Gifted

During Monday's pupil free day, the teachers and administration staff were involved in professional development at the school. Part of the day was spent investigating our character strengths: the differences in strengths amongst us, and how we can use our own and others' strengths to work together. There are countless quizzes and surveys circulating that are used to identify character strengths, personality types and so on. (If you're interested in the survey we took, you can take it too: visit [www.viacharacter.org](http://www.viacharacter.org)).

The Bible contains many references to 'spiritual gifts': gifts provided to Christians by the Holy Spirit to enable us to continue God's work on earth. There are different kinds of gifts. But it is the same Holy Spirit who gives them.

There are different kinds of work to be done for Him. But the work is for the same Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

These spiritual gifts are not earned: they are GIFTS! Nor do we get to choose the gifts we are given. I'd love to be a singer or a musician to be able to serve in that way in church. Trust me, that wasn't God's plan for me! You won't hear me singing into a microphone even for karaoke.

Rick Warren writes: Because God loves variety, and he wants us to be special, there's no one single gift given to everyone, and no individual receives all the gifts. If you had them all, you'd have no need of anyone else, and that would defeat one of God's purposes – to teach us to depend on each other. When we use our gifts together, we all benefit. If others don't use their gifts, you get cheated, but if you don't use your gifts, they get cheated. This is why God wants us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts. ([http://rickwarren.org/devotional/english/spiritual-gifts-for-serving-god_919](http://rickwarren.org/devotional/english/spiritual-gifts-for-serving-god_919)).
I am thankful for every gift that every member of the St Paul community shares with one another. If you don't know your spiritual gifts, there are surveys that you can do to help discover these too, but the best place to start is with prayer. I encourage you to talk to God today and ask him!

Submitted by Leila Mattner

From the Principal

WELCOME TO TERM 3
Welcome to all families to the beginning of a fresh term. Whilst the morning was very cold yesterday, it was great to be outside to see so many students excited to be coming back to school (quite a few excited parents too!)

We particularly welcome Cayley and Carter Randolph to Miss Byrne’s Year 1 class, and welcome their parents Matthew and April to the St Paul community.

We have two new staff members joining us this term. Ms Rebecca Heinjus is our new SPLASH Director, and will also be helping in the Assistant Principal role for the rest of the year as I serve in the Principal role. Ms Lyn D’Sylva is teaching in Reception this term whilst Mrs Yvonne Folland is on long service leave. In addition, we welcome back Mrs Nicole Tew from maternity leave, joining Ms Fyffe part time in Year 2.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS
We congratulate Isaac and Ruby Hartwig on the special occasion of their baptism last Sunday at St Paul Lutheran Church. We pray that you will come to know God's plan for you both as you grow in His special family.

SCHOOL TOUR AND ENROLMENTS
We are currently enrolling students for 2017 and 2018, with 2019 applications also beginning to fill. If you have friends or family who are interested in touring our school, our next tour is Tuesday 2 August at 9:15am.

Please also speak with our administration staff as a matter of priority if you have siblings due to begin in these years.

STUDENTS BEFORE 8:30AM
Parents and caregivers, please be reminded that we provide supervision for students from 8:30am. If you arrive sooner than 8:30am, please be sure to supervise your own children closely in the busy car park. If you need to leave your child at school sooner than 8:30am, our before school care service is available to all families, even at last-minute notice. Entrance to SPLASH is via the church doors facing Audrey Avenue.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the New SPLASH Director

Dear families,

My name is Rebecca Heinjus and I am very happy to be joining the SPLASH team at St Paul. Whilst I am quite new to Out-of-School Hours Care I have been involved in primary education for over 25 years. I have met the wonderful staff and some of the children and I look forward to meeting parents and the rest of the children soon. I will be doing regular shifts at SPLASH on Monday and Wednesday mornings, Thursday and Friday afternoons, although these times may be subject to change on occasion. Please introduce yourselves when you see me and contact me any time via the SPLASH email or through the school office.

Yours in Christ’s service.

Rebecca Heinjus | SPLASH Director

General News

SPORTS PHOTOS
All students will need to wear sports uniform on Wednesday 10 August (Week 3) for Sports teams photos. This includes students involved in SAPSASA teams.
SAPSASA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students on gaining selection in Adelaide North East SAPSASA District teams:

Laura Duncan and Leticia Scholz – netball; and Jaden Tape McGlashan – football (AFL).

We wish them well in their respective upcoming State Carnivals.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3 in the Library. Books borrowed over the holidays are now due back and don’t forget to add the books to your child’s Premier’s Reading Challenge sheet. We will celebrate Book Week in Week 5 this term with a fantastic week of activities and competitions. There will be a book swap, colouring competition and the book dress up parade during Friday assembly. More information will follow in the coming weeks!

SRC CASUAL DAY

The SRC will be holding the Term 3 Casual Day on Friday 5 August (Week 2). This day also celebrates the launch of the Olympics in Rio! Students are invited to come along to school dressed in their favourite Olympic sport (runners, swimmers, tennis players, basketballers, or even a jockey!) for a gold coin donation. All money raised from the day will be used to support the Smith Family.

The Smith Family is a children’s charity helping disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves. [https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/](https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/)

We look forward to seeing lots of exciting dress ups on display.

SPLASH FEE INCREASES FROM TERM 3

Our SPLASH fees have been reviewed and the following session amounts will apply from this Term.

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SPLASH accounts should be paid each fortnight to ensure that we can continue to offer your child a place. We offer fortnightly payments direct from your credit card or bank account. Please see Robyn Mader to discuss your payment arrangements.

RAFFLE BOOKS

A big thank you to all families that have supported the Community Lottery this year. Funds raised thus far total $2896 and have contributed to the new sensory path and garden area near the amphitheatre. As we continue to raise funds this area will be further developed for use by all of our student community with some natural play items included in this area. We expect to commence some serious plantings over the rest of this term with an official opening occurring early in term four. Have a look at what we can achieve together for our students.

Any parents with outstanding lottery books are asked to return them either sold or unsold without delay so that we can return them for the draw. Anyone willing to sell an additional book please see one of the office staff, all help gratefully received. Once again well done!

FATHERS’ DAY STALL

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.
OUR VISION:

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

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY 31 JULY - WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM
A number of young people of the St Paul congregation will receive their First Communion this Sunday 31 July, including the following students:
Caleb Christian, Sophie Fox, Bethany Hall, Isaac Hartwig, Levi Heath, Alex Jeffree, Andrew Jenke, Leticia Scholz, Samson Venning.

There will be one Worship Service at 9:30 am and all are invited to attend.

INSTALLATION OF NICOLE HALL
Nicole Hall will be installed as the St Paul Child, Youth and Household Ministry Coordinator at the combined 9:30 am Worship Service this Sunday, 31 July. Please pray for God’s blessing on Nicole as she begins her work as a St Paul Church staff member.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES
Samaritan’s Purse is an international relief and development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. They are part of the global Samaritan’s Purse family that has been providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world since 1970.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The 2016-2017 Entertainment Book is available from the school office for $65. Entertainment memberships are packed with hundreds of offers and every membership sold raises $13 towards fundraising for the church.