



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 9

#### WED 13 DECEMBER

- Final Day for Students
- End of Year Service at Endeavour College

#### FRI 26 JANUARY

- Australia Day Public Holiday

### TERM 1, WEEK 1

#### TUE 30 JANUARY

- Term 1 Commences (Years 1-6)
- Opening Chapel

#### WED 31 - MON 5 FEBRUARY

- Reception School Visits

#### FRI 2 FEBRUARY

- Shed Men

### WEEK 2

#### TUE 6 FEBRUARY

- Reception Students First Day
- Parent Information Evening, Years 1, 4 & 5

#### WED 7 FEBRUARY

- Parent Information Evening, Years 2, 3 & 6

## There is something about a baby...

There is something about a baby, so tiny, so full of potential... Holding someone so entirely precious can evoke such an explosion of love in your heart that you didn't know was even possible. There is something about this baby... so tiny, so full of potential... He was indeed deeply loved by His Father... But His Father also had another precious child that was in His heart... and He would go to extreme lengths to show His love...

This precious baby, Jesus, was born to die, to forgive, to restore the relationship God always wanted.... There is something about you, so loved, desired, wanted... so full of potential. He just wanted you to know...

You are loved!

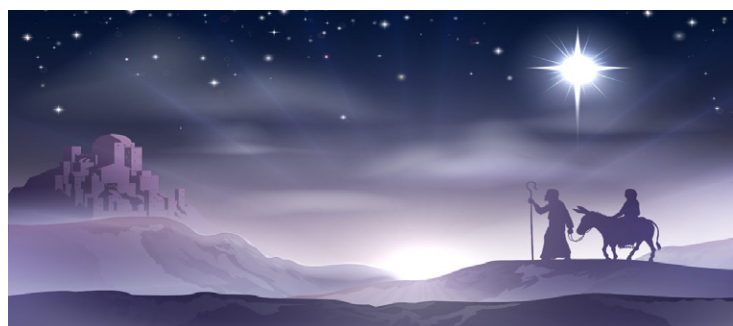
*John 3:16*

*For this is how God loved the world (that's you!):  
He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will  
not perish but have eternal life!*

*NLT (brackets mine)*

**Submitted by** Georgie Schuster

Wishing all our St Paul families and friends a safe and joyous Christmas





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

- SPLASH Christmas Breakfast

## **From the Principal**

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

I would like to thank all school staff, families and students for their support, community and generosity through 2017. As we near Christmas, my prayer for you all is that you can find time to be with family; to rest and reflect after the busyness that is life; and to rejoice in the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus.

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT THANK YOU**

Last Wednesday we were treated to a Christmas concert from the Receptions sharing the nativity story. It was an entertaining reminder that we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas: God coming to us in the form of a miracle baby. Thank you to all families who attended, to the Reception students for their hard work in rehearsals and wonderful singing and acting, and to Jen Aquino, Claire Fisher and Yvonne Folland for their preparation and commitment to this event.

### **FAREWELL**

Friday's presentation assembly, we had the opportunity to farewell a number of students who are leaving St Paul at the end of the year. We pray for God's continued blessing on all families those heading to different places in 2018.

Farewell also to our 2017 graduating students and to those families who will 'graduate' from St Paul, some after many years of being part of the community. We thank all Year 6 students for sharing their personalities with us and pray blessings upon your future schooling.

**Leila Mattner** | Principal

## **From the Deputy Principal**

Merry Christmas to everyone in the St Paul community. Thank you for your contributions to the school this year.

### **THE GARDEN CLUB**

There's no better way to finish the year than this heart-warming story.

Mrs. Penny Werner has supported a group of students who have developed an initiative known as the 'The Garden Club'. These children, Logan Tinney, Antonia Koliakoudakis, Phuong Thai and Casey Schilling, sold parsley from their garden at the end of Term 3 to a number of parents, who attended this year's concert.

Having made a small profit the group decided to use the money raised to "help the poor people". The children looked at the options presented on the ALWS Gifts of Grace catalogue and voted to spend the money on the following:

### **DUCK FARM**

A powerful way to help families living in poverty is to train and support them to make their own decisions about development activities. They have the local knowledge, and can often see practical solutions that deliver quick results ... like ducks in Cambodia. Ducks are easy to raise, require little work and duck eggs are a staple food in Cambodia. This Gift of Grace can supply a family with 3 ducks to start a farm.







The sale of duck eggs and meat can create a steady extra income for the families, while duck manure is rich in nitrogen and can be used as fertilizer to improve the yield of vegetable crops.

### **FILTERED WATER**

One of the biggest challenges for people living on Mentawai Island in Indonesia is the threat caused by dirty water. Children can suffer dangerous diarrhea and water-borne diseases like cholera. The first step through ALWS is drilling deep wells and building concrete tanks ... however, the water still has to be filtered. That's



why the clever water filter this Gift of Grace provides is such a blessing. The filter consists of two big blue tubs. The community comes together and is shown how to install the filter and that means children are now safe.

These gifts will be delivered by ALWS through local Lutheran churches.

I am extremely thankful for the efforts of Mrs. Werner and the students and the difference this group has made to communities overseas. To those of you who purchased parsley, thank you also. This small but impactful, act of service, perfectly sums up the true meaning of Christmas.

**Jason Fay** | Deputy Principal

## **General News**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

The School Office will close on Thursday 15 December and re-open on Monday 22 January. Leila Mattner, Robyn Mader, and Jason Fay will be in the office at times during the break so please email should you need to contact these staff members in this time period.

### **RECEPTION STUDENTS IN 2017**

In 2017, Reception students will commence school on Tuesday 6 February. Reception teachers will coordinate student and family visits at school for the week prior to this to develop relationships amongst the teacher, the parents and the students.

### **THANK YOU!**

I would like to say a big thank you to all our fabulous library volunteers. These people have assisted in swapping readers, covering books, re-shelving and creating displays throughout the year. I am very appreciative of their time and efforts. Thank you to Jennifer Pfeiffer, Lyn Ratsch, Edda Paton, Ben Tan and Michelle Copeland.

I wish everyone a blessed and restful Christmas

**Wendy McLeod** | Library Resource Manager

## 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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## Church News

### ST PAUL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SERVICE - THIS SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER @ 9.30AM

St Paul Lutheran Church invites all families and children to come and take part in an Active Nativity Service led by the young people of St Paul. Come dressed as an Angel, Shepherd or Wiseman or come along and get dressed up in our costumes and be part of the action on Sunday December 17 at 9:30am.

### CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 24 December - 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service of Readings and Carols

Monday 25 December - 9:30am Christmas Day Service of Carols with Holy Communion

All welcome.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the St Paul congregation we hope our school families, our staff and volunteers all have a blessed and meaningful celebration this Christmas, enjoying special moments with your family and friends. We pray you have a safe, restful and enjoyable school break. Blessings,

Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker

