



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 9

MON 26 - FRI 30 JUNE

- Soccer State Carnival

FRI 30 JUNE

- Final day of Term 2
- Closing Chapel 2:30pm

THREE WEEK BREAK

WEEK 1 TERM 3

MON 24 JULY

- First Day of Term 3
- Opening Chapel 9:00am

Darkness Overcome

Last week saw the Winter Solstice here in the Southern Hemisphere. An astronomical event that happens every year due to the rotation of the earth on its axis. It results in the shortest day of the year, with the least amount of daylight, happening on or around 21 June each year.

As a born and bred Queenslander, Adelaide winters are still something that I am getting accustomed to. By the end of winter, I am yearning for some warmth and daylight. The effect of the Winter Solstice is so great in some parts of the world, that they receive no sunlight at this time of year; 24-hours of complete darkness. Research has even been conducted into the link between winter weather and depression. Winter; no sun, no warmth, no light.

Sometimes our lives can feel like this too. At times along life's journey, we might find ourselves in the middle of a 'Spiritual Winter'. Everything around us feels cold and dark; we can feel numb. It can be difficult to feel the presence of God at times like this. However, Jesus clearly states that He is the light of this world (John 8:12). The Light of Christ shines into the darkness of the world and darkness does not overcome it (John 1:5).

So, in those times when you may feel like you are in darkness, with no way out, let Christ be your light; leading you, guiding you, supporting you through.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 38-39)

Submitted by Rebecca Mueller



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Year 5 Orienteering Photos
- Year 5 and 6 German Expo
- Church 50th Anniversary

From the Principal

A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

Often our weekly routines, both with home, work, school and a multitude of other commitments can mean that the school term becomes a whirlwind. Some of us are grateful for the holiday period, and for others of us, we have a whole new set of logistics to face with the school closed. As a parent, I know how difficult both the school term and the holiday organisation can be. Our vocation as parents is a massive one, and invaluable. I pray for blessings on every one of you as you navigate the role of parent – the highs and lows – in your daily lives. I encourage you all to take time to reflect on the achievements of yourselves and your children at the close of Semester One. Congratulations on a job well done!

STUDENT FAREWELLS

This term we farewell two students from St Paul. To Misha Longar and family, we pray that your new home and school provides you with new opportunities and continued blessings. To Max Davey, we pray for a great transition to your high school setting and look forward to hearing from you through Imogen and your family in the coming years.

WELLBEING PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 26 JULY

I'd like to take this last opportunity for the term to recommend this information session to you. In almost every consultation and community conversation I have had in the past year about future planning for education, and for the future of our children. Parents have listed either wellbeing, happiness, or personal fulfilment for their child as their highest priority. After research into the area of wellbeing over the past

three years, it was decided that Positive Education was the best pathway, due to its support by our state government, and due to the current and rigorous research supporting its success. Our teachers have been training and planning for the use of Positive Education strategies in classrooms for over a year and many of you will know of some of the strategies that are being used in classrooms currently. Please join us at 7:00pm on July 26 to hear more about Positive Education and how it can be used in the classroom and at home.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Assistant Principal

THANK YOU'S ACROSS THE BOARD TO...

TEACHERS - who worked diligently and tirelessly to represent with integrity, where each of their students are at in the learning.

FAMILIES - for assisting us to prepare their children for school photos last week.

STAFF – who received accolades from the photographers for their efficiency throughout the Photo Day process – the best and most efficient staff they had ever worked with!

WEBSITE

The ***Latest News*** section of the website has recently been updated providing a 'snap shot' of over twenty events that have taken place during Terms 1 and 2. This includes sporting events, camps, excursions, parents and friends, class carers and more...

Next time you are waiting in a queue pull out your phone or iPad and check out some of the lovely photos! These can be found by accessing the website home page and then by:

1. Clicking on ***News and Events***
2. Clicking on ***Latest News***

<http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/latest-news/>



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES

This is the students' final week for Term 2. Closing Chapel will be held this Friday at 2:30pm instead of our usual Wednesday morning Chapel. School will resume in three weeks on Monday 24 July with opening Chapel at 9:00am. We hope the school holiday period will be a wonderful opportunity for families to regroup amidst a slightly more relaxed routine. May the Lord bless you all!

Helen Vonow | Assistant Principal

From the Director of Learning

Half-way through the year! With Progress Reports now sent home, the journey to the end of the year now begins. The reflection page at the end of the Progress Report is a good way to engage your child in discussions about their own goals for the rest of the year.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Next week at St Paul, teachers will engage in a range of professional development opportunities. This includes a two day Spiritual Retreat, training with Autism S.A and a workshop with teachers from other Connected Schools. Teachers will also attend the Australian Conference on Lutheran Education at The Adelaide Convention Centre.

It is essential that teachers have regular chances to learn with and from each other as this prepares them for the evolving nature of the classroom and affords opportunities for teachers to continue to develop their teaching skills.

UNI NSW TESTS

The UNI NSW test for English and Mathematics will take place early next term. The English test takes place on Tuesday 1 August at 1:50pm in the hall, and is followed by the Mathematics test two weeks later on Tuesday 15 August also at 1:50pm in the hall.

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

SPLASH NEWS

Thankyou so much for your huge support of the Vacation Care program. The response for each day has been great and I am pleased to announce that we have been able to find the staff for the excursion days and extend our numbers. However, now that the booking date has closed and staffing has been set, it may be very difficult to guarantee a place if you have not yet made a booking.

Please remember to let SPLASH know as soon as possible if you no longer require care on a particular day in the holidays. 48 hours' notice must be given to avoid an absentee charge.

Booking confirmation forms and program information sheets will be sent out to all families by the end of this week.

The SPLASH staff and I look forward to a great time at Vacation Care these holidays – See you there!

Rebecca Heinjus | SPLASH director

WAKAKIRRI ASSISTANCE

The Year 5 and Year 6 classes are busily preparing for Wakakirri this year and we are putting a call out to the whole school community for some assistance. As part of our performance we are in need of washed 2L milk containers, and also some 'Bollywood' inspired costumes for students to wear. Any items that you can offer can be brought to Mrs Von's room. Please label costumes with your child's name and class so they can be returned to you next term, after the performance.

Thanks so much for your help!!

Elise von Stanke | Performing Arts



SENIOR GERMAN EXPO

On Tuesday in Week 7 the Year 5 and 6 classes treated their peers to an amazing German Expo which featured everything from simulated submarines to the most delicious Black Forest Cakes. Building on their mini investigations in Term 1, the students were able to direct their own research in Term 2 to lead an inquiry into an aspect of the German culture they had developed a personal interest in. On Tuesday the younger students were able to touch, taste, explore, watch, interact with and read about the deeper understanding the senior classes had gained. It was wunderbar. "Ich liebe Deutsch."

Armin Mayer | German Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

The end of Term 2 is an exciting time in the Library as we begin to look forward to Book Week in Week 5, Term 3. Book Week celebrates outstanding Australian authors and illustrators, and awards medals in the areas of picture book of the year, older readers, younger readers, early childhood and the Eve Pownall award for information books. This year's theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'. To coincide with Book Week, we will be holding a dress up day, based on books on Friday 25 August. The school holidays are a great time for students to start thinking about their costume and get creative. I will also be encouraging all students to borrow for the holidays, particularly books for their Premier's Reading Challenge!

Have a safe and restful break.

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

SAVE THE DATE

St Paul Lutheran School **QUIZ Night 2017**

Saturday 12 August. More details next term...

Church News

SPY NEWS

St Paul Youth is for our Year 6-8 students. What an amazing time we have had at SPY this term, as we looked and experienced *Bread and the Bible*.

We started with our Masterchef night, where we baked flat bread among other tasty and imaginative delights. We then explored 'how yeast works' at our sleepover. We made pizza dough and watched the yeast react in the dough. Then we explored what this might tell us about the Kingdom of God as we studied Matthew 13:33, Parable of the Woman and the Leaven. We have also played games, finally perfecting the sardines game! We ate food, laughed and prayed together. I thank God for the time we spend with each other on our Friday nights.

In Term 3 our theme is FIRE!

Dates for you to add to your calendar are:

Friday 4 August

Friday 18 August

Friday 1 September

Friday 15 September

SPY meets from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Church hall unless otherwise noted. Cost \$2.00 Watch Inspire for more details.

PLAYGROUP @ ST PAUL

Playgroup resumes for Term 3 on Tuesday 25 July at 9:00am in the Church hall. Our Term 3 theme is Transport. If you have children under school age, drop in for a coffee, chat and play. Cost \$2.00 For more information or any enquiries, please contact Nicole Hall CYHM Coordinator at St Paul Lutheran Church.

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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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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 Church office or foyer. Information on what to pack is inside the shoebox 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 on 8262 4690.

SAVE THE DATE

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

We will again be looking for students to be involved in our worship time, so please let me know if your children are keen! More information to follow early next term.

From everyone at St Paul Church, we pray our school students, families and staff have a wonderful and safe break from school routines.

Louise Venning | School Ministry Worker

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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 on 8262 4690 or the School office 8260 2655.