



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

THUR 7 JUL

- Parent-Teacher Interviews

FRI 8 JUL

- Closing Chapel
- Term 2 Concludes

SAT 16 JUL

- Kilburn & Blair Athol Community Drop-In Session

THUR 21 JUL

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MON 25 JUL

- Student Free Day
- Autism Spectrum Disorder - Information and Support Meeting at Salisbury

TUE 26 JUL

- Term 3 Commences
- Opening Chapel
- Connected Schools Combined School Council

TUE 2 AUG

- University of NSW English Competition
- School Tour

WED 3 AUG

- Chapel Service
- Year 1s Excursion - Adelaide Zoo
- Musica Viva Performance

Take Time

"People travel to wonder at the height of the mountains, at the huge waves of the seas, at the long course of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars, and yet they pass by themselves without wondering." St Augustine

The school holidays are here! Most people in a school community look forward to the holidays as there is usually some time for a bit of a break. But as we all know the world keeps turning and even though our routines change, the busy nature of life continues to present itself. This is why it is vital that we make time to reflect on the things that keep us going and make the daily effort and hard work worthwhile. For many this will mean thinking about family and loved ones.

St Augustine though would have you consider yourself. Making time for ourselves can be a hard thing to do though as it is easy to feel selfish and isolated when we do this. However, as a society we are starting to better understand the importance of mental health and taking the time to look after ourselves as well as others. Organisations such as R U OK? And Beyond Blue to name just a couple have become prominent in recent times. Their message is that it's ok to reflect on how you are going. It is ok to take time to reflect and it's certainly ok to ask for help.

These holidays, when your routine changes just a little, make time for yourself. Do not 'pass yourself by'. Reflect on where you have come from, where you are at and where you are going and remember that God is there with you and for you. *"Be still, and know that I am God"* Psalm 46:10 (NIV). Whether it is reading a book, going for a walk or finding more time for



prayer, it's ok to spend some time on yourself.

St Augustine's challenge wasn't an either/or by the way. Mountains, rivers, oceans and stars are there to be wondered and marvelled at. But so are you. *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."* Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

From the Acting Principal

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES

With our final week of Term 2, I wish you all safe travels, quality family time at home, or a refreshing change of routine for the school holidays. We will have closing Chapel this Friday at 2:30pm instead of our usual Wednesday morning Chapel. School will recommence on Tuesday 26 July, after a pupil free day on Monday for staff professional development.

NAIDOC WEEK

This week, NAIDOC Week celebrations are held around the country to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. There are a number of events throughout Adelaide during this week and through the weekend. For more information, visit naidoc.org.au.

FAMILY FAREWELLS

Our prayers go with the Ferguson and Whitfield families as they move away next term. Brody, Cayley and Kayden will be farewelled by the students and staff during our closing Chapel on Friday.

FEDERAL ELECTION

Lord God,

We thank you for the opportunity we have in this country to freely vote. We give to you any worries, concerns or fears we may have following the federal election. Guide politicians of all parties in the coming days and weeks as they respond to the results. Grant us good government that reflects your will for your justice, fairness, honesty, mercy and compassion to prevail in our nation. While the

state of the parliament remains uncertain at this time, we thank you that your love and goodness are always certain. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Thanks to Pastor Greg for his permission to use this prayer from the church's Facebook page. If you are interested in reading more of St Paul Lutheran Church's Facebook posts, [visit https://www.facebook.com/stpaulba](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulba).

Leila Mattner | Acting Principal

From the Director of Learning

FOUR CORNERS

On Monday evening the ABC current affairs program 'Four Corners' addressed the question "Are we preparing our children for the workplace of the future?". The story and further information about this topic can be accessed at the link below. "Many are arguing that we must act now to change the way we educate our kids or risk them sleep walking into a world they won't be equipped for." <http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2016/07/04/4491818.htm>.

This timely story reaffirms St Paul's innovative approach to education to ensure all students are developing skills that are relevant to the workplaces of the future. The St Paul Lutheran School Pedagogical Framework is titled 'Igniting the Future'. We all know that the changing nature of the global economy has already affected many in the workplace. One expert interviewed by 'Four Corners' stated..."Machine learning and artificial intelligence in particular are actually solving jobs that we thought traditionally were very highly qualified jobs, people like lawyers and doctors and accountants and bankers... It's eating out the middle of the job market." This is something that Dan Haesler also wrote about in the Sydney Morning Herald last year, to which I referred at last year's parent information session on the future of learning at St Paul. The article can still be found at the following link: <http://www.smh.com.au/comment/were-educating-our-youth-into-unemployment-20150607-ghips0.html>.



It isn't all doom and gloom though. History suggests that when economies change, employment figures do not drop, they just reflect different types of employment. At present it is the service industry (occupational therapists, emergency room nurses, personal trainers, baristas, aged and childcare workers, etc.) that is seeing growth. Inter-personal skills in these jobs cannot be replaced by apps, robots or computer programmes. Creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, problem finding and solving to name just a few skills, will continue to be a focus in our classrooms to ensure that students can capably develop skills and qualifications that are relevant to these and many other types of employment in the future.

"In rethinking education to cope with rapid changes at the threshold of the twenty-first century, innovation, technology, and research are indispensable tools of education. Failure to innovate by and large means repeating yesterday's educational programmes and strategies tomorrow, which will only further jeopardise education's reputation as contributor to development efforts. Educational innovations are imperative." Education for the 21st Century: Asia-Pacific Perspectives, UNESCO.

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open most days during the holidays. Please contact the office on 8260 2655 for confirmation.

WAKAKIRRI

This year our Year 5 and 6 students are participating in the Wakakirri Story Dance Competition. This is the first year we have joined in and the students are busily rehearsing and preparing their performance. The performance will take place on Wednesday 24 August, at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. We would love some audience support and so we are offering tickets

to anyone in our community. Tickets can be purchased at the school office for \$36 each. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your amazing cheering as our students take the stage. Orders are due this Friday 8 July.

SOME HELP NEEDED

For our costumes for Wakakirri we are in need of 5 football guernseys. We are looking for sizes 10-14. We will need to add some embellishments to the tops, so they may not be usable for playing after. If you are able to donate anything please contact Mrs Von.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY BOOKS

Thank you to all families who have sold tickets for the Community Lottery, we have had a wonderful response so far. If you are in a position to sell another lottery book, please give your name to the school office and we will be happy to issue another book to you. Fundraising is an important factor in the provision of outstanding resources for all students. Please remember that the entire cost of every ticket sold is returned to the school.

FROM THE LIBRARY

The end of Term 2 is an exciting time in the Library where we begin to look forward to Book Week in Term 3, Week 5. Book Week celebrates outstanding Australian authors and illustrators and awards medals in the areas of picture book of the year, older readers, younger readers, early childhood and the Eve Pownall award for information books. This year's theme is 'Australia: Story Country'. To coincide with Book Week, we will be holding a dress up day based on books on Friday 26 August. The school holidays is a great time for students to start thinking about their costume and get creative. I will also be encouraging all students to borrow for the holidays, particularly books for their Premier's Reading Challenge! Have a safe and restful break.



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/>

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

KILBURN & BLAIR ATHOL COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS

Renewal SA invites you to attend a Community Drop-in Session on options for the renewal of Kilburn and Blair Athol. Their focus is to build upon existing community strengths and further encourage a safe, welcoming community for people to live, work, learn and play. Your valuable feedback will inform the future development options for the area.

- **Session One:** Saturday 16 July between 11am and 2pm at Coles Supermarket, corner Prospect and Florence Street, Blair Athol
- **Session Two:** Thursday 21 July between 2pm - 5pm at Churchill Centre, 400 Churchill Road, Kilburn.

If you are unable to attend and would like to share your ideas on the renewal of Kilburn and Blair Athol you can participate via their online survey from 16 July by visiting their website at: renewalsa.sa.gov.au/kilburnblairathol. For further information contact 8207 1300.

Church News

'COME & C' COURSE

Beginning early in Term 3, Pastor Greg will be running a course called 'Come & C' on Thursday nights, from 7:30pm to 9pm in the School Conference Room (unless otherwise advised). This Course will provide an overview of foundational Lutheran teachings about the Christian faith. It is suitable for adult baptism preparation, adult Confirmation preparation, or preparation for joining the Lutheran Church, and would also be of spiritual benefit to any other adults wanting to revisit or explore more deeply the core teachings of the Lutheran Church.

There will be 9 weekly sessions (each focusing on one or two key 'C' words), the first being held on Thursday, 28 July (the first week of term). Contact Pastor Greg on (pastorgreg@stpaul-church.org.au or 0423 151 367) for more information or to indicate your interest.

'MUSIC OF KEITH GREEN' CONCERT @ ST PAUL - SATURDAY, 23 JULY

On Saturday 23 July, St Paul Lutheran Church will be host to a band performing the greatest hits of the iconic and inspiring Christian music artist, Keith Green. The band performed in the 2014 and 2015 Adelaide Fringe and have also presented concerts elsewhere in South Australia and New South Wales. Keith Green was a highly respected musician in the 1970s and early 1980s, before tragically dying in a plane crash, aged 28. His influence on Christian contemporary music has been enduring, extending far beyond his relatively short life. The concert will begin at 6:30pm and entry is by donation. Tea/coffee, soft drinks and food snacks will be available for sale during the interval. All are welcome!

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

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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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.

SPLASH Vacation Care Program

11 JULY - 22 JULY 2016

Week 1:

Monday 11 July – Incursion – Animals Anonymous Day

Tuesday 12 July – In House – Birds Day

Wednesday 13 July – Excursion – Ten Pin Bowling Day; or

Wednesday 13 July – In House – Plaster Art Day

Thursday 14 July – At School – Science with Ice Day

Friday 15 July – Excursion – Movie & Popcorn Day

Week 2:

Monday 18 July – Excursion – Movie & Popcorn Day

Tuesday 19 July – In House – Disco Day

Wednesday 20 July – In House – My Kitchen Rules

Thursday 21 July – Excursion – Inflatable World

Friday 22 July – In House – Electronics Day

Monday 25 July – In House – SPLASH Olympics Day

Please see the school office or the parent weebly for booking sheets.