I’ve been completing cross-stitches since I was about 10. Over the past 20 or so years, I have spent countless hours stitching and completed various projects, some quiet small, others much larger. As a girl, I started with small, simple projects and have built up my skills over the years. Recently, I finished a project that I had been working on periodically for about 6 years. It is the most complex design I have stitched to date and is comprised of approximately 25,000 stitches. The pattern is detailed and uses numerous different coloured threads to add detail and shading to the picture.

If you look at the back of the cross-stitch, you can see all the pulled through threads and the ‘mess’. You can get a sense of the design, however the detail and the complexity of it can only be enjoyed from viewing the cross-stitch from the front as intended.

Many times in our lives, things might not be going right and we struggle to understand the bad happening in our lives. We may fail to see God’s presence in a tough situation, we might question whether God even cares about what we are going through, and it can be difficult to trust in the promise found in Jeremiah; “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you.” (Jeremiah 29:11a).

God does in fact have a plan for us though, we are just unable to see the whole picture. In this life, it is like we are viewing the back of the cross-stitch. We are only able to see ‘mess’ and unable to see any of the finer detail. God however views our lives from the front. He sees all the intricacies, and is fully aware of how all the threads of our lives weave and come together to create an elaborate and beautiful design. If you find yourself questioning God’s plan for your life, remember that He is in fact working on the finer details, it might just be hard for us to see the overall picture.

Bec Mueller
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

iPad Information Session Tonight
Parents of Year 2 students have received an invitation to an iPad information session this evening at 7 pm in the Creative Space. 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 as a matter of urgency if you are unable to attend this session.

Lutheran Community Care Hampers
Please keep your donations coming! Children will have the opportunity to place their donations at the front of the church at chapel or they can simply be placed under the Christmas tree in the Creative Space. In addition, the SRC have planned a casual day for this Friday, encouraging students to bring a LCC donation when they wear casual clothes. 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.

Booklists
Information packs about booklists for 2016 were sent home with students last week. 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.

Please note: Ez Cover order code and price has changed from information sent with booklist orders. The new code, cost and covers are included in this week’s Inspire.

End of Year Service - Save the Date
Our End-of-Year Service will take place on Wednesday 9 December at 7 pm in the Endeavour Centre, Endeavour College, Mawson Lakes.

Please note this change to be the evening of the last day of school, rather than the following day as in previous years.

Swimming Weeks 2015
Last week saw all of our Year 3, 4 and 5 students attending daily swimming lessons, with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students following suit this week. We are incredibly thankful for the committed group of registered volunteers (parents and grandparents!) who take time to support our teachers during this busy and exciting time for students.

Leila Mattner
Assistant Principal

FROM THE LIBRARY

Last Friday I was privileged to take two senior students, Sam Hardy and Jordan Fiegert to a reception for the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016. This is an invitation only event for schools with outstanding Premier’s Reading Challenge participation rates and/or improvement in participation for 2016. We were entertained by Sue Harris,
puppeteer and enjoyed a lively book reading by author Phil Cummings and Humphrey B. Bear. The school was presented with a framed certificate and selection of books by The Premier, The Honourable Jay Weatherill MP together with the Minister for Education and Child Development, The Honourable Susan Close MP to acknowledge our achievement. At the conclusion of the event students were treated to an ‘Up close and Personal Animal Encounter’ which included a snake!

I congratulate all the St Paul students who participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015. Ninety one percent of St Paul students completed the challenge, which is just fantastic! Thank you to the parents and teachers who supported their children in the challenge. This week, during Library time, students will be presented with their Premier’s Reading Challenge awards for 2015.

Wendy McLeod
Library Resource Manager

CLASS CARERS 2015

This year we were really blessed to have a wonderful volunteer group of parents as class carers. They have organised and provided short term care for individuals and families when needed. They have been a wonderful support to the staff, parents and children in our school community.

Folland                Tennille Ferguson                Nicole Carr
Fyffe/Voigt            Sarah Schembri                  Vanessa Cursaro
Arnold                 Brooke Hopkins                  Leanne Smith
Byrne                  Emma Christian                 Ngara Keeler
Fisher                 Kylie Foskett                  Trisca Price
Schuster               Janine Thornley                 Carolyn Nuske
Brodie                 Karen Schache                  Louise Venning
Mayer/Krieg            Liann Tape                    Rachel Latty
Denko                  Sarah Howland                  Eileen Jeffree
Karczewski             Amanda Mundy                   Christy Kretschmer
Mueller                Kerryn Winkley/               Stephanie Heath
                       Pauline Veitch
Burgan/Smith           Vanessa Weymar                 Rebecca Barr
Mattner                Kylie Irving                   Libby Martin

A sincere thank you for the time, energy and care you have provided this year.

Felicity Tamasi
Community Chaplain
INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

Lost and Found
Lost something recently? A school windcheater, a lunch box or drink bottle? I have placed all lost property items on a table in the corridor near the canteen. We’re building up a nice collection of unnamed goods wanting to find their way home!

School Notice Board
We have a school noticeboard that is located in the southern end of the canteen corridor. I have been updating the board with information regarding school holiday activities and other general information. Why not take a photo of this information on your mobile phone, this way the information will stay with you during the holiday break? If you wish to place information on this board please run it past Kerry in the office as all information is to be sanctioned by the Principal.

Lions Christmas Cakes
The school office is selling Lions Christmas Cakes.

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Kerry Harris
Administration Assistant

SPORTS RESULTS

Basketball
Jaguars
St Paul Jaguars (26) defeated MPS (7). Despite the heat the boys played a great game. Excellent defence and rebounds. Well done!

Netball
Diamonds
St Paul Diamonds (25) had a fantastic win on the 13 November against the GS Jets (11). We even had a star fill in of the ‘male’ variety that helped the team out. Last Friday the opposition forfeited so the Diamonds grabbed the points. This Friday is the first final against OLOH Gold at 8 pm. Blessings to the girls, play hard and do your best!

Golden Girls
St Paul Golden Girls (38) defeated Highbury Thunder (4). Everyone played extremely well. Defence was tight, passes were sharp and shooting was great. Well done Golden Girls for an amazing year!

Cricket
Senior
St Paul (72) was defeated by Walkerville (148). The team batted first and our openers gave us a good solid start with many boundaries being scored but more importantly picking up valuable singles with excellent running between wickets. This set the scene with the team putting in its best batting performance for the season so far. The opening bowlers had the Walkerville batsman worried with wickets falling regularly with Ryan nearly getting a hat-trick.
SRC CASUAL DAY

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:

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