THANK GOD FOR LOVE

As the year draws to a close it’s easy to feel tired and maybe even frustrated by the fact another year has passed without all of our goals being achieved. When we are tired like this and ready to give up, where do we turn? We turn to those we trust, we turn to those who know us well and we turn to those we love. These are the people we can rely on when we need love to give us strength and hope. I appreciate this love more and more every day. The Bible not only teaches us that God loves us; it also teaches us that God is love. Unconditional love.

1 John 4:8-12 (GNT) Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him. This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in union with us, and his love is made perfect in us.

God’s love is revealed by His constant desire to care for us and of course through the sacrifice of his only son for us. Of course, love comes through as a major theme of the Bible again and again because loving someone and being loved, brings joy. This is an essential part of being human and through this we help each other, work with each other and reaffirm each other. But Jesus used love to challenge us through his willingness to love beyond the comfort zone of those with Him and watching Him.

Matthew 5:46 (GNT) Why should God reward you if you love only the people who love you? Even the tax collectors do that!

As the inevitable, hectic nature of the end of the year takes its toll, remember there will be people who love you there to help. But most importantly, remember that the gift of your love has the power to help others too, particularly those who may not expect it or even ‘deserve’ it.

Jason Fay
PRINCIPAL’S PONDERINGS

COMMUNITY AT ST PAUL

Picnic in the Park
What a wonderful community event last Saturday evening on Barton Reserve. The ambience and fun of the evening was enjoyed by well over a hundred school families in attendance. To the Parents and Friends group who coordinated this ‘community raising’ event, a BIG thank you from all of us at St Paul. It was super!

Shed Men
Last Friday I attended the Shed Men event at the Adelaide Marina, where approximately 25 St Paul dads and friends enjoyed a scrumptious feast of seafood and refreshments in a convivial atmosphere of mateship. Thank you to this group of dads who also continue to support ‘community raising’ at St Paul.

Volunteers
Today, a special morning tea was held to recognise selfless service of the vast array of parents and supporters of the school who give freely of their time to St Paul throughout the year. While not all could attend the morning tea to witness first hand the school’s appreciation, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all that you do. The volunteers of the school are priceless!

DISA Survey
By now you would have received information on how to access this survey. School improvement is a critical aspect of looking confidently to the future, therefore I warmly encourage you to complete the survey this week. Your views are important.

Andrew Messenger
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Swimming Lessons
Swimming forms for all students from Reception to Year 5 were sent home last week. Please remember to read carefully and return both the St Paul excursion consent form and the DECD swimming consent form and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

iPad Information Session - Wednesday 25 November
Parents of Year 2 students have received an invitation to an iPad information session in Week 7. As there are some new initiatives, this will be compulsory for at least one parent of each student moving into Year 3. Please contact Mr Andrew Messenger if you are unable to attend this session on 8260 2655.

Lutheran Community Care Hampers
Each year we have had a collection table near the entrance to the church for LCC Christmas hamper donations. We know that the number of families needing help at Christmas increases every year and in an effort to help with this further, we are promoting this
through classrooms and signage in the school. This year students can bring food donations to Chapel each Wednesday and will have the opportunity to bring them to the front as an offering. We thank you all in advance for your help in this, either with donations of food and gift items, or with discussing this initiative with your child to increase awareness. Below is a list of LCC’s suggested donations and you can read more about this initiative at https://www.lccare.org.au/christmas-hampers.html.

### Christmas Hamper Suggested Donations 2015

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### Gift ideas for children:
- Board games
- Puzzles
- Lego and Lego Duplo
- Sporting equipment - beach cricket, football, soccer ball, etc
- Dolls
- Dress up clothes
- Voucher to visit the zoo
- Child’s musical instruments

### Gift ideas for teenagers:
- Vouchers to music or clothes stores
- Personal goods (cologne, perfume, deodorant, make up, etc)
- Calendar/Diary
- Picture frame or photo album
- Movie Tickets/Vouchers
- Board Games
- Inspirational Book
- Necklace
- .... get creative!

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Leila Mattner  
Assistant Principal

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### PHYSICAL EDUCATION WEEK

This week, 9 to 13 November, is the 31st annual Physical Education Week in South Australian schools. PE Week endeavours to highlight the importance of Health and PE to the learning and development of children.

Our students will have the opportunity to celebrate PE Week - this year’s theme is ‘Living Actively’ - by participating in various activities listed over page:
Wednesday (Remembrance Day): Skipping classes - lunch time with Senior students.

Thursday: Continuous Circular Cricket - Staff & Seniors - lunch time on the Park. (Final day for Apple Awards for students making healthy choices for their ‘Healthy House’.

Friday: Healthy House Awards and Sports Presentations at Miss K’s Year 4/5 Assembly; St Paul Table-tennis Championships for Years 4-7 (ongoing).

A reminder that the canteen provides many healthy lunch options for students and staff. Mrs Semmler’s delicious, nutritious frozen pineapple rings (60c) and orange wedges (30c) will be on sale at lunch time commencing next Monday and continuing through to Week 8.

Parent/caregivers please note: All students (unless otherwise notified) are required to wear Sports Uniform from Tuesday onwards this week.

Kym Mickan
Sports Coordinator

SAPSASA REFLECTIONS

Last week six St Paul students represented their Adelaide North East district in various state carnivals.

Dylan, Zandi and Liam reflected on their tennis experiences: 'We played 16 matches and won 14 of them, finishing third overall in our division. Some of our matches were against country teams, including the Riverland and Barossa Valley. The courts we played on at Seaside, Henley Beach, were good - quite fast'.

Tyler reported: 'I was very happy to be called in to the team. It was a lot of fun playing tennis each day, but a bit tiring.'

Cricketers, Ryan Parker and Mason Pitt had this to say: 'We played 3 games overall, with one washout. On Monday we played at Pulteney Grammar and Tuesday’s game was at Park 25 near the city.'

Ryan’s personal bests were 17 runs and 4 wickets. Mason’s top score was 37 along with 3 wickets.

Kym Mickan
Sports Coordinator

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

On Monday the latest Scholastic brochures went home with students. This will probably be the last order for this year. Books make great Christmas presents!

Please return forms by Monday 23 November. The last order is due in soon, so keep an eye out in your child’s school bag.

Robyn Mader
Business Manager
SPORTS RESULTS

Netball
Diamonds
St Paul Diamonds (39) had another successful win Friday night defeating Tyndale Lightning (9). We only had 7 players and were down to 6 at three quarter time. The girls played hard to reach their target. Great work girls!

Cricket
Navy
St Paul Navy Junior Cricket team had another good win with an outstanding day in field bowling, with several catches taken by the team. With a small run chase we protected our wickets and made a comfortable 77 runs. Highlights for the game were Dean's two reverse sweep shots sending one of them for 4 runs. Ryan's top score of 24 and Jaden's hat trick with the ball and the accuracy of all our bowlers.

ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE

Arts Showcase
this Thursday 12 November

2015 Endeavour College Arts Showcase
12th November
6-8pm
The Endeavour Centre
Mawson Lakes

Our Values
God’s Word
Acceptance
Excellence
Respect
Compassion
Hope
Community
Love