WHAT CAN AN ANT ACHIEVE?

Last week I came across an incredible video of scientists exploring a giant anthill. They filled the abandoned hill with 10 tonnes of cement and then excavated the site, much like archaeologists, over several weeks. What they found was simply incredible - an underground metropolis built with sophisticated order. There was a labyrinth of tunnels and food storage, living and waste areas. The design revealed economy of travel to the surface and excellent ventilation. It looks to be the work of a master city planner but of course this city was created by an extraordinarily large team. It struck me that although there was no one directing these ants, that with a clear common goal (survival of the colony) they were able to achieve a collective greatness.

Ants appear only twice in the Bible, both times in the book of Proverbs, and they are rightly lauded for their wisdom. Proverbs 6:6 recommends ‘lazy people should learn a lesson from the way ants live’. Indeed, ants are esteemed for their diligence, their initiative without supervision and their foresight, especially when collecting food during summer to prepare for winter. They do this with the precision of a team at its best. Each ant has a distinct function and all work collectively towards a single goal.

This is strikingly similar to Paul’s likening the Christian life to functioning as part of the Body of Christ. All ant species live in colonies centred around one or more egg-laying queens. So even though the queen does not issue commands for each ant, they each work for her good. Ants work for the queen, whereas Christians should all be working for a common King. Imagine the potential of a family, a school or a community working together for a Christian purpose. May you know your place and purpose in our St Paul community this week and always.

Anthill Excavation link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lFg21x2sj-M

Submitted by Megan Fyffe
FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Sports Day 2016
Friday was an exceptional day for our Twilight Sports Day competition. Thank you to all families for your support and attendance; it was lovely to see so many of you stay on for an early barbeque tea. I’d like to particularly thank the volunteers who helped to set up, serve, or cook the barbeque on the day. This was a huge commitment from those involved and we are lucky to have so many selfless helpers in our community.

Congratulations to Neumann for their win for 2016, and to the individual medal winners for your efforts both on sports day and in the events prior to the day.

Final results:  1st  Neumann  
               2nd  Linke  
               3rd  Giersch

2016 Championship Winners:
Senior Boy  Nathaniel Keeler
Senior Girl  Leticia Scholz
Intermediate Boy  Rylan Hopkins
Intermediate Girl  Aleisha Martin
Junior Boy  Jonathan Wildman
Junior Girl  Abbey Jones

A link to Tania Pile’s photographs from the day are available for viewing on our Parent Weebly: www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/class-weebly/.

Welcome to St Paul
We warmly welcome Vaness Wu, and her parents, Vincent and Xinlie to the St Paul community. Vaness joins Miss Baldock in Year 5.

SPLASH Update
We congratulate Steve Kirk for his appointment to the role of SPLASH Director. Steve began visiting SPLASH this week and will no doubt meet many of you in the weeks to come. Vacation care forms for the coming holidays are available from the school office and have also been attached to this edition of INSPIRE. Please be sure to book your places by Monday for staffing purposes.

Year 3 and Year 5 Camps
This term has already seen our Year 3 and 5 students head off on camp. Year 3 students stayed overnight at Shiloh Hills working with team games, hiking and taking advantage of the great outdoors. Year 5 students spent 3 days in beautiful weather at Aldinga Beach with team building challenges and surf lifesaving skills. Photos of these events will soon be available on the Parent Weebly. St Paul values the social and physical challenges presented to students through our camping program and we are fortunate to have a fabulous band of teachers, ancillary staff, and incredible parent volunteers who give of their time to make this possible for all. Thank you!
Farewell
Last week in Chapel we farewelled Jazzmin and Ethan Smith, and their parents Julie-Ann and Bradley. We pray God’s richest blessings for the Smith family in their new home and at their new school.

Connected Schools
We warmly welcome Shane Paterson to the role of Principal at Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School. Shane was installed as part of their school worship on Friday morning.

Friday afternoon saw the official opening of the Endeavour College Middle Years Building. This wonderful facility has already been in use throughout Term One for many of our Year 6 and 7 students from last year. If you have not yet had a chance to see this, I encourage you to pencil in Endeavour’s next Open Day on Tuesday 31 May.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 15 April – Term One will conclude on Friday 15 April. All parents and friends are warmly invited to participate in closing worship at 2:30 pm. Students who do not have PE lessons should please wear official summer uniform.

Monday 18 April to Friday 29 April – School holidays. Please see vacation care programs and booking forms attached to this email if you require care.

Monday 2 May – Pupil Free Day. Note that teaching staff will be in professional development workshops on this day. SPLASH will operate on this day. Contact SPLASH or the school office for more information.

Tuesday 3 May – Term 2 begins. Opening worship will be held in the church at 9 am. 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.

School dates and events are regularly updated on the school website and can be viewed on our events calendar at www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/school-calendar/.

Leila Mattner
Assistant Principal

SPORTS DAY 2016

It appears that whether we stage our Sports Day in the morning, noon or night, it’s usually a fair dinkum, corker affair!

Last Friday was one of those days! Pretty good weather, an outstanding supportive crowd of parents/grandparents and friends (including former students of St Paul), lots of fun-filled tabloid events, food for sale from the Shed Men barbecue and Mrs Semmler’s on-site canteen, and hundreds of colourfully
decorated Giersch, Linke and Neumannites - it all added up to produce a wonderful combined St Paul community event.

The staff of St Paul need to be thanked again for their hard work, resilience and flexibility - not just on the day, but in the lead-up activities prior to Sports Day.

Likewise, the Year 6 leaders and indeed the entire senior student cohort deserve a pat on their collective backs for their support of and positive role-modelling to the younger students.

Some reflections on the day were as follows:

Alex (Year 6) - ‘I think the day went smoothly. I thought all teams showed good behaviour.’

Alice (Year 6) - ‘Sports Day was as good as I remember it from my Year 2 days at St Paul. I liked the afternoon time-slot because I could relax in the morning before we started.’

Mrs Wilkins (parent) - ‘It was wonderful to see the team spirit evident in all the teams.’

Sisters Lyla (Year 4) and Peyton (Year 6) both enjoyed the Tabloid section of the program most of all. Their favourite tabloids were the Water Relay and the Ostacle Course.

Special acknowledgement to Terry Brokate, the Shed Men and many other volunteers for their assistance, notably their mighty efforts in the dismantle/pack-up operation.

Kym Mickan
Sports Day Coordinator

LEARNING CORNER

NAPLAN 2016
Early next term will once again see students in Years 3 and 5 participate in The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests (NAPLAN). A letter will be sent home to all families in Year 3 and 5 later this term with further information regarding the timeline of tests. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Tests will begin on Tuesday 10 May (language conventions and writing) and continue on Wednesday (reading) and Thursday (numeracy).

NAPLAN tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. All students are encouraged to participate, although students with a disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Where possible, we will organise for
individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 13 May 2016.

A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year and the same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you and we assure you that student results are strictly confidential. For more information about NAPLAN you can visit the NAP website www.nap.edu.au.

**Student Reports 2016**
St Paul completed a review and modification of school reports in 2015 to ensure they comply with governmental requirements and provide quality feedback for parents. The report sent home in Term 4 last year was the first time this format was used. This year the report that will be sent home late in Term 2 will be a progress report based on the same format as last year’s end of year report. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for Week 9 and 10 of Term 2 and these provide an opportunity for parents to discuss the report but also learn more about the emotional and social development of the child.

Jason Fay  
Director of Learning

**COMMUNITY CARER NEWS**

**Class Carer Support Network**
If you are able to assist the Class Carers in supporting school families for short term issues of care, (e.g. cooking a meal or baking a cake) we would love to hear from you! It would be greatly appreciated if we could receive your offer of support, by this Friday 8 April, via the green Class Carer Support Network forms that went home with your child a few weeks ago. Extra forms may be accessed either from the front office or via the parent weebly on the school website (in the section ‘notices and forms’).

**St Paul Community Library**
The St Paul Community Library is a valuable resource available for anyone in the school or church community. Located at the northern end of the church narthex, the library contains books, resources, CD’s and DVD’s specifically for borrowing by adults within our community. Parenting resources, novels, spiritual and devotional materials are all available. The library was originally developed through generous donations from within our community and has grown substantially since then.

Borrowing is done by an honour card system of 4 weeks as this ensures that all resources are continually available to the community. Please refer to the signs on the library cupboard for borrowing procedures.

You may wish to check out some of the books that are now on display in the library. There are some great resources for parenting such as:
 How to Talk so Kids will Listen - A practical guide to effective communication with your children. It uses logical approaches to common problems and shows how to improve relationships with children to make them less stressful and more rewarding.

 The Secret of Happy Children - Steve Biddulph has written a humorous, easy to read, practical guide to assist with parent-child communication from babies to teens.

 More Secrets of Happy Children - Another humorous, practical guide to help with parent-child communication that is filled with more good ideas!

 The Five Love Languages of Children - Dr Ross Campbell and Gary Chapman discuss how children desperately need to know how much parents love them. But if you don’t know their special ‘love languages’ you might as well be speaking another language! Every child (like every adult) expresses and receives love best through one of 5 communication styles - quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service and physical touch. Find out which one your child speaks!

These titles are just to name a few. The Community Library has a great variety of resources available. Please feel free to take a look when you have a spare moment! You may find a resource that could help make your life a little easier!

Felicity Tamasi
Community Chaplain

LIBRARY NEWS

Request for Library Volunteer

Three mornings a week we issue students with new take home readers for the week ahead. We are very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers to help staff with this task. I am looking for one more volunteer to help with reader change over on a Thursday morning. It takes approximately half an hour and begins at 8:45 am. You do not need to be a registered volunteer or have previous experience. If you are interested please contact me in person or via email: wmcleod@stpaulba.sa.edu.au

Wendy McLeod
Library Resource Manager

SRC CASUAL DAY

The SRC are holding a casual day this Friday 8th April to support Cancer Council and Childhood Cancer. Please come to school wearing your favourite football colours or yellow. A gold coin donation is appreciated.

Student Representative Council
SPORTS RESULTS

Basketball
Jaguars
St Paul Jaguars (20) defeated Walky 1 (18).

Cricket
Seniors
St Paul Lutheran (4/101) defeated Tea Tree Gully (7/66).

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

iPad Filmmaking 101 Course
Date: Friday 29 April 2016
Time: 9 am to 3 pm
Venue: Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield
Age: 8 – 13 year olds
Cost: $10
BYO: iPad or Tablet and Lunch

Limited spaces. Priority to young people from the City of Port Adelaide Enfield.
Bookings: http://kidscameraaction.com/upcoming-workshops/

Life.Be.In.It Come & Try Sport

Come ‘n Try Sport
Monday 18th April – Friday 22nd April
Adelaide CBD & Park Lands
www.comantry.com.au
Technology and Children: Must-knows from the Experts

Adelaide – Monday 16th May 2016

Join us as we hear from experts:

- **Dr Kate Highfield** - Nationally recognised expert on how technology can be used as a tool in learning and play
- **Ben Riley** - Cognitive Behaviour Therapist; Researcher on gambling-related digital media

7 pm to 8:30 pm: **Parents/Carers Session** (Gold coin donation)
- Being a step ahead of our children
- Understanding the links between games and gambling
- Being clued in about devices
- Encouraging children to be smart users

**REGISTER NOW**: www.trybooking.com/KRLN

**Location:**
Tyndale Christian School (Senior School Auditorium),
50 Fern Grove Boulevard, Salisbury East

Presented by Australian Council on Children and the Media, Children Community Connection and Flinders University.
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For more information please contact ACCM on 8376 2111 or events@childrenandmedia.org.au