



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### **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
- 2.30pm Music Teachers Concert

### **THURS 8 DEC**

- Class Carer End of Year Dinner

### **FRI 9 DEC**

- School Reports sent home
- 9am Presentaion Assembly
- Year 3 Science Excursion
- 3.15pm Year 1 Class Get Together

### **MON 12 DEC**

- School magazine Distribution
- 6pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner

### **TUES 13 DEC**

- Class Parties Reception - Year 5
- Year 6 Celebration Day

### **WED 14 DEC**

- Students Final Day
- 7pm End Of Year Service at Endeavour College

## In Control

Advent is a time on the church calendar when we prepare for Christmas, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus. It's also the time when our work places become busy and when our own preparations for Christmas can be quite overwhelming. You might find some peace in these words.

A pastor had been on a long flight from one place to another. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the plane flashed on: "Fasten your seat belts". Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened." As he looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice of the announcer said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

And then the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash. The pastor confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him.

He said,

"As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying, the future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm.

"Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her.

She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly.



Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world.

"When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm, when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid."

The minister could hardly believe his eyes. It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our pastor lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time. Having commented about the storm and behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid. The child replied, "'Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home."

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us. Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane into apparently uncontrollable movement. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky.

Let us remember:

*Our Father is the Pilot.*

*He is in control and taking us on life's long road home.*

*Don't worry.*

*Look back and thank God.*

*Look forward and trust God.*

*Look around and serve God.*

*Look within and see God!*

Author unknown

**Submitted by** Kym Mickan

## From the Principal

### STAFFING NEWS

Due to the return of Mr Armin Mayer to the German role in 2017, we will be farewelling Mrs Amy Grant at the end of this year. Amy has made an impact on all year levels this year with her commitment to the language, her fun initiatives such as the poster competition and last term's German Day, and her faithful care of our students. We pray God's blessing upon Amy and her future endeavours as she leaves the St Paul community.

### THANK YOU TEACHERS

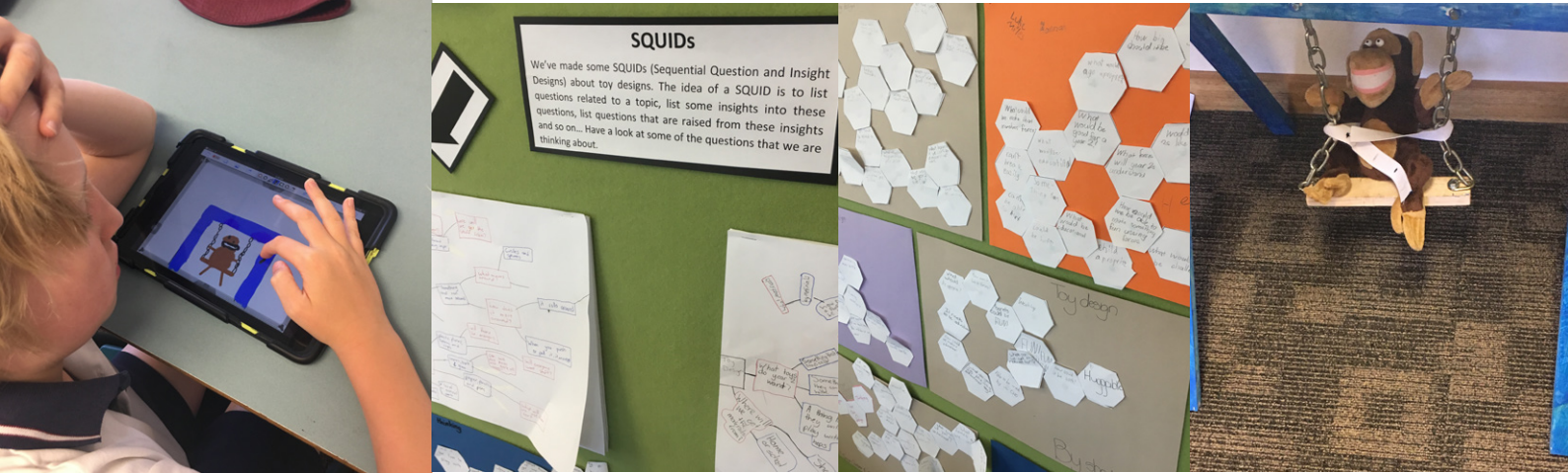
At the time of writing this, teachers have been spending long hours and most likely the past several weeknights and weekends writing your child's school reports as well as meeting together for class allocations. I am thankful for the commitment that each of our teachers shows in taking the time to accurately reflect the learning and development of every child in his/her class, whilst also continuing the valuable classroom teaching and learning during the last few weeks of the year. We are truly blessed by the faithful service of each teacher here at St Paul.

*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy.*  
Philippians 1:3-4

### TRAFFIC REMINDER

In my traffic duties in the past week I have noticed a much increased number of cars waiting to turn right from Audrey Avenue into our car park. I continue to urge you to drive down to the roundabout and come back up the hill to turn left into our car park. This will significantly reduce the danger of passing motorists to pedestrians and to those cars waiting to turn both left and right. Thanks for considering the safety of others to be more important than an extra minute of driving time.





## REPORTS AND INFORMATION FOR 2017

I know that many students and parents are waiting breathlessly for information about class allocations and teaching staff for 2017. We are currently in the process of class allocations, which take into account many considerations, including those that have been discussed with me in recent weeks. In addition, I am working with teaching staff, as well as teacher assistants, to finalise arrangements for 2017. Our teaching teams will be announced at the same time as class allocations. These will be sent home with student reports on Friday 9 December. Please note that separated families' envelopes will be posted in the days prior to December 9. Whilst we make every attempt to ensure that these arrive at the correct time, the timing of the post is not an exact science and we appreciate your understanding in the timing of these.

### ST PAUL SCHOOL MINISTRY WORKER APPOINTMENT

It is with much excitement that I share with you the news about the appointment by the church of a Spiritual Ministry Worker. This position has been created and funded by the church to provide spiritual support to families and to connect our school families with the congregation. This position has been appointed to Mrs Louise Venning, a current school parent. Louise is a member of the St Paul Lutheran Church congregation and has experience working in Lutheran Schools through the chaplaincy program. We welcome Louise to the St Paul staffing team and look forward to a wonderful year in 2017.

### PRINCIPAL INSTALLATION AND EXPERIENCE ADVENT

Thank you to all families who were able to join us at church on Sunday for my installation and for the Experience Advent event. It was heart-warming to see so many of you there, with students involved through choir, readings, skits, presentations, or simply being present and taking part in Advent activities. Thank you also to all school and church staff for your wonderful work in preparing for the day, particularly to Nicole Hall for putting together a wonderful range of activities for young and old.

**Leila Mattner** Principal

## From the Director of Learning

Congratulations to all of the students who received their UNINSW awards this term. The test dates and nomination process for 2017 tests will be advertised early next year.

### DESIGN THINKING

"Engineering, medicine, business, architecture, and painting are concerned not with the necessary but with the contingent—not how things are but how they might be.....Everyone designs who devises courses of action aimed at changing existing situations into preferred ones." Herbert Alexander Simon, Nobel Prize laureate (1969)

When St Paul worked with NoTosh in 2015, one of the ways that they asked us to be more creative with our ideas was through the process of 'Design Thinking'. Not only that, but they also showed how it could work with students in the classroom. Creativity in children was being discussed all of the time, but how do you teach creativity? Design Thinking is more than a structured process of developing creative ideas, it's also a philosophy. It is utilised in classrooms and boardrooms around the world, as way of creatively rethinking solutions to problems that sometimes haven't even been discovered yet. Using process and steps such as hexagonal thinking and 'squid maps', Design Thinking provides a road map for ideation.

Recently the Year 4's have undertaken a Design Thinking project, using the Year 2's as their audience for a toy design. Although the technology and final products involved may not have produced any overnight millionaires, I am certain that the experience will be of great long term benefit to creative skills of the students involved.

### REPORTS

End of Year Reports will be sent home at the end of next week. Your child's report specifies the quality of learning that they have demonstrated over the course of the whole year-this is not just a Term 4 or Semester Two report. This has been the case for a couple of



years now and this is due to reporting now being based on the yearlong Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards (except for Christian Studies). Detailed information on the Australian Curriculum and the relevant Achievement Standards can be found at [www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au).

Understanding grades is important when reading the report. These have also changed in recent times and are very different to the bell-curve model and other grading interpretations that parents were exposed to at school. The grade that is allocated indicates your child's attainment of the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. Attainment, or meeting the criteria set out in the curriculum successfully, indicates a student is achieving what is expected at their year level and this is indicated by a "C" grade. Students demonstrating skills, knowledge or abilities beyond the set criteria for their year level will receive "A" or "B" grades.

Inside your child's report is a page which outlines information on grading and feedback. Please read this carefully and if you have any questions about your child's report, contact your child's teacher.

**Jason Fay** Director of learning

## General News

### END-OF-YEAR SERVICE

Parents of Year 4, Year 6 and choir students should have received a letter last week regarding arrangements for the End of Year Service held 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. If your child is unable to make the service, please let Jason Fay know via email: [jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au).

### 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.

### 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 during the last week of school and will then bring their iPads home for you to set up. A letter regarding iPads for 2017 was sent home with all current Year 2 and 3 students last week. Please contact Ann Belcher in the office if you did not receive the letter.

### 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.

### LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS -FINAL WEEK

#### BISCUITS- BISCUITS-BISCUITS

Are you able to bring a packet of biscuits to school this week to help the needy? LCC, who provide hampers for families in need all year 'round, would love your support this Christmas. Please give your biscuits to your class teacher or put it in the 'Drop Off' box opposite the canteen. The school community has been very generous





and the families who will receive the hampers will be very grateful. Thank you.

### **CLASS CARER CELEBRATORY DINNER**

A friendly reminder to all class carers, if you haven't already done so, please RSVP to Felicity or the School Office of your intentions to attend the Class Carer Dinner at the Albion Hotel at 7:30 pm, next Thursday 8th December. Hope to see you there!

**Felicity Tamasi** Community Chaplain

### **FINAL CALL FOR 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).

### **LIBRARY BORROWING**

Library borrowing has now finished for 2016. All Library resources - books, DVDs, CDs are now overdue. Please return these resources promptly to the Library. Readers will conclude at the end of this week.

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT**

The library will continue to be open for activities until the end of the year. We will be open for Christmas craft on Tuesday, board games on Wednesday and construction on Friday.

**Wendy McLeod** Librarian

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS WINE FUNDRAISER**

Have you seen the Wine Fundraiser order form? Get ready for all the upcoming Christmas parties and start ordering today! At only \$144 per dozen (\$12 a bottle) and free delivery to your door, this is an offer you do not want to miss! The School receives \$30 from each dozen ordered. Please support the school at the same time as enjoying great wines at a great price! Forms are available from the School Office.

### **FINAL SHED MEN FOR 2017**

.....Calling all men from the St Paul Community.... Come along for the final Shed Men for 2016 THIS Friday the 2nd December being held in Sam Bey's Shed, 27 Balville Street Prospect (enter from Moora Street). Come along from 6.30pm and bring some meat for the BBQ, drinks and as always... NO salad! First timers are always welcome! If you have any queries, please call Michael Latty on 0409 287 101.

### **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

### **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 4GB USB to the office and we can place the photos on there for you.

### **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

## 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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## EVERLASTING

With the end of year and January school holidays looming, award-winning production company Pelican Productions is once again excited to present MTC 2017 – Everlasting. In its thirteenth year, MTC takes the best of the best from Broadway and the West End and presents a music theatre performance like no other. With performers from over 121 schools and universities around the state, the talent is really incredible. It will be starring some of our St Paul students who would love to see some familiar faces in the audience! Please see the flyer on the Community Notice Board.

Dates of shows:

20/1/2017– 7.30pm

21/1/2017– 11.00am

22/1/2017 – 11.00am and 7.30pm (West End Cast)

## Church News

### SUPPORT OUR LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL THROUGH LLL "MATCHING DEPOSITS"

Do you have an account with the Lutheran Laypersons League (LLL)? Is it currently "matched" with an institution of the church? If not, then a very simple way to support our Lutheran Primary School is to ask the LLL to "match" your deposits to them. This will in no way affect your account (it is still your money, you will get the same interest, and can make deposits and withdrawals as usual) but can assist our School by allowing them to borrow LLL monies at a lower rate. They are able to borrow from the LLL to the total amount of deposits "matched" to them at the low interest loan rate of 5% p.a., with no application fees or any ongoing fees. Forms are available from the School Office and you can "put your money to work" at the LLL for the benefit of our School. If you have any questions (including about opening an LLL account) please phone the School Office on 8260 2655. Thank you!

## SPY

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

Our last two 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*