



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 2

#### WED 25 OCTOBER

- Meet and Greet new OT- 4:30PM

#### WED 25 - 27 OCTOBER

- Book fair

### WEEK 3

#### TUE 31 OCTOBER

- School tour 9:30am

#### FRI 3 NOVEMBER

- Shed Men

### WEEK 4

#### TUE 7 NOVEMBER

- 2018 Reception Transition Day 1

#### SAT 11 NOVEMBER

- Remembrance Day

### WEEK 5

#### PE WEEK

#### TUE 14 NOVEMBER

- Little Athletics Clinic (R-2)

#### WED 15 NOVEMBER

- Connected Schools Athletics Carnival
- School Council Meeting

#### THU 16 NOVEMBER

- 2018 Reception Transition Day 2

#### FRI 17 NOVEMBER

- Volunteers/Parent Morning Tea

## There is NO Place God is Not

Life can be hard. There are many trials and hurdles on this journey we are on. Heartache, pain and suffering is all around. I find myself avoiding the news these days. It's not that I don't want to know what is going on in the world, I do, but there is so much being reported about death and destruction that I find it disturbing and upsetting. So I tend to avoid it.

In our own lives, when we get weighed down with the weight of daily struggles, it can sometimes be hard to concentrate on all the positive and happy stories, of which I know there are many. I'm not sure about you, but now and then I need to remind myself to think of what is good in the world. I only have to look around me here in this school, where I see how kind, caring and loving people are looking out for each other and supporting other's in hard times.

As a Christian I know for certain 'There is NO Place God is Not'. I know God is all around. I know He is right beside the fallen, the heartbroken and the lost. I know He is here and in this place, right beside us.

In Hebrews 13:5 Jesus says "*I will never leave you nor forsake you*".

In an online devotional called "Joy of my Heart with Anne Graham-Lotz" it emphasizes for me and hopefully for you, how Jesus is where we are – now and always:

Praise God that you and I can be where Jesus is—now, and for all eternity—because He lives within us and has promised that He will never leave us nor forsake us!

*When your parents forsake you through death or abandonment, or your spouse forsakes you through divorce, you have His presence. (Psalm 27:10)*

*When the fire of adversity increases in intensity, you have His presence. (Daniel 9:1–25)*

*When you are overwhelmed by burdens or depression, you have His presence. (Isaiah 43:2)*



When you and I follow Jesus, He promises that we will be where He is. And there is not one place in the entire universe, visible or invisible, where He is not! What a blessing!

**Submitted by** Louise Venning

(with insert from [crosswalk.com/devotionals](http://crosswalk.com/devotionals))

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

- Life is a Kaleidoscope Concert

## **From the Principal**

### **STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT**

From 2018, St Paul will staff a position titled Wellbeing and Administration Leader. I am pleased to announce that, through a recruitment process during the holiday period, we appointed Miss Carly Bergen to this role, beginning January next year. Carly is joining us from Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School, where she serves as a classroom teacher and Junior Primary Coordinator. We look forward to welcoming Carly in 2018.

### **CLASS ALLOCATIONS 2018**

In Term Four, we begin to plan class lists for 2018. If you have any particular requests for class allocations for your child/ren next year, please email me at [lmattner@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:lmattner@stpaulba.sa.edu.au). Please be aware that this is a complicated process which will take into account educational, medical or socially relevant information. Therefore, we cannot take parent or student requests simply based on personal preference for teachers. As always, we take seriously the trust you place in us as educators to make the best decisions we possibly can for all students.

### **TRAFFIC REMINDERS**

Through last term, and again this term, we will be having visits from traffic police to assist us in monitoring speed and parking. We have also noticed a few minor issues that do come up from time to time. Some reminders for all parents include:

- Audrey Avenue in front of the school is a School Zone, which means a 25kmph limit.
- Arrive early if you plan to park on the courts.
- Please don't arrive too early if you plan to use the drop-off/pickup zone. Queuing too early stops those who would like to access the courts for parking.
- Plan to use the drop-off/pickup zone as exactly that. If you need to get out of your car to help your child, please use the tennis courts and park.
- Assist us in helping your child to understand the importance of watching for their car and being ready to get in during the busy afternoon period.
- The area in front of the school on Audrey Avenue is a No Standing Zone. This means that during morning and afternoons, you must not park there, even if you are remaining in the car. This makes it doubly important that our traffic continues to move through the drop off/pickup zone, as cars should be moving along Audrey Avenue, rather than remaining stationary in the no standing zones.
- Please ensure that any friends or family members who collect your child are aware of the procedures as best you can, and encourage them to take direction from our staff.

Thank you to all parents and school visitors for assisting us in the safety of children and the efficient flow of traffic.

### **CONNECTED SCHOOLS UPDATE**

Did you know that Connected Schools has its own website and regular updates from all of the schools? Visit [www.connectedschools.com.au](http://www.connectedschools.com.au) or [www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/about/connected-schools](http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/about/connected-schools) to link from our website. You can also like the Connected Schools Facebook page to receive regular updates from all Connected Schools, as well as to access some great articles and tips.

**Leila Mattner** | Principal





## From the Director of Learning

One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is taking teachers from other schools and prospective families on school tours. I truly appreciate the opportunity to articulate why the physical spaces of St Paul look the way they do. More importantly though, I get to share how the learning program is rapidly evolving and this requires flexibility from these physical spaces. What strikes people when they tour the school is the way our learning spaces are designed. They reflect a less complicated, modern or even commercial feel. The word 'homely' is very often used when people see these spaces for the first time. This is very much a result of the influence of the Reggio Emilia philosophy at St Paul. The space within a Reggio environment is considered the third teacher after the teacher and parent. (Although often linked to just the way learning environments are created, there is much more to the Reggio philosophy, such as the way learning is divergent for each student and documented by the teacher.) With this in mind, teachers intentionally develop more natural, calming environments for children.

One of the reasons for the ever increasing prevalence of the Reggio Emilia philosophy is the need to find a balance between the natural and digital worlds that children encounter. We know that the development of digital skills in children is important. This will be central to their future study and work lives. But we cannot lose sight of the fact that children still need to get outside and play and interact with more natural environments. The Reggio Emilia philosophy has brought this into our classrooms but it has also led to the development of the sensory garden, now known as the Peace Garden, and our new Nature Playground. The increased focus on the importance of play, both inside and outside of the classroom, has complimented these spaces perfectly.

In one recent American study on 'children's developmental trajectories in academic and social domains,' researchers found that the best predictor of academic performance in eighth grade was a child's social skills in third grade. Of course, there are critics of the notion of play as an educational tool. This time

could be better spent on 'proper literacy and numeracy' teaching and this is why we are 'falling behind the rest of the world', right? Wrong. Play matters. Countries that actually have more recess/play time tend to have higher academic performance than countries where recess is less. Leading Finnish education expert Dr. Pasi Sahlberg, a former director-general of education in Finland recently said in an interview with The Age "When they (students) have enough time to play outside their test scores go up."

We are so lucky at St Paul to have teachers who do not need to be convinced of the power of play and how intentional and impactful learning opportunities can occur as a result.

### UNSW ENGLISH TEST

Award winners from the UNSW English test will be presented at the Year 4 assembly tomorrow. The UNSW Mathematics test results are now in too and these certificates for award winners will be presented during the Year 6 assembly next week.

**Jason Fay** | Director of Learning

## General News

### BOOK FAIR

The Book fair started today with students given the opportunity to look at the books and make a wish list to bring home and show parents. The fair will be open tomorrow for purchases from 8.30am – 8.45am and 2.30pm - 3.30pm. On Friday we are open to parents all day, and students can purchase before school, after school and at recess and lunch. Come and have a look!

### LIBRARY BAGS

All students in Reception to Year 3 must have a library bag to borrow from our library. Students use all sorts of different bags including the school logo book bag available at the uniform shop, the LLL calico bag given to students commencing at the school or a suitable



bag from home. Using a library bag helps students to protect their books to and from school and keep them safe at home. Please help your children to remember their library bag on their library borrowing day.

**Wendy McLeod** | Library Resource Manager

### FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT

We need your support to vote for the success of our Fund My Neighbourhood project. Please also ask your friends to vote and spread the word! There are significant projects to be funded for the benefit of the school.




The first project is to fence Barton Reserve, improving the safety of our students and of all users of the park. The second project is to create stairs and ramp access to the school gate from Barton Reserve.

To vote, you need must be 18 years or over and have a YourSay account. You can do this by visiting <https://fundmyneighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au/fmn-guidelines>. If you're reading online, just click on the link to access the website. We will also be promoting this through our website and Facebook page so that you can direct your friends and family there to find the link.

### ALLERGY REMINDER

Please be reminded that St Paul Lutheran School has a 'Nut-Free' policy. This means that we ask that no nuts are brought into the school, by children or adults. Not only do we have a number of students who have an anaphylactic reaction to nuts, there are also other children in the school allergic to all sorts of things, including strawberries, seeds, or even particular creams or paints. A great practice to support the safety of all students with allergies is to have your children wash

their hands before leaving the house. That way, there is less chance of sharing breakfast foods or other substances with children who could be potentially allergic to them. Please consider making this part of your routine to protect other children.



**The DVD is  
now available  
from the  
Front Office**

**\$25.00ea**

### SPLASH

Thanks again to all staff and children for contributing to a fun and successful Vacation Care Program. One thing which was very obvious when we took the children on day trips off site, was their exceptionally good and sensible behaviour. This really made each day a more fun and enjoyable experience for all.

As you may be looking forward to the Summer holiday coming up you might like to record in your diaries the following dates for Vacation Care over December and January.

### Vacation Care Dates

- Thursday 14 December – Friday 22 December
  - Monday 15 January – Monday 29 January 2018
- {Please note; we will be closed Friday 26 January}

Full program details and booking forms will be available from Monday 13 November [week 5].



## 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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## WEEBLY UPDATE

Our SPLASH Weebly is looking great, filled with loads of pictures which are updated weekly and other important information and forms. Please visit our WEEBLY by logging into the Parent Weebly.

Finally a reminder that students must wear HATS at SPLASH during term 4. This does not have to be a school hat but should be a full brim bucket style hat. Please encourage children to keep a spare hat in their bags so they can play outside during SPLASH hours.

**Rebecca Heinjus** | SPLASH Director

## Church News

### NELY WORSHIP

North Eastern Lutheran Youth (NELY) run events once a term to encourage young people in school Year's 5-12 from Lutheran schools and churches to gather with each other for fun and worship.

Term 4 Worship is on Friday 27 October from 7.00pm-9:30pm at Golden Grove Lutheran Church, Wynn Vale. Come along and enjoy some time hanging out with other youth groups and in worship with other young people.

### SPY

St Paul Youth for Grade 6-8 runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term 7:00pm-9:00pm. Cost \$2.00. Our Term 4 theme is 'Light'. Our next meeting date is:

Friday 3 November 7.00-9.00pm. Boys bring Supper. For more details please contact Nicole Hall, CYHM Coordinator on 0412 686 342.

### ST PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY - 26 NOVEMBER

Sunday 26 November is the date of our next St Paul Community Sunday - Experience Advent. 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.

Please note this important date in your diary for the end of Week 6 Term 4!

I am asking students to be involved in our worship time, so please let me know if your children are keen or get them to chase me down at school! Thank you and blessings, Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker, [lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au)