



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 9

FRI 31 MAR

- Assembly 9:00am
(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
9:00am - 8:00pm

TUES 4 APR

- Parent Teacher Interviews
3:30pm - 8pm
- School Tour 2:00pm

WED 5 APR

- Chapel 9:00am

THUR 6 APR

- Year 5 and 6 to Annie the Musical

FRI 7 APR

- Twilight Sports Day

WEEK 11

TUES 11 APR

- School Council Meeting 7:30pm

THURS 13 APR

- Maundy Thursday
- Final Day of Term 1
- Closing Chapel 2:30pm

FRI 14 APR

- Good Friday

When Life Gets Tangled

A man named Roy was sitting on a park bench one morning as he watched a little guy struggling to get on the school bus that stopped just a few feet away. He was leaning down frantically trying to "un-knot" a knotted shoestring. All of a sudden it was too late—the door was closing. The little boy fell back on his haunches and sighed. Then he saw Roy. Tears in his eyes he looked at the man on the bench and asked, "Do you untie knots?"

Jesus loves that request. Life gets tangled. People mess up. You never outgrow the urge to look up and say, "Help!" Jesus had a way of appearing at such moments. Peter, a fisherman having a rough day with an empty boat and even emptier nets. Nicodemus, a man who wanted to know God but felt he had an empty heart. Matthew, a tax-collector with a friend issue. Look who shows up. Jesus, our next door Savior! And we ask, "Do you untie knots?" His answer is "Yes!" Jesus is always there for us, ready to help us in our struggle. How can we be assured of this? He promised us himself. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7). So don't be afraid to call out and ask for help to untie the tricky knots in your life.

Submitted by Elise von Stanke, *adapted from a devotion by Max Lucado*



From the Principal

RESILIENCE ON SPORTS DAY

Positive Education strategies are being used across St Paul this year as a major refocus on wellbeing. An important character strength that we want to encourage in our students is the trait of resilience. Some children have resilience in spades: they fall over, get up and keep playing; they keep trying to solve a mathematics problem even if they've come up with the wrong answer three times; they accept feedback about a project and use the information to make it better. For other students, resilience doesn't come easy: they find it hard to cope with setbacks each day, sometimes with tears or anger, sometimes with refusal to participate for fear of the same thing happening.

On Sports Day, the level of resilience in some students is amplified. The disappointment of a loss in a public race can be particularly hard to bear. As teachers and parents, there are many things we can do to help, some take many months and years of modelling and discussion and some are great short-term tips for a quick boost of resilience. Some examples of good practice in resilience for Sports Day:

- Model being resilient by talking about your own disappointments that you worked through and kept going. Do you have an example of your own from a sporting event or a small setback at work that you can share?
- Speak optimistically about sports day results: "Isn't it great for (the winner) that they achieved that today?" Congratulate children for their efforts, no matter what place they finished.
- Teach how to reframe thoughts, such as focusing on the good: "You ran really well. Do you think that was your best time? That is a long way to run, you did so well."

There are many, many excellent strategies to help your child to learn resilience in this article: <http://www.heysigmund.com/building-resilience-children/>. So many ideas at once can seem overwhelming, but you can just choose one or two ideas to try: for a week or a month. You might find your own resilience improving also!

STAFFING NEWS - CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Elise and Matthew von Stanke, along with Lilly and Aaron, on their happy news of a third child on the way. I pray for God's blessing on Elise and baby von Stanke as he/she develops over the coming months ready to join the world in October!

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Assistant Principal

STUDENT LEADERSHIP - HOUSE CAPTAINS

Momentum is building as we count down the days before SPLS's Twilight Sports Day next week. Our twelve student House Captains did a marvellous job addressing the school community at Assembly last week. During this time they shared the history of each of their houses. Each of the House Captains will be particularly busy assisting Mr Mickan with their respective Houses over the next few weeks. We invite you to view the Student Leadership Board opposite the canteen. We are grateful to the following student leaders:

Linke: Vaness Wu, Levi Heath, Elizabeth Bolo, Angus Irving

Giersch: Shristi Panth, Alex Hurcombe, Kloe Trotter, Jordan Jenkin

Neumann: James Oliver, Max Davey, Hayley MacDonald, Isabella Parker

STUDENT LEADERSHIP - SRC

SRC have been busy meeting weekly with Miss Stacey Baldock to plan ways they can support Lutheran World Service, specifically the Sudanese Famine Crisis



overseas. Our captains Jaxon Barr, Evelyn Fay, Georgie Pavlidis and Jake Smith, are currently leading the SRC: Max Hitch and Laura Reynolds (Year 3), Chloe Phung and Ruben Irving (Year 4), and Rylan Hopkins and Shadae Kennedy (Year 5). They will be planning at least one special whole school event each term. More information will be available over the next few weeks.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We would like to remind parents that scheduled Parent Teacher Interviews are for a period of 15 minutes. Teachers are then allocated five minutes to refocus and prepare for the next student and their family. Parents who remain with the teacher until the arrival of the next family, create additional pressure for the teacher as they seek to transition their thinking for their next interview. If you feel at the end of your 15 minutes you would like more time, please feel free to make a further appointment later in the week. Thankyou for your understanding in this matter.

CORRIDOR DISPLAYS

Have you been for a walk through our school lately? As you come in for Parent teacher Interviews next week, please take the time to notice the excellent work teachers have put on display reflecting rich and creative Inquiry based learning. The quality of work is excellent!

From the Sports Coordinator

TWILIGHT SPORTS DAY INFORMATION

Have you returned the Sports Day supervision notice to the school office?

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.

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. The canteen will be operating, selling a variety of foods including hamburgers and sausages. A pre-order form will be sent home today.

Please note that further to last week's Inspire, Sports Day presentations will be approximately 4:45pm, and student dismissal from classrooms at 5:00pm. The community BBQ will continue until approximately 5:30pm. The schedule for the day will be in next week's Newsletter

Kym Mickan | Sports Coordinator

General News

SPLASH NEWS

Next Monday (April 3rd) we will be open all day for the Pupil Free Day. There are limited last minute places available if you can return your forms immediately. *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 last week. 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



WINTER UNIFORM

Winter uniform items will be available for sale at the Uniform Shop from *Monday 3rd April*.

REMEMBER... Winter uniform is only to be worn from TERM 2.

Need to try uniforms on? Come to the Uniform Shop at 8.30am any day (except Wednesday and Thursday) to find your child's size.

Jane Sabel | Uniform Shop Girl

Church News

SCHOOL MINISTRY @ YEAR 3 CAMP

What a pleasure to be involved as a helper at the Year 3 Camp in Week 7 this term. Shiloh Retreat at Ironbank in the Adelaide Hills was our home for one night. Our students were able to enjoy many fun and challenging activities and were led by very capable and caring Active Education instructors. I loved helping students get set up and pack up, serving food at meal times, helping with activities and assisting on bush walks. Most of all I enjoyed the conversations with our delightful young people and having the opportunity to spend some time getting to know them a bit better. In the evening we took time out to have a short devotion, giving thanks to God for his wonderful creation, so evident all around us at camp.

For some students it was not easy to be away from home and it was inspiring to see the care and devotion shown by our school and camp staff, to make sure everyone felt safe and secure. Your children are in great hands, our staff are kind, loving and devoted.

We are all in great hands. We just have to ask and God will hear us. He is always with us, no matter how scared or worried we may be. God was definitely with us on camp too. All praise to Him for a successful camp, where relationships were strengthened and memories made.

Louise Venning | School Ministry Worker

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday: 6.30 pm Seder Meal; 8 pm Service with Communion

Good Friday: 9.30 am Service

Easter Sunday: 6.30 am Sunrise Service with Communion; 9.30 am Service with Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL

On Maundy Thursday, 13 April, a "Seder Meal" will be hosted at St. Paul from 6.30 pm, recalling the Passover Meal which our Lord Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room in the hours before his arrest and sufferings. Holy Communion will be celebrated as part of the Meal. A traditional Maundy Thursday Service will also be held from 8pm onwards.

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

Don't forget to enter our Easter Colouring Competition, available in the library next week, Week 10. There will be winners for a variety of age groups and a small Easter surprise for every entry!

ST. PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY ON 4TH JUNE

We will be having our next SPCS next term on Sunday 4th June and we 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.

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 for more details mobile 0412686342

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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FAITH ACTS IN THE HOME

One of the key priorities of our Child, Youth and Household Ministry at St. Paul is to resource, encourage and support all households to reflect on and act out their faith with each other in their homes during the week. Our new monthly publication 'Faith Acts in the Home' provides a number of ways for families to explore faith, based around the principle of the Faith 5

Share - Read - Talk - Pray - Bless

Copies of this and Faith 5 bookmarks are available from the Narthex of the church and on the church Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/stpaulba/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel or you can email Nicole Hall, CYHM Coordinator, to be added to our email list cyhm@stpaul-church.org.au

FAITH 5

