



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## **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

## **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 accidentally; 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.



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](mailto: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.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/upcoming-events/>.

### **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/>.