



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

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Upcoming Events

TUE 1 NOV

- Melbourne Cup

WED 2 NOV

- 9am Chapel Service

THUR 3 NOV

- 9am Mr Mayer's Class Coffee and Chat at The Coffee Barun
- 2pm Principal's Community Conversations

FRI 4 NOV

- Shed Men Seafood Extravaganza

TUE 8 NOV

- 9.15am 2017 Reception Transition I
- School Council Meeting

WED 9 NOV

- 9am Chapel Service
- 9:30am Principal's Community Conversations

THUR 10 NOV

- Connected Schools Athletics Carnival

FRI 11 NOV

- Mrs Krieg and Mrs Voigt's Class Assembly
- Remembrance Day
- 9.30am Volunteers Morning Tea

Our Part is to Trust

It's a simple promise.... "Everyone who believes in [him] will have eternal life" (John 3:15 NLT)

The simplicity troubles many people. We expect a more complicated cure, a more elaborate treatment.... We expect a more proactive assignment, to have to conjure up a remedy for our sin. Some mercy seekers have donned hair shirts, climbed cathedral steps on their knees, or traversed hot rocks on bare feet.

Others of us have written our own Bible verse "God helps those who help themselves" (Popular Opinion 1:1). We'll fix ourselves, thank you. We'll make up for our mistakes with contributions, out guilt with busyness. We'll overcome failures with hard work. We'll find salvation the old-fashioned way: we'll earn it!

Christ – in contrast, says: "Your part is to trust. Trust me to do what you can't!"

By the way, you take similar steps of trust daily, even hourly. You believe the chair will support you, so you can set your weight on it. You believe water will hydrate you, so you swallow it. You trust the work of the light switch, so you flip it. You have faith the doorknob will work, so you turn it.

You regularly trust power you cannot see to do a work you cannot accomplish.

Jesus invites you to do the same with him. Just him. Not... any other leaders... Not even you. You can't fix you.

Look to Jesus... and believe.

Submitted by Claire Fisher

Excerpt taken from 'Lived Loved: Experiencing God's Presence in Everyday Life' A Devotional by Max Lucado.



From the Principal

REFORMATION AND LUTHER'S ROSE

On Sunday we celebrated Reformation Sunday in the church. It was special to see the Luther Rose on the altar which had been decorated by many of our school students in the library. Monday 31 October was Reformation Day.

Nearly five centuries ago, Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk, nailed 95 theses to a church door, sparking a movement for change in the church. Luther's study of the Bible led him to realise that we are not saved by our efforts to do good or by monetary contributions; rather, we are saved by God's grace and through faith in Jesus. You can read more about the teachings of the Lutheran Church of Australia at www.lca.org.au.

Luther's Rose: Luther said that the black cross on a red heart reminds us that the crucified Christ saves us. The cross humiliates us and causes us pain, but also brings us righteousness and life, when in our hearts we believe in the crucified Saviour. The heart is in the centre of a white rose, to show that faith brings joy, comfort, blessedness and peace beyond that of the world. The background of the Rose is sky blue to show that this joy in the Spirit and in faith is the beginning of the heavenly joy to come. It is surrounded by a golden ring to signify that the bliss of heaven is endless and lasts forever, and is more precious than all other joys and treasures.

(Taken from <http://www.ringwoodknoxparish.org.au/arts/luther-rose.html>)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

QUALITY SCHOOLS PARENT DATA: PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN FUTURE PLANNING

A small percentage of the responses we received through the survey suggested that parents wanted more opportunity to be involved in future planning for the school. Completing the survey was an excellent first step in this process, and is a significant way for us

to identify areas for improvement. Whilst surveys can reach a wide audience, I acknowledge that they can feel less personal and more structured than many would like. This is where other approaches such as **Community Conversations** can give parents an opportunity for deep discussions about what they would like for their children in future. When I have enough input from parents through the current conversation process, the next round of conversations will begin specifically around evidence of our pedagogical framework in action, including a walk around the school. In addition, we have once again committed to regularly requesting feedback in a number of other areas. Specifically, our Director of Learning, Jason Fay, has recently requested feedback regarding homework, and about different methods of regular parent feedback. Please also know that I am open to feedback about any area of the school at any time – I'd love to hear from you!

If you would like to be part of a **Community Conversation** about what you hope for your child's future, please book in for a session, fortnightly on Wednesdays, or alternatively on one of the following dates:

Thurs 3 November: 2pm-3pm (TOMORROW – book now!)
Wed 16 November: 2pm-3pm
Tues 29 November 6pm – 7pm

APPLE IOS UPDATE

Many of you will have noticed that student iPads recently required a software update. According to our information, the majority of student iPads have been updated to the new version. If you or your child have not yet updated, please do so soon as this addresses some security issues. Thank you for your help in keeping your child and our system as safe as possible.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Last week our Year 6 students spent three days on the Murray River experiencing a variety of water sports new to many of them. This is an important time for our Year 6 students to develop their independence, group skills, and to take some risks in a supervised environment. This is a valuable part of the school curriculum and I'd like to extend a huge thank you to the teachers and



parent volunteers who gave of their time to make this experience possible

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Director of Learning

Congratulations to those students who received their awards for the Uni NSW Science tests last week. A reminder that at each assembly this term students will receive awards for their achievements in these tests. At Mrs Krieg and Mrs Voigt's Year 3 Assembly in Week 4 English awards will be presented and at the Week 6 Miss Arnold's Year 1 Assembly, Mathematics awards will be presented.

CONNECTED SCHOOLS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

This year, Connected Schools (Good Shepherd, Golden Grove Lutheran, Endeavour College and St Paul) have been running a series of workshops, in a variety of areas, for students who demonstrated giftedness in particular areas of the curriculum. The Connected Schools Enrichment Program definition of gifted and talented is: Giftedness - 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.

So far this year workshops on Creative Writing and Digital Coding have already been held. This term, on Tuesday the 15th of November, St Paul is hosting a Performing Arts workshop. Participating students will have the opportunity to engage in a day of investigation as they work collaboratively with students from other schools. Mrs Elise Von Stanke will run the day with the capable assistance of Miss Burgan. Good luck to everyone involved.

YEAR 5 EXPO

Last week the Year 5 class hosted a learning expo to celebrate the conclusion of their unit "The world is still worth exploring". Students were asked to choose 5 places on our planet that are significant enough

to protect from destruction forever and justify these choices. The most popular choice was the Amazon Rainforest and other choices included the Murray River, the Pyramids, the Great Wall of China, the Great Barrier Reef and the Smithsonian Museum! Students were allowed to present their work (which had to meet strict criteria) in any way they chose. As a result we had models, websites, picture books and even a Minecraft maze used to engage and educate visitors. Many parents and friends noted the high standard of work and level of creativity. The best part of these days though is seeing students proudly stand by their efforts and the buzz of learning in the school. Well done to all of these students.

General News

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, followed by the *Experience Advent* event. There will be a variety of activity stations for persons of all ages to participate in, along with and a shared lunch. Leila Mattner will also be installed as Principal of our school at the Worship Service. Please plan to come along! More information will be provided in coming weeks.

CANTEEN FISH AND WEDGES DAY

Remember to CATCH your Fish and Wedges from the canteen on Monday 7 November. An order form will be CAST out this week for you to fill in and be returned to school by Friday 4 November along with payment. It's going to be REEL tasty!

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

THIS WEEK IS CANNED FRUIT WEEK!

Please remember to bring a can of fruit this week to support the Lutheran Community Care Christmas Hampers. LCC provide hampers for families in need and would love your support this Christmas.



BOOK FAIR

WOW! Thank you to all the wonderful St Paul parents and students who made the 2016 Book Fair such a mighty success. The excitement surrounding the Book Fair was electric and it proved so popular I had to call the warehouse to be restocked twice! Book Fairs are a great opportunity to have a conversation with your child about what they like to read and to purchase good quality books. Thank you also to my fabulous helpers – Edda Paton, Lyn Ratsch, Harrison Hitch, Lorraine Griffin and Ann Belcher. Money raised through the Book Fair benefits the whole St Paul community as it goes directly back into purchasing books for our school. Once again, thank you for your incredible support of the 2016 Book Fair.

Wendy McLeod | Librarian

COMPUTER CLUB

Starting next Monday the Library will be open at lunch time to students from Year 3 to 6 who are interested in joining a computer club. There will be 10 places available each week for students to come and develop their coding skills supported by their peers. Information about the club will be shared with students during library time this week.

THE PRIVILEGE WAS ALL MINE

Last week I was fortunate enough to be one of the parent helpers on the Year 6 School Camp at Murraylands Aquatics Centre – the old Southport Sailing Club near Murray Bridge. This was the first time I had the privilege to be involved in a school camp at St Paul and I can't say enough about how much I enjoyed the experience.

We had fantastic weather and being an aquatics camp this was greatly appreciated by the students especially I am sure! Our students had the opportunity to learn knee boarding, canoeing, kayaking, sailing on catamarans and even have a go at skiing. Their enthusiasm and energy was infectious as they prepared for each session on the water. I was so impressed by their commitment and how very capable they were, because for many students, these activities were a

brand new experience.

But mostly I was impressed and very proud of the way they behaved, their manners and behaviour in general whilst on camp, as well as the way they listened to their teachers and instructors. It was a real honour to be associated with such a great group of students. The very experienced and friendly instructors took our students under their wing and taught them new skills with great patience and kindness. They towed lines of students in canoes or kayaks to take them to calm waters for their lesson, they followed closely in their small boats while the students learnt to sail and they carefully swerved in and around them to make sure they were going okay. Every effort was made to make sure our students would have fun, but so importantly that they would be safe. Just like the goslings we saw on the river, learning to navigate the choppy river waters behind their mother and father swans, our children were being nurtured and cared for in such a wonderful way.

It reminded me of our Heavenly Father who we can trust so completely and we can know for absolute certain that He will guide, encourage and teach us through all of life's trials, new experiences and challenges. It is so good to know He will never ever leave nor forsake us.

Even more amazing God loves us so much that He sent his son to die for our sins so that we can be saved. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* John 3:16

What good news that is! I am so very pleased to know I have such a wonderful Heavenly Father who loves me and watches over me.

Submitted by Louise Venning

YEAR 4 FAMILIES

Transition to Endeavour College

The enrolment process for Year 7 in 2019 has commenced for all current Year 4 families and you should have recently received an information pack from your school.

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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To register your interest for a priority placement, all that is required is for you to complete the enrolment application form and return to your school's front office by Friday 18 November 2016.

Note that the enrolment application fee is waived for all Connected School students. Demand for Year 7 is high so to avoid missing out on a place it is recommended to register interest even if secondary school options are still being considered.

Further details about confirming the enrolment and a 'Get to Know You Interview' will then be sent early next year.

Should you have any queries you are welcome to ring the Registrar at Endeavour College, Carolyn Wachtel on Ph: 8368 3311.

Church News

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 Nov 4 – Proverbs: Friends –Boys bring Supper

Friday Nov 18 –Myth busters –Girls bring Supper

Friday Dec 2 –Proverbs: Pride or humility? – Boys bring Supper

Friday Dec 16 – Fast Progressive Dinner Fun :More details to follow

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

SPIN CAMP

Blueprint Ministries the Lutheran Church of South Australia Children and families department, hosts and runs a range of Christian youth camps in South Australia. Spin Camp is their camp for children in Grades 4 – 7 in 2016.

When – Wednesday 11 –Saturday 14th January

Where – Camp Kedron Barmera (Bus pick up from Adelaide available)

Cost \$180 Early Bird, \$195 regular (Early Bird booking closes mid-November).

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