



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 8

#### FRI 8 DECEMBER

- Reports Sent Home
- General Presentation Assembly

### WEEK 9

#### MON 11 DECEMBER

- Year 6 Graduation Dinner

#### TUE 12 DECEMBER

- Year 6 Celebration Day

#### WED 13 DECEMBER

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

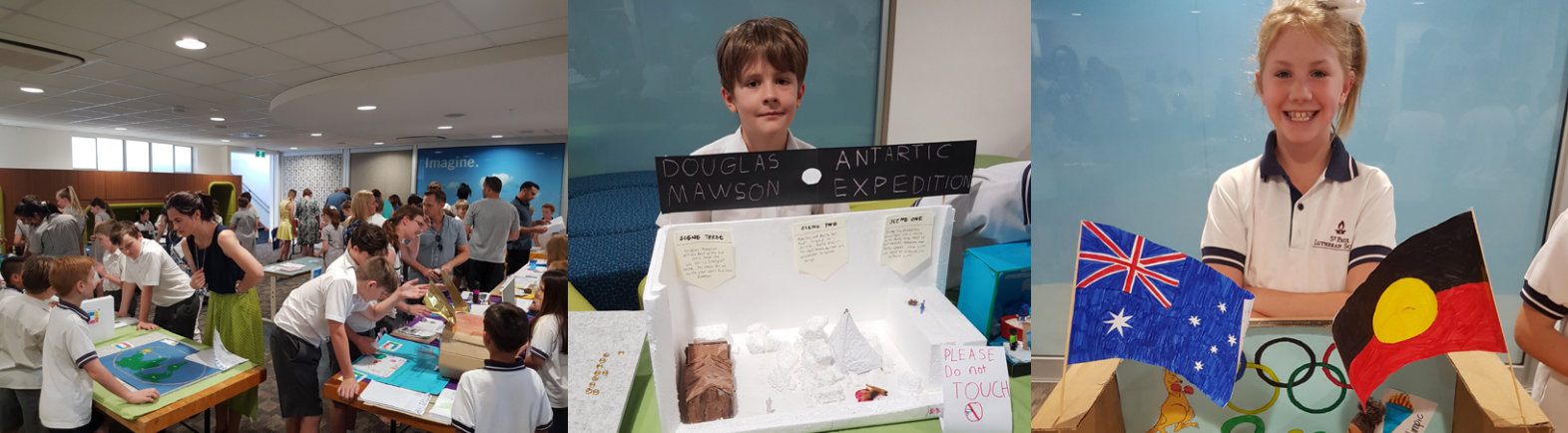
## The Era of the Reboot and the Spinoff.

Hollywood has a problem. It is short of original and creative ideas for movies. Every second movie release at the moment is based on a comic book character you've never heard of. The crazy thing is that some of these movies are rebooting (replacing or updating) stories that were made not all that long ago. If it isn't a reboot, it's a spinoff. 'Star Wars' and 'Game of Thrones' are heading in this direction and in the case of 'Star Wars', a whole movie was made from a single line in the original movie.

This week the Reception classes put on their Christmas Concert telling the story that needs no reboot or spin off; The Nativity. But after reading a satirical article that was doing the rounds on social media last year, I started thinking. The article joked about whole schools trying to do 'The Nativity' when it has a limited number of parts. "The new Nativity needs to have more characters so that every character can be developed and each child can showcase their acting talents." Now, I am not advocating for a reboot, but there is a message here worth remembering this Christmas.

This time of year, it is very easy to focus on our own storyline, our personal orientation and point of view, our complications, our resolutions; our own narrative. But in every story there are the protagonists and there are peripheral characters. Peripheral characters come in and out of stories to drive the plot and do very little sometimes to catch the attention of the audience. Sometimes though, the peripheral characters are very interesting and have their own stories to tell. But who has the time to find out more about these?

This Christmas, keep an eye on the 'peripheral characters' in your life. Some may be hurting. Some may be lonely. Some may be feeling unloved or unwelcome. Christmas can be a difficult time for many reasons for many people. The cliché narrative of Christmas is all about happy families, full



plates of food and extravagant gift giving. But this cliché can marginalise many. The true spirit of Christmas challenges us to reach out to the periphery and show love. Pay attention to those around you this Christmas. They may need your love and support, and a more important role in your story.

Mary said, *"My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Saviour, for he has remembered me, his lowly servant! From now on all people will call me happy," Luke 1: 46-48 (GNT)*

**Submitted by** Jason Fay

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

- Year 3 Museum opening

## **From the Principal**

### **WAITING**

Most of our children are waiting for the school year to finish, and waiting for Christmas to come. In the church, we are in the season of Advent. Yes, we are waiting for Christmas to come too! We are waiting expectantly to celebrate the birth of our Saviour and to rejoice in the hope that was given to us on that first Christmas morning. You may be interested in this YouTube introduction to Advent, posted on our church's Facebook page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AySe5pZnwig>.

*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfil what the Lord has said through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us'). Matthew 1:21-23 (NIV)*

For other resources about Advent, or to keep up to date on worship times for Christmas and the summer holidays, please refer to the church information in this Inspire, or like St Paul Lutheran Church's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulba/>.

### **STAFFING NEWS**

Congratulations to Penny Werner for her recent appointment to an Adaptive Education position at Endeavour College. Penny has been an experienced and highly valued Lutheran School Officer at St Paul for many years and we pray that she thrives in her new position which is an area of passion for her.

Last week I announced that Jess Denko was expecting her second child. With this news, and some long service leave next year, we have appointed Henry Sheedy to the position of Year 1 teacher for 2018. Henry worked in Reception with Jen Aquino earlier this year, completing his Early Childhood Education degree. As a mature-aged graduate with a background in social work, Henry impressed us quickly with his knowledge and passion for working with children and we look forward to him joining our teaching team in 2018.

### **TRAFFIC REMINDER**

During this busy time of the year, many families are trying to get the last seconds out of each day. We have noticed in the mornings and afternoons that some parents are trying to save time by stopping in no standing zones to drop children off, or using the front of the church as a drop-off zone. Please note that there are no staff members on duty here and we have had parents let us know of some students being put in danger. Please continue to use the drop-off and pick-up zone through the school. It takes 5-10 minutes, and provides much greater safety for all children. Due to our priority on student safety, should any vehicles park in the **no standing zones**, we will have no choice but to report to council for fines to be issued.

**Leila Mattner** | Principal





## From the Deputy Principal

Please join us this week at our Presentation Assembly. School and House Captains for 2018 will be announced and presented, the Magazine cover for 2017 will be revealed and other student groups such as SRC, Choir and Chapel Band will also be recognised. It has been fantastic to see so many parents and friends at Chapel and assemblies over the course of the year. Thank you for supporting the students and teachers who spend so much time preparing and rehearsing for these events.

### END OF YEAR SERVICE

Our End-of-Year Service, including the Year Six Graduation, takes place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 13 December in the Endeavour Centre, Endeavour College. This is a final worship service for all students and is compulsory school event for students in Reception to Year 6. Students are required to wear official summer uniform. Students may wear their P.E uniform during the day on Wednesday so their summer uniform is clean for the evening service. On arrival at the Endeavour Centre, children are to assemble in class groups, outside the main entrance, by 6:40pm. Families of graduating students are invited to gather in the Endeavour Centre foyer for pre-service refreshments from 6:00pm. Year 6 parents are given first access to the auditorium at 6:30pm. Remaining families will be permitted to enter the foyer from 6:30pm, before being seated from 6:40pm.

### CLASSROOM LOCATIONS 2018

Along with Inspire this week, you will find a map of the school that indicates the location of classrooms next year. Please refer to this map for your child's classroom location when you receive class allocations along with reports on Friday afternoon.

**Jason Fay** | Deputy Principal

## General News

### LCC CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to Lutheran Community Care Christmas hamper drive. The support shown by the St Paul community has been inspiring! The items we have collected will go towards making a better and brighter Christmas for many families in our communities.



There is still time for donations if you have not yet had the opportunity. Items will be collected by LCC this Friday 8 December, so if you have any last minute donations, please place them into any of the receptacles around the school before this date. Once again, a big thank you for all the support shown.

**Rebecca Mueller** | Classroom Teacher

### PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE AWARDS

Students are receiving their Premiers Reading Challenge awards this week during library time as we celebrate with a 'popcorn party'. The awards range from certificates given to our Reception students who have completed the challenge for the first time through to the Hall of Fame award for Seniors who have completed the challenge every year since they started school. Congratulations to all students who completed the challenge!

### OVERDUE LIBRARY RESOURCES

All library resources – books, CDs, DVDs and Take Home Readers are now overdue. Students with overdue resources received an overdue notice today to return their items immediately. Please contact me if you have any questions about your child's overdue resources.

**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

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.

### INVIGORATE – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24 2018

Invigorate is a Child, Family and Parenting Conference held at Adelaide West Uniting by combined churches of Adelaide. It's goal is to equip and encourage parents and people who work with children in different ways to share and form faith with their children. Details are gradually being released now, follow the link <https://invigor8conference.weebly.com/>

### ST PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY PHOTOS

What a fantastic celebration on Sunday at our St Paul Community Sunday on Sunday 26 November. It was so very special to have students Luke and Alexi Heinrich baptised during the worship service. We pray for God's blessing on the Heinrich family. Please enjoy a few photos from our special day. Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker.

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# Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings

1.5kg Traditional Christmas Cake  
\$17.00

1 kg Traditional Christmas Cake  
\$13.00

Traditional Christmas Pudding  
\$13.00

Available from the office...(Cash Only)