



## PRAYER IN COLOUR

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7–8*

I have started a new way of 'praying' in my classroom. Many students are visual or kinetic learners and when I think of myself as a child I think this was the best way for me to learn. So what about praying? Why should that be different? If I try to pray with my eyes closed, I can count on falling asleep in two or three seconds. But if I put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard, my mind can stay focused, my prayers can flow like a small river of petitions sent heavenward. If I am walking and listening to music, prayers of thanks gather at my lips and fall out with each step.

Weird, I know. But really, Jesus is creative. Why wouldn't He want our prayers to be creative? Maybe He tires of hearing only bedside prayers so He made only a few of us able to pray when we are doing sprints on the track ... or possibly there are some of us who can only focus on praying for others when we are holding their pictures in our hands - the touch and feel of the frame draws our thoughts toward Jesus. Maybe there are some of us who have to dance our prayers with leaps and deep pliés. (That one I will leave to my dancing friends.)

But in the classroom we have started praying in a different way. Drawing pictures after different thoughts. Colouring in Bible verses with music playing. Writing out Scriptures in bubble letters. It makes them come alive and, more than that, it seems to etch Jesus' Word on our souls.

And that, I think, is the point of prayer after all. His words, His thoughts, His dreams written on our hearts and lived out in our lives.

Jess Denko

Adapted from Susanna Foth Aughtmon

Connected

Innovative

Grounded in Christ

## Coming Events

Mon 16 Nov - Fri 20 Nov

- Swimming for Years 3 - 5

Thur 19 Nov

- LLL Banking
- Reception Transition Morning II

Fri 20 Nov

- Assembly hosted by Miss Byrne's Class

Mon 23 Nov - Thur 26 Nov

- Swimming for Years R - 2

Mon 23 Nov

- Year 7 Endeavour Transition Day

Wed 25 Nov

- Chapel Service
- Year 3 (2016) iPad Information Session at 7 pm

Thur 26 Nov

- LLL Banking

Fri 27 Nov

- Assembly hosted by Miss Arnold's Class

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# PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

## **DISA Survey**

Yesterday you would have received a second email from the school concerning parent completion of the DISA Survey. It would be greatly appreciated if you could spend a few moments of your valuable time to complete the survey. The school would like to have at least 60 responses to add credence to the results. Thank you in anticipation.

## **OSHC Director (SPLASH)/ Vacation Care**

SPLASH is a vital part of the school's operations as many families use it on a regular basis. Ms Dianne Brown and Mrs Leila Mattner have combined to direct the SPLASH program over the past two years and their input has been greatly valued. In 2016, both ladies have other duties assigned to them which means a new 'SPLASH Director' is required.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Nurisha Smith has been appointed to this position. Nurisha is a trained teacher with a strong background in OSHC, and a past affinity with St Paul. We look forward to her leadership next year.

Also, the school is in discussions with various stakeholders surrounding the introduction of 'Vacation Care' at St Paul, beginning 18-29 January 2016. Further information will be forwarded in the near future, but please be aware numbers will be limited on this occasion as we begin a new phase in SPLASH.

Andrew Messenger  
Principal

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## **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.

## **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. You can read more about this initiative as well as access a list of suggested donations at <https://www.lccare.org.au/christmas-hampers.html>.

## Miss Denko's Class





## Booklists

Information packs about booklists for 2016 were sent home with students yesterday. Please remember to attend to these before 1 December. All orders that are made in time will be delivered to the school on Thursday 3 December. **For online ordering, please note that student name and password are the same** (for example - student name: johnsmith and password: johnsmith) **and you need to log in separately for each child.**

## iPad Restrictions Settings Check

In conversations with a number of families, we have discovered that a recent software update may have reset iPad restrictions. If you currently have restrictions set on your child's iPad, or believe that you should have, please take the opportunity this evening to check to see that the settings are as they should be. Be sure to let your child's classroom teacher know if you change the restrictions passcode or if you are setting one up for the first time. This will enable them to change settings if needed for a particular website. Remember also that a regular check of these settings is a good idea, as teachers do need to change them from time to time if they have been too restrictive for a particular task.

Leila Mattner  
Assistant Principal

## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Christmas Craft in the Library

We will be doing Christmas craft in the Library at lunch-times on Tuesday for the rest of the Term. Students can come along and create wreaths, Christmas trees, lanterns and Nativity scenes in the coming weeks.

### Final Week for Borrowing

This week (Week 6) is the final week for students to borrow from the Library. All Library resources will be due back next week.

### Scholastic

Scholastic are having a huge children's book sale on Wednesday 25 November and Thursday 26 November from 8 am to 6 pm at their warehouse, 39 - 41 King Street, Norwood. Please refer to the school noticeboard for more information.

Wendy McLeod  
Library Resource Manager

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due by Monday 23 November. Please put orders in a NAMED envelope to the office and check that all information on credit slips/cheques/order forms is correctly recorded. Thank you.

Robyn Mader  
Business Manager



## PE WEEK 2015

Last week was PE Week and our students, along with thousands of others from over 200 schools throughout South Australia, helped celebrate the event in a variety of ways.

Special thanks to Year 6 and 7s and their class teachers for organising Tuesday's successful whole-school Health Hustles, and to Miss Denko for driving the popular apple House Competition, including her PE Week wrap video production.

Nathan (Year 2) reflected: *'I liked the frozen fruit, especially the pineapple. I had three pieces and they were very tasty.'*

Thinara (Reception) and Jemma (Year 3) both enjoyed dancing the Health Hustles lead by the Senior students.

Thursday's combined staff, Year 6 and 7 circular cricket game on the park was a lot of fun, with a lot of people involved, over 40 to be fairly precise!

Well done to all participants!

Kym Mickan  
PE Specialist

## HABERDASHERY ITEMS NEEDED

### Buttons

Before you throw away any clothes could you please remove the buttons? The Receptions are collecting buttons; any size, shape or colour. Please leave your donation of buttons at the front office or bring them straight to my classroom. Thank you.

### Ribbon

Do you have any spare ribbon lying around at home? Our Reception class would like to use ribbon for their Christmas art activity.

Yvonne Folland  
Reception Teacher

## CRICKET REGISTRATIONS FOR 2016

Please note that cricket registrations for next year are due shortly. Years 1 to 5 classes received a (limited) number of forms last Thursday. If your child is keen to play school cricket in 2016 and has not brought home a registration form, please pick one up from the office.

Kym Mickan  
Sports Coordinator





# SRC CASUAL DAY

LCC Christmas Hampers

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community care



When: Friday November 27  
Cost: Food or Gift Donation for the LCC  
Christmas Hampers

This term the SRC casual day will be held to support the LCC Christmas Hamper initiative. Students may come dressed in neat and appropriate casual clothes and, rather than bringing a gold coin donation, will be required to bring an item for the LCC Christmas hampers.

## What are the LCC Christmas Hampers?

To help families on low income celebrate Christmas, each year Lutheran Community Care give out over 700 Christmas hampers in the metropolitan and Barossa area.

The Christmas Hampers are only made possible through the generosity of the many LLC supporters, congregations, businesses, schools, community groups and local

## Requested donations for 2015 Hampers:

### Ideas for Food Items:

Christmas Pudding/Cake  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Ham/Turkey  
Tinned Tuna  
Chips and Lollies  
Cereal  
Soup  
Sugar  
Milo/Tea/Coffee  
Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Long life custard  
Long life milk  
Biscuits and Crackers  
Long life fruit juice  
Spreads

### 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



# CHURCH NEWS

## 7 SPY

Year 6's & 7's get together this Friday 20 November from 7 pm. There will be time for small group chats looking at the year that has been, and the year that is to come. Girls to bring supper please. Any questions, call or text Andrew Joppich on 0488 400 370.

St Paul Lutheran Church

# SPORTS RESULTS

## Basketball

### Panthers

St Paul Panthers (10) defeated Walky Warriors (2). So proud of the team. Everything we practise at training and everything Mr Weymar has taught them, they have used on the court. Well done!

### Jaguars

St Paul Jaguars (24) defeated MPS 4 (6). We were ahead at half time by 10 points but we kept pushing with some excellent defence and shooting. The team found the game at an easier level but we still had to push.

## Cricket

### Senior

St Paul (33) was defeated by Walkerville (79). It was a closer game than the score shows this weekend. Walkerville had a more experienced team than ours, however St Paul was able to keep the pressure on them all game with some good fielding. St Paul's run rate was a little slower than theirs but overall it was another consistent effort by the team. Massimo took up the wicket keeper gloves for the first time and kept well. Thanks goes to Jackson for coming out for the game to help us field a full team.

### Senior - 7 September

St Paul (33) was defeated by Heritage (154). Whilst the score may not show it, our team worked hard all day and performed better as a team. Thanks goes to Sam for standing in for Adam for the rest of the year due to injury.

# MUSIC THEATRE CAMP 2016 – A WALK IN THE WOODS

Pelican Productions is excited to present MTC 2016 – A Walk in the Woods at Westminster College Theatre, Marion. In its twelfth year, MTC takes the best of the best from Broadway and the West End and presents a music theatre performance like no other. It will be starring some of our students **Jasmine and Mimi Bey** who would love to see some familiar faces in the audience! Jasmine and Mimi will be performing on Friday 22 January at 7:30 pm (Hollywood Cast). Enjoy the very best of Broadway in one incredible show. Secure your tickets now at [www.pelicanproductions.com.au](http://www.pelicanproductions.com.au).



## Our Values

God's Word

Acceptance

Excellence

Respect

Compassion

Hope

Community

Love

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