



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **WEEK 9**

#### **WED 20 SEPTEMBER**

- School Council 7:30pm

### **WEEK 10**

#### **MON 25 SEPTEMBER**

- Concert Dress Rehearsal and Photos

#### **TUE 26 SEPTEMBER**

- Concert Run Through

#### **WED 27 SEPTEMBER**

- Concert Matinee Performance 1:00pm

#### **THU 28 SEPTEMBER**

- Closing Chapel 9:00am
- Concert Evening Performance 7:00pm

#### **FRI 29 SEPTEMBER**

- Optional Attendance Day

### **WEEK 1 TERM 4**

#### **MON 16 OCTOBER**

- First Day of Term 4
- Opening Chapel 9:00am

### **TELL ME A STORY**

On Sunday mornings at St Paul, I am currently preaching on various stories from the life of Moses. I love preaching on Bible stories. There are many, many fascinating stories in the Bible, and there are many characters in these stories to whom we can relate in very "real life" ways. I enjoy exploring the imagery of Bible stories and exploring connections between those stories and our stories.

Stories have a powerful place in our day to day lives. Richard Kearney writes, "telling stories is as basic to human beings as eating. More so, in fact, for while food makes us live, stories are what make our lives worth living." Stories have a way of engaging not only our minds but also our senses. They hold meaning and make meaning, and while we quickly forget facts, we tend to remember stories.

I recently read an article about storytelling by Christian author Traci Smith ([www.traci-smith.com](http://www.traci-smith.com)). She suggests parents should be saying to their children at the dinner table, "Tell me a story from your day", not "What did you do today?" or "What did you learn at school today?" I have begun to do so with my own daughters and have enjoyed their responses. Listening to the stories of others gives us an insight into the "real them" and gives them an opportunity to consider which events and conversations from their day have been most meaningful and significant.

People of Christian faith are invited to go one step further. In each and every day of our lives, our story is also God's story, as God journeys with us, leads us and interacts with us. Each day we might ask, "When/where/how did you see, hear or experience God today?" You might be experienced at the God and me stories your children have to tell, and the stories you find yourself sharing as you reflect on your own hand in hand journey with your storytelling God.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Greg.

**Submitted by** Pastor Greg Priebbenow



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

- SAPSASA Athletics
- Outdoor Classroom Day

## **From the Principal**

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our Strategic Planning Workshop last week. I really appreciate the time you took to be out on a particularly cold evening, to contribute your ideas and share possibilities. On the evening, we began with five questions to prompt our thinking. Attendees discussed in groups and shared ideas about these.

We know that many of you were unable to attend due to family commitments, and so would like to offer all families an opportunity to share some thoughts. You will find our discussion questions on display in the corridor leading through to the canteen. I encourage you to take a look at these questions, discuss them at home, and bring any ideas you have to add to the display. Sticky notes will be provided for you to write on, but you may also like to take notes at home and bring them to add to the wall.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts as we plan for an exciting future at St Paul Lutheran School.

**Leila Mattner** | Principal

## **From the Director of Learning**

We currently have three student teachers at St Paul, with another couple coming next term. Dylan Trueman is with Miss Baldock in Year 5, Henry Sheedy is in Reception with Miss Aquino, and Chantal Vandenberg is in Year 4 with Miss Arnold. At St Paul, we value the development of teachers, regardless of their experience levels, and this commitment to developing the next generation of educators highlights St Paul's commitment to lifelong learning. Dylan and Henry finish up with us soon and also graduate from university as a result. We wish both of these young teachers all of the best for their futures.

### **NAPLAN**

Year's 3 and 5 NAPLAN results were sent home last week. Across the board, results were very pleasing and reflect the types of data being collected by class teachers. If you want to get a complete picture of how your child is developing, I encourage you to speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Unfortunately many schools have positioned themselves for the publication and comparison of results in NAPLAN. However, these results are not, nor should they be, marketing fodder. But like other data such as Year 12 results and SACE completion rates, some schools assume all that families are interested in is the law of averages. Education is so much more. What even constitutes 'proper literacy and numeracy' is still up for debate as ranges of literate practices expand as a result of the media, modes and languages required for living in an increasingly globalized and technological world.

NAPLAN continues to inform educational practices, as do the PISA results that compare international education models. Finland and Singapore continue to thrive in these comparisons but these countries also seek to innovate and adapt to change.

Dr Thavamalar Kanagaratnam from Singapore's Ministry of Education suggested this is essential for Singapore in a presentation last week when he said "Education needs to move away from the mechanistic model where schools were seen almost as human factories, moulding people solely to function efficiently in industrialised economies."

Your child is a unique, intricate and complicated individual. To sum them up as a number or a percentage for the sake of comparison does not do anyone any justice. But it sure does make for some catchy, succinct marketing captions and newspaper headlines.

**Jason Fay** | Director of Learning





## General News

### FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIR

As I mentioned in Inspire back in May, one of Council's key agenda items for 2017 is the development of a new Strategic Plan for the school. Last week, we held a Strategic Planning Workshop with interested parents that prompted a lot of discussion and debate that will greatly assist us in shaping our final plan. I'd like to thank the people who were able to join us as we were able to get a good cross section of families with children across all year levels. If you missed the session but would still like to contribute, please see Leila's section of **Inspire** that details how this can happen.

This session followed on from a staff Strategic Planning Workshop a couple of weeks ago, again with positive discussion and a lot of ideas on how to further improve our school. It was very evident to me, as I moved between groups, that we are blessed with staff that have a great level of passion for the school which will ensure St Paul remains a school of choice.

Next week we plan to hold a further session with our most important stakeholders – the students. We will look to get feedback on the same topics presented to staff and parents from the Years 4 and 5 students as they will be next year's school leaders and have quite a few years of experience to draw on.

Thanks again to everyone involved so far, and we look forward to putting together the plan that will assist in shaping the school's future.

**Scott Hartwig** | Council Chair

### SAPSASA DISTRICT ATHLETICS 2017

Last Thursday, 35 St Paul athletes performed creditably on the 'big stage' at the Enfield Little Athletics Club, Clearview. All our athletes applied themselves very well and demonstrated great support for each other. Particularly impressive was the baton exchanging, effected by all our 4 x 100m relay teams, with four earning ribbons.

Fifteen schools participated and St Paul Lutheran finished in 3rd place overall, behind Cedar College and Pooraka Primary. Special thanks to team manager Miss Burgan, Mrs Schache and pre-service teachers Mr Trueman and Mr Sheedy for high jump duties and to Mrs Mattner and Mrs Mader for assisting with the setting up operation. Congratulations to the following students who have earned selection in the Adelaide North East District team to compete in the Metropolitan Championships at Santos Stadium on Tuesday 26 September:

*Imogen Healy (Shot put, Discus); Liz Bolo (Long jump); Jordan Jenkin (Shot put); Mehak Kaur (High jump)*

**Kym Mickan** | Sports Co-ordinator

### SPLASH NEWS

The Vacation Care program was emailed out last week and booking forms should be returned by next Friday 22 September.

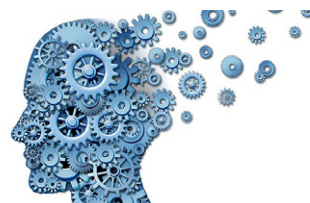
If you need a hard copy of the program and booking sheet, it is available at the school office and SPLASH desk. You can also access a copy from the SPLASH Weebly page. Please visit this page as it is full of great photos, and starting this week, we will also be posting regular learning stories.

The SPLASH Weebly page is accessed via the PARENT Weebly page using the password for the parent page. Please follow the link on the school webpage.

**Rebecca Heinjus** | SPLASH Director

### QUIZ NIGHT

Great news...our recent school quiz night achieved an amazing feat by raising in excess of \$5000 to go towards a range of exciting items for students to use during recess and lunchtimes. We would like to thank all of the school community who attended, donated or who contributed in anyway to making this night the success it was.



## 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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## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2017

**Finishes on the 19 September** so get your stickers in NOW!!!! Sticker sheets are available from the school office. Once the sheet is full, return and place it in the box situated in the school office, or simply return the stickers to us. The more stickers we collect, the more educational resources we can receive. Thank you for your support.



## Church News

### 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 school, 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, telephone: 8262 4690.

### PASTY BAKE 2017

A very BIG thank you for all involved with this year's pasty bakes which raised \$4,448.00 This fundraising effort can only happen with the help of 4 veggie helpers, 15 kitchen staff and 4 bakers, together with school and home ovens, 2 delivery drivers, our young adults group and of course all those who purchased and ate our yummy pasties. It was a super team effort! We are looking forward to serving in 2018.

With thanks, Renate Burls.

### SPY NEWS

St Paul Youth for Years 6 to 8 runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term 7:00pm-9:00pm. Our next meeting date is this Friday 15 September. Our theme for this term is Fire! Cost \$2.00. Boys please bring some supper to share. Please contact Nicole Hall for more details on 0412 686 342.