



**ST PAUL
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Upcoming Events

WEEK 10

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

WEEK 2

MON 23 - 25 OCTOBER

- Year 6 Camp

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

SPRING IS HERE

"Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! ...tell of his salvation from day to day." Psalm 96:1-2 (ESV)

With the weather warming up and Spring holidays approaching, it is time to wipe off the Winter blues. Although I try very hard to be upbeat all Winter, keeping my grumbling to myself, staying positive during dreary days is difficult for me. Gray skies, cold air, wind and short days depress me.

On the other hand, when sunshine peaks through the clouds and warm breezes penetrate my skin, my mood changes immediately. The truth is that I have a hard time persevering through Winter months. I wish it were Spring all year long.

Why do I like Spring? I like new life. I can't help but open my eyes with a smile when birds' songs announce a new day. The smell of fresh wet dirt just after a good rain causes me to breathe life back into my wilting soul. Maybe it is the call of the wild, or a basic instinct to start tilling, I am not sure. I just know that I thrive on all things in the Spring.

When I first notice the flowers pushing through the dark dirt and the blossoms sprouting on the fruit trees, I cannot contain myself. Clapping and jumping, I announce to my neighbours and friends, "Another Spring is here. The flowers are blooming again. Look at them. They are more glorious than ever!"

Guess what? I have great news! In God's economy, every day is Spring! Listen to what He says:

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come, and all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ." (NASB)

How can we make everyday like Spring?



- Celebrate our salvation. Praise God everyday with new songs that tell of His love and new life.
- Be intentional every day to be renewed. Make it a priority to become deeply acquainted with God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Learn something new about Him every day!
- Be an ambassador. Share the good news daily, either through good deeds or saving words. Ask for God's guidance.

Winter's time is drawing to a close for now. It will return all too soon. Yet it doesn't matter if you are prepared to celebrate new life every day of the year. Maybe you don't feel like Spring, but instead you are stuck in Winter. Even though Winter's soil is hard and frozen, allow your heart to be tilled by God's Word. Then go forth and cast the seeds that are able to come to life even in the darkest of times.

Taken from Proverbs 31 Ministries
(www.proverbs31.org)

Submitted by Rebecca Heinjus

INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Year 2 City grand opening

From the Principal

CONCERT

This afternoon and tomorrow evening's concert performances will be the culmination of a huge term of rehearsals and preparation. I am incredibly grateful for the work of all teachers, support staff and parents in assisting in this event. In particular, my thanks go to Mrs Elise von Stanke for her vision for "Life is a Kaleidoscope" and the way in which she has prepared all students for this special performance.

STAFFING NEWS

This week we farewell three of our staff members for the year, as they will be taking leave in Term Four. Miss Georgie Schuster and Miss Gretchen Byrne will be taking long service leave for Term Four. We wish them a well-deserved break from school routines and pray

for times of rest and family time. We also farewell Mrs Elise von Stanke as she begins her maternity leave. Our prayers go to Elise and her family as they prepare to welcome a new little one very soon!

TRAFFIC

Last week we had a couple of visits from traffic police who are monitoring the speed of traffic on Audrey Avenue in collaboration with us. An additional issue that has come up, is the way in which our traffic queues on Audrey Avenue. Due to the no standing zone, it is essential that this queue continues to move through without lengthy periods of stopping. If cars are stopped in a no standing zone, they have the possibility of being fined.

You can help by doing the following things:

- Arrive early if you plan to park on the courts.
- 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.
- 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.

In the afternoons, we are currently able to clear the traffic queue before 3:30pm. This means that the busy traffic period after school is less than 15 minutes. I am thankful to all parents/caregivers for the way in which this process is working and ask for your continued patience and cooperation. Thank you!

Leila Mattner | Principal

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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General News

SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN THE LIBRARY

This term during Wednesday lunch times, we have run activities that have only been open to Year's 4 – 6. These give the senior end of our school a chance to interact and participate in activities requiring a higher skill level. These have included a Pokémon competition, coding club and knitting group. The knitting and pom-pom making has proved popular again and I would like to say a huge thank you to our parent helpers, Jennifer Pfeiffer and Karen Schache, for their time and teaching skills.

BOOK FAIR

In Week 2 next term, the Library will be hosting a Book Fair. Students and parents will have an opportunity to browse through the sorts of books normally available through Scholastic Book Club and purchase on the spot. Purchases can be made in cash, credit card and debit card. Students will be able to make a wish list of books to purchase during their Library time. The Book Fair will be open to parents before and after school to make purchases. More details will follow early next term.

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

Church News

SAVE THE DATE!

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!

We will again be looking for students to be involved in our worship time, so please let me know if your children are keen!

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On behalf of the St Paul Congregation, we pray you enjoy a safe and wonderful school holiday break.