



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

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

MON 25 JUL

- Student Free Day

TUE 26 JUL

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

Cross-tinted Glasses

Last week there were photos aplenty taken at our Lutheran School. Some students and parents may be looking forward excitedly to seeing this year's school photos ... but I wonder if some others may not be feeling the same way. Personally, I don't like having my photo taken. Photos remind me of things about my appearance that I wish could be different (at this point in my life, more hair and a bit less padding would be nice!) Many of us, I think, are our biggest critics when it comes to how we look in the mirror or on photo paper.

Thankfully, life is about much more than how we look externally. It's certainly not the basis on which God views us or regards us! God's love for each person is infinite and unbounding (he doesn't make junk!) And because of all that Jesus has done, God looks at people of Christian faith through "cross-tinted lenses". God doesn't focus on the wrinkles and creases they have on the outside and on the inside. When he looks at them he sees people who have been made holy and have an eternal hope and future through Christ. 1 Corinthians 5 says that Christians are to '*regard no one from a worldly point of view. ... If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.*' What a wonderful invitation there is in Jesus to see ourselves differently, and perhaps to begin to see others differently too!

Yours in Christ.

Submitted by Pastor Greg



From the Acting Principal

WELCOME ALC STUDENTS

This week we welcome Paul Calnan to St Paul. Paul is a pastoral student studying at Australian Lutheran College and is spending time this week exploring the pastor's role in a school context. We thank God for Paul's calling to his service and pray for him and his family as he pursues a life of ministry.

YEAR 4 MYLOR CAMP

Our Year 4 students leave for camp this morning. We are grateful to our teachers and parent volunteers for committing their time to brave the cold but beautiful winter in the Adelaide Hills. The camp at Mylor has a significant focus on team building skills and personal challenges and we believe this will be a wonderful opportunity for growth in our Year 4 cohort.

STAFFING

Some of you will already know that Mrs Yvonne Folland is taking some well-earned long service leave in Term 3. We have appointed Ms Lyn D'Sylva to Yvonne's Reception class for Term 3. Lyn is returning to teaching after time working as Regional Manager for 3P Learning, of which Mathletics is a product. She has spent time in a number of our classrooms in the past year demonstrating the use of technology and inquiry in mathematics. Her values and her pedagogy are an excellent fit for St Paul and we look forward to working with Lyn next term.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

I'd like to extend my thanks to all school families and staff for your wonderful cooperation in preparing for school photos this year. Our students looked fabulous in their official winter uniforms. As we used a new company this year, I encourage you to provide any relevant feedback to our administration staff so that we can review this in preparation for next year.

NATURE PLAY IN WINTER

A timely topic with the current weather, and with our Year 4 students heading on camp, I have been exploring the Nature Play SA website. I confess that in winter, I often tend to opt for the couch over my bike, and the fluffy warm carpet over the grass and mud outside. On the weekend, we had a burst water main, with water and mud flowing down our street (they have been digging up our road to fix the water mains!) After much begging, I let my children play. In the street. With the water and mud. In the rain on a winter's day. And with all that I confess to having one of the most joyous Sunday afternoons in a long time.

According to research, getting outside in the dirt and mud over winter can actually improve our immunity and boost our serotonin levels (improving our mood). In addition, childhood contact with nature is shown to provide enhanced intellectual development including improved creativity, imagination and academic performance.

If you are interested in what is possible outdoors in winter, check out natureplaysa.org.au.

Leila Mattner | Acting Principal

From the Director of Learning

SCHOOL REPORTS

Earlier this week you will have received your child's 2016 Progress Report. Parent-teacher interviews over the next two weeks provide an opportunity for families and teachers to reflect on this document and the first part of the year. This is also a great opportunity to develop some strategies for improvement and set goals for the remainder of the year.

It is important to note that the school report at this time of year is indicative of progress and achievement and not final. Under the Australian Curriculum, students are assessed against year-long standards and must be given multiple opportunities to demonstrate their skills and understanding against these standards. This



means that the feedback that teachers have provided in reports in the form of grades and other descriptors are early indications of student progress. As a result, the report at the end of the year is a much more comprehensive document and point of assessment. The conversations that take place at this time of year between families and teachers compliment student reports with extra information and evidence.

INQUIRY AT ST PAUL

Earlier this week I was grateful to receive an invitation from Miss Schuster's Year 2 class to see some of their work. I was amazed to see the 4 pedagogical pillars of Engagement, Relevance, Creativity and Collaboration right at the forefront of their thinking. These students were not just trying to be creative; they were actually studying the process of creativity. Rather than just try to come up with their own ideas and innovations, they were researching how some of the great ideas and development throughout history have come together. I learned about slow hunches, ideas mixing with and learning from other ideas, testing ideas and going back to the drawing board and the importance of collaboration. I even came away impressed by subject specific vocabulary such as incubation and modernism!

I was most impressed by students willing to share their ideas and even reflect on the challenges that this unit of work presented. The process of learning, thinking and creating was as much of a focus in the room as any curriculum content or knowledge. This is a group of Year 2 students learning about learning, thinking and ideation. It was hard not to be impressed! Pictures displayed in this week's Inspire relate to the work created by children in Miss Schuster's class.

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers that have promptly booked their interviews online. Booking will

stay open until this Friday, with the final reminder email being sent on Thursday. Please call Robyn Mader if you are having any difficulties.

SPLASH FEE INCREASES FROM TERM 3

Our SPLASH fees have been reviewed and the following session amounts will apply from Term 3.

• After School	\$15.00
• After School Casual	\$16.00
• Before School	\$9.00
• Before School Casual	\$10.00

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.

TERM THREE ACCOUNTS

Term 3 accounts will be sent home via email later this week. Payment is due at the end of Week 1 unless you have made prior arrangement with the Business Manager.

FACEBOOK

We have refocused our attention on our Facebook page. This is now regularly updated with news and events. Don't forget to like us on <https://www.facebook.com/stpaullutheranschoolba>.

ST PAUL APP

The launch of the St Paul APP went smoothly 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. Please see the school office if you would like another copy of the information. Don't forget that you can use the app to send us absentee and change of detail information.

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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VACATION CARE DURING JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SPLASH information and booking sheet for vacation care during the July school holidays (11 July-22 July) has been sent to parents. If you require more information please see SPLASH or if you would like a booking sheet please see the school office. You can also visit the school weebly to obtain this information. Vacancies are limited so please book soon if you require care.

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.

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 this 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.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All are invited to worship at St Paul Lutheran Church. Sunday services take place at 8:30am (traditional) and 10am (contemporary). We would love the gift of your presence at any service. In addition, wonderful programs are in place for primary-school aged children, including Sunday morning children's ministry and youth. For more information please contact Pastor Greg Priebbenow or the Church Secretary, Ms Naomi Burls, on 8262 4690.