



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

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 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

ACCEPTANCE

One of our school values is acceptance.

Our true joy comes from the knowledge that, despite all our weaknesses and mistakes, God accepts us as we are. He may not approve of our actions, but He loves and accepts us unconditionally, not because of what we do or who we are, but because of whom He is. What wonderful news this is! What peace, hope and reassurance this knowledge brings.

Titus 3:7 says, *"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and He gave us the hope of eternal life" (CEV)*. It is by His grace that God accepts us.

Following God's example, we too can love and accept one another; not just our loved ones, like family and close friends, but everyone we come into contact with, including people whom we think of as 'different' or those whom have different outlooks or beliefs to us, and those with whom we may not agree or with whom we feel uncomfortable. We may not approve of their behaviour towards us, but that is their action; we still accept them for whom they are, a child of God. By accepting the person we restore their dignity, showing them love and kindness. Everyone deserves love. As the Bible says in Romans 15:7, *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you" (NIV)*.

With great joy, I witness this in action on a daily basis in our classrooms and yard; our students accept one another; happily welcoming, encouraging, supporting and assisting one another. Within our St Paul community we have many individuals from and with varying interests, strengths, backgrounds, cultures, languages, beliefs, sporting interests, etc., yet we



all accept one another and learn from one another. Listening to one another, welcoming one another in the corridors, including someone we may not know, giving someone our undivided attention even for a few precious moments, listening to someone's doubts or fears, praising others, showing gratitude to for even for smallest of deeds; these are only a few examples of how we can brighten another person's day, treating them with respect, care, love and acceptance.

Love accepts others the way Jesus accepts us.

Adapted from Acceptance is not Approval, by Rick Warren (<http://rickwarren.org/devotional/english/acceptance-is-not-approval>)

Submitted by Jan Daly

From the Acting Principal

YEAR 4 MYLOR CAMP

What an adventure the Year 4 students had! I would like to sincerely thank the teachers and parent volunteers for all your care and nurture of our students, whilst also encouraging them to challenge themselves. Thank you also to all Year 4 families for your patience in awaiting their late return on a cold and windy Friday afternoon. I'm confident that this camp will be a particularly memorable one, and that the strong community-building amongst students and teachers will be incredibly rewarding in the coming months.

FEDERAL ELECTION

With the upcoming election, you may be interested in reflecting upon the implications for education funding, in particular, for independent schools such as ours. Attached to this edition of Inspire is a funding summary, outlining commitments from the Coalition, ALP and the Australian Greens, as well as statements from the Nick Xenophon Team and Family First. This information is provided by Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive of the Association of Independent Schools, SA.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

We sometimes find that families have a change of circumstance through the year. If you have changed address, or other contact details, please be sure to contact the school office to let us know. Please be reminded that we have a 'Term in Advance' policy that requires a minimum of one term's notice in the event of leaving the school. If any of your details or schooling plans have changed, please advise us as soon as practicable.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 AND 2019

Do you have a family member, friend or acquaintance with a child who will be turning 5 in 2018 or 2019? St Paul Lutheran School has a school tour tomorrow, 30 June from 1:45pm to 2:45pm. All interested families are welcome to experience an engaging tour outlining the learning opportunities at St Paul Lutheran School. Please enquire at the school office by calling 8260 2655 or by visiting the office at 44 Audrey Avenue, Blair Athol between 8:30am and 4pm.

Leila Mattner | Acting Principal

From the Director of Learning

YEAR 4 CAMP

I had the pleasure of joining the Year 4 classes on camp last week in Mylor. Although the middle of winter may not be the most popular time of year for school camps, it was amazing to see the energy and engagement in each student for the three days. Although the weather did its best to upset the program, the camp coordinators, teachers and students all proved to be flexible enough to achieve the desired goals of the camp. Seeing students negotiate the flying fox and the giant swing highlighted the ability of students to focus on the task at hand and push aside doubts and fears. The highlight of the camp for me though was the way students showed care and compassion for each other when they were tired, flat and busy with packing and cleaning up. The effort and dedication of the



teachers, Miss Mueller and Miss Aquino, and the parent volunteers, Mrs Weymar, Mrs Tape McGlashan and Mrs Finch cannot be understated either. These ladies truly went above and beyond to ensure each child had a special camp experience.

INQUIRY AT ST PAUL

A few weeks back I mentioned that the Year 5 class was approaching the 'Taking Action' phase of their unit of Inquiry. These students have now formed teams to address community awareness of poverty around the world and the effect the 'western lifestyle' has on the environment and global resource sharing. Over the next few weeks these students are planning and arranging some events that involve other classes in the school such as waste free morning teas, a casual day and a winter sleep-out. Two other groups are making a documentary style video on the experiences of the class and investigating ways to better manage waste at St Paul. It is inspiring to see students develop and lead initiatives to help others in need. It would be great to see as many people in the community as possible support these students as they take their learning into the real world and do their best to serve others.

GOAL SETTING

The final page of your child's recent report allows students to reflect on their learning and set goals for the future. Goal setting allows children to look at both challenges and their aspirations in a positive and practical way. Regularly revisiting goals and working towards these in achievable and measureable steps encourage students to keep trying. The Women's and Children's Health Network (a Government of South Australia page) has a page specifically for kids regarding goal setting if you'd like more information. <http://www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetailsKids.aspx?p=335&id=2368>

'Life can be very busy. It is good to take time to think about what you want to do in your life. Then you feel like you are really living your life and not just letting life

happen to you. Everyone can make choices. You can choose to work towards the choices you make for yourself.'
Dr Kate, Women's and Children's Health Network

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

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.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2016

Book the babysitters, gather your friends as we step back in time to PARTY THROUGH THE AGES. The P&F team is working hard to bring you a night of fun and laughter as we celebrate the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Save the date flyer is out now and more details will follow in Term 3. We want you to party with us, so please put this date in your diary now! Please note this is an adult only event.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON TRAFFIC

Thank you to all families for your continued patience during the school drop-off and pick up times. Please note the following reminders about procedures to help these times run safely and smoothly:

- Please drive at a walking pace through the school and the car parks.
- The yellow gates in the visitor car park will be closed from 8:30am to 8:45am and from 3pm to 3:30pm. This means that all vehicles exiting the school at this time must drive through the school to exit onto Deakin Street.



- Cars parked in any of the visitor car parks should not be exiting any parking spaces until traffic from Audrey Avenue is cleared. This means that if you park in these spaces, please assume that you will be parked until 8:45am, or until 3:30pm. Whilst it feels polite for traffic moving from Audrey Avenue through the school to allow exit for cars from spaces, we ask that you do not do so, as it creates added danger due to traffic build-up on Audrey Avenue.

- Cars parked on the tennis courts will only be cleared to exit by a traffic duty person when cars using the drop-off and pick-up zone have cleared. We will endeavour to allow some cars out when there are breaks in traffic, however, priority will be given to the traffic flow. Therefore, please assume that you will be parked in the courts until 8:45am, or until 3:30pm. If you need to exit the school sooner than these times, please use the drop-off and pick-up zone, or park on Barton Street and walk through to the rear pedestrian gate.

- In order to fit the optimum number of cars on the tennis courts, two cars should meet in the middle of the courts. A diagram will be emailed to parents as a guide.

- If there is not space on the tennis courts for parking, you may be directed to drive around the block as it is likely that a space will open up in this time. However, later arrivals, for example, just before 8:45am, may not be able to access the courts due to the amount of traffic exiting. In this case, you may have to drop off and go, or find a park in a nearby street.

- Please note that, during the day, the car spaces in front of the church should be reserved for church use. We encourage you to use the visitor car park for school use.

- Pedestrians should only use pedestrian gates. Our duty staff members have been asked not to allow any pedestrians to exit through the vehicle gates. Rather, they will ask you to move to a pedestrian gate.

Please bear in mind that our staff members on duty have strict instructions for parking and traffic that they need to abide by in order to enable ease of access and

most importantly, safety. If you have any questions, please ask the staff members on duty, or ask at the office to have an overview or walk-through of all of our procedures.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A reminder that Parent-Teacher interviews continue tonight and also next Tuesday 5 July and Thursday 7 July. We trust this opportunity will provide valuable information to parents and caregivers, and will further strengthen home-school relationships for the benefit of all children.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Lunch-time activities in the Library continue to be busy during the winter months and we use a lot of materials for our craft and construction. I would appreciate any donations of boxes, tubes, containers, etc. that we could use for construction. I would also appreciate any more donations of wool. Thank you so much to those who have already contributed. Please bring all donated materials to the Library.

SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT

The Year 3s have been working on a little garden project. We are currently using the garden bed behind the amphitheatre. We are starting very small but we have big dreams! So far we have planted Snow Peas, Radishes and Dwarf Beans! We would like to appeal to our local community for any garden resources that would help us get our garden growing well! Please contact Mrs Karly Voigt, kvoigt@stpaulba.sa.edu.au, if you would like to know more about our plans or if you think you might have something to donate. We would be very grateful for any contributions!

SHED MEN

The July Shed Men gathering this Friday 1 July will be held at Axel Godau's house at 25 Magor Crescent, Salisbury from 6:30pm onwards. Let's meet and eat some meat. Any queries please feel free to call Michael Latty on 0409 287 101.



SPLASH Vacation Care Program

11 JULY - 22 JULY 2016

Week 1:

Monday 11 July – Incursion – Animals Anonymous Day

Animals Anonymous will provide a hands-on native wildlife show with around 12 friendly Aussie animals including bettongs, potoroos, gliders, dunnarts, crocodiles, goannas, dragons, geckos, turtles, pythons, frogs, falcons, frogmouths, parrots and more.

Tuesday 12 July – In House – Birds Day

SPLASH will be making bird feeders from recycled materials as well as going bird watching at the park.

Wednesday 13 July – Excursion – Ten Pin Bowling Day

Ten pin bowling & laser skirmish at Norwood Bowl or see below...

Wednesday 13 July – In House – Plaster Art Day

Children will paint a number of plaster moulds from the Plaster Fun House.

Thursday 14 July – At School – Science with Ice Day

SPLASH will be conducting a number of science experiments involving water and ice as well as playing a number of Ice Age games.

Friday 15 July – Excursion – Movie & Popcorn Day

SPLASH will be visiting the Piccadilly cinema to see the latest Ice Age movie.

Week 2:

Monday 18 July – Excursion – Movie & Popcorn Day

SPLASH will be visiting the Piccadilly cinema to see the movie "Finding Dory."

Tuesday 19 July – In House – Disco Day

Bop till you drop at the SPLASH disco.

Wednesday 20 July – In House – My Kitchen Rules

SPLASH will be cooking many yummy recipes on this day.

Thursday 21 July – Excursion – Inflatable World

SPLASH will be visiting Inflatable World for 2.5 hours of jumping fun.

Friday 22 July – In House – Electronics Day

SPLASH will be deconstructing a number of machines on this day.

Monday 25 July – In House – SPLASH Olympics Day

SPLASH will be running a mini Sports Day on this day. Wear your team colours!

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

Church News

6/7 SPY AND PRETEENS AT ST PAUL

With Andrew Joppich finishing work at St Paul on 30 June and the transition to a new ministry staff person in the adjusted role of Child, Youth & Household Ministry Coordinator, there will be NO 6/7 SPY or Preteen events before the end of July. The dates from that time onwards will be communicated to children, youth and parents as soon as they are finalised. Please contact Pastor Greg (pastorgreg@stpaul-church.org.au; 0423 151 367) if you have any questions.

'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.

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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'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!

PASTY BAKE

St Paul Lutheran Church pasties will be available next Thursday 7 July for \$12 per tray of 6. Please place your orders with Renate Burls on 8260 5758 or the school office on 8260 2655 no later than Wednesday 6 July. Thank you.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN PLAYGROUP

Are you looking for an exciting playgroup where your young child can meet other young children, and where you can enjoy the company of other parents? Consider St Paul Lutheran Church Playgroup, which takes place in the church hall every Tuesday from 9am. For more information, please contact Nicole Hall on 0412 686 342.