



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 8

WED 22 MAR

- School Tour 6pm

THURS 23 MAR

- Sports Day Sprints (Sports Uniform)
- Gifted and Talented Day at GGLS

FRI 24 MAR

- Assembly 9am (Sports)

WEEK 9

MON 27 MAR

- Tri -Skills (Rec-Year2)

TUES 28 MAR

- Sports Day Long Distance events

WED 29 MAR

- Chapel 9am

FRI 31 MAR

- Assembly 9am (Hosted by Mrs Brodie's class)
- Mrs Brodie's Class Carer Coffee Morning 9.30am

WEEK 10

MON 3 APR

- Student Free Day
- Parent Teacher Interviews

TUES 4 APR

- Parent Teacher Interviews

FRI 7 APR

- Twilight Sports Day

Happiness

Dawn has broken the sun touches my bed
I am happy
the night was short I am tired but alive
I am glad
three times a day I have more food than I need
I am thankful
a roof covers my head and clothes my body
I am grateful
freedom of speech, worship and movement are mine
I am fortunate
schools and universities provide for my education
I am lucky
factories and offices offer me work
I am satisfied
facilities for sport and recreation refresh me
I am relaxed
hospitals care for the sick and the dying
I am comforted
churches remind me of a God who cares
I am forgiven
flowers at the roadside smile at my frowns
I am cheerful
someone loves me and thinks I am special
I am ecstatic
the sun sets another day has gone
I am content
tonight I will remember everything
that helped me discover what happiness means.



Heavenly father, help us all to stop and appreciate all the blessings you have given us each and every day, Amen.

A poem from: Like the flight of a boomerang, Ulf and Christel Metzner (1994)

Submitted by Nicole Tew

From the Principal

ST PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL COUNCIL

Each year we have a dedicated group of parents who work very much behind the scenes in school governance. We are very thankful to the members of the St Paul Lutheran School Council who have now officially been elected to the following roles:

Scott Hartwig: Chair

Greg Ratsch: Vice-Chair

Tiffany Raethel: Secretary

Eileen Jeffree

Carolyn Nuske

Sally Bearman

Merryn Ruwoldt

Dennis Clark

Pastor Greg Priebbenow

Should you wish to contact the council directly, you are welcome to email councilchair@stpaulba.sa.edu.au at any time.

HARMONY DAY

Yesterday we celebrated Harmony Day with a number of special activities. Thank you to all students for participating in the day, through art works and dressing for the occasion. Thanks also to all parents for your support in sourcing something orange or cultural for your children to wear. I'd like to particularly thank the Year 5 Harmony Day committee, as well as Mrs Folland and Miss Burgan for their leadership in this. An extra thank you also to Mrs Semmler and her volunteers for the special lunch orders yesterday, including the fried rice from Midway Chinese Take-away restaurant, and to Ms McLeod, Mr Fay and Mrs Vonow for their help.

SHED MEN GO BUSH CAMP NEWS

Earlier this week, the first newsletter for the Shed Men Go Bush Camp was sent home to all families. I encourage you to read this information carefully. Dads, please be prepared to be involved, as this is a fantastic opportunity for students and their fathers to develop relationships in a fun community setting. If you are new to St Paul, or have not been to the camp in previous years, chat to any of the dads who you have met so far, or contact your 'friendly faces' family to ask about their experiences. Please return the registration form supplied in the Shed Men newsletter by the end of this term.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Director of Learning

As teachers come back from camps and excursions, deal with time consuming after hours issues from the classroom, look forward to NAPLAN, ILP meetings and Parent Teacher Interviews, I think it is important for you to hear how hard they are working to be the best teachers they can be.

Here at St Paul we have a dedicated and talented teaching staff who are always looking at ways to improve their practice. A key to improving education as a whole is empowering and supporting teachers. Sometimes this is through organised professional development but very often for our teachers it is through their own inquiry based approaches. At St Paul we facilitate inquiry based learning for students. Did you know that teachers are also using inquiry to reflect on their practice and learn more about the impact of their work? Staff examine, share, collaborate and reflect on effective pedagogy on a regular basis.

"Engaging in ongoing professional learning will be the primary vehicle for ensuring that the practices teachers are continually refreshed in will be ways that ensure their ongoing effectiveness in promoting the learning that today's and tomorrow's young people will value and need." (AITSL-Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership)



By engaging in this type of professional, reflective practice, teachers genuinely understand the potential of inquiry based learning in the classroom for students. They don't just see the learning that comes from this process, they experience it. Through this, teachers can look at concepts and strategies from new perspectives, ask questions, actively investigate new problems and solutions, and contribute to the learning of their colleagues and the school. Positive change in our classrooms is more likely to transpire when teachers drive the process. Unless teachers take part in this type of reflective practice in collaboration with their peers it is not possible to generate a change in the classroom.

So far this year a number of staff have shared their work in staff meetings and/or opened their doors to other teachers who have questions. Yes, administration, day to day duties and teaching and learning take up the bulk of time for teachers but somehow in between all of this our teachers are working incredibly hard to improve for the good of our children.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Information regarding how to book Parent Teacher Interviews will be emailed this week to all families. Interviews take place from 9:00am - 8:00pm on Monday April 2nd (student free day) and 3:30pm - 8:00pm on Tuesday April 4th.

From the Sports Coordinator

TWILIGHT SPORTS DAY INFORMATION

Sports Day will be held on Friday 7 April. SPLASH will be operating as usual from 7:00am to 8:30am. Please see Rebecca Heinjus for any changes to your SPLASH arrangements on this day. Students may stay home until 1:00pm, however school supervision will be provided from 8:30am for those families requiring this service.

Please return the Sports Day supervision notice to the school office.

All students should arrive in classrooms between 1:00pm and 1:15pm to enable a 1:30pm start. Please

note: tennis courts will not be available for parking on the day. We encourage all visitors to arrive early to secure parking in the nearby streets, being sure to observe council parking restrictions.

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on the day including hats. Students are welcome to add a splash of team colours. This can be done by, for example, using coloured hair spray, zinc cream, ribbons, etc. Please note that hair spray should be applied at home – no cans of hair spray should be brought to school. Drink bottles and an afternoon snack are also required.

The Canteen will be available on the day. More information will follow in coming weeks.

Schedule for the Day

1:00 pm	Arrive in class
1:15 pm	Class roll call
1:30 pm	Sports Day begins on the park
1:45 pm	Opening Ceremony by Senior students
1:55 pm	Tabloid events begin
(Reception to Year 2 on tennis courts) and (Year 3 to Year 6 on park)	
3:00 pm	Afternoon Recess
3:30 pm	Reassemble in teams
3:40 pm	Sprint Finals and Relays
5:00 pm	Staff v Seniors Event
5:15 pm	Presentations
5:30 pm	Dismissal from Team zones on the Park and Community Barbecue

YEAR TWO NETBALL IN 2017

If you currently have a child in Year 2 who is interested in playing netball in 2017, please register your name at the school office.

If there are sufficient children interested, there is the possibility of after-school training sessions during Term 2, in order to help prepare the team for their competitive games in Terms 3 and 4. The main focus areas would be basic ball-handling skills and game organisation including positions. We are looking for a



coach or a person to train the students. If you are in a position to assist in any way, please contact me as soon as possible.

Kym Mickan | Sports Coordinator

General News

SPLASH NEWS

Bookings for the Pupil Free Day (Monday April 3rd) close **this Friday**. Please ensure your forms are promptly returned.

Sports day – If you do not require your usual morning booking on this day, please inform SPLASH so we can cancel your booking. Thankyou to the families who have already done this. Permanent afternoon bookings for this day will all be cancelled unless you have requested care from 5:30pm - 6:15pm.

Vacation care will run from Tuesday 18th April – Friday 28th April. Program and booking forms were emailed out yesterday, and are also available on the SkoolBag app. Forms are also available at the SPLASH sign in desk.

Public Holiday - SPLASH will be closed on Monday 17th April (Easter Monday) and Tuesday 25th April (Anzac Day). We are also planning to close on Monday 24th April. As this day falls between a public holiday and the weekend, we anticipate numbers too low to viably run a program, however if you are in need of care on this day and can make no other arrangements please let SPLASH know directly or via email. If we have an appropriate number interested by 7th April we will run a program on this day.

Rebecca Heinjus | SPLASH Director

HARMONY DAY

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Harmony day activities and made the day so special.

It was wonderful way to respect and celebrate our cultural diversity in Australia. It was great to see so many children dressed in traditional costumes or wearing a splash of orange.

A special thank you to Mrs McLeod in the library and Mrs Semmler in the school canteen for their extra efforts and thank you again to staff, students and parents of St Paul for all your involvement.

Miss Tania Burgan, Mrs Yvonne Folland and the Year 5 Harmony Day Committee

HALOGEN LEADERS DAY

On Monday our four SPLS student leaders attended the Halogen Leaders' Day at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The day was jam-packed with speakers from all different backgrounds, including author Matt Cosgrove, Kelly Vincent, leader of the Dignity Party, and Brent Reilly, former Adelaide Crows player. All of the speakers had many inspiring points to talk about around the theme 'Together, we can.' All of the students really enjoyed the messages from the day about how to be the best leaders they can be and how to achieve positive outcomes despite challenges they may face.

Stacey Baldock | SRC Coordinator

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

On Monday March 20, Mitchell Weymar in Year 5 completed his fundraising challenge by getting his head shaved to raise money for the World's Greatest Shave. A large group of children, staff, family and friends cheered Mitchell on in the hall at lunch time. Mitchell is to be congratulated on raising over \$1300 and raising awareness in our community of blood cancer.

Tania Burgan | Year 5 Teacher

Library News

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day may have been Tuesday the 21st but we have been spending the whole week celebrating in the Library. The Harmony Day committee put together some great activities and we spent Tuesday hunting for flags and today hearing stories from many different cultures. On Thursday we will be colouring flags and traditional dress from around the globe.

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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FOOTY TIPPING 2016

Break out the beanie and scarf, The SPLS Library/SPLASH AFL Footy Tipping Competition is on for 2017!

Who can enter? Any current St Paul Lutheran Student.

Do I need to understand AFL? No, just have a go.

How do I enter? Write your name on the tipping sheet located in the Library.

When do I need to get my tips in? Tips for each round will close at the end of the Thursday preceding the round (there will be no tipping in school holidays).

Need more information? Please talk to Ms McLeod in the Library or Cameron at SPLASH. Happy tipping!

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

Church News

EXPERIENCE LENT EVENT

What an exciting morning it was here at St. Paul Church, as young and old and all in between gathered for community worship followed by a host of activities exploring Lent and Easter.

We thank all members of our school and church community for joining in. It was wonderful to see you all working alongside each other planting resurrection gardens, making crosses with hammers and nails and making chocolate crown of thorns. We have some photos from the event which will be displayed in the narthex over the coming weeks. Our next event – Experience Pentecost – is scheduled for Sunday 4th June, straight after our St Paul Community Sunday Service. We look forward to seeing you there.

SPY NEWS

St Paul Youth for Years 6 to 8 is held on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term from 7.00pm-9.00pm. Cost is \$2.00

Our next meeting date is on Friday April 7th 'Washing Night'. Boys please bring supper. Please contact Nicole Hall CYHM Coordinator on 0412686342 for more details.

ST. PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY ON 4TH JUNE

We will be having our next SPCS on Sunday 4th June and are looking for interested young people from our school to be involved in the service. If your children are keen to be involved, please let me know.

Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker. (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
Email: LVenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au or Phone: 0416 008 129.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1