Sharing the Compassion of Jesus

In the Bible we can read many stories that show the compassion that Jesus showed to the people around him, how he reached out to understand what others needed, and acted to provide it to them. Jesus was able to heal the sick, ministered to the poor and he did not turn away those who needed him.

And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." Mark 1:40-41

This passage records a powerful and amazing miracle performed by Jesus, and it also shows the great compassion that Jesus showed to those who put their faith in him. We can demonstrate and live the compassion showed to us through Jesus Christ. Even if we cannot perform miracles, we can still reach out to those around us who need support and provide for them in a clear and definite way. Compassion, or love for one another, is a message just not of words, but of thought and action.

‘Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.’ 1 John 3:18

Compassion is one of the values at St Paul and I witness it constantly in the classroom and the school yard. If someone is in need of reassurance, there is always someone ready to actively help them, whether the hand reaching down to help pick them up is literal or symbolic. The school community supports one another and in doing so it is able to ‘Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.’ Galatians 6:2

This allows us to be closer to the God who loves us.

Submitted by Amy Grant
From the Principal

ST PAUL JUNIOR CONCERT 2016
Week 10 will see our Years 1 to 3 and Choir students performing in the Junior Concert. It’s an exciting time for the school community to enjoy the rewards of the hard work of all students, teachers and a multitude of volunteers and parent helpers behind the scenes. Letters with detailed information regarding concert will be sent home to all families of Years 1 to 3 and Choir students next week.

Please see information in this edition of Inspire regarding concert, purchasing tickets, and other important dates for the remainder of this term and into Term 4.

STAFFING FOR END OF TERM
Our Reception Fisher class would know that Mrs Werner is currently on long service leave, with Miss Gilroy currently assisting as teacher assistant with Miss Fisher. In the final week of term, Miss Gilroy will step into the teaching role as Claire Fisher takes some leave for minor surgery. Please keep Claire in your prayers and we will see her relaxed and healthy at the beginning of Term 4. Thank you to Briana Gilroy for your work in the Reception classroom. We will be having some ‘guest’ teacher assistants working with Miss Gilroy in Reception from our current Learning Support team.

VIDEO SHOOT AT ST PAUL
Yesterday was an exciting day for students and staff as we had a professional video shoot at St Paul to showcase what we have been working on over the past few years. This video will, in time, be available for viewing on our website. I’d like to publicly thank Jason Fay, Robyn Mader and Terry Brokate for their work in preparing this video shoot and especially thank the support staff and teaching staff of St Paul for their dedication and flexibility in ensuring that our grounds and our classroom were ready for the day. Thanks also to all parents for your assistance in asking students to wear their official uniform for the day. Stay tuned for the release on our website!

Leila Mattner | Principal

General News

ST PAUL JUNIOR CONCERT 2016
The concert is getting closer and our Years 1 to 3 and Choir students are now in full swing with preparations and rehearsals. Please note the following important information regarding concert in Week 10.

- **Monday 26 September**: Full dress rehearsal with official photographs during the school day. All costumes required for this day, if teachers have not already requested them earlier.
- **Tuesday 27 September**: Final dress rehearsal performed to all St Paul students and kindergarten visitors.
- **Wednesday 28 September**: Matinee Performance. This is our afternoon concert performance beginning at 1 pm (lunch time) and finishing at the end of the school day.
- **Thursday 29 September**: Evening Performance. This performance begins at 7 pm. All Year 1, 2 and 3 students must be at school from 6:30 pm unless prior notice has already been given to classroom teachers that your child will be absent.
- **Friday 30 September**: Optional attendance day.

Extra tickets are now available for purchasing. Please contact the office on 8260 2655 for additional tickets.

SAPSASA DISTRICT ATHLETICS 2016
The annual SAPSASA District Athletics Carnival held last Thursday, proved to be a pretty challenging affair, due to persistent showers. But, as team manager, Miss Burgan reflected, ‘Our St Paul students and the host of parent spectators deserve a collective pat on the back for their resilience, focus and willingness to help support each other. We witnessed a genuine team effort today. I was most impressed.’

Special mentions to: Mr Ian Voigt for assisting with the early morning setting up of the St Paul shelters and banner; the kind parents and students who helped with High Jump marshalling duties, as well as the packing up process.
Congratulations athletes on your determination and performances and to those who courageously overcame nerves and fears, in particular the ‘first-timers’.

Best wishes to the following students, who have earned selection in the Adelaide North-East team to participate in the State Metro SAPSASA Athletics Championships at Santos Stadium on Tuesday:

* Leticia Scholz, Erin Gates, Blayde Harten, Nathaniel Keeler, Jaron Kong and Steven Bolo.

And out of interest, we were placed third overall, of 15 participating schools. A really commendable effort, team!

**DEUTSCH FOR A DAY**

Hallo! Next Thursday 22 September Year 6 students will be hosting a day all about Germany. It will be a whole day of fun that everyone will participate in! On this day everyone has the choice to wear a touch of the German flag colours which are red, yellow and black. It can be face paint, ribbons or odd socks to go with your school uniform. For this event, all Reception to Year 5 classes will rotate around a range of activities. The Receptions to Year 2s will be having their rotations between recess and lunch. The Year 3s to Year 5s will have their activities from lunch until the end of the day. Some of the activities are German Games in the Narthex, German Slap Dancing in the Performing Arts Room, a German Play, a German Song, German Sports on the basketball courts and Art in the Creative Space. We are certain this will be a great day for everyone.

**BOOK FAIR**

The St Paul Library will be holding a Book Fair in Week 2 next term (25-28 October). A range of books will be available for purchase including picture books, novels and nonfiction. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to browse and buy books, with all purchases benefiting our school. More information will be available in coming weeks.

**CLASS CARER COFFEE AND CHAT**

A friendly reminder to all Class Carers that the next Coffee and Chat will be held Friday 23 September in the Multipurpose room straight after school drop off. Hope you can make it!

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

The Woodend Primary School Jump Rope Demonstration Team is performing here at lunch-time on Thursday 22 September (Week 9) as part of the build up towards our Jump Off Day on 20 October in Term 4.

**VOLLEYBALL FINALISTS**

Congratulations and best wishes to the St Paul Volcanoes on making the finals – to be played this Friday at the St Gabriel's volleyball venue. Well done also to the St Paul Vollabies who also performed well during the season. Special thanks to Coach, Cameron Trautwein, for his enthusiasm, lunch-time training sessions and overall support of both teams.

**CANTEEN SOUP**

Thank you to those students and staff who purchased soup during the winter months. Soup is no longer available from the canteen for this year.

**COMING DATES**

Nearing the end of term, there are many coming events. Please note the following dates of interest:

- Friday 16 September: Miss Fisher’s Class Assembly
- Monday 19 September: Year 6 to Year 7 Information Evening at Endeavour College
- Thursday 22 September: 1:45pm School Tour
- Thursday 22 September: German Day
- Friday 23 September: Class Carer Coffee and Chat
- Wednesday 28 September: Concert Matinee Performance
- Thursday 29 September: 9am Closing Chapel Service
- Thursday 29 September: Concert Evening Performance
- Friday 30 September: Term 3 Concludes (Optional Attendance Day)
OUR VISION:


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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• Monday 17 October: Student Free Day (SPLASH is available)
• Tuesday 18 October: First Day of Term 4.

All coming dates are available to view on our website: http://stpaulba.sa.edu.au/news-events/events/.

ENFIELD LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

Come and Try Day for children aged 3 to 17 on Sunday 18 September from 9:15am to 11:30am at St Albans Reserve, Chester Avenue, Clearview. It’s free! For more details visit www.enfieldlac.org or email enfieldlittleathletics@gmail.com.

Church News

6/7 SPY – ST PAUL YOUTH GROUP

6/7 SPY is on again this Friday 16 September 7pm to 9pm in the St Paul Lutheran Church Hall. Theme is Proverbs – Speaking Wisdom. Boys please bring supper. Cost is $2.00.

Future dates:
• Friday 4 November
• Friday 18 November
• Friday 2 December

More information contact Nicole Hall on 0412 686 342.

ST PAUL PLAYGROUP

St Paul Lutheran Playgroup will have their last meeting for this term next Tuesday 20 September from 9am to 10:30am. Please join us in the hall for our end of term get-together.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Operation Christmas Child by Samaritans Purse sends shoeboxes filled with good things to children in disadvantaged countries around the world as an expression of love.

St Paul Lutheran Church provides Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes each year which are filled from our church and school families and then directed to Samaritan’s Purse. These covered shoeboxes are available from the church foyer. Information on what to pack into the shoebox is inside. Please remember to include $9.00 to cover postage. All boxes must be returned to the church office or school office by Tuesday 27 September.

Boxes for boys aged 10 to 14 are always in high demand. For more information contact Naomi in the church office on 8262 4690.