



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 4

TUE 15 AUGUST

- UNSW Maths Comp

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

WEEK 7

MON 4 SEPTEMBER

- Connected Schools Art Visit

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Think about a time when your young child was either hurt or sad. What did you feel in your heart? What was your natural response?

Perhaps after a quick inspection to make sure there was no blood or the like, did you scoop him or her up into your arms to sit on your lap, to be enfolded in the safety of your arms? Did it matter how long it took? You may have sat in silence or shared words to discover what was wrong, but whatever you had been doing, suddenly changed in priority. What was happening in your heart right then, and what was happening in your child's?

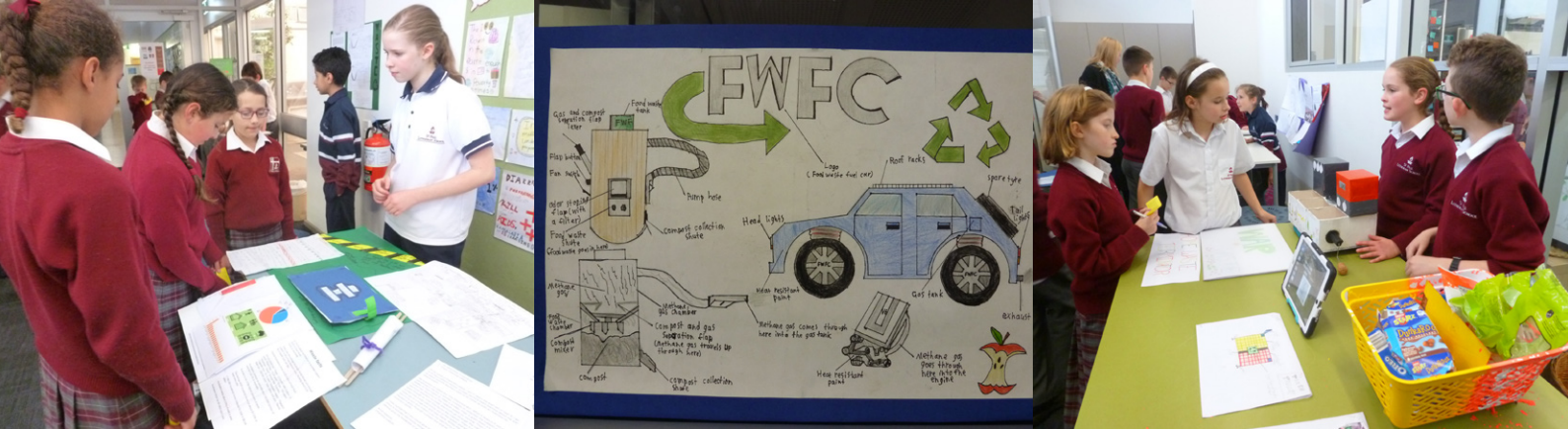
I was listening to a former atheist talk on the weekend. She seemed quite settled in her worldviews, until she held her newborn baby. Suddenly the prospect that her little one was merely a highly evolved, amazingly organised set of cells didn't quite measure up anymore. The depth of love she felt set her on a path to consider things that she had once disregarded, and in doing so, God's love for her was revealed. One of my favourite Bible verses is *Isaiah 40:11*.

'He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he leads those that have young.'

After listening to Peter Steike talk about the Father's (God's) deep love for us and remembering my own upbringing on a farm that carried sheep, this verse spoke to me in a new way.

In the Bible, people are sometimes described as sheep and God the Good Shepherd. Jesus describes the lengths that he goes to in the parable of the Lost Sheep, searching until the missing sheep is found in *Luke 15*. In *John 10* his care, love and concern are further revealed as he describes the extent of his commitment. *John 10:11 "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

I especially love the line in *Isaiah*, *'He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart'*. Think of that place if you will.. In his arms and



close to his heart. In the safety of his arms, close to his heart, listening to it beat with love for you. The one who desired for you to be, knows everything that is going on with you at the moment, is holding you, wanting you to know that he is strong enough, faithful enough and has a depth of love for you that is beyond words to describe. Sometimes it takes me a while to get my eyes off circumstances and remember that this is the secure place he has prepared for me. If not this line, then the next, *'He leads those that have young'*. Knowing that he is there to lead you as you negotiate each day with your child is a comfort. Children don't come with instruction manuals, but we all want them to be safe, secure and flourish...

The loving relationship that God purposed for each one of us is a two way thing. What was happening in both your and your child's heart as you embraced as asked earlier? He created you to be loved and to flourish, living in his love for you. That is the heart of the matter. Get to know him; he is waiting for you.

Submitted by Georgie Schuster

INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Year Five "War on Waste" Expo

From the Principal

CYBER SAFETY EVENING TONIGHT

We are holding a cyber-safety information session, presented by SAPOL, tonight at 7pm in the Creative Space. I cannot stress enough the importance of continued vigilance as a school and in our own homes. The best way to protect your child is to be educated. If you have not yet replied to indicate your attendance, please phone or email the school office today, however, if you do not get a chance to RSVP, please still come along for this important educative session.

TRAFFIC

Thank you to all parents and other family members and friends who have been so conscientious in following our 'no right turn' policy into the school during drop off and pick up times. This week I'd like to draw your attention to

two other traffic areas in order to continue to improve student safety and traffic flow.

1. Speed. I had a visit last week from a SA Police officer. He had been parked in our car park in plain clothes to observe the speed of traffic passing the school. Whilst he did identify speeding traffic, he noted that they were mostly school parents arriving to school. He wanted to remind you that Audrey Avenue in front of the school is a School Zone, which means a 25kmph limit. If you are travelling over 60kmph, the fine is up to \$700 and also means a loss of licence.

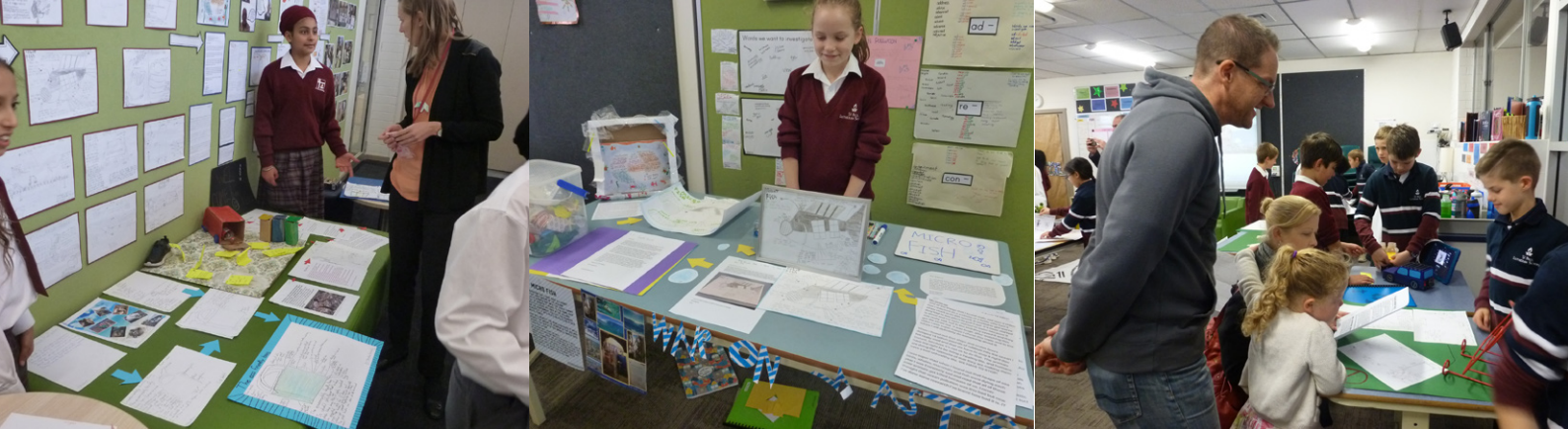
2. No Standing Zone. The area in front of the school on Audrey Avenue is a No Standing Zone. This means that during morning and afternoons, you must not park there, even if you are remaining in the car. Stopping in the no standing zones creates dangerous barriers where vehicles cannot see pedestrians, and disrupts the flow of traffic, potentially causing accidents. Please adhere to all signage on Audrey Avenue, and note that there are also no standing zones on Deakin Street in and near the cul-de-sac.

Please note that SAPOL and the Port Adelaide Enfield Council will be watching the parking and speed on Audrey Avenue in the coming weeks and speed and parking fines may be issued to drivers should this be required.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Whilst I understand that there are special circumstances where you may need to take your child from school, I encourage you to consider the consequences of continually choosing school hours for appointments, or term time rather than holiday time for taking a family holiday. Attached to today's Inspire email is an article titled: It's not okay to be away... nor to be late to school. This article was penned by popular parenting educator, Michael Grose.

Our school day runs from 8:45am to 3:15pm. Being late to school or leaving early can disrupt school routines for your child which in turn can affect their optimal learning times. The occasional dentist appointments or specialist appointments are obviously unavoidable, however I ask



that, wherever possible, you schedule appointments outside of school hours or during holiday periods.

This also serves as a reminder to all families about extended absences during the school term such as a week-long family holiday. We provide attendance data to the government and planned leave for extended periods (one week or more) must be approved. You can do this by contacting the office for an Exemption Form at least two weeks prior. A discussion with the classroom teacher is then important to ensure that you can be prepared for the missed school time. The teacher will often suggest some simple activities that can be done whilst you are away.

Thank you for assisting us to create the best learning environment for your child.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Director of Learning

Congratulations to all of the students who received certificates and awards last week for the UNSW Science Test. 45 students recently sat the UNSW English test and on Tuesday, 15 August, 46 students from Year 3-6 will sit the Mathematics test.

DESIGN THINKING

Photos in this week's Inspire provide an insight into last week's Year 5 Learning Exhibition. This unit of work focussed on the amount of waste and poverty in the world. The Year 5 teachers, Miss Burgan and Miss Baldock, challenged the students to 'problem find' before problem solving. This created a diverse set of responses from students who offered up solutions in the form of products, enterprises or inventions to deal with waste in the world.

To respond to the challenge of this unit, the teachers skilfully guided students through the 'Design Thinking' process. Design Thinking is the name of a recognised innovation method used by many of the leading companies and corporations around the world.

The real benefit of Design Thinking is seeing how students develop ideas as they go through the

process. In the case of this unit, students were asked to boldly send their ideas to an expert in the field they were working in. Students sent ideas to engineers, environmental organisations, designers, media outlets and local councils, just to name a few, and received responses and very professional and valuable feedback on their designs. The learning wall outside the Year 5 rooms displays just how well students accepted this critiquing of their work and built the feedback into their final designs.

As an educational strategy, Design Thinking offers teachers a model of inquiry that challenges students to find solutions to complex problems using creativity. Design Thinking is all about developing creative confidence in students and providing them with a procedure for bringing their ideas to life. It is also a great way to bring the pedagogical pillars of St Paul, Creativity, Collaboration, Engagement and Relevance, to life.

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

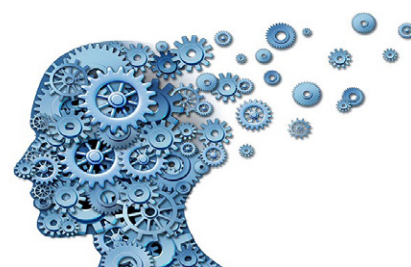
FATHER'S DAY STALL

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 - 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

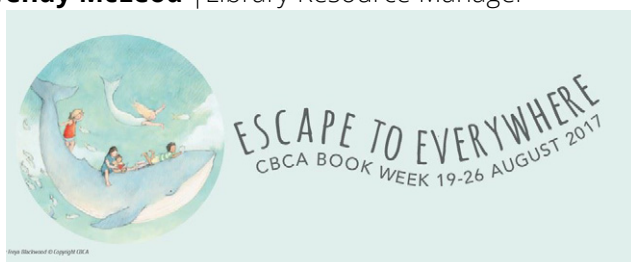
BOOK WEEK 2017 DRESS UP DAY

To coincide with Book Week, we will be holding a dress up day based on book characters on Friday 25 August. This is a much anticipated event at St Paul and it is always great to see the vast array of costumes on the day. Students will get an opportunity to parade their costumes during assembly. For students who would like to dress up and participate in the day, they will need to make sure that they have the book with them on which their dress up is based. Students can also come dressed in the Book Week theme "Escape to Everywhere".

Please note: This is not a casual day, if students do not wish to dress up they will need to wear normal school uniform.

I look forward to seeing lots of creative costumes!

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager



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For more information on LLL school banking, contact the school office or visit the LLL website: www.lll.org.au

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LLL SCHOOL BANKING

The LLL provides savings accounts for children. The accounts have a good interest rate with no bonus hurdles to jump over AND we also pay a \$5 gift for the first savings account opened for the child.

Talk to the school office about opening an LLL Children's Saving Account and participating in LLL school banking today, or visit www.lll.org.au for more information. St Paul banking day is Wednesday.

PAUL DILLON PRESENTS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION AT ENDEAVOUR

Renowned speaker Paul Dillon will attend Endeavour College on Wednesday 23 August 2017, to present Alcohol and Drug Information sessions to our senior students as part of our ongoing commitment to educating young people about alcohol and drug use. The College has a long association with Paul, who is always very well received by students and staff alike, and his sessions complement our ongoing pastoral care programs and curriculum in this important area.

This year we are pleased to host a special evening session for Middle Years parents, supporting the need to work in partnership with families concerning alcohol and drug education. This free event will commence at 7:00pm on Wednesday 23 August, and all Middle Years parents are strongly encouraged to attend. The invitation to attend this evening event is also extended to any Year 5 and 6 parents from our

OUR VISION:

Connected.
Innovative.
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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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Connected Schools community, regardless of whether your child is enrolled at Endeavour. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible take up this excellent opportunity to hear Paul Dillon speak about having conversations with your child about alcohol and parties, before it is too late. For further information and to register your attendance, please go to www.endeavour-pauldillon.eventbrite.com For more information about Paul Dillon, please go to www.darta.net.au

Marni Harding | College Counsellor, Endeavour College

Church News

ST PAUL PASTY BAKE

The St Paul Lutheran Church Pasty Bake is on again this week! It will be happening on Thursday 10 August and deliveries will take place Thursday after school and Friday morning. Our pasties are house made, baked fresh on the Thursday morning. There are 6 on a tray for only \$12.00.

Please place your order by contacting Renate Burls on 8260 5758 by Wednesday 9 August - today! (leaving a message is fine) to ensure your order is filled. Thanks.

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. The St Paul Congregation will be gifting our Reception students with their very own Lion My First Bible Storybook during the service. Our school Junior Choir will also be performing and we have some of our Senior students performing a Drama. There will be art displays in the Church, including one by our Year 2 classes - so there is much to come and see!

Come and enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch at our Experience event in the hall. 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!

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Experience Growing

Sunday August 20th 2017
9.30 Community Worship
10.30 Growing Experience

You are invited to join us for St Paul Community Worship Sunday. Our school and church coming together to celebrate the growing season and growing through our Bibles. Reception student and Junior Choir performances. Bring your own Bible for a blessing!

Stay after worship for games, craft, food and fun. Plenty of free fun for all ages. Gold coin donation for some crafts.

For more information please contact:
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Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Supporting School Ministry at St Paul Lutheran

GIFT - Generations in Faith Together
St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol