



Connected

Innovative

Grounded in Christ

Coming Events

RUNNING THE RACE

This week at St Paul, students have been involved in pre-Sports Day events. As I heard about what was planned, I was reminded of a sprint with which I was involved on a Sports Day at my childhood primary school. Some of the runners crossed lanes and became tangled together. We didn't all finish the race, and some of us wore bruises to prove it!

Hebrews 12:1 compares the Christian life to running a race. It says, **'let us run with endurance the race that is set before us'**. Taken by themselves, those words are daunting. As I seek to love God and love my neighbor, I find myself feeling tired. I find myself crossing lanes and getting tangled up with others in unhelpful ways. I find myself tripping and falling. The line of 'victory' sometimes seems a long way! But thankfully, the Christian life is finally not about our efforts or achievements. It's about what Christ has done for us. He has defeated sin and death for you and for me. He has run the perfect race, and won the victory. And all who live by faith in him share in that victory.

Through Jesus, we have relationship with God, however imperfect our own race efforts may be. And what difference does that make to our daily lives? It means that each day is a new day, a new start! It means that we never run alone, because our God is with us and for us. It means that we have the help and healing of God in all the tangles and mishaps of life. May that be your experience these days before Easter, when we will once again celebrate the greatest victory of all time!

Blessings,
Pastor Greg

- Thur 10 Mar
- Tri Skills Gymnastics (R-2)
 - Parents and Friends Meeting
- Fri 11 Mar
- Pre-Sports Day Events
 - Meet the P & F on the Deck
- Mon 14 Mar
- Adelaide Cup Day
- Tue 15 Mar
- Rec to Year 2 Excursion to Easter Sights and Sounds
- Wed 16 Mar to Fri 18 Mar
- Year 5 Aldinga Camp
- Thur 17 Mar
- SAPSASA State Swimming
 - Tri Skills Gymnastics (R-2)
- Fri 18 Mar
- Seniors Excursion to Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience
- Mon 21 Mar
- Harmony Day

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PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

On 24 February at our weekly school chapel service, it was my pleasure to launch the 'Connected Schools' brand at St Paul. Connected Schools is a partnership between Salisbury Lutheran Kindergarten, Endeavour College, Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School and St Paul Lutheran School.

These sites of learning work closely together to ensure that families have the opportunity of a Kindergarten to Year 12 Lutheran education. As a collective of schools we are focussed on developing strong connections around the three key words that underpin our vision; namely 'collaborate', 'create' and 'celebrate'.

It is comforting to know that together as learning communities there is much that can be achieved through God's gracious blessings.



'Celebrating the launch of Connected Schools'

Andrew Messenger
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Australian Lutheran World Service Awareness Week

'God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.'
Genesis 1:31

Following the Year 5 and Year 6 ALWS Awareness Day activities last week, a number of our classes are turning their attention to the theme of 'Goodness Grows' this week – exploring the issues of changing climate and the subsequent effects on people in poor communities. Weather permitting; we will be holding some events around the school and in all classrooms to promote Australian Lutheran World Service Week: Goodness Grows. Thursday, in particular, is our 'wrapper free day', where we are encouraging students to bring a recess and lunch that requires as little wrapping as possible. The year level with the least wrapping will be celebrated in Assembly on Friday.

Registered Volunteers

With a number of camps and excursions planned in the coming weeks, teachers have been asking for registered volunteers to support. If you are not yet a registered volunteer, I encourage you to consider becoming one. The process has a few simple steps including some paperwork, a police check at the school's expense, an online workshop (30 minutes) and a brief meeting with me. Getting your volunteer badge now will avoid disappointment later if you are unable to attend an excursion because your police check has not come through. Please contact the office for any questions or to collect the paperwork.



Twilight Sports Day Friday 1 April

Giersch, Linke and Neumann: get your colours ready for Friday Week 9. Sports Day is coming! Mr Kym Mickan has been tirelessly preparing students for the events with lots of practice and pre-sports day events.

This year we are trialling a change to our Sports Day times, with events starting at 1:30 pm and finishing at 5:30 pm. Care will be provided in the morning leading up to lunch time; however, no formal lessons will occur on this day. Please pay careful attention to sports day information in this edition of Inspire, including reply slips for care arrangements.

Parent Information on the School Website

I'd like to remind families that information and visuals about your child's classroom is available to view at any time on your class Weebly pages. Please contact your child's class teacher for password access. We also have a Parent Weebly which provides additional information for parents of the school, including sporting fixtures and results. Please contact the school office for password access. These Weeblys can be accessed via the school website: www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/class-weeblys.

Leila Mattner
Assistant Principal

PRE-SPORTS DAY EVENTS

Long Distance Finals

Children in Years 1 to 6 will need to wear **sports uniform** this Friday 11 March for pre-Sports Day long distance finals.

Kym Mickan
Sports Day Coordinator

TWILIGHT SPORTS DAY INFORMATION

Sports Day will be held on Friday 1 April. SPLASH will be operating as usual from 7 am to 8:30 am. Please see Dianne Brown for any changes to your SPLASH arrangements on this day. Students may stay home until 1 pm, however school supervision will be provided from 8:30 am for those families requiring this service (see Sports Day Notices reply slip).

All students should arrive in classrooms between 1 pm and 1:15 pm to enable a 1:30 pm start. Please note: tennis courts will not be available for parking on the day. We encourage all visitors to arrive early to secure parking in the nearby streets, being sure to observe council parking restrictions.

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on the day including hats, but are invited to add a splash of team colours. This can be done by, for example, using coloured hair spray, zinc cream, ribbons, etc. Please note that hair spray should be applied at home – no cans of hair spray should be brought to school. Drink bottles and afternoon snack are also required.



Canteen will be available on the day. More information will follow in coming weeks.

Schedule for the Day

- 1:00 pm Arrive in class
- 1:15 pm Class roll call
- 1:30 pm Sports Day begins on the park
- 1:45 pm Opening Ceremony by Senior students
- 1:55 pm Tabloid events begin (Reception to Year 2 on courts) and (Year 3 to Year 6 on park)
- 3:00 pm Afternoon Recess
- 3:30 pm Reassemble in teams
- 3:40 pm Sprint Finals and Relays
- 5:00 pm Staff v Seniors Event
- 5:15 pm Presentations
- 5:30 pm Dismissal from Team zones on the Park and Community Barbecue

Care of Students on Sports Day - Friday 1 April

Sports Day will begin promptly at 1:30 pm and conclude at 5:30 pm. If you require morning and afternoon SPLASH please contact Dianne Brown for any changes to your SPLASH arrangements. Supervision by staff will be provided from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Below is a Sports Day reply slip advising whether your child/ren will need care between 8:30 am and 1 pm.

Adequate staff supervision will be provided based on the accurate return of these forms. Therefore, please complete this form and return it to the school no later than Friday, 25 March. Thank you for your help.

Sports Day

My child/ren (please list **names** and **teachers**):

1. Student: _____
Teacher: _____
2. Student: _____
Teacher: _____
3. Student: _____
Teacher: _____
4. Student: _____
Teacher: _____

Will require supervision from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Will be going to SPLASH after 5:30 pm

Parent/Carer Signature: _____



LEARNING CORNER

School Buildings and Learning Programs

The beginning of the new year has seen much interest from schools around the state in the St Paul Lutheran School Pedagogical Framework and our new learning spaces. I have already taken numerous tours of educational leaders and teachers through the school and shared the process and experience of developing our learning framework. Schools such as St Michael's, Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School and Portside Christian School have spent time with us, as well as students and staff from Australian Lutheran College. Still to come later this term are Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Para Vista and members of the Lutheran Schools Association leadership team! It seems that everywhere I go at the moment people are keen to discuss and praise these new elements of St Paul. My response is always the same though. We are proud of the work we have done but there is still much to be done. The best part of my role is working with a community of teachers who are always trying to improve and ensure the learning experiences of our students are of the highest possible standard.

iPad review

Please take the time to complete the iPad review survey which was sent out last week to the relevant families. This feedback allows us to reflect on our practices and make the necessary improvements moving forward. Thank you for your support.

University of New South Wales Competitions

Students in Years 3 to 6 are eligible to sit in the UNSW international competitions. St Paul provides opportunities for students to sit the Science, English and Mathematics papers. Each test cost \$8.80 to participate.

Relevant dates for the upcoming year are:

- Science Test - 31 May - Student Nominations due by 1 April
- English Test - 2 August - Student Nominations by 20 May
- Mathematics - 16 August - Student Nominations by 20 May

University of NSW Competitions 2016

My child/ren would like to compete as follows:- (Students in Years 3 to 6)

Family Name			
Student Name	Year Level	Competition	Cost per competition
		Science	\$8.80
		Science	\$8.80
Total which will be included in school fees			\$

Parent Signature: _____



YEAR 1 EXCURSION

Your child is welcome to sit in all or any of the competitions. Participation can allow parents and the school to gain a better understanding of individual strengths and areas for growth. Detailed reports highlighting results are provided later in the year. Please fill in the return slip on previous page if you are interested in your child competing in the Science competition. If you have any questions please contact me at jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au.

Jason Fay
Director of Learning

COMMUNITY CARER NEWS

Class Carers

At St Paul we are truly blessed to have such a caring community. Class Carers are volunteer parents from each class within the school who are committed to issues of care for school families. They provide short term care for families such as recognising special celebrations in their lives or offering support during a crisis.

A heartfelt thank you to the following parents who have taken up this important volunteer role in our school community for this year:

Mrs Folland's Class:	Carolyn Nuske and Shona Reid
Miss Fisher's Class:	Alison Griffiths and Theresa Doyle
Miss Byrne's Class:	Sally Bearman and Nicole Carr
Miss Arnold's Class:	Lee-Anne Owens
Miss Schuster's Class:	Emma Christian and Ngara Keeler
Ms Fyffe/Ms Kelly's Class:	Leanne Smith and Cathie Hamilton
Mrs Krieg/Mrs Voigt Class:	Kylie Foskett and Megan Talbot
Mr Mayer's Class:	Christy Kretschmer and Trisca Price
Miss Mueller's Class:	Vanessa Weymar and Liann Tape
Miss Aquino's Class:	Amanda Mundy and Karen Schache
Miss Baldock's Class:	Kylie Irving and Janine Thornley
Miss Mattner/Miss Burgan's Class:	Stephanie Schwarz, Pauline Veitch and Kerryn Winkley

I'd also like to extend an invitation to all parents and caregivers to come along and have a cuppa and a chat at Chapel and every fortnight at Assembly mornings, Wednesday and Fridays respectively in the church hall. Bring your friends too!

Felicity Tamasi
Community Chaplain

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

What is It?

The PRC is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books, enjoy reading and improve literacy levels.



How does it operate?

Students have until **9 September 2016** to read a total of twelve books. At least eight of the twelve books need to be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the appropriate year level or at an appropriate literacy level for each student. A maximum of 4 books can be the student's own choice and should be of a similar standard to books on the list. Students record the books read and a parent/carer/teacher or librarian signs to acknowledge the book has been read. Students will be issued with record sheets during Library borrowing this week and can return completed sheets to the Library.

The Premier's Reading Challenge awards are:

- first year - Certificate signed by the Premier
- second year - Bronze medal
- third year - Silver medal
- fourth year - Gold medal
- fifth year - Champion medal
- sixth year - Legend medal
- seventh year - Hall of Fame medal
- eighth year - Hall of Fame Reader for Life award
- ninth year - Reader for Life bronze award
- tenth year - Reader for Life silver award
- eleventh year – Reader for Life gold award
- twelfth year – Reader for Life champion; and
- thirteenth year – Reader for Life legend.

For more information, check out the Premier's Reading Challenge website at: www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au

Wendy McLeod
Library Resource Manager

VOLUNTEER BADGES

All registered volunteer badges for 2016 have been distributed. This year's badges are 'bright blue', replacing 2015 'lime green' badges. If you are a registered volunteer and have not yet received your badge, please see the office staff.

Leila Mattner
Assistant Principal

CANTEEN NEWS

Fish and Wedges

Fish and wedges with lettuce and mayonnaise is available for \$3.90 on Monday 21 March. Please place orders prior to Friday 18 March for catering purposes.

Chris Semmler
Canteen Manager



CHURCH NEWS

6/7 SPY

- Friday 11 March. Unite Pray Love. St Paul Hall. 7 pm to 9 pm. Cost \$2.00. Please bring supper to share.
- Friday 18 March we will have food and fellowship while looking at the story of Jesus and his bravery and courageousness in and through the story of Easter. This is an event not to miss. 7pm until 9pm boys please bring supper to share. Cost \$2.00.

For more information contact Andrew Joppich on 0488 400 370.
St Paul Lutheran Church

Easter Service Times

- ✧ Maundy Thursday, 24 March - 7 pm - Service with Holy Communion
- ✧ Good Friday, 25 March - 9 am - Service without Holy Communion
- ✧ Easter Sunday, 27 March - 6:30 am and 9 am – Both services with Holy Communion

St Paul Lutheran Church

SPORTS RESULTS

Basketball

Jaguars

St Paul Jaguars (24) defeated MPS4 (20).

Cricket

Senior Cricket

St Paul Senior Cricket playing in the A Grade Division (2/110) defeated Vale Park (7/63).

ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE NEWS



Offering a Co-educational Secondary Education for Years 7-12



Sunday 20th March 1:30pm- 4:00pm

85 Mawson Lakes Boulevard Mawson Lakes SA 5095



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

Need a break? Looking to catch up with friends or meet some new ones?

**We are headed out to see
MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 2
at Piccadilly Cinemas, North Adelaide
on Wednesday 23 March at 7pm.**

This is an organised event by Wallis and a glass of bubbles and fruchocs are included in the price...

Tickets \$20

All are welcome and if you would like to invite a friend from outside the school community please do!

As this is the first movie night we have organised, we have booked a limited number of tickets and will buy more if required and available – so be early!

We will also have some goodies for a lucky ticket holder on the night...

If anyone would also like to venture out for dinner please let us know and if there is enough interest we will book a table at a café nearby for 5.45pm. Please contact Sarah Howland on 0412 955 273 for more details, if you would like to buy a ticket or come for dinner. Tickets will also be on sale at the school office.



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Living and Learning Together in Christ

Our Values

God's Word

Acceptance

Excellence

Respect

Compassion

Hope

Community

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