



Ephesians 2:20 "...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone."

## WHAT'S ON

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## P-12 Curriculum Coordinator

### Sowing the Seeds for Lifelong Learning



I know far more about medieval life today than I did a week ago thanks to our Year 8 students, who shared their learning about the Middle Ages with the school community at the Medieval Showcase last Thursday.

Throughout Term 3, students explored the medieval world in their History, French and Technology lessons. Their teachers then took a very brave step. Instead of deciding on the assessment tasks themselves, they asked the students what aspect of the curriculum content they would like to explore further and how could they show what they had learnt. Students, with the guidance of their teachers, each chose the focus of their assessment and decided on the most effective way of presenting what they had learned.

Students created weapons, wrote folk tales in French, and made articles of clothing. They demonstrated their learning through 3D models, academic essays, digital technology and performance. Their engagement with their learning was evident as they enthusiastically shared their knowledge and the story of their learning with parents, staff and fellow students.

However, perhaps the most valuable learning for the students was in the process – identifying what interested them, researching their topic, refining their focus, solving problems that arose, managing their time effectively and organising and synthesising their information. These are skills that cannot be taught theoretically. They are skills that are developed through doing and in this transdisciplinary unit, our students had to 'do'.

Talking to them about their work, it is evident that they are well on the way to becoming creative, critical, flexible and reflective learners – attributes that will stand them in good stead as they prepare for life in a world where change seems to be the only guarantee.

However, it wasn't only the students who needed to be creative and flexible. Teachers had to juggle the demands of students all undertaking different projects and Mr Wingett, Ms Baessler and Madame Morgan did a wonderful job in working with the students, helping each of them bring their project to fruition.

The students' work is on display in *The Hub*. If you have the opportunity, please come in and see the amazing results of their work.

**Sue Grotherr, P-12 Curriculum Coordinator**



**OPEN DAY**  
26 OCTOBER, 9AM-12PM

## Medieval Showcase



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In Term 3, Year 8 students undertook some of their academic learning through a transdisciplinary unit involving History, French and Technology. The unit integrated learning across the three subjects, giving students the opportunity to transfer and apply content and skills learned in one subject to the other subjects incorporated into the unit.

Students chose an aspect of life in the Middle Ages to study in depth and also chose how they would present the results of their research. Last Thursday, students shared their completed projects with the school community at their Medieval Showcase.

**Sue Grotherr, P-12 Curriculum Coordinator**

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## WORD PLAY

On Friday 9 September, 12 Years 4–5 students went on a 'Word Play' excursion at the State Library of Queensland.

In Session 1, students listened to the author of *Mister Cassowary*, Samantha Wheeler, share her close encounters with Australian feathered and furry friends - including a terrifying encounter with a cassowary!

In Session 2, David Astle, author of *Wordburger*, got our minds whirring, challenging us with riddles, puzzles and lateral thinking games. Hugh Longmire (5T) was a lucky winner, earning him a copy of Astle's latest book.

In Session 3, Amelia Stumpf (5T) was lucky to be invited on stage to introduce author, Lee Battersby. Battersby enthralled us with a reading from his latest book, *Magrit*, and taught us some tricks to add thrills to our own stories.

**Susan Levitt, Teacher**



## Excursion to The Cloud

A small group of Year 11 and 12 ITS and Legal Studies students visited the local state of the arts *Polaris Data Centre*.

Polaris is widely regarded as Australia's leading, most modern, highly secure, purpose built and designed data centre. The excursion provided students with an opportunity to experience a real-life IT environment.

Paul Wyatt, Chief Digital Officer of Springfield Land Corporation, gave us a very informative tour and welcomed us by saying that the data centre is 'The Cloud' everyone talks about. We were very impressed by the security measures that had to be taken to enter and how expensive it is to run and maintain the data centre.



**Gabrielle Wise, Astha Gurung, Nathan Beecroft, and Juana Di Bella, Year 11 and 12 ITS students**

## MINISTRY

### Goals

Did you set yourself any goals at the beginning of the year? As we are now into the last term of 2016, it might be a good time to look back and reflect on those goals and how you are going with them.

If you like sport you may have watched recent grand finals, whether it was the Bulldogs winning the AFL grand final for the first time in decades or the Sharks winning their first premiership in the NRL grand final.

I suspect both teams have worked for a long time on winning this prize; on scoring the winning goal. There would have been many hard training sessions, ongoing focus, and persistence, even in the midst of disappointments and losses. They had to keep the goal before themselves, remain focussed and not give up – and finally this year they have won the prize.

In his letter to the Christians at Philippi, St Paul talked about having a clear goal. He reflected on his life journey, which involved some radical changes as he encountered Jesus, and on the goal towards which he had lived and worked ever since.

*Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:13b-14)

Paul also reports how God sustained and supported him along the journey, through ups and downs, hard times and good times. And he trusts that, in Christ, the prize is his. He encourages and invites you and me to entrust ourselves to the same Lord, Jesus Christ, and to set our goals in the light of His love for us and all people.

Wherever you are on your journey, whether you have nearly achieved all your goals for the year or missed the mark, be assured that there is someone who walks beside you faithfully; who will never give up on you; who is there for you in failure and success. He is more faithful than even the most die-hard Bulldogs fans. And He invites you to trust Him with your life and future. His promise is: *I am with you always, to the very end of the age.* (Matthew 28:20).

Many blessings for Term 4!

**Pastor Thomas Böhmert, Indooroopilly Pastor**

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On Friday 7 October, Year 5 students enjoyed a day at the *Gold Rush Experience*. On our walk into town we were held up by a bushranger, and Holly had her gold and her morning tea stolen!

Students arrived in Petersville to find their names on tents; the assayer's office; the general store; the bakery and butcher. Their first task was to build a tent, followed by damper making; role plays by the creek and in the general store; and a bushranger hunt. After lunch, students played the gold rush game, finding nuggets of gold and visiting the claims officers to haggle for good prices for their finds.

We all had a great day and learned a lot from being able to experience history firsthand.

Susan Levitt, Teacher



## Community Celebration: Bishop Paul Smith visit



Some Years 3– 10 students recently competed in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Science Competition. The competition assessed students' skills in the key scientific areas of:

- Interpreting data including observing, measuring and interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs;
- Applying data, including inferring, predicting and concluding; and
- Higher order skills, including investigating, reasoning and problem solving;

and covered content on:

- Earth and beyond (incorporating the Earth Sciences and Astronomy);
- Energy and change (incorporating Physics);
- Life and Living (incorporating Biology and Ecology); and
- Natural and Processed Materials (incorporating Chemistry).

Participation in the competition is voluntary. Congratulations to students who chose to step outside their comfort zone and challenge themselves.

Merit certificates were awarded to:

- Abhiram Kanipaku (Year 4);
- Rishika Jain (Year 5); and
- Tvisha Patel (Year 7).

Credit certificates were awarded to:

- Alisha Dhuldhoya (Year 3);
- Tanisha Chhiboo, Etania Chouhan, Nayana Chundiran, and Atako Nakamura (Year 4);
- Ryan Bansal; Olivia Harding; and Ravindu Wathukarage (Year 5);
- Kavindi Athuraliya and Ishaan Patel (Year 6);
- Aidan Annis-Wade and Sharada Athuraliya (Year 8); and
- Christopher Wise (Year 10).

A Distinction certificate, placing her in the top 8% of Year 4 students in Australia, was awarded to:

- Arabella Goyal (Year 4).

A High Distinction, placing him in the top 1% of students in Australia, was awarded to:

- Cyrus Forudi (Year 6).

Sue Grotherr, P-12 Curriculum Coordinator

## Year 7 Orientation



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## QGSSSA Athletics

Congratulations to all girls who have been training hard for QGSSSA Athletics since the beginning of Term 3. I wish competing girls the best of luck for the Championships on Friday. Congratulations to the following girls who have been involved in Athletics throughout 2016:

- Emily Curtis
- Kathleen Nguyen
- Sneha Neupane
- Shaia Tautua
- Shanteal Hansen
- Maddy Taarnby
- Monique Roberts
- Caitlin Maynard
- Minna Hood
- Sera Momo
- Kuini Latu
- Nicole Spencer-Scarr
- Dione Bull
- Juana Di Bella
- Tyla Stolberg
- Gabi Irvine

On Friday, three months of training and competing at Friday night meets will conclude, with a number of these girls competing across multiple events. Congratulations to all girls!

## Samsung Primary Schools Netball Cup

Congratulations to all girls involved in the Samsung Primary Schools Netball Cup, which will be held this weekend. 24 girls from Years 4 – 6 have been training with Mrs Woolnough, Mrs Hofstee and Mrs Huch over the past five weeks to develop their skills and fitness and have fun along the way. I wish the following girls and coaches the best for this weekend:

Years 4–5 Team	Years 5–6 Team
Madison Watt	Grace Huch
Ellyza Ram	Sydney Debnam
Felicity Zou	Meg Hofstee
Alana Castle	Ella Kreutzer
Shloka Das	Ella Huch
Atako Nakamura	Tahlia Muniz
Arabella Goyal	Gabrielle Rae
Nayana Chundiran	Yusha Khanal
Sara Sharma	Lauren Jacobs
Zoe Clift	Bella Conlan
Jasmine Dickson	Emily Hill
Olivia Harding	Jemimah Wilksch
Coach: Mrs Rebecca Woolnough	Coaches: Mrs Kate Hofstee and Mrs Lisa Huch

## Total Football Academy

Total Football Academy will run an after school soccer program for Kindy– Year 4 students during Term 4 at St Peters Springfield. Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration.

During the 6 week program, games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field. Training will take place inside a skills square and focus on different skills each week (such as dribbling, turning and shooting). Players can also purchase a soccer kit (top and shorts).

The program will start on Friday 14 October, 2.40pm - 3.40pm (Kindy to Prep) and 3.00pm to 4.00pm (Years 1 - 4). To sign up visit [www.totalfootballacademy.com.au](http://www.totalfootballacademy.com.au) or call Danny Morton on 0473344778.

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## St Peters U10 Met South West Cricket

The Under 10 cricket team played their first game of the season on Saturday against St Laurence's College.

St Peters Maroon (5/181) defeated St Laurence's (6/154). The boys played well as a team. It was wonderful to see all students make a contribution with the bat. The top scorers for the game were Hunter McFarlane (32 not out off 20 balls) and Harry Barratt (18 not out off 20 balls). Well done also to Matthew Maynard (1/4), Hunter McFarlane (1/6) and Nicholas Denny (1/25) who all took a wicket each in their innings.

## Date Claimers

**QGSSSA Athletics Championships:**

- Friday 14 October at QSAC, Nathan.

**AIC Athletics Championships:**

- Tuesday 25 October at QSAC, Nathan; and
- Wednesday 26 October at QSAC Nathan.



**Pictured:**  
Congratulations to Claveria on her success at the Australian schools swimming titles.

## MUSIC

Congratulations to students from *Mezzo Voce* and *Poco Voce*, who performed at Friday's Community Celebration. Students sang "Kingdom Kids", a popular chorus they enjoy that also fitted well with the theme of "Kids of the Kingdom". As participation was voluntary, I commend participating students for their dedication and enthusiasm. Thank you to parents for your support.

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