



**ST PAUL
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Upcoming Events

WEEK 10

FRI 06 APRIL

- Sports Day from 8:45am
- Shed Men

WEEK 11

THU 12 APRIL

- Parent Teacher Interviews
3:30pm-8:00pm
- Term 1 Concludes

FRI 13 APRIL

- Parent Teacher Interviews
(Pupil Free Day)

TERM 2, WEEK 1

MON 30 APRIL

- Term 2 Commences

Easter

Ahh! The Easter break! A much needed long weekend, time to reconnect with friends and family, Easter egg hunts, eating waaay too much chocolate (and feeling the after effects)! A few days to recharge from the busyness of routines that occupy our precious time. And then there is the Spiritual aspect. For Christians all over the world, it is a special time to focus on what is the 'crux' (and I do choose this word purposefully) of our faith. While we reflect on events set in time around 2000 years ago, its impact is timeless. As illogical as it may seem in a world where self-preservation is a way of life, we find something remarkable. God, in His undying love for us, allowed His dearly loved, innocent Son Jesus, to take upon himself our wrongdoings, failures, sin. To suffer its consequences and punishment in our stead, through an undignified and cruel death. And then rise victoriously from death on the third day, restoring the once broken relationship between us and God.

The accounts recorded in the Bible illustrate that this was no easy thing for Jesus and yet He did not do or say anything that impeded the process that was in play, even when He had at his disposal the means to do so. In-fact He showed love and compassion, even to the very ones who were torturing Him. We don't have to go far to see and hear reports of a world in need. Headlines beam across the globe and appear on our phones/TVs moments after they happen... In the unwritten fine print a deep desire for.. forgiveness, a second chance, love, acceptance, belonging, hope... You don't need to receive a 'notification' to realise that these are desires that we all have personally, within our families and friendships and the circles where we spend time. All of these needs are met in Jesus. He bought them for us through His death and resurrection. He is with us in our circumstances and longs to do life with us, come what may.

He knows us and our limitations, and still loves us anyway and His offer of this certainty is for all. May the blessings of Easter reach your heart and touch your life today and every day.

John 3:16 (The Passion Translation) 'For this is how much God loved the world (that's us)- he gave his one and only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life

Submitted By G Schuster



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

• Easter Excursion - Reception & Year 1

From the Principal

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

For me, Easter is a time of family camping – fishing with my son, playing Scrabble and cards on the river's edge with my daughter. A time of physical renewal as well as spiritual. After sharing Easter eggs, and eating too much chocolate over the weekend, we return to school this week knowing that Easter Sunday, an incredibly important event in our church calendar, we celebrated new life. The empty tomb, the empty Easter eggs, the eggs representing new life. He is risen: He is risen indeed!

SPORTS DAY

I look forward to spending a fabulous day on Friday seeing students give their best efforts whilst also supporting one another. I have already seen many great examples of our students encouraging one another during the sprint heats and the long distance events in the past days and weeks. Thank you to all students for your great sportsmanship and good luck to Giersch, Linke and Neumann on Friday.

As an additional note, please refer to all Sports Day information in this and previous editions of Inspire. It is important that we make duty of care to our students the priority and so all instructions regarding student movement and dismissal must be followed. Thank you for your help!

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Deputy Principal

UNSW TESTS

Yesterday, information regarding the UNSW Tests were sent home to oldest siblings. If you would like your child (Year 3 and above only) to participate in the Science, English or Mathematics competitions, please return this form by the end of term. If you need a form, these are available at the front office.

Jason Fay | Deputy Principal

From the Wellbeing Leader

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We would like to remind parents to book in for parent teacher interviews for Thursday April 12 and Friday April 13. These times have been set aside for teachers to prepare their conversations and meet face to face with you about your child's education. This time is also an opportunity for those parents, who often work during the day, to see and hear about their child's learning. Ongoing communication with parents is key to our rich ongoing education here at St Paul. Please note that supervision will be available for students (school aged) in the Creative Space whilst parents have their scheduled 15 minute interview on Thursday night and Friday. SPLASH is available for longer care on Friday 13, please contact Bec Heinjus to organise.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

SAVE THE DATE- a reminder that the Mother's Day Stall will be on Tuesday May 8 (Term 2 Week 2). Gifts will range from \$2.00-\$7.00 and children can purchase up to 3 gifts and a card. Gift cards are \$1.00 and all gifts will be wrapped or in a gift bag.

SPORTS DAY- FRIDAY APRIL 6

The Sports Day booklet will be sent home this week. The timetable for the day is as follows:

8:30am	Arrive in class
8:45am	Class roll call
9:00am	Sports Day begins on the park
9:05am	Opening Ceremony
9:10am	Tabloid events begin (Reception to Year 2 on the court, Year 3 to Year 6 on the park)
10:30am	Recess



- 10:45am Reassemble in teams
(Reception to Year 2 with classroom teacher, Year 3 to 6 in house team)
- 11:10am Sprint Finals and Relays***
- 12:30pm Staff vs Seniors event Pre-school Sprints
- 12:45pm Presentations
- 1:00pm Dismissal from classrooms

Please note that after the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students run in the sprints, the students will have a short break in their classroom. To avoid congestion at this time, we ask that parents kindly remain at the park at this time*

Sports Day ribbons for pre-Sports Day winner and place getters (field events and long distance) have been presented. Students can wear these ribbons on Sports Day. Please note that replacement ribbons for pre-Sports Day events will not be given out.

Carly Bergen | Wellbeing Leader

General News

NATIONAL CHAMPION - AGAIN!

Congratulations to Imogen Healy who, last weekend in Bunbury, Western Australia, claimed the 11 year girls National BMX Championship. Going into the final race undefeated, Imogen led from the outset, eventually winning by over 15 metres! This time last year we were acknowledging Imogen's efforts in claiming the 10 year girls National Championship. So, it's back-to-back titles! A wonderful achievement Imogen! Her sister, Fenella, also rode very well. Despite being injured, Fenella only narrowly missed a spot in the semi-finals.

Kym Mickan PE/Sport Coordinator

SHED MEN

All dads are invited to Shed Men. Shed Men is not an official school event, but rather it is run by dads as a casual gathering of St Paul dads and male care givers at a different bloke's house on the first Friday of the month. Its an chance to meet new dads, make contacts and discuss all things 'blokey'. All you need to do is BYO meat and drinks. It would be great to see and meet some of the dad's that are new to the school, and some of the ol' regulars too.

FUTURE DATES AND EVENTS:

April - Friday 6, from 6:30pm @ the School shed (44 Audrey Ave Blair Athol) after sports day. Several of the organising committee for the Shed Men Go Bush camp will be there to answer any questions you may have regarding our 2018 camp. If your interested in attending the camp and want to know more, this is a good night to attend.

May - Friday 4, from 6:30pm @ Leon's Shed, 49 Lionel Ave, Blair Athol.

May the fourth is the unofficial Star Wars day. Come along and re-visit your childhood and if you can, bring some Star Wars memorabilia to show and share with the group.

May - Friday 18 - Sunday 20 - Shed Men Go Bush 2018. A weekend where the dads give the mums a break by taking the kids camping for a weekend full of fun, activities and fellowship. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

June - Friday 1, from 6:30pm @ the School shed (44 Audrey Ave Blair Athol) If you would like to host a Shed Men Friday in your shed (back yard), we are looking for hosts for later in the year. If you would like more information on Shed Men, please contact: Leon Semmens lsemmens@aapt.net.au 0432 575 126.

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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Church News

SPY NEWS

St Paul Youth for children in Years 6-8 runs on the first and third Friday of the month during School terms. Our next get together is this Friday 6 April. Time 7:00-9:00pm in the church hall. Cost is \$2.00. Girls please bring something to share for supper.

ST PAUL "TOP THAT" QUIZ NIGHT

The St Paul Lutheran Church Quiz Night is on Saturday 26 May 2018. Get your table together now and come and enjoy a great night of fun, conversation, food and general knowledge – or not so general knowledge!



BACKPACKS 4 SA KIDS

This year, the Hearts and Hands Women's Fellowship at St Paul Lutheran Church are supporting Backpacks 4 SA Kids and we welcome members of our school community to take part if interested. This organisation helps children and teens who are suddenly displaced from family or who find themselves in traumatic situations. It offers them real hope.

Thank you to everyone who donated torches. In April and May we are collecting erasers, sharpeners and wooden rulers. Donations can be left at the Front Reception. For further details check out the website: <http://backpacks4sakids.org/#> Thank you.

THE STORY

From June onward we will be taking a congregational journey through The Story, a collation of narrative sections of Scripture taken from Genesis through to Revelation and arranged chronologically to read like a novel. Pastor Greg's preaching will fit in with the 31 chapters of The Story, and attenders of St Paul will be invited to join together in small groups to further explore, discuss and share.

The Story book will be available for purchase through St Paul, together with the small group participant guides. Get ready to join us on this exciting adventure into God's big story! Contact Pastor Greg or Dennis Clark (0438 895 056) for more information.