Fruits of the Spirit

Our church has just celebrated the season of Pentecost. Churches count this as our birthday, because it is really when our church began. After Jesus had died, risen and spent some time with His friends, He needed to return to heaven. But, He didn't want to leave His followers alone, so He left them a helper, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is an interesting part of the Trinity. God the Father we can understand. Fathers are something that is familiar to us. A creator God who loves us, made and looks after us makes sense. We can understand God the Son, Jesus, because He was a person, like us. We have stories in the Bible to help us understand who He was, what He did, how He lived and loved. The Holy Spirit is different though. He is the third part of the Trinity; totally God, like the Father and the Son, yet also totally unique.

On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit arrived here on earth. Some pretty strange things happened that day. There was a mighty wind, there were flames on people's heads, and the disciples starting speaking languages they didn't know before. This is a little hard for us to understand.

In Galatians 5:22-23, the Bible talks about the Fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These qualities are from the Holy Spirit. We can have these in our lives and share them with others. We can have love that cares for people who we find hard to love, we can have patience when we feel incredibly frustrated, we can have self-control to not lash out, or not eat that last chocolate biscuit we know we shouldn't! The Holy Spirit can give us these things, He is a gift-giver and He loves to give them! So what fruit would you like more of in your life? All you need to do is ask, the fruit-giver is waiting to give!

Submitted by Elise von Stanke
From the Assistant Principal

GRANDFRIENDS’ DAY
Wednesday last week saw the church and then the school fill with a large host of visitors for our junior primary students. Thank you to all grandparents, friends, and parents who visited, assisted others to visit, or helped with catering and organisation on the day. This was a special day for our students to show their ‘grandfriends’ around the school and to give them a snapshot of what they do in class.

LSA PRIMARY STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY
Today our school captains and vice captains: Blayde Harten, Leticia Scholz, Jaden Tape McGlashan and Laura Wildman, head to the Primary Student Leadership Day with Mrs Jen Krieg. This event is organised by the Lutheran Schools Association and is facilitated by Emma Graetz, Grassroots Coordinator at Australian Lutheran College. The interactive day aims to engage and equip students with the 4 S’s of Student Leadership, providing them with a holistic approach to effectively lead within Lutheran Schools.

- Significant others: What can I learn from other significant leaders I respect?
- Spiritual Leadership: What can my spirituality bring to this situation?
- Servant Leadership: How can I best serve in this situation?
- Support: What support can I access to help me lead in this situation?

I have no doubt that this event will be a great way for our school captains to further develop their leadership skills.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY – 3 JUNE
National Reconciliation Week provides opportunities for Australians across the country to learn about the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and our place as Australians in being part of reconciliation. This year each class has been working on something different to celebrate reconciliation week. In doing so, we also recognise the continued importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures not just in this dedicated week, but every day. In addition, Miss Tania Burgan and a selected group of Year 6 students will be attending the annual Reconciliation SA breakfast this Friday. This event is launching Reconciliation Week in SA by featuring the newly trained RECOGNISE Youth Representatives from South Australia, speaking about their hopes for the future. A Keynote from Tanya Hosch, Joint Campaign Director of RECOGNISE, will be the centrepiece of this launch. We are grateful to the City of Port Adelaide Enfield for their Reconciliation Week grant in support of our students attending this event.

GATES AND SECURITY PROCEDURES
Please note that we now lock the pedestrian gate to the park during the school day outside of play times. If you are in the school to help out in classrooms in the mornings, you are still welcome and encouraged to park on Barton Street and walk through the park. Our office staff are more than happy to unlock the gate at your request, or can make a note to do so on a regular basis if you help out at the same time each week.

QUALITY SCHOOLS
Last week the Quality Schools survey was emailed to all parents in the St Paul community. The data gathered will benefit everyone within the school by providing valuable information in such areas as the teaching and learning program, our values and our community, so that success can be celebrated and educational services improved. This is a significant opportunity to voice your opinion about your child’s school in a confidential manner and we would appreciate as many responses as possible. Thank you in advance.

SHED MEN AND PARENTS AND FRIENDS
Reading the newsletters leading up to the “Shed Men Go Bush” camp, I have to confess that I was just a little bit jealous to be missing out. The organising committee planned a brilliant program once again - what a great
opportunity for dads to spend time with their school-age children! We look forward to hearing about your adventures from the weekend. Another exciting event coming up for students is the school disco, run by yet more fabulous parent volunteers.

WINTER UNIFORM
From the middle of next week, 1 June, all students are required to wear winter uniform. Please note in particular that boys should wear long pants with grey socks, and girls' dresses or skirts should be below the knee, but no longer than mid-calf. Please note that we will be sending home friendly uniform reminders the following week to ensure all families understand our uniform expectations ready for school photographs on 15 June. Our full Uniform Policy can be viewed online at http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/uploads/files/Uniform-Policy.pdf. Please contact office staff if you would like a printed copy.

OFFICIAL SCHOOL PHOTOS – 15 JUNE
Notices for official school photos were sent home to parents on Monday this week, and photographs will be taken on Wednesday 15 June. All students are required to wear official winter uniform on this day. Students who are not wearing correct uniform may miss out on having their photos taken. Please note that due to photography timelines, Chapel will be on Wednesday afternoon on 15 June at 2:30pm.

PRINCIPAL’S CONFERENCE
Last week I travelled to the Lutheran Principals Association National conference in Cairns. I was one of several emerging leaders invited by their principals to attend this event to explore further what it means to be a leader in a Lutheran school. My thanks go to all St Paul staff who have helped out in my absence, particularly with Grandfriends’ Day.

Leila Mattner | Assistant Principal

SAPSASA District Cross Country
Who said cross country running is an individual pursuit? At the Fourth Avenue, Klemzig venue last Friday, there were too many examples of team stuff happening to call it individual. The large group of supporting parents, along with our St Paul runners were vocally strong with their encouragement.

Team efforts ensured that our team shelter was securely erected and efficiently dismantled.

And - what a diligent, enthusiastic team we had representing St Paul Lutheran. Our 20 runners all performed strongly with twelve finishing in the first twelve out of fifty plus starters in their respective races. At least three team members will be invited to run at the state carnival at Oakbank on 9 June.

Special thanks to Mrs Martin for assisting with checkpoint duties.

Kym Mickan | Sports Coordinator

LLL School Banking
Introduce your child to saving when they are younger and they may even thank you when they're older.

Children's accounts opened with the LLL start with a gift of $5. Passbooks are issued for all children but guardians have internet access via LLL@Home.

Deposits can be made weekly via our School Banking system each Wednesday.

Account Features
- All funds available at call
- No minimum deposit or balance required
- No LLL fees or charges
- $5 for opening the account
OUR VISION:


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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CANTEEN NEWS

FISH AND WEDGES
Fish and wedges with lettuce and mayonnaise is available for $3.90 next Monday 30 May. Please place orders prior to Friday 27 May for catering purposes.

Parents & Friends News
A big thank you to all families that have returned their raffle books. Funds raised thus far are in excess of $1000. Keep watching this space for some exciting news regarding where these funds will be allocated to.

Shed Men
We desperately need men to host the Friday night Shed Men gatherings for June, July, August, September, November and December. Please contact Michael Latty on 0409 287 101 if you have any interest.

Church News

PASTY BAKE
A tray of 6 famous pasties for just $12 are available for sale this Thursday 26 May. Please place your orders with Renate Burls on 8260 5758 or alternatively the school office on 8260 2655 no later than 9am on the day of the bake.

Connected Schools News

ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Endeavour College, 85 Mawson Lakes Boulevard, Mawson Lakes, is having an Open Day on Tuesday 31 May from 9am to 11am. For more information contact Endeavour College on 8368 3311.

CONNECTED SCHOOLS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
This Friday, selected students have been invited to attend our first of a series of enrichment sessions at Endeavour. The focus of this session is upon Creative Writing. 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.