WATER GIVES LIFE

We have a framed pool that takes up our back lawn – and really needs to come down so that I can reclaim the back yard from the jungle of weeds and grass around it. With the beautiful warm weather over the holiday period, I took the opportunity to clean up our pool ready to take it down. The pool has been a real bonus over the summer and has the miraculous power to refresh hot grumpy children like nothing else can! Even as the weather has cooled, it has been a useful ‘ice bath’ for me after hockey games, cooling my over stretched muscles as I recover.

I came home on a day last week to see a 10 litre box of water on my front porch. SA Water was cutting our water supply for 5 hours and was leaving supplies for everybody. Water is vital to our lives in so many ways. Anybody who has been on a camping trip where water must be carried will know how much per person per day is required, despite being used frugally. Even when camping near the river, we need to take plenty of fresh drinking water.

Jesus spoke of our spiritual lives needing water also. In John 4, Jesus speaks to a woman near a well, at one point saying: “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:13-14) Whilst I’ve taken this out of context, the meaning remains that the Holy Spirit brings life-giving water for the soul. Perhaps you feel an emptiness that you try to satisfy with possessions, relationships or work? The same Jesus who spoke to the woman at the well invites you to quench your thirst. How do we get this life-giving water? We ask. Just like Jesus asked for water at the well.

Submitted by Leila Mattner
FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term Two!
Welcome to all parents, students, staff and friends of St Paul. With the return of students this week, we also welcome Mrs Megan Lehmann, who will be teaching in Learning Support this term while Miss Cheryl Ziegeler takes some well-deserved long service leave. We also celebrate with Jess Denko with some baby news! Jess and Scott are proud parents of the beautiful Amelia Sarah Lampshire, born on Saturday 23 April.

Uniform in Term Two
Please remember that students have the option of continuing to wear their summer uniform until the end of May. Winter uniform should be worn from 1 June. Please see Jane Sabel at the uniform shop for any of your uniform needs.

Connected Schools Worship
This Friday 6 May, Years 4, 5 and 6 students and teachers will attend a Connected Schools worship service at Endeavour College. Year 4 students have the opportunity to participate in some workshops at Endeavour College following a shared morning tea. In addition, we invite all parents, caregivers and family members from the St Paul community to join us in this worship and community-building opportunity. Morning tea will be served following the service, held in the Endeavour Centre, Endeavour College, 85 Mawson Lakes Blvd, Mawson Lakes at 10:15 am on Friday 6 May.

Quality Schools
In the next few weeks we will be gathering data about the school from students, staff and parents through the Quality Schools survey. 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.

All students from Year 5, staff and families, will be invited to participate in the survey which will be conducted through email. An independent company, RADII, has been engaged by Lutheran Education Australia to assist us in conducting this important survey. This means that your responses to the survey will remain confidential. If you do not wish to participate in this survey, a link will be provided to indicate this in the email. While participation in the survey is voluntary, you are encouraged to do so as it is a significant opportunity to voice your opinion about your child’s school confidentially.

Mothers’ Day
Happy Mothers’ Day in advance to all the wonderful mums out there! Here’s to chocolate, dressing gowns, candles and breakfast in bed! Thanks to all mothers in our school community that contribute in a myriad of ways in the life of St Paul Lutheran School. God bless you all this Sunday.

God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.
Rudyard Kipling

Leila Mattner
Acting Principal
BUSINESS MANAGER’S NEWS

Community Lottery Books
Community lottery books were distributed to school families prior to the holidays. Please keep these lottery books coming in. Your support is appreciated.

iPad Chargers
If you purchased an iPad from the school during 2012 to 2015, please contact the office in the next two weeks regarding replacement of your iPad charger.

Robyn Mader
Business Manager

SHED MEN

The monthly gathering for all Dads and other significant males in the school community, Shed Men, will be held this Friday, 6 May at the shed of Michael Hall, 23 Burgan Street, Sefton Park from about 6:30ish. The normal stuff applies – please bring something to barbecue and something to drink. We would like to do a show and tell this month, so please bring something old and significant to you! Any questions, please phone Michael on 0417 969 217.

Shed Men Committee

SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following students who have earned a place in this year’s St Paul Cross country team to participate in our district competition at Klemzig on 20 March.


12 yr: Steven Bolo, Blayde Harten, Alex Jones, Riak Lueth, Leticia Scholz.

Kym Mickan
Sports Coordinator

PARENTS AND FRIENDS TEAM NEWS

Mothers’ Day Stall
The Mothers’ Day stall will be held this Thursday 5 May. Gifts are available to all students from $2 to $6 and children can purchase up to 3 gifts and a card. All gifts will be given in a gift bag or wrapped. We ask that your child has a named wallet/purse or labelled envelope so no money is lost or misspent. This activity has no obligation, so if for any reason you would prefer your child not to participate, please let your child’s teacher know.
School Disco
Hold the date... School disco is coming soon!

School disco will be held on **Saturday 4 June** this year. More details will follow in the next Inspire. Look out for information on the P & F board adjacent the canteen and signs around school also.

As per every year, we will be looking for help from the school community to run the disco. Please check your diaries and consider helping out at this great student event.

The P & F Team

CANTEEN NEWS

Fish and Wedges
Fish and wedges with lettuce and mayonnaise is available for $3.90 next Monday 9 May. Please place orders prior to this Friday 6 May for catering purposes.

Chris Semmler
Canteen Manager

CHURCH NEWS

6 SPY
Junior SPY will be held this Friday 6 May. Who am I? Made in God’s image. Come and hear more at St Paul Lutheran Church from 7pm to 9pm. Girls please bring supper to share. $2. For more information contact Andrew Joppich on 0488 400 370.

2016/2017 Entertainment Books
The moment you have all been waiting for has arrived, and we couldn't be more excited! For only $65, the new 2016/2017 Entertainment™ Membership has hundreds of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers. This year we are trying to raise as many dollars as we can for our fundraising, and we need your help! Purchase your 2016/2017 Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership from us, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our fundraising, so please even consider purchasing this as a gift for your friends and family! Last year we raised $572!! Books are available from the school office.

Playgroup
St Paul Lutheran Church playgroup will resume next Tuesday 10 May in the Church Hall from 9 am to 10:30 am. Playgroup is held on Tuesdays during school terms. Cost $2 per family. For more information please contact Nicole Hall on 0412 686 342.

St Paul Lutheran Church