



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 6

THU 31 AUGUST

- Father's Day Stall

FRI 1 SEPTEMBER

- Shed Men

SAT 2 SEPTEMBER

- Quiz Night Fundraiser

WEEK 7

MON 4 SEPTEMBER

- Connected Schools Art Visit

WED 6 SEPTEMBER

- Strategic Planning Parent Workshop

THU 7 SEPTEMBER

- District Athletics

WEEK 8

TUE 12 SEPTEMBER

- School Tour 6:00pm

WEEK 9

WED 20 SEPTEMBER

- School Council 7.30pm

WEEK 10

MON 25 SEPTEMBER

- Concert Dress Rehearsal and Photos

TUE 26 SEPTEMBER

- Concert Run Through

WED 27 SEPTEMBER

- Concert Matinee Performance 1:00pm

THU 28 SEPTEMBER

- Concert Evening Performance 7:00pm
- Closing Chapel 9:00am

FRI 29 SEPTEMBER

- Optional Attendance Day

FATHER

The name 'Father' will often evoke an inner response or reaction. Either a positive one, with memories of time together spent just hanging around, someone steadfast who was always there to encourage and cheer you on, with advice that was/is worth listening to... or not so positive. Dad was/is always busy, or away or angry or I didn't/don't really know him...

It is with this lens we often look at our Heavenly Father, and project onto Him our very real experiences that we have had with our own dad. Our view of God can become quite distorted in the process, especially if our personal experience hasn't been pleasant. When we read Bible accounts that portray God as a Loving Father, we can hold Him at arm's length, with a certain amount of distrust, just to keep ourselves safe... What if... you dared... to take those lenses/glasses off? What would happen if you were to put aside your relationship with your own father for a moment, and look at Father God without them. Right now, it might be that your head is thinking that this is a reasonable request, but your heart is wrestling within you. For some, this is a very real thing. Our God is indeed a Loving Father, who is invested and interested in us. His love is dependable and He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. (see Hebrews 13:5b). If you have a few minutes and a computer nearby, look up www.fathersloveletter.com and let the words speak to you, wash over you and refresh you. It is a series of paraphrased bible verses formed into a love letter to whoever would receive them. There are so many demands and expectations placed on dads today. It is a big, responsible job. And dads can get tired and overwhelmed at times. Balancing family and work is easier said than done.

Dads, know that you have someone who has shoulders broad enough to hold all that you carry in your heart, as well as your hands. One who can give you strength, love and wisdom as you negotiate each day, and loves you more than words can say. Thank you dads for all you are, not just what you do. Have a wonderful Father's day.

Submitted by Georgie Schuster



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Book Week 2017

From the Principal

ADOLESCENT SUCCESS CONFERENCE 2017

Jason Fay and I visited Brisbane last week for the Adolescent Success Teaching and Learning Conference, which was very well attended by leaders, educators and students from around Australia and New Zealand. Themed Discover, Design, Drive, this conference had particular focus on STEM and STEAM, social-emotional learning and on educational reform. We heard the stories of many schools grappling with what education should look like in their schools, including how current research about skills required for the future shapes how the classroom should look, what the nature of the learning should be, and what role, if any, traditional classrooms have to play in this. It was encouraging to see and hear speakers promoting the use of positive education and positive psychology, with presentations covering research and practical uses of growth mindset, character strengths and mindfulness, to name a few.

A particular purpose in attending this conference was due to Jason Fay's invitation to speak as part of the Leadership/Principals section of the program. Jason shared St Paul Lutheran School's journey in developing a whole school pedagogical framework. In listening to Jason share our story, I was once again inspired by the rigorous process of research, development and implementation that our teachers have worked through, and continue to work with. We have been on our own journey for some time, and Jason was able to give excellent insight and understanding to a full room of engaged educational leaders. Our story was certainly inspiring to other educators and has attracted further interest from schools around Australia.

Another aspect of our trip was to visit schools in the Brisbane area which have been recognised for their significant progress in educational change and student-centred learning and environments. Living Faith Lutheran School, an R-6 school, has been recognised for

their work in flexible (or 'agile') learning spaces. St Paul's School, an R-12 school in Bald Hills, QLD, has developed an Innovation Centre for teacher development, as well as redesigning their timetable in the junior years to capitalise on teacher specialists in the senior school for project-based learning opportunities. We had much to learn from these schools, and they from us. However, in these visits I was struck with two things:

- Schools are finding unique ways in their own context to create authentic learning opportunities for their students.
- Teachers at St Paul Lutheran School really are forging a strong pathway for students throughout the school which should be celebrated.

We will no doubt continue partnerships with schools built during our time in Brisbane that will continue to shape our own continual development as well as theirs.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Director of Learning

Last week I had the chance to attend a conference in Brisbane with Leila; a very important opportunity as St Paul looks to the next phase of its future with a new strategic plan. We also had a chance to look around two outstanding schools in Brisbane's suburbs and chat with their leaders about their vision for schools today and into the future.

Through all of the workshops and visits, it was clear that each site of learning is unique and faces its own challenges with its own solutions. But what really stood out is that the most important resource in each school is the same; the people. Staff, students, parents, volunteers. It's what schools are truly built upon. Book Week is a fantastic example of how events can fill a calendar but people bring these events to life. The work of Library Resource Manager Wendy McLeod last week was wonderful to behold and her level of commitment went far beyond her role description. Wendy is a perfect example of one of our most amazing resources here at St Paul.



NAPLAN

Individual student NAPLAN results arrived at St Paul last week and the data has been studied by teachers in Years 3 and 5. These results will be sent home to families tomorrow. If you would like to discuss your child's performance, please see your child's class teacher as the first point of call. I am, however, also available if you'd like any help understanding how the results are reported on.

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK 2017

A big, big thank you to the St Paul Community for making Book Week 2017 a great success! The students all had a fantastic time engaging with Australian authors and celebrating literacy. It was great to see so many parents and students enjoying the Book Week Assembly on Friday. A big thank you to Tania Pile from Photoplay Studios for taking great professional photos on the day – don't forget you can access your child's Book Week photo from the Photoplay Studios website using the password until Friday 8 September. I wanted to give a special thank you to all the parents and carers who assisted their children with dress up costumes for the Book Week parade. It was obvious that a lot of time, care and creativity had gone into the costumes – they all looked amazing!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2017

There is a week and a half left for the PRC 2017, with all entries due Friday 8 September. If students are just finishing off, don't forget that you can use your readers to fill in the bottom four books that don't have to be designated Premier's Reading Challenge. We have also been reading PRC books during Library time. These books combined with some reading at home should ensure that all students have a great chance of completing the challenge. If you have any questions, please see me in the Library.

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

GERMAN EAGLE AT ST PAUL

Mr Mayer had a bit of a shock when he was offered a spot on the Germany squad for the International Cup 2017 (AFL). The German Eagles were coming to Australia for the first time ever and had a few injuries. Having registered with the AFLG a year ago, he became another reserve for the Coach, Mark Woods, and joined the team in Melbourne for the third group game against Japan. Team bus at AFL House, national anthems, team gear and a great group of players made many a childhood dream come true. Unfortunately, the Eagles lost by two goals. Mr Mayer had a kick touched on the line and the left hand is still a bit battered, but the team had already qualified for the semi-final where they beat China. Ethan Wilkins in Year 6 had researched the AFLG in Term 2 as part of his German inquiry and so research and reality beautifully fused together. Mr Mayer is pictured with the Captain of the German Eagles, Florian Naumann, and Coach Mark Woods.



SAPSASA ATHLETICS

The following students have earned selection in the St Paul Lutheran athletics team, scheduled to participate in the 2017 Adelaide North East SAPSASA District carnival next Thursday, September 7:

Archie Kretschmer, Jordan Jenkin, Evelyn Fay, Levi Heath, Jake Smith, Noah Rus, Elizabeth Bolo, Hayley Macdonald, Jenny Hlawn Ching, Angus Irving, Isabella Parker, James Oliver, Ruby Hartwig, Kulmehak Kaur, Rylan Hopkins, Srishti Panth, Kloe Trotter, Ethan Hughes, Hayley Fechner, Imogen Healy, Indyana Case, Ebony Schache, Poppy Fountain, Aaron Theodorsen, Luke Kostiw, Tahlia Mundy, Sara Wilson, Baneet Kaur, Eli Nguyen, Jaxon Barr.



FOOTY CLINIC

Last Thursday our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 girls were the pride of our school when treated to a footy (AFL) clinic courtesy of the Adelaide Crows Women's (AFLW) club.

Fittingly in Book Week, what a story our Adelaide women's team created last year, becoming AFLW Champions in the inaugural year of the national women's competition. Chelsea Randall and Ann Hatchard ensured the girls had a mighty good time brushing up on their AFL skills, ball kicking, hand balling and tackling. It was also great to hear them cheering each other on in each of the activities.



Submitted by Kym Mickan and Bec Mattner

SPLASH NEWS

Last week an email was sent out regarding participation in a short survey of the SPLASH service. We have had an overwhelming response and I thank all those who have replied. Your responses will assist us in developing a quality improvement plan for the overall success of the service.

The survey will remain open until this Friday if you still wish to contribute. Follow this link to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/splashparents>

October holidays are fast approaching. SPLASH will run a Vacation program from Tuesday 3 October until Friday 13 October. Booking forms will be emailed and available online and at the SPLASH desk from next Monday 4 September.

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.



CALLING ALL SHED MEN!

The next Shed Men gathering is happening Friday 1 September at Andrew Macdonald's Shed

Time - 6.30pm **Where** - 9 Edgeworth Street, Prospect
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.

Save the date- Shed Men Seafood Extravaganza...

Friday 1 December 2017. More details to follow***

We are also looking for someone to host Shed Men on Friday 3 November 2017. If you would like to open your shed to the St Paul dads please drop me a line.

If any dad's are interested in finding out more about Shed Men, please don't hesitate to give me a call or drop me a line. lsemmens@aapt.net.au

Leon Semmens 0432575126

Church News

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SHOEBOXES OF LOVE

St Paul Lutheran Church has a strong tradition of being involved in Operation Christmas Child. We invite families at the school to join us in making Shoeboxes of Love for distribution to children in other countries. The church has collected and covered shoeboxes, which can be collected from the school, church office or foyer. Information on what to pack is inside the shoebox

ST PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

6:30 pm for a 7 pm start

\$10.00 - Tables of 10 (18 years and over)

****N.B. If you would like to attend but are not able to organise a table of 10, please let us know and we can help find a table for you****

Tickets available from the school office

"Dress up your table" - best themed table wins a prize

BYO drinks and nibbles - tea and coffee provided

Door Prize

Lucky Squares

Raffles

Coin Slide and more...



Games and activities throughout the night so bring lots of coins

Get your tickets now

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER - SEPTEMBER 2, BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW.

A reminder that our school is holding a fundraising quiz night on September 2. Grab some friends and book a table soon. Tickets are now on sale from the school office for \$10.00 each (tables of 10).

A fundraising event like this isn't possible without the support of the community so we are looking for donations to go towards the prizes on the night. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to send along something and pop it in the collection boxes located around the school.

To ensure a range of items we are suggesting the following as a guide however we would be grateful for any donations:

Reception - food, lollies, chocolates etc

Year 1 - kitchen items

Year 2 - gardening items

Year 3 - entertainment, games etc.

Year 4 - candles, homewares etc.

Year 5 - items for males

Year 6 - stationery items

Items such as wine, vouchers etc. are also appreciated and can be left at the school office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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or can be found at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. Boxes must be returned to the Church Office (or via the School Office) by Tuesday 26 September. Any queries please contact Naomi in the Church Office, telephone: 8262 4690.

SPY NEWS

St Paul Youth for Years 6 to 8 runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term 7:00pm-9:00pm. Our next meeting date is this Friday 1 September. Our theme for this term is Fire! Cost \$2.00. Girls please bring some supper to share. Please contact Nicole Hall for more details on 0412 686 342.

SERMON SERIES AT ST PAUL

A Sunday sermon series titled "The Moses Story" began on Sunday 27 August. Each week we will be focusing on an event in the life of Moses and reflect on what it means for our own stories as those called, equipped and sent by God. If you would like to know more, please contact Naomi in the Church office on 8262 4690 or feel free to come along to either 8:30am or 10:00am services on Sundays at St Paul Church.

PLAYGROUP @ST PAUL

Each Tuesday during the school term the church hall is set up as a play space for children aged 0-5yrs 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.

THANK YOU FROM THE ST PAUL CONGREGATION!

What a blessing it was to have many students, families and staff attend our Service and Experience Event on Sunday 20 August at St Paul. On behalf of the St Paul Congregation, we would like to thank everyone for assisting, cooperating, sharing, encouraging, and generally being so great to work with in preparation for our Growing Experience Event.

A special thank you to these students for giving up a few lunchtimes for rehearsals for our "The Farmer Sows the Word" drama performance: Levi Heath, Callie Weiss, Maddi Fox, Erin Reynolds, Gracie Oborn and Luke Maeder. Also to Jaxon Barr and Xenia Salupalu for stepping in last minute for us at Chapel last week! Our beautiful Sunday service prayers were written by Amelie and Mrs Pfeiffer and were read by Amelie, Sophie Fox, Tyler Nuske, Hannah Ratsch and Rachel Ratsch. Thank you so much!

Our St Paul Junior Choir did an awesome job performing in our Service with the help of Mrs Elise Von Stanke. Thank you for all of your time and effort to prepare and for being a part of our Community Sunday event.

Watch out in the coming weeks for more photos from our Community Sunday!