbane. The **TT will be held every Thursday at 7.15am**. This year we will be incorporating at least 1 5k TT in the program. The scheduling of this run is deliberate and will help you develop your running. Running at intensity on fatigued legs will help you on race day! The TT will also form a part of the Age Champion calculations (see below).

TRAINING SESSIONS

It is a priority that ALL athletes attend both Year 7-12 sessions; each session will cater for a variety of ability levels.

Year 7-12 Training Sessions	
Tuesday	Thursday
7.00am – 8.00am Meet @ Walker Centre	7.00am – 8.00am Meet @ Walker Centre 7.15am - TT

Please find the [Cross Country – Athlete Information and Calendar HERE](#).

MUSIC

QYMA

It's almost time for the annual Queensland Youth Music Awards competition. This year, the following ensembles will be performing:

- May 2** Concert Band
Wind Ensemble
- May 3** Vivo Strings
- May 4** Lento Strings

All of these groups have been rehearsing very hard and are sounding great! We wish them the best of luck.

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.



YEAR 10 SONIC HIGHWAYS: BRISBANE PROJECT

Our Brisbane music history project continues to gather steam. We have had some wonderful people who are involved in the Brisbane music industry come to the school recently, such as Violent Soho drummer Michael Richards, director and founding member of Women in Voice Alison St Ledger, Ruth Nelson, who is the mother of Cub Sport lead singer Tim Nelson, and St Paul's Old Boy Michael Butler, who is now the lead guitarist in the band Sheppard. These people have been incredibly generous with their time and wealth of knowledge, and the students have benefitted greatly from hearing their stories.

This term, students are busily collating the rest of the media for their Brisbane music history documentaries ahead of the Launch Party on June 14. The party will also feature performances of Brisbane music by student groups, as well as food for sale, and is shaping up to be a really exciting event. We'll post more details closer to the time.



MUSIC

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.

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 (@musicps) and keep up to date with Music happenings by visiting the Music website – www.stpaulsmusic.com.au

Mrs Kellee Green
Head of Music

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

GREEN THUMBS CLUB



Calling all green thumbs!

I am pleased to announce the formation of a new extracurricular activity at St Paul's School – the Green Thumbs Club.

All students in Years 4-12 are welcome to join this new club. We will be meeting on **Tuesday afternoons, from 3.20 – 4.30 pm**, in and around the **Possibility Hub** in the Junior School precinct.

The Green Thumbs Club will meet for the first time on **Tuesday 1 May**.

Our activities will focus on growing vegetables, flowers and herbs, but we will also be learning about propagating garden plants (tree and shrubs), from seed and cuttings.

A special feature of this club is that interested parents, grandparents and other members of the wider St Paul's community may also be able to become involved. We are hoping to develop a Community Garden in the precinct, and would welcome expressions of interest from people who would like to come and "potter around" at various times during the week. It is hoped that the Community Garden will eventually include fruit trees, composting bins, worm farms and a poultry section.

In the meantime, keen gardeners among you might like to help get this club off the ground. I would welcome donations of pots, seed trays, seeds, gardening tools and the like. If you are a propagator, we will also be seeking to establish a little nursery, with plants being offered for sale from time to time, as a means of meeting the on-going running costs of the Community Garden.

For further information, or to express interest in helping, please email – n.grant@stpauls.qld.edu.au

Mr Nigel Grant



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)



After our inaugural year, the Model United Nations (Extra-curricular activity) at St Paul's will recommence meetings in Term 2. MUN provides students the opportunity to discuss international relations, diplomacy and world views.

Any students who did not sign-up during the Extra-curricular sign-on week are welcome to email Miss Gibson for more information (b.gibson@stpauls.qld.edu.au)

Best of luck to Jishnu Manesh (Year 9, Scudo) who will be competing at the UN Youth Australia National Finals of the Voice Speaking Competition next week. The week-long event will be held in Brisbane, with participants flying in from across the country.

GOLF PROGRAM



After weeks of washout weather, we were finally able to play some golf this week!

Thanks to our specialist coach, John, for demonstrating some useful techniques.

It was also fantastic to see Junior School students, parents and community members in attendance.

Mr Neil White
Golf Program Coordinator

GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES

NAPLAN

From Tuesday the 15th of May until Thursday the 17th of May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This involves tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. It is important to note that NAPLAN is not testing content. Therefore, beyond ensuring that students are familiar with the test formats, it is not something that requires extensive preparation. Teachers will have explained the conditions of the tests and they will have provided students with opportunities to experience these.

Parents can support their children by encouraging them to have a good night's sleep and to eat a healthy breakfast. Checking that students have the appropriate equipment for each test will also be helpful. Parents can talk about the test in a positive way and they should consider it as an activity within students' normal learning programs. NAPLAN results provide parents and schools with an understanding of how students are performing at the time of the tests and are not intended to replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

Our Director of Junior School has penned an article on 5 tips for surviving NAPLAN... for parents, which may be quite useful: <https://www.theeducatoronline.com/au/news/opinion-five-tips-to-survive-naplan/215744>

The NAPLAN website provides some useful information and answers to "Frequently Asked Questions": <http://www.nap.edu.au/information/faqs>

The Heads of Studies for the Junior School and Middle Years of Schooling, Cheryl Wegener (Years 3 & 5) and Sam Parry (Years 7 & 9) will have sent letters home to parents with specific details about the testing programs for each year level. However, if you have further questions about NAPLAN please contact them directly.

Ms Julie Bryce
Executive Director of Teaching & Learning

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](#).

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Spoil your mum this Mother's Day!

Our parents' knitting/crochet group are holding a raffle ahead of Mother's Day to raise funds for charity (Smart Pups).

Tickets will be available for parents and staff to purchase next Tuesday 24 April. The prize will be drawn on Friday 11 May. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from the coffee van (Attunga St carpark) of an afternoon.

If you would like to view the box of goodies, pop into Tooth reception.



GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES

REMINDER: TERM 2 FEES

For those families that haven't set up a direct debit, Term 2 fees are now due for payment.

Please contact Sonya Erhart, Fees Administrator, if you have any queries or to discuss further.

Chris Sweeney
Finance Manager



SIBLING ENROLMENTS

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Debbie Cameron
Registrar (Domestic)

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.

RETAIL SHOP

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

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

WELLBEING CENTRE

COUNSELLING

Helping your child navigate tricky friendships

Our Counsellors have found a great article to assist parents in navigating through tricky friendships with their child and their peers.

Topics include: What makes a good friend?, leading by example and hurt feelings.

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

Karen, Ken & Rexina Counselling Team

Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Lifeline 13 11 14
Youth Beyond Blue <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

If you are considering becoming engineer, Aviation Australia is holding an information night where you will have the opportunity to see the Boeing - 737 Flight Simulator operating, walk around the hangar and see the aircraft and engines and talk to qualified Aircraft Maintenance Engineers.

Date: Wednesday, 9 May
Times: 6pm or 6.30pm
Where: 20 Boronia Drive, Brisbane International Airport, Eagle Farm

For further information click here.

To register go to: <https://www.aviationaustralia.aero/aeroskills-information-sessions/>

WELLBEING CENTRE

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

[Discover more here.](#)

SUPPORTER GROUPS

CRICKET SUPPORTERS' GROUP



**Notice of Annual General Meeting
Cricket Supporters' Group
To be held on
Wednesday 2 May 2018 at 7pm**

Notice is hereby given that the Cricket Supporter's Group of St Paul's School (Bald Hills) Supporters' Association Inc. will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7pm in the Library. All supporters are welcome to attend this meeting and are eligible to nominate for committee positions (Nb. only SPSSA members are eligible to vote on the election of these officers)

Download a nomination form [HERE](#).