



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 3

#### TUE 8 AUGUST

- Year One Zoo Excursion

#### WED 9 AUGUST

- Cyber Safety Session

### WEEK 4

#### TUE 15 AUGUST

- UNSW Maths Competition

#### WED 16 AUGUST

- School council 7:30pm

#### FRI 18 AUGUST

- Wakakirri

### WEEK 5

- Book Week

#### TUE 22 AUGUST

- School Tour 9:30am

#### FRI 25 AUGUST

- Book Week Dress up Day

### WEEK 6

#### THU 31 AUGUST

- Father's Day Stall

#### FRI 1 SEPTEMBER

- Shed Men

#### SAT 2 SEPTEMBER

- Quiz Night

### TALE OF TWO MINDSETS

Carol Dweck is a world-renowned Stanford psychologist and author of *Mindset*, a book about a fundamental difference in human thinking. She found that raw talent and aptitude have relatively little to do with how far children will journey in life when they become adults.

Some people have a fixed mindset. They view their qualities like intelligence and ability to be carved in stone. Therefore each task becomes a referendum on their ability, which means it's also an assessment of their worth. Failure is horrible because it means they are not made of the right stuff. Others have what Dweck calls a "growth mindset." This is based on the belief that your basic qualities can be grown through effort and learning. Although other people may have higher IQs or coordination than you, through experience, you can grow.

It is not simply that some people crave risks, or that some people are naturally more resilient. The key, Dweck found over and over again, is the belief that underlies your sense of identity. If you believe your qualities are carved in stone, it will determine how you approach (and avoid) challenges throughout your life. If you believe that growth is possible and desirable, you will face your days with a fundamentally different set of thoughts and emotions. All of this has caused me to reflect on faith.

It struck me that this difference in mindset doesn't simply involve our view of ourselves. Even more important is our view of the universe. If there is no God, then our ultimate fate really is "carved in stone." Finitude, human fallibility, mortality and the law of entropy will eventually prevail. But with God, every moment becomes different. "With God," as Jesus said "all things are possible." It is this mindset that made Joshua and Caleb see possibilities where 10 other spies saw only giant roadblocks. It is this mindset that caused David see an opponent too big to miss, while everyone else saw one too big to hit. It was ultimately this understanding of how things are, that allowed Jesus to go to a cross knowing that stones and death can't block the God of the resurrection.



Call it a "Resurrection Mindset." Every day, in my life and yours, we face challenges too big for our little abilities. How can I say something new or significant in a sermon? How can the vision of a church be compelling? Where will we find the resources for our dreams? How can a conflict get resolved with honesty and courage? Without God, every day in ministry is dependent on my little store of resources, and is a declaration of my inadequacy and insignificance. But with God, it's another story.

Maybe, just maybe, God keeps throwing us in over our heads in the hopes that we will realise that our souls, like our bodies, are buoyant when his breath fills them.

Written by John Ortberg, **Submitted by** Megan Fyffe

#### ***INSPIRE photos featured this week:***

- Year Six Expo

## **From the Principal**

### **SCHOOL CONCERT AND PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Following a successful year of performances last year, our teaching staff discussed the possibilities available to our students through a School Concert, Reception Christmas Presentation and Wakakirri in preparation for our opportunities this year. Following this discussion, the following performances will be presented in Terms Three and Four this year:

- **Wakakirri for Years 5 and 6 students:** Information for the performance and ticket offers have already been sent and returned for this event on Friday 18 August.
- **Concert for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 students:** We will offer a matinee session and an evening session on Wednesday 27 September at 1:00pm and Thursday 28 September at 7:00pm. Please note that this will be for eight classes this year, so a limit of tickets will apply to the evening session. If you are able to attend the matinee session, or encourage other family members to do so, as this will ensure that we have enough seats for everybody to see this wonderful event. Please note that we are exploring options for a larger venue in future

years. More information about purchasing concert tickets will be provided later this term.

- **Reception Christmas Presentation:** This is a less formal opportunity for our Reception students to present a Christmas play to the students and to the Reception families. The Christmas Presentation will be on Wednesday 6 December and more information will be forwarded to Reception families in Term Four.

### **POSITIVE EDUCATION INFORMATION NIGHT SUMMARY**

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the information session led by Stephanie Noon from Live Life Coaching. It was encouraging to see so many of you attend to find out more about the research and strategies behind positive psychology and positive education. I have also had some great feedback about the resources available through SAHMRI Wellbeing and Resilience Centre if you are interested in finding out more: <http://www.wellbeingandresilience.com/perma-plus-1>.

### **CYBER SAFETY EVENING**

Next week we will be holding a cyber-safety information session, presented by SAPOL. We encourage parents of students of ALL AGES to attend, and particularly encourage all parents of students in our one-to-one iPad program (Years 3 to 6) to consider attending. The evening will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 9 August. Tea and coffee will be available prior to the session (doors open at 6:40pm) Please return your reply slip (sent home yesterday) or contact the school office via phone or email if you plan to attend.

**Leila Mattner** | Principal

## **From the Director of Learning**

The interest from other organisations and schools in the learning program and learning spaces at St Paul has continued this term. The entire Junior School of Portside Christian School spent three hours touring the school and talking with teachers last Tuesday morning. This is the third time a group from Portside has visited St Paul and it is amazing to hear from them how many





aspects of our philosophies have shaped their own vision for learning. This time around the teachers were particularly interested in the Reggio Emilia inspired learning environments, the new Nature Playground and the agile learning spaces that are utilised in our Year 6 room.

Also visiting the school last week were a number of Senior Education Consultants from the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA). These consultants work with schools across the state to improve their approach to teaching and learning. It is a wonderful affirmation for the St Paul community that our school is a place where these professionals come to learn about what is possible in schools today.

### PROJECT BASED LEARNING

Pictures in INSPIRE this week give you an insight into the recent Year 6 Learning Expo. These exhibitions provide students with a public audience for their work where feedback and questions are welcomed. It isn't just final products on display at these events though. Students need to be able to share the process of learning as well as the outcome. The Year 6 students in Miss Mattner's class had to demonstrate their knowledge of sustainability, engineering, measurement, construction and ethics through their project to plan and build the sustainable house of the future! The style of inquiry employed in this unit of work is Project Based Learning.

Parents who attended the recent screening of 'Most Likely to Succeed' will be familiar with this term. This version of student centred inquiry is organised around open-ended questions or challenges that deepen learning by addressing substantial and relevant problems. The projects allow for student ownership over the direction of their work, yet the tasks are carefully calculated, managed, and assessed by teachers.

Project Based Learning requires students to learn and create something new. Through this method of inquiry, students construct something new, for example, an idea, an analysis, or a new way of demonstrating what

they have learned. It develops critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and communication skills which are all fundamental aspects of the St Paul Lutheran School Pedagogical Framework. Students gain a deeper appreciation of the concepts at the heart of a project. Projects like these also build vital skills and habits of learning which stay with students long after the unit of work is completed.

Keep an eye out for more Project Based Learning at St Paul this term. The Year 5 classes in particular are planning something very unique! Also, I encourage parents to keep attending the learning expos that take place around our school and interact with all students. When students display their work publicly they take greater ownership of their work because they have an audience beyond their teachers. Ultimately they see their learning celebrated and this promotes a love of learning that benefits everybody involved.

### UNI NSW RESULTS

Certificates will be handed out at assembly this Friday for students who participated in the UNSW Science test.

**Jason Fay** | Director of Learning

## General News

### COMMUNITY LOTTERY

A big thank you to all families that have returned their Community Lottery Tickets. We are now entering the last 5 weeks of sales and families are encouraged to return their sold books as soon as possible. Reminder notes will be sent home to all families with outstanding books later this week.

### SCHOOL FEES

Term Three school fees were due last Friday for all families that have not made prior arrangements with Robyn Mader. Families are asked to attend to this without delay to ensure that we are able to operate within budget.



## SPLASH ACCOUNTS

Families are reminded that SPLASH accounts are to be paid fortnightly. We offer direct payment from your credit card; please see Robyn Mader if you would like to take up this option. Parents are reminded that places are dependent on prompt payment of accounts.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2017

Start collecting your earn & learn stickers from Woolworths now! Sticker sheets are available from Woolworths or the school office. Once the sheet is full, return and place it in the box situated in the school office, or simply return the stickers to us. The more stickers we collect, the more educational resources we can receive. Thank you for your support.



## FATHERS DAY STALL

Father's Day is just around the corner. St Paul will be having a Father's Day stall on 31 August. Gifts range from \$2.00-\$6.00. All gifts will be in a gift bag or wrapped.

## QUIZ NIGHT

On the 2 September, St Paul Lutheran School is holding a fundraising Quiz Night to raise money to purchase a range of exciting items for students to use during recess and lunchtimes. If you have a love of all things trivia and are over 18 years of age, we would love to see you there. So organise your tables of 10 and study up. Tickets are now on sale for \$10.00 at the school office. If you are unable to attend but would still like to support the school, we are also looking for lots of prize items which can also be left at the school office.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### BOOK WEEK 2017 BOOK SWAP

On Tuesday 22 August as part of our Book Week celebrations, the Library will host a Book Swap. The Book Swap is a great opportunity for students to exchange a book they no longer need for something new! To participate in the Book Swap, students need to bring along a book to swap. Students can bring their book to swap to the Library and they will be given a

ticket that allows them into the Book Swap on the day. Only students with a ticket will be allowed to get a 'new' book at the Book Swap. Students are welcome to start bringing in their books to swap.

**Wendy McLeod** | Library Resource Manager

## BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder that Book Club (issue 5) orders need to be back by Monday 7 August.

## CALLING ALL SHED MEN!

The next Shed Men gathering is happening Friday 4 August at David's Shed

Time - 6.30pm, Where - 16 Hughes Cres, Pooraka. What do you need - Throat lubricant, meat for the BBQ and a yarn or two. Rug up as it may be a bit chilly! Hope to see you there. If any Dads are interested in finding out more about Shed Men, please don't hesitate to give me a call or drop me a line.

Also, visit <http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/latest-news/147/> for the full version of the Shed Men Go Bush 2017 video. This was shown at Assembly at the end of Term 2. Thanks, Leon Semmens 0432 575 126 lsemmens@aapt.net.au

## Church News

### PLAYGROUP @ST PAUL

Each Tuesday during the school term the Church Hall is set up as a play space for children aged 0-5 and their mums, dads or carers. Please join us for fun, play, crafts and a cup of tea or coffee. Everyone is welcome. Playgroup runs from 9:00am-10:30am. The cost is \$2.00 per family. St Paul Playgroup is a great opportunity for your Pre-School child to get familiar with their school environment.

### SPY NEWS - ST PAUL YOUTH FOR YEAR 6-8 STUDENTS

SPY starts back for Term 3 this Friday 4 August. SPY meets from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Church Hall unless otherwise noted. Cost \$2.00. Girls please bring some supper to share. Our theme for this term is Fire! Watch Inspire for more details or contact Nicole Hall for more



## 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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## ST PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY – EXPERIENCE GROWING

You are welcome to join us at our next St Paul Community Sunday – Experience Growing on Sunday 20 August at 9:30am. Our St Paul Community Sundays are a relaxed and informal worship service, involving children from our school, followed straight afterwards at 10:30am by a fun, hands-on Experience Event in the hall.

At this service, the St Paul Congregation will be gifting our Reception students with their very own Lion My First Bible Storybook. We look forward to welcoming our St Paul school families, and in particular our Reception children and their families on this special occasion. If you would like more information, please let me know. We hope to see you there! Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker, [lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au) mobile: 0416 008 129

## KYB - KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Know Your Bible is an interdenominational Bible Study program, started in Australia 40 years ago and now conducted in many overseas countries. The focus is practical living out of our faith and caters for people at all stages of faith and Biblical knowledge. Originally, the studies were designed for women, but men are welcome too.

At St Paul Lutheran we have groups who meet during school term times. It is not too late to join in this term. Each participant requires a study guide costing \$8.00 per term, but arrangements can be made for anyone unable to afford this. During the week before each meeting, the participants are asked to spend about ten minutes a day reading Bible passages and answering the questions. At each session, the answers are shared. The richness of the discussion is amazing and it is a fantastic opportunity for deep fellowship.

Currently there are three groups at St Paul run on Tuesdays at 7.30pm, Thursdays 7.30pm or Thursdays at 1.00pm. Please contact Naomi Burls in the Church Office for more information on 8262 4690 or you can have a chat with Wendy McLeod in the Library.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Our St Paul congregation is raising funds to continue to support our community in many ways. We need your help! Order a NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do and help our St Paul Church fundraising at the same time. Cost is \$70.00. Please contact Naomi in the Church office if you are interested. Phone: 8262 4690.