Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

Whether you are a new family to St Paul, or an existing family returning for the new year, I would like to extend to you a very warm welcome for 2017. This publication, Inspire, is our weekly communication to families. Beginning next week, Inspire will be emailed as a link to our website weekly on Wednesdays. You can access current and past issues of Inspire on our website. I ask that you please read the information contained in this document each week as it always contains relevant and important information, from weekly events and requirements, to long-term school strategic planning.

In our 2017 Welcome Edition we have included important information to assist you for the beginning of the year. You will also find a number of attachments with this mail out as outlined in the cover letter.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 8260 2655 or to make use of your ‘friendly face’ contact (for new families).

We look forward to working with you to continue in this exciting adventure that is your child’s educative journey.

‘I pray that your love for each other will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in your knowledge and understanding.’
Philippians 1:9 (NLT)

Leila Mattner
Principal
STAFFING NEWS
St Paul is delighted to welcome the following new staff and returning staff to our school.

• Helen Vonow  Assistant Principal
• Jess Denko  Year 4 Classroom Teacher (Returning from maternity leave)
• Claire Kelly  Year 2 Classroom Teacher (Returning from parenting leave)
• Karen Brodie  Year 3 Classroom Teacher (Returning from a year's leave of absence)

We also welcome Louise Venning to the church appointed role of School Ministry Worker.

KEY DATES
Please take note of the following dates:

• Wednesday 1 February School commences (Years 1-6). Official summer uniform to be worn.
• Sunday 5 February Dedication of staff and ‘Blessing of the Backpacks’ at St Paul Lutheran Church commencing at 9:30am.
• Tuesday 7 February Reception students commence.
• Tuesday 7 February Parent Information Evening (Years 1, 4 and 5) at 6:30pm
• Wednesday 8 February Parent Information Evening (Years 2, 3 and 6) at 6:30pm
• Wednesday 8 March Parent Information Evening (Reception) at 6:30pm
• Monday 3 April Parent / Teacher Interviews (Student Free Day)
• Tuesday 4 April Parent / Teacher Interviews

2017 term dates are as follows:

• Term 1: Wednesday 1 February - Thursday 13 April (Reception Students commence Tuesday 7 February)
• Term 2: Monday 1 May - Friday 30 June
• Term 3: Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September
• Term 4: Monday 16 October - Wednesday 13 December

The teachers look forward to meeting at least one parent of each student as they overview the year ahead. Please note that no child minding facilities are in place for this evening; therefore parents are requested to make alternative arrangements for their children.

Other key dates can be viewed on our website calendar.

BACKPACK BLESSING
On Sunday 5 February at 9:30am St Paul Lutheran Church we will be sending all our school staff and students back to school with prayers and blessings. All students of any age are encouraged to bring their school bag for a special blessing to start the year ahead. At this service, Helen Vonow (Assistant Principal) and Louise Venning (School Ministry Worker) will be installed and all staff will take part in a dedication for 2017.

UNIFORM SHOP
Please contact Jane Sabel, Uniform Manager on 8260 2655 for all uniform requirements.
ST PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2017

- Mrs Leila Mattner (Principal)
- Mrs Helen Vonow (Assistant Principal)
- Mr Jason Fay (Director of Learning)
- Mrs Robyn Mader (Business Manager)
- Miss Jennifer Aquino (Reception Teacher)
- Miss Claire Fisher (Reception Teacher)
- Mrs Yvonne Folland (Reception Teacher)
- Miss Gretchen Byrne (Year 1 Classroom Teacher)
- Miss Georgie Schuster (Year 1 Classroom Teacher)
- Ms Megan Fyffe (Year 2 Classroom Teacher)
- Ms Claire Kelly (Year 2 Classroom Teacher)
- Mrs Nicole Tew (Year 2 Classroom Teacher)
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- Mrs Karen Brodie (Year 3 Classroom Teacher)
- Miss Rebecca Mueller (Year 3 Classroom Teacher)
- Miss Emma Arnold (Year 4 Classroom Teacher)
- Miss Jess Denko (Year 4 Classroom Teacher)
- Mr Armin Mayer (Year 4 Classroom Teacher)
- Miss Stacey Baldock (Year 5 Classroom Teacher)
- Miss Tania Burgan (Year 5 Classroom Teacher)
- Miss Bec Mattner (Year 6 Classroom Teacher)
- Mrs Jan Daly (Learning Support Coordinator)
- Miss Cheryl Ziegeler (Learning Support)
- Mr Armin Mayer (German Teacher and Digital Technology Teacher)
- Mr Kym Mickan (Physical Education Specialist Teacher)
- Mrs Elise von Stanke (Performing Arts Teacher)
- Miss Rebecca Heinjus (SPLASH Director)
- Ms Wendy McLeod (Librarian)
- Mrs Felicity Tamasi (Community Carer)
- Mrs Jane Sabel (Uniform Shop Manager)
- Mrs Chris Semmler (Canteen Manager)
- Mrs Ann Belcher (Receptionist/Principal PA)
- Mrs Kerry Harris (Administration Assistant)
- Mr Terry Brokate (Teacher Assistant / Groundsperson)
- Ms Dianne Brown (Teacher Assistant)
- Mrs Renate Burls (Teacher Assistant)
- Mrs Sue Helps (Teacher Assistant)
- Mrs Joyleen Mead (Teacher Assistant)
- Mrs Penny Werner (Teacher Assistant)
- Mrs Louise Venning (School Ministry Worker)

SCHOOL CARD

The school card form for 2017 is included in this pack. Fee remissions are available for families that meet the income eligibility requirements. Completed forms should be returned to the office by the end of February ready for processing. Remissions will be applied to accounts when we receive approval from the school card office.

CONTRACTORS / VOLUNTEERS INDUCTION

Included is the Contractors/Volunteers induction form. Please read and be aware of the requirement to keep yourself safe whilst on the St Paul site. Signed forms should be returned to the office.

SPLASH: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you require before or after school care in 2017, please contact our SPLASH Manager, Rebecca Heinjus at splash@stpaulba.sa.edu.au. Booking forms are available from the school office.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ACTIVITY: FUNDRAISING AND ‘FUN’ RAISING

We welcome the contribution of parents again in 2017 to create a vibrant community at St Paul. Contributors in the past have learnt that what they give to the school community has a great impact on what their family receives from it. More information about the Parents and Friends will be communicated in early 2017.

CAR PARKING

Our car parks will undoubtedly be in high demand during the first weeks of school at drop-off and pick-up times, therefore I encourage you to consider parking on adjacent streets including Barton and Deakin Streets. You are reminded that the eastern car park is reserved for staff and not available for parent vehicles.

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