LOVED

As Term One draws to a close for students I have begun reflecting on what has been, for me as a parent and as a staff member, a hectic time. With a son almost completed his first term of school and a daughter in Year Two, I battle, as many families do at this stage of the term, with child illnesses, tiredness and the search for the last couple of elusive library books that must be in the house somewhere. At the same time, taking on additional responsibilities in the past few weeks has meant that my children have not seen me as much as they would like, and my study next week will see them head off to their grandparents' house for a week of adventures in the Riverland.

The busy lifestyle has certainly taken its toll, yet through this time, I have been supported by family, friends and staff members. Notes of gratitude, offers of babysitting, flowers, chocolate, lasagne and brownies have all found their way onto my desk and into mine and my children's tummies (the food, not the flowers).

Following Jesus' death and resurrection, the disciples' time with Jesus was quite short. After Jesus' return to heaven, what a hectic time they had in front of them! Sharing Jesus' message of hope and love, first to the Jews and then to the wider world, the task was, and still is, a seemingly overwhelming one. It was important for the disciples and early Christians to support one another. I'm not sure that brownies were a common menu item, however; 'Many miracles and wonders were being done through the apostles, and everyone was filled with awe. All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another. They would sell their property and possessions, and distribute the money among all, according to what each one needed. Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.' Acts 2:43-47

It was important for them to support one another to keep going. Their important message was for everyone in the world.

Christians now continue to support one another through institutions such as schools and churches, as well as through fellowship and community. We see this played out every day through the words and actions of the people at St Paul. To some of you, this is not new and to others this takes some getting used to. But the fact remains that this important message is still for everyone in the world. We are loved by a God so deeply that he gave up his Son for us.

Submitted by Leila Mattner
FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Thank You
I would like to thank all of the staff, parents, caregivers and students for a rewarding term of learning, and community building. Eleven weeks can be a long time for students in particular and I pray that you all enjoy a break from the daily school routines.

Student Farewell
This week we farewell Indah Kurniawan and her parents Hari and Tabitha. We will miss you and wish you well in your new home and school.

Staffing News
Next Term, Miss Cheryl Ziegeler will be taking some much-deserved long service leave. Mrs Megan Lehmann will join the Learning Support team for the duration of Term Two.

Sports Day Review
Sports Day in 2016 was a twilight event for the first time in many years. I once again thank all members of the St Paul community for their support of this event. Teaching staff met last week for an in depth review of Sports Day. The questions posed were:

- What is most important to you as an educator about Sports Day?
- In what ways did Friday’s Sports Day meet the expectations listed?
- In what ways could we alter Sports Day to better meet our expectations?

Kym Mickan and I will meet in the latter part of the year to review the responses from staff members. We would also like to have input from school families about sports day. If you would like to share any feedback, either based on the questions listed above (insert ‘parent’ for ‘educator’), or any other comments you would like to make, I would be most grateful. Please email me at lmattner@stpaulba.sa.edu.au.

Term Two Opening Worship
Opening worship will be held in the church at 9 am on Tuesday 3 May. All parents and friends are warmly invited to attend. Students who do not have PE lessons should please wear official summer or winter uniform ready for opening worship to begin at 9 am. All parents and friends are, once again, warmly invited to join us.

Uniform in Term Two
Winter uniform is to be worn in Terms Two and Three. However, students have the option of continuing to wear their summer uniform until the end of May. Please see Jane Sabel at the uniform shop for any of your uniform needs. She’s also quite handy for help with clarifying our uniform requirements!
**Connected Schools Worship**
On Friday 6 May, Years 4, 5 and 6 students and teachers will join with their peers from Good Shepherd Lutheran School and Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School to attend a combined worship service at Endeavour College along with their Years 8 and 9 students. Year 4 students have the opportunity to participate in some workshops at Endeavour College following a shared morning tea.

In addition, we invite all parents, caregivers and family members from the St Paul community to join us in this worship and community-building opportunity. Morning tea will be served following the service, held in the Endeavour Centre, Endeavour College, 85 Mawson Lakes Blvd, Mawson Lakes at 10:15 am on Friday 6 May.

For more information about Connected Schools, please click on the logo, or visit www.connectedschools.com.au.

**Quality Schools**
In the next few weeks we will be gathering data about the school from students, staff and parents through the Quality Schools survey. The data gathered will benefit everyone within the school by providing valuable information in such areas as the teaching and learning program, our values and our community, so that success can be celebrated and educational services improved.

All students from Year 5, staff and families, will be invited to participate in the survey which will be conducted through email. We are using an independent company, PCRADII, to assist us in conducting this important survey. This means that your responses to the survey will remain confidential. If you do not wish to participate in this survey, a link will be provided to indicate this in the email. While participation in the survey is voluntary, you are encouraged to do so as it is a significant opportunity to voice your opinion about your child’s school confidentially.

Leila Mattner
Assistant Principal

**BUSINESS MANAGER’S NEWS**

**Community Lottery**
Raffle books are being sent home during this week. This is a raffle whereby community groups and schools are able to sell tickets without the expense of ticket printing or prizes. Your support is appreciated.

**Term 2 Accounts**
Term two accounts were emailed last week. Parents wishing to discuss their accounts are welcome to call me at any time on 8260 2655.
LLL Banking
Established in 1921, the prime purpose of the LLL (Lutheran Laypeople’s League of Australia Incorporated) is to assist the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) in its mission and ministry of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The LLL serves the LCA in numerous ways but especially in aspects of business and finance. It operates savings accounts for LCA members and supporters who wish to assist LCA organisations.

Funds deposited enable the LLL to provide financial assistance to the LCA, particularly by way of low interest loans to LCA projects for building and equipping churches, schools, and care facilities.

Students are encouraged to consider opening a savings account with the LLL. Deposits can be made through the school on Wednesdays. Applications to open an account are available from the school office.

Robyn Mader
Business Manager

SHED MEN GO BUSH XI
The latest newsletter for Shed Men Go Bush XI was sent home today. If you have not registered for this camp and would like to attend, please see the office to collect a registration form.

Shed Men Committee

RECYCLING BOXES NEEDED
The Junior school construction box is in need of empty recyclable boxes, containers, cardboard tubes (no toilet rolls). Please save your recyclable goods over the holidays and deliver to the Year 1 classrooms next term. Many thanks.

Emma Arnold and Gretchen Byrne
Year 1 Teachers

COMMUNITY NEWS
Keep your kids smiling
Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.
Prospect School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8269 4579
THURSDAY
5TH MAY
MOTHER’S DAY STALL

This year’s Mother’s Day stall will be a different format from past years. This year we are not asking families for donation of gifts, only to purchase gifts from the stall. All children will be able to purchase up to 3 gifts + a card.

Children will visit the stall during class time.