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Coming Events

Wed 9 Dec

- Students Final Day
- PE Uniform for All Students
- End of Year Service

Thur 10 Dec

- Staff Professional Development

Fri 11 Dec

- Staff Professional Development

Wed 16 Dec

- School Office Closes

Mon 18 Jan

- Uniform Shop Open

Tue 19 Jan

- Uniform Shop Open

Wed 20 Jan

- School Office Opens
- Uniform Shop Open

Fri 22 Jan

- Uniform Shop Open

GOD'S PROMISES ARE UNENDING

'Know this: God, your God, is God indeed, a God you can depend upon. He keeps his covenant of loyal love with those who love him and observe his commandments for a thousand generations.' (Deuteronomy 7:9 MSG).

God makes and never breaks his promises. The Hebrew word for covenant, *beriyth*, means 'a solemn agreement with binding force'. His irrevocable covenant runs like a scarlet thread through the tapestry of Scripture. Remember his promise to Noah?

'I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.' And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant I am making with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.' (Genesis 9:11-13 NIV).

Every rainbow reminds us of God's covenant. Curiously, astronauts who've seen rainbows from outer space tell us they form a complete circle. God's promises are equally unbroken and unending.

Heavenly Father, your word tells us that not one of your promises has ever failed. You are a covenant God who is steadfast and true. We can count on every word you have spoken. We can rely on you to answer our prayers as you have promised. We can stand firm on the truths of your word, amen.

Lucado, Max (2011) *Live Loved*.

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PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

St Paul Lutheran Pedagogical Framework

Over the course of the last two years, St Paul has undertaken the major challenge of developing a Pedagogical Framework; a document that aligns teaching practices and philosophies across the school. This has been the major focus of the IDEAS program at the University of Southern Queensland which St Paul signed up to through the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA) in late 2013.

Last week this document was published and officially launched on Friday afternoon in the presence of Lutheran Schools Association Executive Director, John Proeve; Deputy Director, Loyd Fyffe; AISSA Senior Educational Consultant, Aleida Mabarrack; members of the School Council and St Paul teachers and staff. On Monday afternoon a condensed version of the framework was sent home with school reports for parents. This document was developed collaboratively by members of the St Paul IDEAS team and teaching staff during staff meetings and professional learning days. Invaluable leadership and guidance during this process came from Aleida Mabarrack and also Hamish Curry from the NoTosh group. As the document was being finalised we were buoyed by this piece of feedback from Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive of the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia.

'The staff were obviously engaged in what was incredibly deep reflection on what constitutes good practice in the context of St Paul and you cannot have a better foundation for improvement than that...I think teachers respond especially well when they know how something benefits students and this document articulates that very effectively... I have to say this is one of the very best such documents I have seen.'

The complete and finished document provides direction and context for all teachers at St Paul and ensures that the objectives and values of the school are visible in each classroom. At the core of this document, St Paul is committed to delivering an innovative inquiry based learning program and has identified four pedagogical pillars that form the foundation for skills, understandings and practices that are required for successful learning. These pillars are Collaboration, Creativity, Engagement and Relevance. We look forward to bringing this document to life in our classrooms and learning spaces next year and beyond at St Paul.

A big thank you to all of the IDEAS team members from the last two years, Armin Mayer, Claire Kelly, Katie Smith, Gretchen Byrne, Bec Mattner, Megan Fyffe and Jason Fay, for their dedication to this project.

Lutheran Education Service Awards

Last Friday John Proeve, Executive Director of Lutheran Schools SA/NT/WA presented '10 Year' service awards to Mrs Joyleen Mead and Mrs Robyn Mader. Congratulations to Joyleen and Robyn and may God continue to bless them as they continue to serve the community of St Paul.

End-of-Year Service – Housekeeping

Our End-of-Year Service, including the Year Six and Seven Graduation, takes place at 7 pm tomorrow in the Endeavour Centre, Endeavour College. Students are required to official summer uniform. On arrival at the Endeavour Centre, children are to assemble in class groups outside by 6:40 pm. Families of graduating students are invited to gather in the Endeavour College Mall for pre-service refreshments from 6 pm, before being given first access to the auditorium at 6:30 pm. Remaining families will be permitted to enter the foyer from 6:30 pm, before being seated from 6:40 pm.

Families Leaving St Paul

At the end of each school year, we not only farewell our graduating students, but also families whose association comes to an end at St Paul. On behalf of the school community we thank the following families for their contribution to our school, and wish them every success in the future. God bless you.

Aston, Bensted, Broster, Bruin, Colbert, Curnow, Davey, David, de Lacy, Do, Drapaniotis, Emrose-Wadham, Fiegert, Firipis, Haythorpe, Hegedus, Helps, Holman, Huang, Ignjic, Karykis, Knop, Le, Lieu, Lillie, Matters, McGough, Menz, Miller, Neubauer, Phillips, Radolovic, Rainu, Roberts, Sando, Simpkin, Strydom, Sweeney, Thompson, Wang, Webber.

New Staff for 2016

Stacey Baldock

Stacey will be the Year 5 teacher at St Paul next year. She has been teaching Year 5 for the last three years at Maitland Lutheran School. In addition to her teaching role, Stacey has also been the Inquiry Leader, and a member of the Literacy and Reporting and Assessment teams. Although a young teacher, Stacey has occasionally represented Maitland Lutheran School at Principal meetings in Adelaide. She has also devoted her time to communities overseas, volunteering in Tanzania and Cambodia. Stacey knows the Lutheran system well as she is a graduate of Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School and Endeavour College.

Jennifer Aquino

Jennifer will teach Year 4 next year at St Paul. She is an experienced teacher who has taught each year level from Reception to Year 6. Jennifer is joining us from St Joseph's School, Ottoway. She has a significant amount of experience working with students from non-English speaking backgrounds and children with special needs, including time at the Modbury Special School. Jennifer has experience with the Reggio Emilia philosophy of teaching from her time at St Augustine's Parish School and has a passion for music and the arts. This year she led a school choir in the Semaphore Street Fair and the Combined Catholic School's Music Festival.

Amy Grant

Amy Grant joins us from Risdon Park Primary School in Port Pirie and will teach the German program next year. She has travelled to and studied in Germany on a teacher fellowship. Amy has experience in teaching German from Reception to Year 7 and has used iPads in the classroom previously. Amy is also a musician and plays a variety of woodwind instruments such as the clarinet, oboe and cor anglais. She has performed with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and conducted the Holdfast Bay Concert Band. A talented lady!

Reception Students in 2016

In 2016, Reception students will commence school on **Tuesday 9 February**. Reception teachers will conduct interviews at school for Reception children in the week prior to this. These interviews aid in building relationships and ensuring a smooth transition to primary school.

Office Hours

The School Office will close on Wednesday 16 December and reopen on Wednesday 20 January.

Thank You

As this is the last Inspire for 2015, I'd like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank the parents and friends of St Paul for their support and encouragement of students and staff in 2015. May your Christmas be one of rich blessings as you spend quality family time over the coming holiday season.

Andrew Messenger
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Stationery Orders for 2016

Thank you to all families who ordered their stationery in time to be delivered on Thursday last week. If you have not yet ordered your stationery, please do so online and it will be delivered to the school. The school office opens from 20 January 2016 for collection.

With yesterday's report mail-out, you also received instructions for your child's 2016 teacher about labelling stationery items.

Sports Uniform for Last Day

Students are encouraged to wear PE uniform tomorrow, Wednesday 9 December to ensure their official summer uniform is clean and ready for the End-of-Year Service.

Leila Mattner
Assistant Principal

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

If you have not received your Scholastic Book Club order, please contact the office as we have an unnamed order.

Robyn Mader
Business Manager

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays on:

Monday 18 January	9 am to 1 pm
Tuesday 19 January	9 am to 1 pm
Wednesday 20 January	9 am to 1 pm
Friday 22 January	9 am to 1 pm

If you are in need of uniform items but are unable to come in on these days simply email your requirements to Jane, uniformshop@stpaulba.sa.edu.au and she will have your order ready for pick up at the beginning of the school year.

Robyn Mader
Business Manager

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas Worship Opportunities

All are invited to worship at St Paul Lutheran Church. We welcome you to the following Christmas services:

Sunday 20 December	8:30 am	Traditional Service with Holy Communion
	10 am	Children's Christmas Service
Thursday 24 December	7:30 pm	Readings and Carols Service
Friday 25 December	9 am	Carol Service with Holy Communion
Thursday 31 December	7 pm	New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

Following Christmas, we invite you to attend worship every Sunday at 9 am up to and including 31 January. For more information please contact the Church Secretary, Ms Naomi Burls, on 8262 4690.

St Paul Lutheran Church

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball

Stars

Congratulations to the Stars for a wonderful season. The players came a long way through the season. They have learnt all the positions well including defensive and attacking skills. Congratulations on your first goals! Their ball movement down the court has improved and their enthusiasm for the game of netball showed. They grew in confidence to work together and enjoy the game. Well done Stars (formerly known as the 9 & under training squad).

Golden Girls

Golden Girls have had a wonderful semester training well and achieving great results with only losing 1 game. They are a great team to coach, they all listen during training and put in 100%. Every single player has developed so much and are an important part of this team. They won their grand final last year; were runners up at midyear and have finished on top of the ladder this season and ready to do battle in the grand final this Friday 11 December. A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents and other friends and supporters for encouraging the team. Go Golden Girls!

Basketball

Jaguars

St Paul Jaguars (30) defeated Walky Wolves (8) in another great team performance. The Jaguars have had an excellent season and are a pleasure to coach. They all put in 100% and play so well together as a team.

MAINLY MUSIC

Have you got pre-school aged children? Do they love music? Mainly music is a fun, interactive music session run by church volunteers for young children and their parents/caregivers. Sessions are run on Mondays and Wednesdays during school term at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Hampstead at 9:30 am. Throughout the session children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, maths and pre-reading skills as well as socialise with others. Cost is \$4 per family which includes morning tea. If you are interested please contact Louise Venning for more information on 0416 008 129.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Netball SA Clinics

Netball SA is running an intensive ANZ NetSetGO on 15th, 16th and 17th Dec from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Priceline Stadium, 155 Railway Terrace, Mile End.

Weblink: <https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?type=6&entityid=66277&fl=1&id=15671>

Netball SA is running a School Holiday Clinic on 19th & 20th January at Priceline Stadium, 155 Railway Terrace, Mile End. Time and date vary dependant upon the participants age.

Weblink: <http://sa.netball.com.au/netball-sa-school-holiday-clinics/>

Little Athletics

Little Athletics SA and Athletics SA are conducted clinics in the January school holidays to all children from 3 to 17 years of age. The clinics are designed to improve the children's specific technical competencies in all different track and field events. More information is available on their website <http://salaa.org.au/holidayclinics>.

Everything has been so enjoyable this year as Senior Sixers, from being a Senior buddy to doing jobs like the sport shed and candles. There were so many different opportunities and we will all miss St Paul dearly.

Emily B, Rachael P, Anna L, Alex M and Hanna L

At St Paul we haven't just learnt at a curricular level, we have extended ourselves whether it be with leadership, sports or lifelong qualities. We will be able to take these skills with us for life at secondary school and beyond, thanks to our wonderful parents and teachers who have supported us during the hard times.

Emma J, Ashleigh H, Trinity H and Ruby K

We're thankful to St Paul for teaching us subjects we use in our daily lives and for the future. We're also thankful for having the responsibility of a buddy and for graduating this year.

William W, Liam M, Brock W and Zach M

Becoming a leader of the student body has brought us many responsibilities and opportunities to expand our life skills, such as the privilege of having a Reception buddy to care for, a newfound independence in the field of education and being able to increase our leadership that will provide us with qualities that will assist us throughout the next chapter of our lives.

Stanley HC, Tyler H, Lily S and Portia D

The opportunity to be the first Year 6 class to graduate at St Paul feels awesome. Our lives at St Paul have been enjoyable, fun and memorable. Our time here has been the best and fun for all of us.

Dylan T, Cooper P, Damon T, Massimo V and Harminder R

FAREWELL



SENIOR SIXERS

We'd like to thank all the teachers that have taught us and our family and friends that have supported us throughout primary school. We are proud of having the opportunity to be a Senior buddy and to be graduating this year.

Eleni K, Kalani A, Rasharna M and Mel O

The teachers at St Paul this year have been encouraging and have taught us well. It has been a privilege being able to be a Senior buddy.

Jackson S, Ryan P, Zac E-W and Luke H

Being the first Year Sixes to graduate from St Paul, we are proud of having the responsibility of leading the younger students and guiding the Receptions through their first year.

Jemma W, Lili F, Carleigh B and Latisha B

Thank you, St Paul for supporting us through our time here. We enjoyed learning new skills in different subjects that will help us in high school. We appreciate all the staff members that helped us when we were troubled and we are grateful to be the first Year Six class to graduate from St Paul Lutheran.

Brodie C, Kevin D, Mason P and Charlie D

Farewell Senior Sevens

As 2015 draws to a close, the Senior 7 students paused and reflected on their time and experiences at St Paul...

This year we have really enjoyed going to the camp as it was fun with all the water activities. We loved making paper rockets and getting to see and play with NAO. Doing concert for the last time was really special as was working with friends and doing projects together. ~Thomas and Samuel

Our time at St Paul has been full of wonderful memories. It was a great experience to be with the whole class and Miss Mattner doing new things. We are definitely going to miss St Paul and being the role models in our school. ~ Lily and Izzy

We will most certainly miss all our classmates that we are leaving very soon and will treasure the time we've spent with them. We will most definitely miss is our buddies in which we have spent a great amount of time with this year, bonding and connecting with each other. St Paul will forever be in our hearts; all the great and amazing people we have met will be most definitely remembered. ~ Olivia and Jordan F

We have cherished our time at St Paul and will forever remember the memories we have as we move on to our new schools. The teachers made lessons a fun and thrilling experience. It will be sad to leave the school and we will remember the times we all had together. We will never forget the people who encouraged our education and those who became our closest friends. ~ Lilli and Liya

Over the last eight years at St Paul, we have loved making new friends and getting to know different teachers each year. We loved being a role model to the younger kids and having them look up to us. We loved having the opportunity to be involved with leadership as we could go for SRC and House and School Captains. We will miss all the teacher

We have enjoyed going to camp and doing all the activities that we wouldn't usually do. We have loved making new and interesting friends on our journey and really liked events such as Sports Day, being a captain and having the chance to be on the winning side. ~ Kody and Daniel

Our favourite memories are from camps like Wirraway and Murraylands. We have really liked the friendships and friendliness at St Paul. ~ Cameron

We have really enjoyed being role models to the younger students as they looked up to us. We loved going on camps which were fun and educational and the excursions were also really good experiences. We particularly loved the opportunity to be a School or House Captain and on the SRC. ~ Madison and Connor



We remember the very first day of school and how nervous and excited we were. We will miss all of our friends here at St Paul and also the facilities we had, especially all of the space on the big park. We have really enjoyed the camps most of all, in particular the Year 7 camp, as we were able to do lots of new and fun things like water skiing and knee boarding. ~ Jack and Baxter

We have really enjoyed making lots of friends and getting time to spend with them. We will certainly miss the small community here at St Paul and all of the teachers and special classroom (like we had this year). We will always remember our camps, especially the Murraylands camp, as we had lots of fun together and had the opportunity to try lots of new and exciting things ~ Jasmine and Mitchell

Some of our favourite memories from our time at St Paul have been school camps and the fun excursions we have been able to go on. We also really enjoyed being involved in all of the concerts and spending time with our friends. ~ Rebecca and Hannah

We will miss the people and all of the fun that we have had with them. We have enjoyed the new friends we have made and all of the camps that we have been on; they were really fun. We will miss the teachers and our relationship with them and we will certainly miss the enthusiasm everyone had. ~ Dylan and Zandi

We really enjoyed the camps and spending time with our friends. We always enjoyed going to Seven Spy and playing games like Grug. We will miss how long lunch time goes for. It was great that we were able to use the iPads for lots of our activities. We are going to miss all of the teachers and staff around the school ~ Josh and Jordan K

We will miss our friends and all of the teachers. Something that we have really enjoyed the most was all of the camps that we went on. We have found it challenging getting ready for transition to our new schools. We will certainly miss the fun that we had during our free time and all of the fitness activities that we were able to do. ~ Paul and Jacquin

The future is all yours now. Go for it! May the LORD bless your steps and watch over you.