Never Give Up

‘I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.’
2 Timothy 4:7

Joop Zoetemelk is known as the Netherlands’ most successful cyclist. But that’s because he never gave up. He started and finished the Tour de France 16 times—placing second five times before winning in 1980. That’s perseverance!

Many winners have reached success by climbing a special ladder called “never give up”. However, there are also many who have lost the opportunity to achieve success because they gave up too soon. This can happen in every area of life: family, education, friends, work, service. Perseverance is a key to victory.

The apostle Paul persevered despite persecution and affliction (2 Timothy 3:10–11). He viewed life with realism, recognising that as followers of Christ we will suffer persecution (vv. 12–13), but he instructed Timothy to place his faith in God and the encouragement of the Scriptures (vv. 14–15). Doing so would help him face discouragement and endure with hope. At the end of his life, Paul said, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (4:7).

We too can allow the Scriptures to strengthen us to press on in the race marked out for us. For our God is both a promise-making and promise-keeping God and will reward those who faithfully finish the race (v. 8).
Heavenly Father, give me strength of character and perseverance to serve you better. Help me not to get discouraged when things get tough but to rely on You to see me through.

Faith connects our weakness to God’s strength.

Taken from a devotion by Jaime Fernández Garrido, http://odb.org/

Submitted by Emma Arnold

From the Principal

THANK YOU

I’d like to open this edition of Inspire by thanking our students and families for the wonderful support of our Year 5 students last week. When our teachers and students begin a unit of inquiry, it takes them on a journey of discovery where the end point, with student action, can seem a long way off. I congratulate Miss Baldock and the Year 5 students for demonstrating to us the many ways that they were able to ‘wage war on poverty’. (Stay tuned for more about their sleepout).

Each classroom teacher shares information about what has been happening in their class through their class weebies. If you have not visited your class weebly for a while, I encourage you to take a few minutes to explore what your child/ren have been doing in class. If you have forgotten your weebly password, please ask your classroom teacher or any of our administration staff in the office.

ST PAUL FACEBOOK

Thank you to those of you who have been visiting our Facebook Page and sharing with friends. We’d love for the entire school community to get on board and like our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/stpaullutheranschoolba/ or search for St Paul from your Facebook page.

TRAFFIC REQUEST

Through this term we have noticed an increase of traffic build-up on Audrey Avenue, particularly during the afternoon pick-up time between 3pm and 3:30pm. Due to the danger associated with vehicles lining up on both sides of the road, I ask that all traffic turning into St Paul during the peak times of 3pm to 3:30pm please do so by turning left. If you are coming from the direction of Main North Road, this will mean driving through to the roundabout and coming back along Audrey Avenue. Please ask any of our staff members on duty after school if you would like clarification of any of our procedures. Thank you in advance!

LSA CONFERENCE - 2 SEPTEMBER

Friday 2 September is a pupil free day for all Lutheran Schools in South Australia. The Lutheran Schools Association (SA) conference is an important opportunity for our schools to come together to share our collective knowledge and vision. The theme for this year’s conference is “Share, Serve and Lead”. For those of you who were planning a visit to the Adelaide show on a weekday, this could be a great opportunity to beat the weekend crowds without your children missing class time. SPLASH will also be available for students needing care on the day – please see information in this edition of Inspire.

Leila Mattner | Principal

General News

BOOK WEEK 2016

Colouring Competition

Students are invited to participate in a colouring-in competition leading up to Book Week 2016 celebrating the theme “Australia! Story Country”. Students can collect an entry form from their teacher and enter it by Tuesday 23 August. A winner will be selected from each class and announced at the Book Week Assembly. All entries will be displayed in the Library during Book Week so come up and have a look!
Book Week is only one week away! Don't forget to bring in a ‘pre-loved’ book for the Tuesday book swap and start thinking about which book character you will come as for the Friday dress-up day.

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Last week all children should have received a paper form to fill out for sponsorship for the Jump Rope for Heart. Remember you have two options for registering:

1. Online – using the following link to our schools official jump rope website. Click on [http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=St-Paul-Lutheran-Primary-School-BLAIR-ATHOL-SA-121464](http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=St-Paul-Lutheran-Primary-School-BLAIR-ATHOL-SA-121464) to see our school's fundraising website.


We will be holding the event in the first weeks of Term 4.

**SPLASH NEWS**

Friday 2 September will be a Pupil Free Day but don't worry, SPLASH will be open and running a fun day of activities based on a SHOW DAY theme. Registration forms will be distributed by the end of this week, but any question or early bookings can be directed to Rebecca Heinjus at rheinjus@stpaulba.sa.edu.a or splash@stpaulba.sa.edu.au.

**FEE PAYMENTS**

Term 3 fees are now overdue. Please attend to your account promptly.

We have received a direct deposit with the description Kenneth Geoffrey. Could the mysterious Kenneth Geoffrey please contact Robyn Mader so that we can process the payment against your account. Please ensure that when you deposit to our bank account that you leave a description that identifies you or your account.

**FATHERS’ DAY STALL AND RAFFLE**

The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Thursday 1 September. 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 plus a card. Gifts range from $2 to $6 and will come in a gift bag or wrapped. All gift cards are $1.

The Parents and Friends Team have put together two raffle prizes. The prizes are on view in the office and by the canteen. Raffle tickets can be purchased from the school office for $1 each or 3 for $2. Thank you for your support.

**ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

Endeavour College, Mawson Lakes invites you to attend their Open Day on Thursday 1 September from 9am to 11am to experience the benefits of Endeavour College and observe firsthand the opportunities they can provide for your child/ren's future. Tours run for approximately 2 hours. For further details please visit [www.endeavour.sa.edu.au](http://www.endeavour.sa.edu.au).

**SCHOOL WEEBLY**

Our school weebly is updated regularly with photos from excursions and events happening at the school. You can also view sporting fixtures and results; and current notices and forms. To view this visit [http://stpaulparentinformation.weebly.com/](http://stpaulparentinformation.weebly.com/) and enter the code. If you need assistance, please contact the office staff who will be happy to help.

**SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD**

We have a school noticeboard that is located in the southern end of the canteen corridor. Information regarding parenting workshops; fun activities from a selection of providers; school holiday activities and other general information is regularly placed on this board. If you wish to place information on this board please run it past the office staff as all information is to be sanctioned by the Principal.
OUR VISION:

Connected.
Innovative.
Grounded in Christ.

OUR VALUES:

God’s Word
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Acceptance
Romans 15:7

Excellence
1 Corinthians 10:31

Respect
Luke 6:31

Compassion
1 John 3:18

Hope
Titus 3:7

Community
2 Corinthians 13:13

Love
1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

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LOST AND FOUND

Lost something recently? A school jumper or rugby top, a lunch box, or a headband? Come to the office and ask to check the Lost Property Box. We're building up a nice collection of unnamed goods wanting to find their way home!

Church News

6/7 SPY

6/7 SPY starts back this Friday 19 August from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. Boys to bring supper please. Cost is $2.00. Parents if you could please stay at drop off time for a short chat with the leaders before the night begins. For more details contact Nicole Hall, Child, Youth and Household Coordinator at St Paul Lutheran Church on 0412 686 342.

PASTY BAKE

St Paul Lutheran Church pasties will be available next Thursday 25 August for $12 per tray of 6. Please place your orders with Renate Burls on 8260 5758 or the school office on 8260 2655 no later than Wednesday 24 August. Thank you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

St Paul Lutheran Church provides Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes each year which are filled from our church and school families and then directed to Samaritan’s Purse. These covered shoeboxes are now available from the church foyer. Information on what to pack into the shoebox is inside. Boxes must be returned to Church Office Manager, Naomi, by TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER. Any queries, please contact Naomi on 8262 4690 or the school office.

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.