Sweeter Than Honey

Did you know that there is a food that will never spoil? It’s honey, a personal favourite of folks like Winnie the Pooh and at least one of us. Other foods will last for years in your refrigerator without so much as a complaint or an explosion. There’s molasses, for instance, and baking soda. But for the most part, food that’s in there too long will take on a life of its own, and before long it will turn rotten. But honey is one of those miracle foods.

It’s hard to find things on this earth that will not decay.

Look out your window now. How much of what you see will last forever? How much of what we’re investing our lives in will mould, crack, peel, rust, snap, or wind up in a landfill somewhere?

Next time you open the fridge door and find something growing in there, let it remind you of the things that will never rot, petrify, or corrode. Scripture promises that God’s Word and people last forever. And it offers great news about our inheritance:

‘Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you.’ 1 Peter 1:3-4

How sweet is the promise of heaven. It’s the assurance that we have an inheritance that outlasts even honey. It’s a written guarantee from the only one who hasn’t broken a promise yet.


Submitted by Tania Burgan
From the Principal

CONGRATULATIONS!
We celebrate with Mrs Jen Krieg, Jeff and Mikayla as they prepare for the arrival of a fourth family member in February next year. Our prayer for you, Jen, is for a healthy pregnancy and plenty of sleep as you prepare for the arrival of your second child.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
Thank you to the small group of parents who were able to attend last week’s Community Conversation. This focused on our expectations and memories of school and what we really want our children to learn. This very successful conversation opened into ideas for future directions for St Paul, both for learning and for student wellbeing and was very informative for all involved.

Next week’s session, on Wednesday 14 September at 9:30am, will have a similar focus. If you are interested in joining me, please contact Ann Belcher in the office or at admin@stpaulba.sa.edu.au. I look forward to seeing you there!

CONNECTED SCHOOLS
On Monday this week, staff and students from Endeavour College visited St Paul to conduct an Art workshop. Students were challenged to create a mixed media collage. The finished art pieces will form part of the Endeavour Arts Showcase on Thursday 17 November. Our Connected Schools will also come together in a unique way in the coming weeks when our maintenance and grounds staff meet together at Salisbury Lutheran Kindergarten to build a storage shed for the kindergarten. These are just two examples of the many ways that our schools work together for the benefit of student learning, and for service toward one another. If you are interested in finding out more about Connected Schools, please visit www.connectedschools.com.au.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Director of Learning

Next Tuesday, 13 September, there will be a production team at St Paul shooting some video to be used in school promotion material. There will be minimal disruption on the day to classes, but some students will be filmed during their usual lessons and at various locations throughout the day. We ask that all students who do not have PE on Tuesdays wear full winter uniform, including ties, on this day please. Students who normally have PE lessons on this day may still wear their PE uniforms as some shots of this uniform may be required. If you have any questions about the making of this video, please contact myself or Robyn Mader.

YEAR 5 AND 6 WINTER SLEEP-IN
All the best to the Year 5 and 6 students and some brave teachers who will sleep at school this Friday night, living off only $2.50 worth of food each. There will be no mattresses or pillows in attendance and only cardboard boxes to sleep in. This activity has been organised by a small group of Year 5 students to develop empathy for people who live in poverty around the world. Yet another example of how students are using inquiry-based learning to promote action and to change attitudes.

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

SUMMER UNIFORM AND HATS
From 1 September children are required to wear hats outside for recess and lunch time play, as well as for outdoor PE lessons.

The official changeover to summer uniform takes place at the commencement of Term Four. However, students do have the option of wearing summer uniform in September. Please note that students should wear the white and maroon St Paul socks with summer uniform.
Jane Sabel, uniform manager, is currently on leave. If you need to purchase any uniforms, please call in to the office and we will be able to assist you.

Our Uniform and SunSmart Policies are available for viewing here.

**JUNIOR CONCERT TICKETS**

This year's concert showcases the Choir, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students on the following dates:

- Matinee Performance: 1 pm, Wednesday 28 September.
- Evening Performance: 7 pm, Thursday 29 September.

A letter about concert tickets was sent home to all families yesterday. Please be sure to reply as early as possible to secure your seats.

**COMING DATES**

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

- Thursday 8 September: SAPSASA District Athletics
- Friday 9/Saturday 10 September: Year 5 & 6 Sleepout
- 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)
- Monday 17 October: Student Free Day (SPLASH is available)
- Tuesday 18 October: First Day of Term 4


**SANFL PREMIERSHIP CUP**

Next Wednesday 14 September from 1pm to 1:45pm the SANFL Premiership Cup with West Adelaide (would you believe it?) inscribed as the 2015 champions, will be on display here at St Paul Lutheran.

There will be opportunities for SANFL fans to take photographs and get a close-up view of this historic South Australian sports trophy.

**SENIOR PRIMARY IN THE LIBRARY**

This Term the Library has offered senior primary only activities to students on Thursdays at lunch time. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have had the opportunity to participate in ‘learn to knit’ classes during Weeks 1 to 4. This could not have happened without the valuable knowledge of our volunteer knitting masters Karen Schache and Jennifer Pfeiffer. The students and I thank them for their time and patience.

During Weeks 7 to 10 there will be a supervised Pokémon Competition for Years 4, 5 and 6. Students must have their own decks to battle and no trading will be allowed. I look forward to seeing who will be crowned Pokémon champion!

**CRICKET AT ST PAUL**

A reminder that the 2016 season (Part 2) continues in Term 4. Registration forms for next season (2017) will be sent out in Week 5 of next term.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fathers’ Day stall this year. Over $800 was raised which will be used to fund an extension of our garden and sensory area. A big thank you to Trisca Price for coordinating this wonderful community service.

**PARTY THROUGH THE AGES**

Please see letter attached to this week’s INSPIRE for more information regarding this event.
SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Term Four statements were emailed on Monday. Families that are still to finalise payment of their Term Three fees are asked to do so without delay. Term Four fees are due and payable by 21 October. Prompt payment of your accounts assists with vital cash flow of the school and allows us to ensure that students receive the best possible facilities and learning opportunities. Thank you to all families that pay their accounts in a timely manner.

Please contact Robyn Mader on 8260 2655 or via email rmader@stpaulba.sa.edu.au should you have any questions regarding your account.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club orders are due tomorrow. Please put orders in a NAMED envelope to the office and check that all information on credit slips/cheques/order forms is correctly recorded. Thank you.