Take Courage!

We admire people of outstanding courage, but then evaluate our capabilities and disqualify ourselves from their noble ranks! Instead, today hear Jesus speaking to you. Jesus does not ask us to find courage, develop courage, or even earn courage. Jesus challenges us to TAKE courage.

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” (Matthew 14:27)

Often we are so self-reliant that we want to find our own supply of strength to prevail, but her God simply instructs us – TAKE it! Today, as you face decisions and dreams and feel overwhelmed, look into the face of Jesus and take courage for the days ahead.

The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, “Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.” (Acts 23:11)

In this passage of Scripture we read how Paul needed a new dose of courage. He had already experienced God’s goodness helping him speak in Jerusalem, but now he had to go further. Often it is hard to face the same set of circumstances a second time as your past experience reminds you of the struggle.

Nelson Mandela powerfully expresses the nature of courage: “I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.”

So, know God is with you and just as He helped you previously, He will strengthen you again today. Therefore do not fear the days ahead but take fresh courage for this season.

Upcoming Events

FRI 17 JUN
• Assembly hosted by Mr Mayer’s Class

MON 20 JUN
• School Reports sent home

WED 22 JUN
• Chapel Service

WED 22 JUN - FRI 24 JUN
• Year 4 Mylor Camp

MON 27 JUN
• Parent-Teacher Interviews

WED 29 JUN
• Chapel Service
• Parent-Teacher Interviews

THUR 30 JUN
• School Tour

FRI 1 JUL
• Assembly hosted by Ms Fyffe/Ms Kelly’s Class
• Shed Men

TUE 5 JUL
• Parent-Teacher Interviews

THUR 7 JUL
• Parent-Teacher Interviews

FRI 8 JUL
• Closing Chapel
• Term 2 Concludes
Courage to stand for a second time after disappointment requires determination. Winston Churchill said, “Courage is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm.” Some may call this stupidity rather than courage but we do need to find the tenacity to try again and not be fearful. Many of us carry a weariness concerning the promises of God for our life and it is easy to just give up, but now is the time to take courage and stand for the second, third and umpteenth time.

Father, today, let me see Your face and hear Your voice encouraging me to take courage. Jesus, where I have lost sight of You helping me to stand when I have felt weary I ask You now to give me fresh courage. Give me hope to stand a second time and believe again where I feel I have previously failed. Thank you, God, that You have the courage I need today.

Adapted from Run Your Race: Something to Live For! by Rachel Hickson.

Submitted by Jen Krieg

From the Acting Principal

ST PAUL CLASS CARERS
Every day in our school community we have a group of class carers supporting Felicity Tamasi, our Community Chaplain, and our teachers in the care of our families. This comes in the form of regular get-togethers, or of specific help to families who are experiencing difficult times. Thank you to all of our class carers who commit their time and hearts to this pastoral care role. Using the words of Paul to the Christians in Phillippi:

I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now. Phillipians 1:3-6

TEACHER RECOGNITION
Teacher recognition awards are nominated and voted by school parents and/or students. These awards are open to anybody who would like to recognise a teacher who is valued by them or their child. Please note that these awards are used as marketing tools for organisations, but whilst we don’t necessarily endorse their product/s, we do appreciate their contribution to recognising what our amazing teachers do.


Please note that our 2015 teacher nominees for A Day Made Better will be presented with certificates in assembly this Friday: please come along and help us thank them!

SCHOOL TOURS
I recently had the pleasure during a school tour of showing a large group of prospective parents around the school. As we walked through the school, with Jason Fay pointing out the examples of our pedagogical framework in action, I was encouraged to see many parents and teacher assistants working alongside teachers to give our students every opportunity to engage, learn and grow. Thank you to the entire school community for bringing our motto to life: Living and Learning Together in Christ.

Our next school tour is on Thursday 30 June at 1:45pm. Please encourage any family, friends, or colleagues to visit St Paul to see what we have to offer. They can call the office on 8260 2655 to book a place, or just drop by if they find they are free on that day. We also have morning and evening tours scheduled throughout the year that can be found on our school calendar or by calling the school office.

CONNECTED SCHOOLS
As the principals of Connected Schools work together to improve outcomes for all students in our community, we will continue to share events and information with you. Our recent Creative Writing Workshop, as part of our Connected Schools Enrichment Program, was
a great success, and our Year 6 students recently attended the Endeavour College performance: Mekhanika. For more information about Connected Schools, visit [http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/about/connected-schools/](http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/about/connected-schools/).

Leila Mattner | Acting Principal

**General News**

**STATE CROSS COUNTRY**

Last Thursday at a very rain-sodden and wind-swept Oakbank in the Adelaide Hills, Senior students Caleb, Leticia and Blayde represented St Paul and their Adelaide North East SAPSASA district at the annual State Cross Country Championships. All three shared the view that the experience was both challenging and worthwhile. They all used words such as ‘muddy’, ‘slippery’, ‘boggy’, ‘drenched’ and ‘soaked’ in their reflections.

All three acquitted themselves well in their respective races in fields of over 170 runners. Our runners’ parents deserve special mention also, particularly for narrowly avoiding becoming bogged in the car park.

**VACATION CARE DURING JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

SPLASH information and booking sheet for vacation care during the July school holidays (11 July - 22 July) was emailed to parents and caregivers last Friday afternoon. If you require vacation care during the July holidays and need a form, please see SPLASH or the school office.

**ST PAUL APP**

The launch of the St Paul APP went smoothly last week with many families already utilising this new method to both advise us of information and receive reminders from the school. Information about how to load the app and use it was sent home via email last week. Please see the school office if you would like another copy of the information.

**SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

School interviews will again be booked online. Reports will be sent home on Monday 20 June with parent-teacher interviews opening for bookings on 21 June. Each family will receive an email with a link to book their parent-teacher interviews. Families that do not have access to email should call Robyn Mader to book their appointments.

**BUILDING FUND DONATIONS**

A big thank you to all those families that have contributed to our Building Fund this financial year. Donations make a big difference to the school and allow us to give our students that little bit extra, ensuring pride in our school and facilities. All donations to the Building Fund are tax deductible with all families that have made a donation receiving a statement for claiming on their tax the first week of July.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book Club orders are due by this Friday 17 June. Please put orders in a NAMED envelope to the office and check that all information on credit slips/cheques/order forms is correctly recorded. Thank you.

**SCHOOL PARENT WEEBLY**

Need to find information about what is happening in the school? Please check the school parent weebly for notices, forms, canteen and uniform price lists and sports fixtures and results, visit [http://stpaulparentinformation.weebly.com/](http://stpaulparentinformation.weebly.com/).

**FOOTY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS**

The North Adelaide Football Club will be holding a football clinic on Monday 11 July and Tuesday 12 July at Prospect Oval from 9:30am to 12pm. Cost is $60 per child. Please see school office for registration forms.

**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
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

and Wednesdays during school term at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hampstead at 9:30am. 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.

LOST AND FOUND
Lost something recently? A school windcheater, a lunch box, or maybe a drink bottle? 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!

SCHOOL NOTICES
We have a school noticeboard that is located in the southern end of the canteen corridor. Information regarding courses for parents and students; 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 as all information is to be sanctioned by the Principal.

PARENTING SA GUIDES
Parenting information guides are available from the entrance area of the school office. These guides bring simple, easy-to-read information on many of the issues faced by parents from birth through adolescence. Please help yourself to these guides!

CHURCH NEWS

6/7 SPY
This Friday 17 June, 6/7 SPY will be having a sleepover in the hall which will commence at 7pm Friday and finish at 8am Saturday. Cost is $2. We will continue with the theme, ‘We are created in God’s image and we are his masterpiece’. The evening will be filled with night games, a devotion, a Skit Guys movie clip (God’s Chisel) and a movie. Please bring sleeping bag and a pillow. We have plenty of supper so don’t bring food. Any questions call Andrew Joppich on 0488 400 370.

CHURCH FUNDRAISER - YOUR INSPIRATION AT HOME
YIAH is a range of herbs and spices that are blended together by hand. These herbs and spices are preservative and MSG free and contain no fillers. They are sourced from Australian products where possible. St Paul Lutheran Church is running a YIAH fundraiser until Friday 24 June. Order forms are available from the church foyer and school office. If you would like any more information please don’t hesitate to contact Naomi at the church office on 8262 4690.