What's on your Mind?

Have you ever stopped to think how fascinating and unique the mind is? There’s nothing on earth exactly like it. God designed this wonderful ‘machine’ for us to know and understand Him better. Without pressing buttons, swiping screens or flipping switches, our mind takes pictures, records sounds, and stores all kinds of information. The mind is like a camera, a video recorder, a computer, an iPad, all rolled into one.

But do you know what happens when someone snaps a picture accidently; when the camera is not focused on anything? Can you imagine what happens when you forget to turn off a video recorder and it keeps taping everything? And almost everybody knows what happens when the wrong information gets fed into a computer. It’s a disaster that may take hours or days to straighten out.

We can have the same problem with our minds. If we don’t focus them on something specific, or if we forget to turn them off at the proper time, or if we continue to feed them wrong information, we can hardly expect to get anything useful out of them.

Most machines come with directions on how to use and take care of them. God sent his directions on how to use our minds. He had Paul write them down in his letter to the Philippians. Paul advised us not to let our minds just wander anywhere. Instead he gave us a whole list of things we could focus and feed on. And what an exciting list it is – true things, honorable things, lovely things, pure things, praiseworthy and excellent things.

Upcoming Events

WED 26 OCT - FRI 28 OCT
• Library Book Fair

THUR 27 OCT
• 7:30pm P & F Meeting

FRI 28 OCT
• Miss Aquino's Class Assembly

TUE 1 NOV
• Melbourne Cup

WED 2 NOV
• Chapel Service

THUR 3 NOV
• 9am Mr Mayer's Class Coffee and Chat at The Coffee Barun
• 9:30am St Paul Open Day
• 2pm Principal's Community Conversations
• 6pm St Paul Open Day

FRI 4 NOV
• Shed Men Seafood Extravaganza

TUE 8 NOV
• 10:30am 2017 Reception Transition I
• School Council Meeting

WED 9 NOV
• Chapel Service
• 9:30am Principal's Community Conversations

THUR 10 NOV
• Connected Schools Athletics Carnival
In the minds of Christians, Jesus is supreme. The Bible urges us to look for things that are above, where Christ is. What a glorious and positive way to use our minds!

Submitted by Yvonne Folland
Adapted from ‘My Devotions’ - Daily readings for young Christians vol.27

From the Principal

JUNIOR CONCERT
Congratulations to all Year 1, 2 and 3 students for their incredible performances in the Junior Concert last Friday. I am continually amazed by what our students can achieve under the guidance of our fabulous teachers and support staff. Well done and thank you to all!

A special thank you to the parent volunteers for organising catering, chairs and ushering for the second time for the Junior Concert.

QUALITY SCHOOLS PARENT DATA: FEEDBACK AND REPORTING
This will be a regular item in Inspire for the coming weeks, outlining areas identified from the surveys completed early this year.

We received some very informative feedback about our parent-teacher interviews and reporting schedule for the 2016 school year. Whilst this was the first year using our new style of report, we acknowledge that parents felt that late Term Two was not soon enough for parent-teacher interviews. We have listened! In 2017, we will be holding parent-teacher interviews in Term One, with our written interim report provided in Term Two. We are also continuing to explore methods for consistent feedback for parents from classroom teachers, including the way in which we use our Weebles and other technological applications to assist in this. We would love to hear from you about any great methods for parent feedback that you know about or hear about from friends and family. Please contact Jason Fay, Director of Learning, to discuss these: jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
This evening I am offering a community conversation from 6pm to 7pm. To enable valuable conversation time, all sessions will be limited to 20 people. Please contact the office urgently to book if you would like to take part. Future community conversations will continue on fortnightly Wednesday mornings, with the following additional sessions:

- Thursday 3 November: 2pm - 3pm
- Wednesday 16 November: 2pm - 3pm
- Tuesday 29 November 6pm - 7pm

SCHOOL MINISTRY WORKER POSITION
Earlier this year, Pastor Greg successfully applied for a grant for St Paul Lutheran Church to appoint a School Ministry Worker. The position aims to:

- promote and support the Christian spiritual life of the school;
- develop, facilitate and enable connections between the ministry of the School and the ministry of the congregation; and
- facilitate and enable appropriate involvement of members of the congregation in activities supportive of the School and its ministry.

This position was advertised today and can be viewed by clicking here. Please promote this to any community members, friends or family members who you feel would be interested in working with the church and school in this role.

Leila Mattner | Principal

General News

BOOK FAIR
The Book fair started today with students given the opportunity to look at the books and make a wish list.
to bring home and show parents. The fair will be open
tomorrow for purchases from 8:30am to 8:45am and
2:30pm to 3:30pm. On Friday we are open to parents
all day, and students can purchase before school, after
school and at recess and lunch. Come and have a look!

POKÉMON COMPETITION
Last term we had a dedicated band of Pokémon
enthusiasts who participated in a knockout
competition. The final was held last Thursday between
Jake Thornley and Paul Rathjen. Congratulations to Jake
who triumphed on the day and to Paul for providing
great competition. All students who participated
showed excellent sportsmanship, shaking hands after
matches and assisting less experienced players. We
look forward to a bigger competition next year.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ‘JUMP OFF’ DAY
Last Thursday's 'Jump Off' day, the culmination of our
Heart Foundation fund-raising drive, was a wonderful
success – a great example of team work involving staff
and students. Miss Mattner’s Sports Shed disco music
helped lift the jumpers’ energy levels and enjoyment!
In fact, Jaxon (Year 5) achieved 425 single rope jumps
in succession! Happy Heart, direct from the Heart
Foundation, proved to be a popular visitor. Lauren
(Year 2) reported that she learnt how to do the ‘Criss-
cross’ during the Jump Off. Alex (Year 2) displayed her
amazing ‘Criss-cross in reverse’ skills.
As many as eight were involved in synchronised
jumping the long rope, and the Year 5 and 6 students
displayed commendable patience and enthusiasm
when it was their turn to assist the younger students.
The largest ‘thank you’ goes to all the collectors, both
online and off. Your contributions and collective efforts
have ensured that the Heart Foundation receives
a substantial amount of money for their ongoing
research into the causes and treatment of heart
disease, patient care and support.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
University of NSW test results for English, Science and
Mathematics will be sent home with students this
week. At each assembly this term we will acknowledge
all students who participated in these tests and also
present students who received awards for outstanding
results with their certificates on stage.
This Week at Miss Aquino’s Year 4 Assembly, awards for
the Science test will be presented. 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.
Please join us in celebrating the efforts and
achievements of all the students who participated in
these academic competitions.

SRC CASUAL DAY
Thank you to those who donated to the ‘Loud Shirt Day’
casual day last Friday 21 October. The SRC raised $360
for the Cora Barclay Centre.

SHED MEN
You are welcome to join St Paul Shed Men next Friday
4 November for a Seafood Extravaganza being held at
Largs North from 6pm.
The cost is $40 per person and early bird tickets are
available for $35 until this Friday 28 October. Cash
payments can be made at the school office. For more
information visit our website events page:
http://www.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
Last Christmas the Lutheran Community Care (LCC)
volunteers were kept busy in Adelaide and the Barossa
Valley preparing and distributing 850 food hampers
to families in need. Thank you for the generous way
our school supported LCC last year and look forward
as a community to support the families in need again
this Christmas. Together we can continue to build and
maintain strong, caring communities inspired through
the love of God.
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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This year we would encourage all families to donate one item per week for five weeks. Of course, if there is any other food items or toys that you would like to donate, they can be brought to school at any time before the 9 December. Please look at the Community Notice Board and the flyers around the school for any other ideas of products that are needed for the hampers.

• Week 3 - 31/10/16 - Canned Fruit
• Week 4 - 7/11/16 - Canned Vegetables
• Week 5 - 14/11/16 - Jam
• Week 6 - 21/11/16 - Pasta Sauce
• Week 7 - 28/11/16 - Biscuits

CANTEEN FISH AND WEDGES DAY

Fish and wedges with lettuce and mayonnaise is available for $4.00 on Monday 7 November. An order form will be sent home next week for orders to be placed by Friday 4 November for catering purposes.

SPLASH SUMMER VACATION CARE

Splash will be open for one week in December 2016 and two weeks in January 2017.

The dates are:

• Thursday 15 December 2016 to Friday 23 December 2016
• Monday 16 January 2017 to Tuesday 31 January 2017

School resumes on Wednesday 1 February 2017 for students in Years 1 to 6.

ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Endeavour College is holding an Open Day on Thursday 3 November from 4pm to 6:30pm. Endeavour College offers a co-educational secondary education for Years 7 to 12. For more information please contact Endeavour College, 85 Mawson Lakes Boulevard, Mawson Lakes on 8368 3311 or visit Endeavour’s website: http://www.endeavour.sa.edu.au/