



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 7

#### MON 27-30 NOVEMBER

- Swimming (Rec-Year 2)

#### FRI 1 DECEMBER

- Casual Day - Come as a Teacher
- Shed Men

### WEEK 8

#### WED 6 DECEMBER

- Reception Christmas Concert

#### FRI 8 DECEMBER

- Presentation Assembly
- Reports Sent Home
- Sports Presentation Assembly

### WEEK 9

#### MON 11 DECEMBER

- Year 6 Graduation Dinner

#### TUE 12 DECEMBER

- Year 6 Celebration Day

#### WED 13 DECEMBER

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

## Refiner's Fire

A group of women were studying the book of Malachi. As they were studying chapter 3, they came across verse 3 that says - *"He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."* This verse puzzled the women and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week, the woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest, to burn away all impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot - then she thought about the verse again, that He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver. She asked the silversmith if he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined? He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

Author unknown

**Submitted by** Cheryl Ziegeler



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

- Aerobics Whole School Health Hustle
- Lil Athletics Clinic

## **From the Principal**

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY AT ST PAUL**

Last week, we thanked our volunteers for the amazing work that they do in a large variety of areas at St Paul, from coaching and volunteering in classrooms, to running or helping with whole school events. Without all of you, there would be so much at St Paul that would simply not be possible.

Last term, I met with a small group of Parents and Friends members to discuss how we can best support community events and fundraising moving forward. With this in mind, we are now beginning to plan for 2018! We are creating a St Paul Community display, with a number of 'sign-up' sheets, as well as a brainstorming page: what kind of events would you like to see at St Paul in 2018? Each event will have a coordinator; please consider if you'd like to take on a coordinator role. Each event will also need a team of supporting volunteers to work with the coordinator; please consider becoming a volunteer for one or more events. Event coordinators will have access to staff support for the event that they are running, including help with any required paperwork. Please add your ideas to the board by the canteen.

### **STUDENT BAPTISMS AT ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

This coming Sunday, our school and church community will come together for Experience Advent. Worship service begins at 9:30am and includes the special occasion of the baptism of St Paul students, Luke and Alexi Heinrich. This is an exciting moment for the Heinrich family and we pray God will continue to bless them as they grow in faith.

Following the worship service, there are a number of fantastic events planned for children and their families to experience together, and a sausage sizzle lunch to

keep everybody going. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

### **CONFIRMATION AT ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Last Sunday morning's community church service saw five young people in the St Paul Lutheran Church congregation being confirmed. The group of five students included four former St Paul students, as well as another current Endeavour College student. It was inspiring to hear these students share their faith statements in creative ways, including through music, visual artworks and through technology. Congratulations to Arian, Chelsea, Tom, Ella and Tiana on the event of your confirmation. We pray that you will continue to look to God for guidance on your faith journey.

### **2017 CONNECTED SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

St Paul students were set to go last Wednesday to compete for the Endeavour Cup against our Connected Schools partners. Due to the weather, we postponed the day, and once again due to weather on Friday, had to cancel our carnival. Unfortunately, this means that the Endeavour Cup will not be awarded to any of the Connected Schools this year. We thank all of the athletes, Mr Mickan, and all other staff and volunteers who put in a great deal of preparation and practice for this year's event. We look forward to competing once again in 2018!

**Leila Mattner** | Principal

## **From the Deputy Principal**

Reports will be sent home on Friday December 8. These are 'End of Year' reports that indicate the quality of learning that has been demonstrated against the year-long Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard, for each subject, at the time of reporting.

### **STEM**

A couple of weeks ago, St Paul hosted a Connected Schools Gifted and Talented workshop on STEM. Miss Rebecca Mattner challenged students to protect an egg on its descent from the library balcony. In teams, students had to weigh up and design a prototype





parachute that would ensure the egg didn't break but instead of just using the materials on hand, each group had to 'purchase' materials within a budget that they were provided with. Needless to say, there were some outstanding ideas and designs. It was clear some students became attached to their eggs (empathy is an important part of the design process after all) judging by the fact that some ended up with names and faces. A couple may have even been 'adopted' and taken home!

So what is Stem? STEM education is the learning of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in an integrated way. Sometimes an 'A' for Art is added to make STEAM. Thankfully the acronym still works. So why STEM? The idea is that for students to succeed in an information-based and highly technological society, students need to develop their capabilities in STEM.

STEM isn't about technology, robots or coding. It's about the way information connects in relevant ways. But this is also why the focus on STEM needs to be considered carefully. If we want students to explore links in learning, just creating a new subject can still be restrictive. Do other areas of the curriculum miss out because they ruin a catchy acronym? Why can't English be included? Students will still be reading and writing when they do STEM. They may even be writing procedures or reports for example and these are core aspects of the English curriculum.

At St Paul the focus on 'Relevance' in learning is one of our Pedagogical Pillars. In simple terms, this means learning is no longer seen as taking place in vertical silos but across horizontal concepts. There have been many examples of this at St Paul recently, some I have spoken about in articles in INSPIRE and others are well documented on our school Facebook page. Yes, 'STEM' skills are important, but they must allow students to explore concepts in Christian Studies, English and Geography etc. also. Inquiry, Play Based Learning, Design Thinking and Project Based Learning are perfect vehicles for this and our teachers are becoming more and more skilled at crafting big questions and challenges for our students to connect with.

**Jason Fay** | Deputy Principal

## General News

### FINAL WEEK FOR BORROWING

This week (Week 6) is the final week for students to borrow from the Library. All Library resources will be due back at the end of next week.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT IN THE LIBRARY

We will be doing Christmas craft in the Library at lunch-times on Wednesdays for the rest of the term. This week we will be focussing on craft for the St Paul Community Worship Sunday – Experience Advent.

**Wendy McLeod** | Library Resource Manager

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders for Issue 8 are due back Friday 24 November.

### NETBALL 2018

Just a reminder that Netball registration forms are due back today.

### PE WEEK 2017

The theme for 2017 was "we like to move it" and as you can see, our students definitely "moved it" accordingly. There were excursions, clinics and a giant health hussle aerobics, all promoting and involving "movement".

### HOT SHOTS LUNCH-TIME TENNIS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following finalists:

Year 4 Boys Winner: Mason Klenner, Runner-up: Tristan Hitch. Year 4 Girls Winner: Xenia Salupalu, Runner-up: Ruby Hartwig. Year 5 Boys Winner: Rylan Hopkins, Runner-up: Ethan Hughes. Year 5 Girls Winner: Imogen Healy, Runner-up: Callie Weiss. Year 6 Boys Winner: Jaxon Barr, Runner-up: Ethan Wilkins. Year 6 Girls Winner: Georgie Pavlidis, Runner-up: Jenny Hlawn Ching

Well done to all contestants and special thanks to those students who volunteered as timekeepers.

**Kym Mickan** | Sport Coordinator

### LIFE IS A KALEIDOSCOPE DVD

Limited DVD's are available from the front office. \$25.00

#### 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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**Sunday**  
**26 November**

**Community Worship 9.30am**  
**Growing Experience 10.30am**

# Hope Is On The Way

## Experience Advent

St Paul Community Worship  
Sunday - our school and  
church coming together.

Stay after worship for games,  
craft, food and fun. Plenty  
of free fun for all ages.

## Church News

### ST PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY - EXPERIENCE ADVENT - THIS SUNDAY!

Our St Paul Community Sunday is on this Sunday 26 November with a worship service at 9:30am followed straight after by our Experience Event in the hall, with games, craft, food and fun.

We are extremely blessed to have two children from our school being Baptised during the worship service, Luke and Alexi Heinrich. It is such a wonderful celebration to share with the Heinrich family and with our St Paul Community.

We are also very excited to have our Junior and Senior Choirs sing. If your child is in either choir and they can attend, please return the permission slip sent home with your child. There will also be some amazing artwork on display created by our Year 4 students and also by an array of students who attended our Advent Library Craft time!

We look forward to our school and church coming together as one community. We hope you can join us!

For more information, please contact Louise Venning School Ministry Worker – email [lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au)

### SPY

St Paul Youth for Grades 6-8 runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Cost \$2.00. Our Term 4 theme is 'Light'. Our next meeting date is Friday 1 December. Boys bring Supper. For more details please contact Nicole Hall, CYHM Coordinator on 0412 686 342.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

St Paul Lutheran Church will be offering preparation for First Communion during the first school term of 2018 for young people in school Grades 4 and above. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Greg – email [pastorgreg@stpaul-church.org.au](mailto:pastorgreg@stpaul-church.org.au) or phone 0423 151 367.

### LLL AUSTRALIA CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$10 GIFT

'Teach them to save before they learn how to spend' Campaign. The LLL are committed to providing the best savings account for your children, to help them learn about money. They are currently offering a gift of \$10.00 for all new accounts opened for primary aged children if opened by 31 December 2017. Please contact Louise Venning or let our front office staff know if you are interested, so we can ensure you receive a letter with all the details on how to take up this offer.



# 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)