



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 4

#### WED 21 FEBRUARY

- School Worship 9:00am
- School Tour 6:00pm

#### THU 22 FEBRUARY

- School Tour 9:15am

### WEEK 5

#### THU 1 MARCH

- District Swimming

#### FRI 2 MARCH

- Shed Men

### WEEK 6

#### THU 8 MARCH

- Parent Information Evening (Reception)

### WEEK 7

#### MON 12 MARCH

- Adelaide Cup Day (Public Holiday)

#### TUE 13 - 14 MARCH

- Year 3 Camp - Woodhouse

#### THU 15 MARCH

- School Tour 6:00pm

## God's Keys to Happiness

I have a lot of keys on my key ring. I have keys for my home, work and car. Keys are very important to us. I take these keys wherever I go. They won't do me any good if they are laying on the shelf. God has given us keys that we need to take with us each day. You will find them in the Bible. They are keys to a happy life!

How would you like to have a key that would open a door so that you would never worry about what you are going to eat, or drink, or what you will wear? Well, you do. The Bible says, *"...seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* The key is to seek God first, not things.

How would you like to have a key that would open the door to the future so that you would know what to do and what choices to make. You have it! The Bible says, *"In all your ways acknowledge God and He will direct your path."* The key is to always seek what God wants in your life, not what you want.

How about a key that would open the door to anything your heart desires? You have it! The Bible says, *"Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."* The key is finding our happiness in God, not in things.

Would you like to have a key that would open the door to a long and happy life? You have it! The Bible says, *"Honour your father and mother so that you may live long and that it may go well with you."* The key is for us to obey God's law and his law says *"obey your parents."*

You see, God has given us the keys to a happy life. It is up to us to use them. They are found in His Word and they won't do us much good laying on the coffee table at home. We need to take them with us wherever we go.

Author Unknown

**Submitted by** Yvonne Folland



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

- Pancake Day
- Year 3 Brodie

## **From the Principal**

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

*Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction. John F Kennedy*

Last year, many parents, staff and students engaged in workshops aimed to gather data for strategic planning at St Paul Lutheran School. Last Saturday, school council members and staff members spent an intensive day reframing, prioritising and clarifying our objectives for St Paul Lutheran School in the coming three years. As this information is collated and further refined, we look forward to sharing with you our strategic direction through Inspire and other avenues. I am thankful to all who attended workshops through 2017 and to those who attended the weekend workshop; I'm confident that we are working towards a wonderful future for St Paul.

*All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent. Isaiah 55:8*

### **ALLERGY REMINDER AND REQUEST**

Please be reminded that St Paul Lutheran School has a policy requiring that nuts are not to be brought to 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 wheat, strawberries, egg, 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.

Teachers will also be prompting regular hand-washing after recess and lunch breaks to ensure that the spreading of allergens is minimised. Thank you for working with us to protect the safety of children with allergies.

### **DISABLED PARKING**

We have recently been discussing with some families their difficulties in securing the disabled car park, or a space close to the entrance for those with a disability parking permit. To all families, who use that space, please ensure that you display your sticker. For those of you who do not have a disabled parking permit, we ask that you do not use this space, even for those 'quick visits'. Thank you for your support of those who genuinely need to use this parking space.



### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2020**

In last week's Inspire I reminded families to enrol younger children for their Reception year in 2020. Please be sure to check with our administration staff that your younger children are enrolled; for 2019, 2020, or the years beyond. This will assist us in ensuring that we retain a place for your child.

As I will be interviewing for 2020 in the coming weeks, please consider passing our details on to any friends or extended family members who are searching for schooling options for their children.

### **UPCOMING SCHOOL TOURS**

There are a number of school tours coming up for prospective families. If you have any friends or family currently looking at schooling options for their children,





at any year level, please encourage them to attend; February 21 at 6.00pm, February 22 at 9.15am or March 15 at 6.00pm. Interest can be registered with the front office in person or via phone.

**Leila Mattner** | Principal

## From the Deputy Principal

We are only into Week 3 and it feels like we are well and truly into the busy part of the year already! It was great to see so many families attend the various parent information evenings and it was a clear reminder of how many new families we have in the school in Years 1-6. The Reception Parent Evening is Thursday March 8 and this is a great follow up to the classroom visits in Week 1.

### “IVY AND BEAN” PERFORMANCE

Next Friday, February 23, there will be two performances of ‘Ivy + Bean the Musical’ in the hall. The show, based on Annie Barrows’ bestselling series of books, will also be part of the Adelaide Fringe Festival. The show is the brain-child of our very own Performing Arts teacher, Miss Sarah Williams, who kindly offered to bring the show to us! The two performances are: 9.30am-10.30am for Rec-Year 2 and 11.00am-12.00pm for Year 3 -6.

### ‘The surprising thing Google learned about its employees — and what it means for today’s students’

“In 2013, Google decided to test its hiring hypothesis by crunching every bit and byte of hiring, firing, and promotion data accumulated since the company’s incorporation in 1998. Project Oxygen shocked everyone by concluding that, among the eight most important qualities of Google’s top employees, STEM expertise comes in dead last. The seven top characteristics of success at Google are all soft skills: being a good coach; communicating and listening well; possessing insights into others (including others different values and points of view); having empathy toward and being supportive of one’s colleagues; being a good critical thinker and problem solver; and being able to make connections across complex ideas.”

[Click here](#) for more details.

More and more evidence suggests that ‘soft-skills’ or ‘learning assets’ as some of our teachers refer to them, are more important than what students/employees know. Google, a company built on, and by, tech and STEM has even recently acknowledged this. The focus on wellbeing at St Paul and how this intersects with the focus on skills such as collaboration and creativity sets our students up for life. Add in the distinct Christian values and perspectives that inspire empathy, love acceptance, forgiveness and grace and St Paul truly is creating dispositions in students for success, wherever they go.

**Jason Fay** | Deputy Principal

## From the Wellbeing Leader

### BACK TO SCHOOL

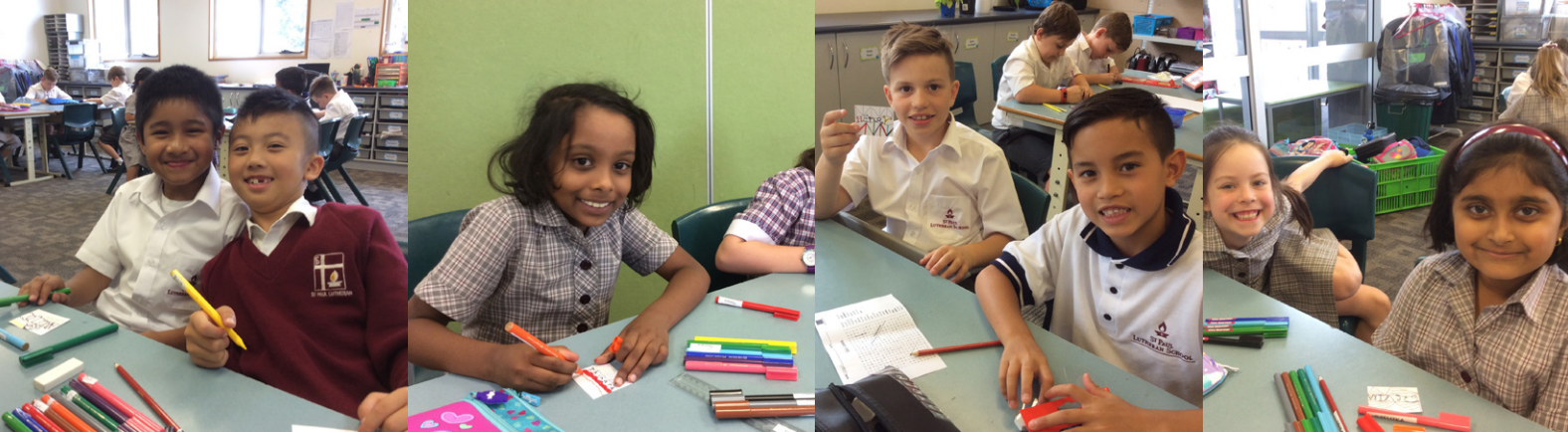
After long summer days, late bedtimes and lazy mornings, the new school year is certainly here! As we move into week 3 already, here are a few tips to help with that ‘back to school’ routine:

#### BEDTIME ROUTINE

Introducing a consistent routine before bedtime can really help with the transition from holiday mode. Follow the same pattern each night, such as laying out clothes for the next day, having a bath, brushing teeth, PJs on and then a bedtime story and a cuddle (if they still let you!).

#### ESTABLISH FUN TRADITIONS

Being excited for each new school day will help your child follow your lead. I was talking to a new family in Reception with German heritage who celebrated the new school year with a ‘Schultüte’. This is a cone shaped present full of useful school materials. Another idea from my childhood was ‘green plate surprise’. I knew that if the green plate was on the table with my name on it, it was my choice (within reason) for breakfast. Talk as a family about other ideas!



## TALK TO THEM - MAKE SURE THEY KNOW THEIR ROUTINE TOO

It's much easier for children to adjust to a routine if they know what is expected of them. When they start school, always try to give them an idea of what is happening that day. Will they be going to SPLASH or kiss and drop? Who will be dropping off/collecting? Do they have sports practise or is someone visiting? Having a heads up on what is in store can help them adapt more readily.

## SET POSITIVE BUT REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

The most important thing you can do to ease back-to-school worries is to share your confidence in your child's ability to cope. Children tend to look to their parents to help gauge the unfamiliar. If you are calmly optimistic that your child will manage the back-to-school transition, it makes it easier for your child to be hopeful, too.

## ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for 2017 will take place next Friday, 24 February, at 9.00 am in the Chapel, hosted by our Miss Burgan's Year 5 students. Friday assemblies are presented for the school community weekly by the students and we invite all parents, family and friends to join us.

**Carly Bergen** | Wellbeing Leader

## General News

### LLL BANKING

Students are encouraged to open a savings account with the LLL (Lutheran Laypeople's League). Deposits can be made through the school on Wednesdays. Applications to open an account are available from the office.

Introduce your child to saving money when they're young...

...and they'll thank you when they're older.

**Children's SAVINGS account**

LLL school banking

Encourages your child to develop positive saving habits.

For more information on LLL school banking, visit the school office or contact the LLL secretary, Wendy D. Morgan.

Finance with a mission

**coles SPORTS for SCHOOLS 2018**

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING**

We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

**Does your child or teen have a SLEEP PROBLEM?**

**Does your child:**

- refuse to go to bed at night
- have trouble falling asleep
- wake up and cannot get back to sleep
- have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning
- often sleep in their parents' bed or bedroom or need a parent present to help them fall asleep
- miss school or feel fatigued throughout the school day

The Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic at Flinders University offers treatments for children and adolescents of all ages (including infants from 6 months of age). To book an appointment, please call or email us on the contact details below.



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## 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 first night back for Term 1 is this Friday 16 February. Theme is Icebreakers and Water night. Please bring along a super soaker or spray gun. Time 7:00pm-9:00pm Cost is \$2.00. Supper on this night will be provided.

### SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 25 March is the date of our first St Paul Community Sunday of the year – Experience Holy Week. Our St Paul Community Sundays are a relaxed and informal worship service at St Paul Church at 9:30am, involving children from our School, followed straight afterwards at 10:30am by a fun, hands-on Experience Event in the hall. More information to follow in the coming weeks. Watch this space!

## 7 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN WORSHIP

INNER NORTHERN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Blair Athol—Hampstead—North Adelaide

## Journey to Golgotha

*Five Stations on the Way to the Cross*

21 February—North Adelaide (139 Archer St.)

28 February—Blair Athol (44 Audrey Avenue)

7 March—Hampstead (28 Muller Rd., Greenacres)

14 March—Blair Athol

21 March—Hampstead

