



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

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Upcoming Events

MON 28 NOV

- Swimming Rec- Year 2
- Endeavour Transition Day

TUES 29 NOV

- Swimming Rec- Year 2
- 6pm Community Conversations

WED 30 NOV

- Swimming Rec- Year 2
- 9am Chapel

THURS 1 DEC

- Swimming Rec- Year 2
- 1.45pm School Tour

FRI 2 DEC

- 3.30pm Mrs Folland's Class Teddy Bears Picnic
- 6.30pm Shed Men

WED 7 DEC

- 9am Reception Christmas Concert

THURS 8 DEC

- Class Carer End of Year Dinner

FRI 9 DEC

- School Reports sent home
- 9am Presentation Assembly

Getting Ready for Christmas

In our supermarkets today there are many 'instant' meal options. With the right packet or bottled ingredients a meal can be put together in a few minutes. There are times and places for that, and some of these 'instant' meals taste great. But there are some foods that cannot be produced so quickly. To get the right mix of textures and flavours, a slow and long cook is needed.

Christmas is looming again (less than five weeks away now). For many people, getting ready for Christmas involves a last minute rush. But to really appreciate the real meaning of Christmas – to take in and ponder the various shades and nuances and flavours of the true Christmas story – more time and reflection is needed. In the Christian church the season of Advent exists for that reason. This year it begins next Sunday, 27 November. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means 'coming' or 'visit'. In the Advent season, Christians reflect on how the Son of God 'visited' our world in human form, born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago; and remember His promise to return again at the end of time. It's a season to consider the gift of Jesus and all he has done for us. And it's a season to prepare our hearts and minds for his coming again, whenever that might be.

This Advent season, I encourage you to consider ways in which you can 'slow life down' and focus on the true Christmas story. There are a range of ways to do this in your home. Read different versions of the story of Jesus' birth from storybooks together with one another. Use a Christian-themed Advent calendar to countdown the days until Christmas. Set up an Advent wreath in your home, and light a new candle each week up to Christmas.



Sing Christmas carols together. Decide on acts of service you can do together for friends and neighbours as part of your households Christmas giving. These are just some possibilities.

May God bless your household as you get ready for Christmas, giving to you the peace, hope, joy and love of Jesus!

Blessings, Pastor Greg.

From the Principal

SWIMMING WEEKS 2016

This week, all of our Year 3, 4 and 5 students are attending daily swimming lessons, with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students following suit next week. We are incredibly thankful for the committed group of registered volunteers (parents and grandparents!) who take time to support our teachers during this busy and exciting time for students.

END-OF-YEAR SERVICE

Please mark our End-of-Year Service in your calendar! This will take place on Wednesday 14 December at 7 pm in the Endeavour Centre, Endeavour College, Mawson Lakes. This compulsory student event includes the graduation ceremony for our Year 6 students and is a wonderful way to conclude the year. More information will be sent home regarding the End of Year Service in coming weeks. If your child is unable to make the service, please let Jason Fay know via email: jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au.

IPAD INFORMATION FOR YEAR 3 AND 4 STUDENTS IN 2017

Year 3 students this year have school-owned iPads. Please note that these iPads will be collected on the last day of school, Wednesday 14 December. If your child has an iPad owned by the family, they will have the school management of the iPad taken off of their device on this day and will bring their iPads home for you to set up. A letter regarding iPads for 2017 will come

home with all current Year 2 and 3 students today. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you did not receive the letter.

NEW FAMILY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

We would like to welcome to our school community Daniel, Zoe, Nikita and Chase Graham. Nikita has joined Miss Schuster's class. Please keep them in your prayers as they settle into St Paul.

Leila Mattner Principal

General News

BOOKLISTS

Information packs about booklists for 2016 were sent home with students last week. Please remember to attend to these before Monday December 5. All orders that are made in time will be delivered to the school on Thursday December 8. For online ordering, please note that your user name and password are the same and you need to log in separately for each child.

SCHOOL GARDEN

... where children can delight in nature and discover a passion for plants and share it with the community...

DID YOU KNOW...

The produce from the school garden is harvested by the children and available to you from the PARENT CAFÉ (opposite the Uniform Shop).

This weeks SPECIAL is: SPRING ONIONS
great for Thai dishes

- salads
- quiches
- dips

We DIG gold coin donations so we can buy our next lot of seeds/seedlings.

Thanks for supporting the school garden.

From the Year 3 Students



CHRISTMAS CRAFT IN THE LIBRARY

We will be doing Christmas craft in the Library at lunch-times on Tuesday for the rest of the term. Students can come along and create Christmas cards, Christmas trees, lanterns and nativity scenes in the coming weeks.

FINAL WEEK FOR BORROWING

This week (Week 6) is the final week for students to borrow from the Library. All Library resources will be due back next week.

JUNIOR CONCERT DVD'S FOR SALE

A high quality DVD of the Junior Concert is available for sale from the school office. DVD's are \$20 and payment can be made by cash or credit card. If you would like a copy of any of the photos from the Junior Concert, please bring a NAMED USB to the office and we can place the photos on there for you.

YEAR 4 PARENTS

Transition to Endeavour College for Year 7 in 2019. Thank you to those who have registered interest in enrolling their child at Endeavour College for Year 7 in 2019.

If you have not submitted an enrolment application form, and are still unsure of the future of your child's secondary education, you are still encouraged to complete the enrolment application form. (This will avoid missing out on the chance for a priority place as a commitment from you is not made until early next year).

Should you have any queries or would like to book a tour of the College, please contact Endeavour College, Ph: 8368 3311.

LIONS CHRISTMAS CAKES

Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings are an important fund raising project of Lions Clubs in Australia. Funds raised are donated to projects that benefit the community locally, nationally or internationally.

You can purchase a cake or pudding from the School Office.

Christmas Cake 1.5kg \$16.00

Christmas Cake 1kg \$12.00

Christmas Pudding \$12.00

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS -ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO.

THIS WEEK IS PASTA SAUCE!

Please remember to bring a jar pasta sauce this week to support the Lutheran Community Care Christmas Hampers. LCC provide hampers for families in need and would love your support this Christmas. Please give your jar to your class teacher or put it in the 'Drop Off' box opposite the canteen.

UNIFORM SHOP

Questions to ask yourself before dropping off 2nd hand uniforms to the Uniform Shop.

- 1.Are the uniforms in good resalable condition?
- 2.Have I fixed up any
*fallen down hems?
*replaced any missing buttons?
3. Have I washed/dry cleaned the uniforms?
4. Have I ironed and neatly folded the uniforms?

If you have answered YES to all the above questions, please place all uniforms for resale in a NAMED bag and drop them nicely into the uniform shop.

Jane Sabel Uniform Shop Girl

VACATION CARE

The Vacation Care Program is now available and was emailed to families on Monday. Please note that on excursion days we will have a limited number of spaces so get those booking in soon.

The last return date for bookings should read Monday 12th December [incorrect on form].

Thank you for your support of our Splash program.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Fees for 2017 have been set at \$3180 per year or \$795 per term. This represents a modest rise of just over 2% on 2016 fees. Parents are reminded to budget to pay their fees on time to assist the school in managing its finances effectively.



PERFORMING ARTS AT ST PAUL

On Tuesday the 15th of November, St Paul hosted a Performing Arts workshop for the Connected Schools group. 5 students from St Paul participated as well as students from Good Shepherd, Golden Grove Lutheran and Endeavour College. We started off by doing activities to get to know each other, and then we split into three groups based on dance, drama and music. The dance group had to create a Flash Mob to teach the other students and then perform later. The drama group had to create a commercial and video it and the music group had to create a jingle and then record it. All the activities had a focus of protecting the environment for the future. We performed the Flash Mob on the tennis courts and also in the staff room. We even did some performances after lunch in classrooms. The drama group created a commercial about a boy who wants to go to the zoo to see the elephants but finds out that they're extinct. The music group created a jingle to the song 'Hello' by Adele about animal extinction. A lot of people joined in and played more than one instrument in the song. At the end of the day we all came together to do the final recording of the jingle and watched the commercial before the other schools left. The Performing Arts day was a great opportunity to create new friendships and learn about acting, dancing and music.

Submitted by Madison C and Jackson W, Year 6, St Paul Lutheran School.

ADVENT SERVICE AND INSTALLATION OF MRS LEILA MATTNER ON SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Please join St Paul for the Advent Service on Sunday 27 November at 9:30am for worship. Leila Mattner will also be installed as Principal of our school at the Worship Service. Please plan to come along! The church's Experience Advent event will follow for young and old participants. See Church News for more details.

NETBALL AND CRICKET REGISTRATIONS SEASON 1 FOR 2017

If you have a child interested in playing *netball* or *cricket* for St Paul in 2017, please collect a Registration Form from the office.

Children who are starting Year 2 in 2017 and are interested in playing netball, can register their interest by completing the Registration Form. These students, depending on an available coach, will train after school in Term 1 or 2, to begin playing competitive games in Season 2 (Terms 3 and 4).

STAFF VERSUS SENIORS NETBALL 2016

The annual Staff v Seniors netball match, played at lunch - time last Thursday, was one of the highlights of PE Week. It was a very intense game and both teams played really well. There were three x seven minute thirds, which were played in super hot conditions. In the first two thirds the students were down. However, in the last third they made a massive comeback (that surprised the teachers) and in the end, although they lost narrowly, the students fought to the end. Congratulations to all of the players, both staff and students, and massive thanks to Mr Mickan, helpers and the umpires who made this game possible.

Submitted by Laura Duncan, Leticia Scholz and Erin Gates

LOST PROPERTY

The school office is collecting quite a few unnamed woollen jumpers. If you have lost a jumper, please visit the office to have a look at what we have. This is a great reminder to make sure your uniforms are named so they can be returned if found.

It is also a good time to check the name on your child's jumper. Often jumpers are taken off during the school day and students accidentally pick up the wrong one. Jake Smith in Miss Baldock's class is missing his brand new named woollen jumper and he would be grateful for its return. Please return any incorrect jumpers to the school office for redistribution.

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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Church News

EXPERIENCE ADVENT

Advent is the season of getting ready for Christmas in the church year. Join us here at St Paul as we explore together through fun, crafts and games, ways we can prepare for Christmas.

When – Sunday November 27th

Where - St Paul Lutheran Church and Hall

Time – 11.00am – 12.30pm

Cost – Gold Coin donation for some activities

SPY

St Paul Youth for Grade 6 and above runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term 7.00pm-9.00pm. Cost \$2.00

Our meeting dates for Term 4 are:

Friday December 2nd - Proverbs: Pride or humility? Boys bring Supper

Friday December 16th – Fast Progressive Dinner Fun: More details to follow .

For more information or queries about children and youth at St Paul Church contact Nicole Hall, CYHM coordinator 0412 686 342