



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### THURS 12 MAY

- NAPLAN
- Principal's Tour
- Parents and Friends Meeting

### MON 16 MAY

- Tri-Skills Gymnastics (3-6)

### WED 18 MAY

- Chapel Service
- Grandfriends' Day (R-2)

### FRI 20 MAY

- Assembly hosted by Seniors Class
- SAPSASA District Cross Country
- Shed Men Go Bush XI

### SAT 21 MAY

- Shed Men Go Bush XI

### SUN 22 MAY

- Shed Men Go Bush XI

### MON 23 MAY

- Tri-Skills Gymnastics (3-6)

### WED 25 MAY

- Chapel Service
- Student Leaders Day @  
Good Shepherd Lutheran School

### FRI 27 MAY

- Connected Schools -  
Creative Writing @ Endeavour College

## Pentecost

Growing up in Ireland as a young boy and learning about God and faith at school, the Holy Trinity would inevitably come up. Even at times when it didn't have to! You see the Irish have this unique bond with the doctrine of the Holy Trinity due to the shamrock.

You probably know about St Patrick and his work in Ireland, although in terms of the narrative and the reality of his work, there is much debate. St Patrick drove the 'snakes' out of Ireland (the unfaithful?) and brought Christianity to the island at a time when Celtic paganism dominated practices and beliefs. The story goes that St Patrick used the shamrock (the word shamrock comes from the Irish word for clover) as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity and in doing so brought enlightenment to Ireland. Many a shamrock was waved at us in class as children!

In Ireland though the Holy Spirit is more commonly referred to as the Holy Ghost. As a young boy learning about the mysteries of faith this had a dual effect. It scared me a little but it was also intriguing.

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples.

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. (Acts 2:4 GNT)*

From what I can gather there are reasons around the translation of Greek and Hebrew as to why the terms Holy Ghost and Holy Spirit have both been used. The word ghost though refers to the living essence of a person who is no longer present. Maybe this is why the name Holy Ghost was preferred by some of the first Christians; it drew a direct connection back to Jesus who was no longer physically with them.

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*The Helper will come—the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the Father. I will send him to you from the Father, and he will speak about me. (John 15:26 GNT)*

Whichever term we use, this Sunday we give thanks that the Holy Spirit is God's active breath, crafting devotion around the world and giving strength to the faithful.

**Submitted by** Jason Fay

## From the Assistant Principal

### GRANDFRIENDS' DAY MAY 18

Grandparents and other older friends are an important part of our families and make a significant contribution to a child's understanding of the world. Our Reception to Year 2 students brought home invitations before the holidays to pass on to their "Grandfriends" to join them for a morning of learning and activities at school on Wednesday 18th May. Students and teachers are looking forward to an opportunity to show their grandparents and special friends some of the things that happen in their formal learning environment. The day will begin with Chapel in the church at 9am. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall all morning, through to the end of students' recess time at 11am. Visitors are welcome to come and go from classrooms in order to take a break as needed. As with any school event, please encourage grandparents and friends to arrive in plenty of time to find a park in the nearby streets.

### SCHOOL PARKING - WEDNESDAY 18 MAY

With our Grandfriends' Day next Wednesday, there will be a large number of visitors to the school at the beginning of the day. We request that the use of school car parks be reserved for our special visitors who are remaining at school for the morning. If you do not plan to stay for Chapel on Wednesday next week, please consider using the kiss and drop zone. We have staff members on duty every morning to direct your children into the school.

If you do plan to stay, please consider parking on Barton Street and walking through the park to enter the school via the back gate. Thank you in advance for your help.

### OFFICIAL SCHOOL PHOTOS - ADVANCE NOTICE

Official school photos will be taken on Wednesday 15 June. All students are required to wear official winter uniform on this day. Please check your Parent Handbook or visit <http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/enrolment/uniform/> for winter uniform requirements. Students who are not wearing correct uniform may miss out on having their photos taken. If you need additional uniform items, please be sure to see Jane Sabel in the uniform shop.

### HELP NEEDED

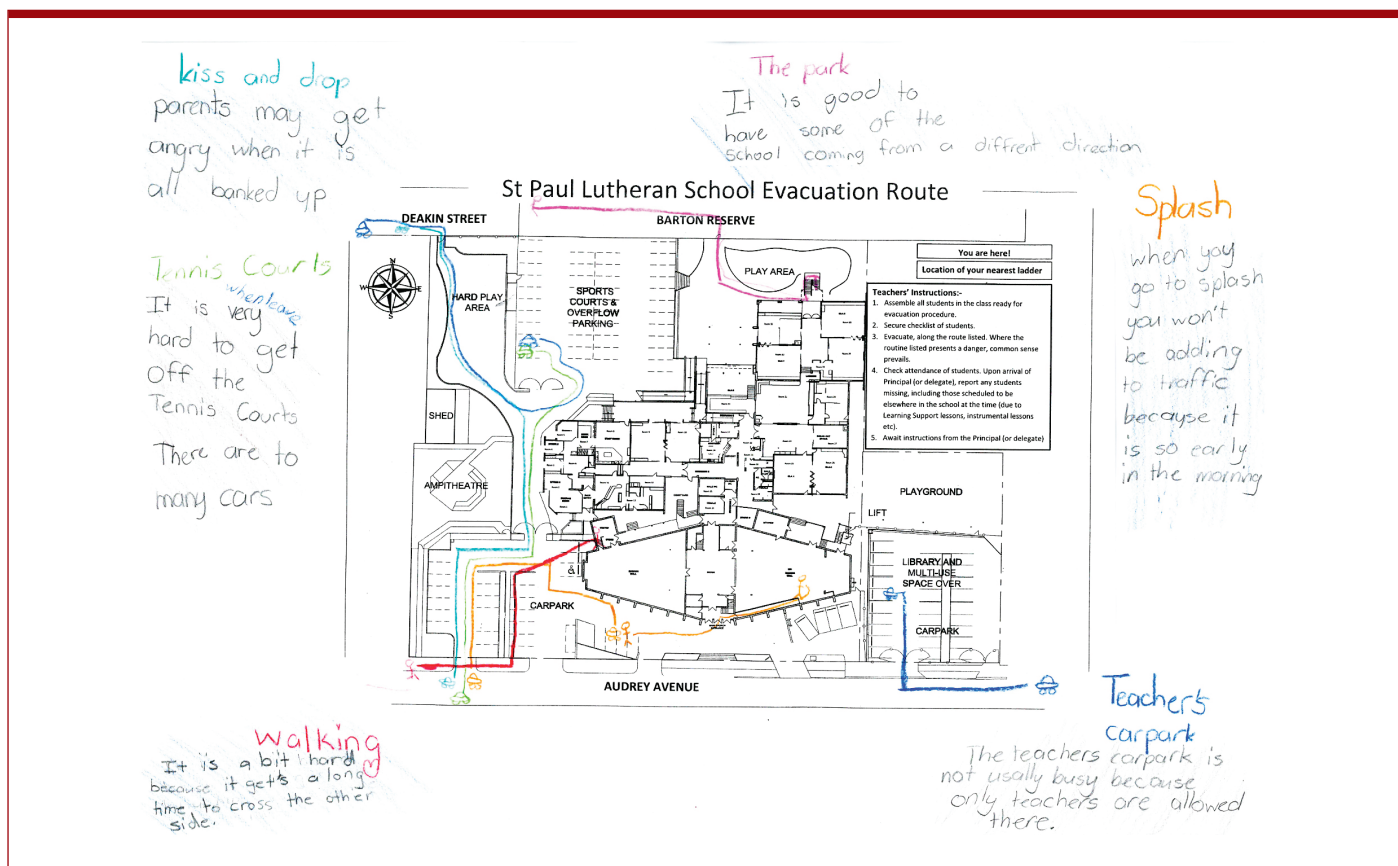
We are looking for some parents to help on Grandfriends' Day to prepare and serve morning tea. If you are available, or would like to find out more, please contact Ann Belcher in the office. If you are unable to be there on the day, but would be willing to make a fruit or savoury platter for morning tea, we would be most grateful for your help! Chris Semmler will also be baking our favourite scones for morning tea.

### SCHOOL HATS

From May through to August, the wearing of hats by students, staff and parents when spending time outside for a relatively short period of time is optional. However, lengthy periods spent outdoors, such as sports day or a full day outdoor excursion requires a school hat to be worn. This directive reflects the recommendations of the Cancer Council of South Australia. For more information about our approach to sun safety, our SunSmart Policy can be viewed online at: <http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/uploads/files/SunSmart-Policy.pdf>.

**Leila Mattner** | Assistant Principal





## Learning Corner

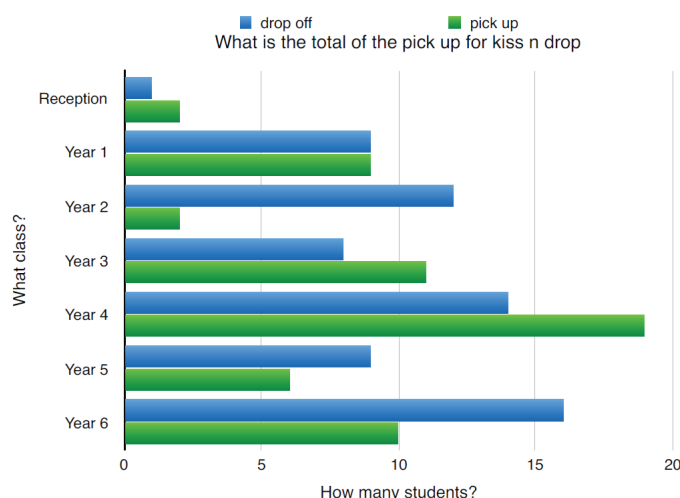
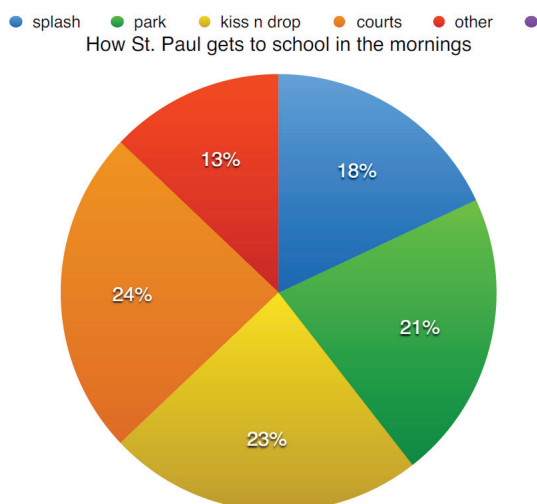
### INQUIRY LEARNING AT ST PAUL

The inquiry learning program of the school continues to take shape in 2016. Innovative planning across the curriculum by teachers is allowing for deeper, more relevant learning experiences and opportunities for students.

One example of this is the work of the Year 4 cohort. Miss Aquino and Miss Mueller's classes are about to complete a unit of inquiry titled - "Our Local Community". Students have been investigating the role of the local government and the purpose of both rules and laws in our local community.

To make this topic more relevant to students the teachers tasked students with investigating traffic around the school, especially at school pick-up and drop off times. Students have collected and represented data, analysed and annotated maps, invited in guest speakers and are now beginning to form and present conclusions and suggestions for improvement.

This unit is meeting outcomes from the Australian Curriculum in the subjects of Civics and Citizenship, Geography, Maths and English, and is allowing students to take curriculum content and apply it to their individual contexts in a meaningful way. On Friday morning these classes will present their work and findings to other year levels and teachers. Could one of these students make life easier for the whole community?





## NAPLAN

NAPLAN week is upon us and the Year 3 and 5 students have been undertaking the series of tests prescribed by The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Although this can be a stressful time for some students, the way St Paul students have handled themselves this week has been admirable. The data provided by these tests complements the daily work of teachers and will be available later in the year.

## CONNECTED SCHOOLS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Primary and Secondary members of the Connected Schools partnership (St Paul, Golden Grove Lutheran, Good Shepherd and Endeavour College) have teamed up to deliver an Enrichment Program for students in Years 5-9 who are gifted and talented in a variety of fields. The main aim of the Connected Schools Enrichment Program is to provide a series of mini courses that will provide curriculum enrichment opportunities for a group of like-minded students. Courses will run 3 times per year with schools hosting and facilitating the program on a rotational basis.

The agreed definition of Gifted and Talented for the program, developed in partnership with the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA) is a student with the ability to perform at a level significantly beyond what might be expected from one's age peers, in any domain of human ability [Gagne 2008]. A 'gifted' child or student will possess, to an outstanding degree, demonstrated ability or potential.

Students will be invited to attend appropriate courses based on evidence and data collected by individual schools and teachers. Typically this will be a small group of students (usually about 5) from each school. In 2016 there will be courses run on Creative Writing (Term 2 at Endeavour), Coding (Term 3 at Good Shepherd) and Performing Arts (Term 4 at St Paul). Other potential courses in 2017 may include Maths, Science (or STEM/STEAM), Physical Education and Art. This is a great initiative and example of how Connected Schools can support each other to offer new and innovative opportunities for our students. If you would like to know more about this program please feel free to contact me at [jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au).

**Jason Fay** | Director of Learning

## Endeavour College News

### ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE MAJOR PRODUCTION: MEKANIKHA

The world of MEKANIKHA is where the audience members will be faced with one simple question... have we gone too far with technology? The narrator Eve, will take you on a journey through times of simplicity and intricacy, of times of old and new. MEKANIKHA will include incredible dance sequences, live musical acts, comedy routines and a range of drama styles. Please see the flyer attached for this production in June.

## Scholastic News

Scholastic brochures went home last Thursday. All orders are due back to the school office by Wednesday 18th May.

## Church News

### 2016/2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

2016/2017 Entertainment Books are now available from the church or school office. Cost is \$65 per book and payment can be made online or by cash to the school office. 20% of the proceeds contribute towards the church fundraising.

## Library News

Calling all knitters! As the weather cools down and we start to think about pulling on a jumper I would like to complement our library lunch-time activities with some knitting! I would appreciate any donations of old balls of wool or knitting needles. If you are a keen knitter and a registered volunteer I would love to hear from you if you are interested in teaching a small group of students the art of knitting. Please come and see me in the library or contact me via email at [wmcleod@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:wmcleod@stpaulba.sa.edu.au).

**Wendy McLeod** | Library Resource Manager

## 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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## Raising Happy, Confident and Resilient Children

The average child's day is bursting with potential disappointments - small and large. But when you start examining your response to these, you might be surprised how many never even reach your child's radar due to your determined efforts to protect them from ever suffering. But any muscle that's to grow stronger needs to have a little weight on it. It might sound obvious, but the only way for kids to learn to 'bounce back' is for them to occasionally be 'dropped' (metaphorically of course!). The safest place for this to happen is at home, when they are small, surrounded by family who love and care for them enough to let them suffer just a little through life's setbacks, and survive!

For more parenting hot tips visit [theparentingplace.com](http://theparentingplace.com).

**Felicity Tamasi** | Community Chaplain

## Autism Spectrum Disorder Information and Support Meeting

**Monday 16th May and 27th June, 2016**

**9.30am – 11.00am, Salisbury Lutheran Church**

Please invite anyone you feel might benefit from this meeting.

Contact Lyn Benger, Child & Family Encourager  
at [café@slc.lca.org.au](mailto:café@slc.lca.org.au) or call 8281 2976.

If you would like to know more Jen Pfeiffer would be happy to share more about the group.

**Good coffee is a pleasure ...  
Good friends are a treasure!**

**LAST MINUTE CAFE**

**is now up and  
running!**

Every morning Monday to Friday  
Come by and make yourself a 'free' cup of coffee  
Sit down and have a chat with a friend!

**Located opposite the Uniform Shop!  
Hope to see you real soon.**