



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### **WED 7 DEC**

- 9am Reception Christmas Concert
- 2.30pm Music Teachers Concert

### **THURS 8 DEC**

- 7pm Class Carer End of Year Dinner

### **FRI 9 DEC**

- School Reports sent home
- 9am Presentaion Assembly
- Year 3 Science Excursion
- 3.15pm Year 1 Class Get Together

### **• MON 12 DEC**

- School Magazine Distribution
- 6pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner

### **• TUES 13 DEC**

- Class Parties Reception - Year 5
- Year 6 Celebration Day

### **• WED 14 DEC**

- Students Final Day
- 7pm End Of Year Service at Endeavour College

## The gift

In spite of wishing it didn't coincide with the end of the school year, I do love Christmas. I love the traditions, the trees, the decorations, the music, the food and the pictures of food I know I'll never make. I love spending time with family and friends and I do love worshipping at Christmas. Worshipping 'centres me' – reminding me that there is a reason for the season and that it is Jesus.

The birth of any baby is a miraculous, beautiful event and worth celebrating, but the birth of God's Son - incredible. US astronaut Hale Irwin, who after returning to earth, is reported to have said "The most significant achievement of our age is not that man stood on the moon, but rather that God in Christ stood upon this earth."

One of my favourite Christmas decorations is an ornament that has Father Christmas in front of the manger. To me that is his rightful place, bowing in front of God's eternal gift – the Saviour of the world.

As much as I enjoy getting gifts, they do not last forever. However God's gift of His Son will last, and it is a gift for all, not just me. As the angel proclaimed to the shepherds so long ago – "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the lord."

Blessed Christmas

**Submitted by** Cheryl Ziegeler





## From the Principal

### 2017 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our school captains for 2017:

Captains: Jaxon Barr and Georgia Pavlidis

Vice Captains: Jake Smith and Evelyn Fay

These students were chosen by their peers and teachers after an application and voting process and I am very proud of this group of students appointed to lead our school next year. We will present them to the school during our presentation assembly on Friday morning this week, and they will be installed in a Chapel service during the second week of school in 2017. The application and voting process for sports captains for 2017 is currently underway and these positions will also be announced in Friday morning's assembly.

**Leila Mattner** Principal

### NUT FREE POLICY REMINDER

At any given time a number of students in our school have a severe peanut/nut allergy. These students cannot be exposed to nuts in ANY form, as this will trigger an anaphylactic reaction. Anaphylaxis requires an immediate injection of adrenalin, ambulance attendance and hospitalisation.

Please remember when bringing food to school next week for class parties that;

#### **No student is to bring the following foods to school:**

*Peanut butter (sandwiches, dips or crackers)*

*Nutella (sandwiches or dips)*

*Biscuits and cakes with nuts in them*

*Muesli bars with nuts*

*Chocolate containing nuts eg Snickers*

*Dried fruit & nut mixes*

You can find the complete Nut Free Policy on the Parent Weebly in the Notice and Forms section.

## From the Director of Learning

Join us at 9.00am in the Chapel this Friday for our 2016 Presentation Assembly. Many students will be recognised for their efforts this year, including: sports teams, tennis and table tennis competition winners, Year 6 sports awards, Wakakiri and Chapel Band performers, library helpers and Premiers Reading Challenge achievers. The cover of the 2016 School Magazine will also be revealed and the 2017 School Captains, Vice-Captains and Sports Captains will be presented to the school community.

### REPORTS

End of Year Reports will be sent home at the end of this week. Your child's report specifies the quality of learning that they have demonstrated over the course of the whole year-this is not just a Term 4 or Semester Two report. This has been the case for a couple of years now and this is due to reporting now being based on the yearlong Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards.

Detailed information on the Australian Curriculum and the relevant Achievement Standards can be found at [www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au).

Understanding grades is important when reading the report. These have also changed in recent times and are very different to the bell-curve model and other grading interpretations that parents were exposed to at school. The grade that is allocated indicates your child's attainment of the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. Attainment, or meeting the criteria set out in the curriculum successfully, indicates a student is achieving what is expected at their year level and this is indicated by a "C" grade. Students demonstrating skills, knowledge or abilities beyond the set criteria for their year level will receive "A" or "B" grades. If your child was absent from a particular unit or unable to participate fully due to illness etc. the words 'not assessed' or 'absent' may appear.





Attendance data stated in the report, which is based on Term 3 and 4 only, is correct as of the 5th of December. Inside your child's report is a page which outlines information on grading and feedback. Please read this carefully and if you have any questions about your child's report, contact your child's teacher.

**Jason Fay** Director of Learning

## General News

### END-OF-YEAR SERVICE

Our End-of-Year Service, including the Year Six Graduation, takes place at 7 pm on Wednesday 14 December in the Endeavour Centre, Endeavour College. This is a final worship service for *all students* and is *compulsory school event for students in Reception to Year 6*. Students are required to wear official summer uniform. Students may wear their PE uniform during the day on Wednesday so their summer uniform is clean for the evening service.

On arrival at the Endeavour Centre, children are to assemble in class groups, outside the main entrance, by 6:40 pm. Families of graduating students are invited to gather in the Endeavour Centre foyer for pre-service refreshments from 6 pm. Year 6 parents are 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.

### BOOKLISTS

Booklist packages will arrive at school on Monday 12th December. Your child will bring them home on Monday after school.

Parents of Reception and new students for 2017 will need to collect their boxes from the school office between 2pm Monday 12th December and 4pm Thursday 15th December. Please contact the School Office if you have any queries.

### IPAD INFORMATION FOR YEAR 3 AND 4 STUDENTS IN 2017

Year 3 students this year have school-owned iPads. Please note that these iPads will be collected on the last day of school, Wednesday 14 December. If your child has an iPad owned by the family, they will have the school management of the iPad taken off of their device during the last week of school and will then bring their iPads home for you to set up. A letter regarding iPads for 2017 was sent home with all current Year 2 and 3 students last week. Please contact Ann Belcher in the office if you did not receive the letter.

### FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Fees for 2017 have been set at \$3180 per year or \$795 per term. This represents a modest rise of just over 2% on 2016 fees. Parents are reminded to budget to pay their fees on time to assist the school in managing its finances effectively.

**Robyn Mader** Business Manager

### LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you for the generous way our school community supported the LCC Hampers this year. Many families will benefit from the donations given over the past 5 weeks. Any additional items you want to donate can be brought to the school until Friday 9 December.

### CLASS CARER CELEBRATORY DINNER

A friendly reminder to all class carers, that the Class Carer Dinner is at the Albion Hotel at 7:00pm, this Thursday, December 8th. Hope to see you there!

### CLASS CARERS 2016

This year at St Paul, we were really blessed to have a wonderful volunteer group of parents as class carers. They 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.



A sincere thank you for the time, energy and support the following class carers have provided this year;

*Carolyn Nuske, Shona Reid, Alison Griffiths, Theresa Doyle, Sally Bearman, Nicole Carr, Lee-Anne Owens, Vanessa Cursaro, Emma Christian, Ngara Keeler, Leanne Smith, Cathie Hamilton, Kylie Foskett, Megan Talbot, Christy Kretschmer, Trisca Price, Vanessa Weymar, Liann Tape, Amanda Mundy, Karen Schache, Kylie Irving, Janine Thornley, Steph Schwarz, Pauline Veitch, Kerryn Winkley.*

**Felicity Tamasi** Community Chaplain

### **SAPSASA REPRESENTATIVES**

During Week 6 two of our senior students played in SAPSASA State carnivals.

Maeve Healy, who represented Adelaide North East in tennis reflected: *"There were about 250 kids playing and 10 different districts. Every day I played 4 matches. In the end my team won by two games (23-21). I would like to thank Mr Mickan for encouraging me to take part in this event. I've improved my tennis from this experience, especially my ground strokes."*

Ayden Reeves who represented Adelaide North East in cricket recalled: *"We won our first three games and lost our fourth. It was a great experience and I was pleased with my bowling accuracy – over half my overs were maidens."*

Well done Maeve and Ayden.

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART NEWS**

A huge THANKYOU on behalf of the Heart Foundation to the St Paul Lutheran School Community. In total \$9436.81 was raised as a result of our jump rope program.

Donations from communities such as ours help the Heart Foundation to:

- Fund World Class Research
- Develop guidelines for health professionals
- Support patient care for people living with Heart Disease
- Help Australians to live healthier lifestyles

Prizes will be distributed as soon as they arrive at school.

**Rebecca Heinjus and Kym Mickan**

Jump Rope for Heart Coordinators

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS WINE FUNDRAISER**

Have you seen the Wine Fundraiser order form? Get ready for all the upcoming Christmas parties and start ordering today! At only \$144 per dozen (\$12 a bottle) and free delivery to your door, this is an offer you do not want to miss! The School receives \$30 from each dozen ordered. Please support the school at the same time as enjoying great wines at a great price! Forms are available from the School Office.

### **LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES**

Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings are an important fund raising project of Lions Clubs in Australia. Funds raised are donated to projects that benefit the community locally, nationally or internationally.

You can purchase a cake or pudding from the School Office.

Christmas Cake 1.5kg \$16.00

Christmas Cake 1kg \$12.00

Christmas Pudding \$12.00

### **JUNIOR CONCERT DVD'S FOR SALE**

A high quality DVD of the Junior Concert is available for sale from the school office. DVD's are \$20 and payment can be made by cash or credit card. If you would like a copy of any of the photos from the Junior Concert, please bring a NAMED 4GB USB to the office and we can place the photos on there for you.

### **VACATION CARE BOOKINGS**

Bookings for SPLASH December Vacation Care must be received by this Friday – 9th December. Bookings for the January program can be received up to Monday December 19th.

**Rebecca Heinjus** SPLASH Director



**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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**Church News**

**SPY**

St Paul Youth for Grade 6 and above runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term from 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Our last meeting and breakup night is:

Friday December 16th – Fast Progressive Dinner Fun. Cost \$10.00

We will be meeting at McDonalds North East Road Collinswood at 7.00pm.

We will be going on a scavenger hunt until we find our next destination!

Parents please come into McDonalds on the night to sign your children in with us.

Please RSVP to Nicole Hall. I will only tell parents where our next stops will be!

*For more information or queries about children and youth at St Paul Church contact Nicole Hall, CYHM coordinator 0412 686 342*

**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US THIS CHRISTMAS**

St Paul Lutheran Church has the following service times for you to join in worship.

18 December 9.30am Children's Christmas Service

24 December 7.30pm Christmas Eve Service of Readings and Carols

25 December 9.30am Christmas Day Service of Carols with Holy Communion

*ALL WELCOME!*

Please contact the Church Office on 8262 4690 or [www.stpaul-church.org.au](http://www.stpaul-church.org.au) for any additional information.