



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 2

WED 7 FEBRUARY

- School Worship 9:00am
- Parent Information Evening, Years 2, 3 & 6

WEEK 3

TUE 13 FEBRUARY

- Shrove Tuesday

WED 14 FEBRUARY

- School Worship 9:00am

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)

FRI 9 MARCH

- Class Carers Morning Tea

The Bright Shining Light

I didn't manage to stay awake for the total lunar eclipse last week. I think the total eclipse started just after 11pm until around 12:30am. From the images I saw the next day, the 'Super Blue Blood Moon' looked pretty spectacular.

One of the Lectionary Bible readings for this week is the story is about the 'Transfiguration of Jesus'. This is where Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain and all of a sudden Jesus' clothes became a dazzling white. I can imagine that those disciples would've been staring at Jesus in wonder exactly how millions of people around the world (not me!) would've been looking at the Super Blue Blood Moon last week.

So what is the transfiguration story all about and what can we learn from it? The disciples were able to have a greater understanding of who Jesus is, the awe of Him and see Him in all of His glory.

Pastor Susan Schneider from Trinity Lutheran Church in Wisconsin writes

One of the reasons we have a story like this one is to remind us that we do not stop being children of the light when we can't see. As in nature, the sun may set at night, but it is not permanently extinguished. The Light will return. When it gets dark, and we start to lose our way, we can cling to the reminder that once Light suffused a whole mountaintop. Once God's voice boomed out that Jesus was beloved and we should listen to him.

I encourage you to remember the promise of God, which is... no matter how dark it gets, the story ends with resurrection and new life, for Jesus and for us, every single time.

Submitted by Carly Bergen

Wellbeing and Administration Leader



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Receptions first day
- 2018 Student Leaders

From the Principal

WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

Yesterday we welcomed our Reception students to their first week of school. Our senior students have been eagerly awaiting their arrival, very much looking forward to helping them settle into school routines.

In addition to our youngest students and their families, we also welcome a number of new school families with students in other year levels. We pray that you and your child/ren find yourself feeling at home in our school community. I extend my thanks to the numerous existing parents who volunteered to be 'friendly faces' to our new families. New families, please call or email the office or make use of your friendly face family any time you have a question. We are here to help you and your child.

PARENT PORTAL AND STUDENT INFORMATION

All families have now been provided with information for their new parent portals. This is a quick access point for your child's medical and absentee information. I ask all parents and caregivers to ensure that you use your email link to login for the first time and create a password. Please also be sure to complete your electronic form containing updates for medical, contact, and privacy information for your family. This information is essential for us to provide the best care for your children. Our Administration staff are here to help, so please ask should you need assistance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our St Paul website calendar is up to date with all of the events for 2018. Updates will be made from time to time, however you can be confident of major events and term dates for your own diaries. This calendar will also be available on our new St Paul App coming soon.

<http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/school-calendar/>

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the information sessions last night. Our teachers really value this chance to begin the school-home partnership each year. A reminder that sessions for Years 2, 3 and 6 are this evening at 6:30pm. Important information about Year 3 iPads will be shared in the Year 3 information session.

2020 ENROLMENTS

In the coming weeks I will be conducting enrolment interviews for new families enrolled for Reception in 2020. We provide priority entry to siblings if we have their information on file. If you are a current family of St Paul and believe you may not have completed an enrolment form for your younger child, please ask at the office for a form as soon as possible. If you would like to check that you have a form in, please ask Jane Sabel to check for you.

Vacancies for Reception fill quickly each year, however there are some places for 2020, as well as places in some other year levels. If you have friends or extended family who are seeking a suitable place for their child's education, we'd love you to direct them to us for a tour.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Thank you to all of those families who have attended, and will attend, the information evenings this week. This is a great way for teachers and parents to start the year in positive partnership. St Paul encourages parent contact on a regular basis. Please do not wait for formal invitations for events like information nights and parent teacher interviews to ask questions about your child's education. Emails, phone calls and face to face visits throughout the year are a great way to stay abreast of your child's learning.

CAR PARKING AT ST PAUL

Did you know that enrolment numbers at St Paul are at an all-time high? That there are close to 60 extra students this year, than last year? St Paul is growing at a rapid rate. This puts extra pressure on the movement of



traffic around the school. It also means that the school carpark will fill up quicker in the morning.

It is vital that if you wish to park on the courts in the morning that you are here just after 8.30am. The closer to 8.45am that you enter the school grounds, the less likely you are to get a park. If cars park on the courts correctly we should be able to get over 30 cars in safely. Please see the attached map and parking protocols to assist with this.

We encourage parents and visitors to park in the surrounding streets wherever possible to assist with safe traffic and pedestrian movement.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

A violin tutor has been secured. Learning Through Music will add this to the list of lessons they offer. Susan at Learning Through Music can be contacted at 0401398120 or info@ltmusic.com.au.

Tina Hill will continue the Piano program and she can be contacted at tinahill00@gmail.com or 0421 186 970.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

"My contention is that creativity now is as important in education as literacy, and we should treat it with the same status." Sir Ken Robinson

Last week the BBC ran a story titled "Creative arts subjects in schools, a child's 'human right'". There is a fear in the UK (and around the world really) that subjects such as Art, Music, Dance and Drama are being pushed out of the curriculum because they are not academically rigorous enough. There is a belief in some schools that these types of subjects just interrupt the 'real' learning program. These are schools that are living in the distant past and doing their students no justice. It is why Sir Ken Robinson, a preeminent educational visionary, once said,

"We are educating people out of their creative capacities...I believe this passionately, that we don't grow into creativity, we grow out of it. Or rather, we get educated out of it."

At St Paul we place a high value on the performing and creative arts. Visual Art, and Australian Curriculum

subject, is not seen as a stand-alone subject. It is regularly integrated into deep units of inquiry to provide an outlet for students. It not only allows them to express their learning creatively, but most importantly, articulates their response to big questions.

Performing Arts (music, dance and drama combined) is a specialist subject at St Paul. It is geared to preparing students for performance opportunities such as assemblies and concerts, both at school and outside. It is vital that through these outlets that students see their creativity is valued. In every form. It is no longer ok for schools to say that creativity is now fostered in subjects such as Mathematics "so we don't need the arts".

Performance opportunities are more than about learning and developing creativity though. It is a significant vehicle for having conversations about student wellbeing. It opens up conversations about attitude, resilience, collaboration, interdependence, confidence and achievement. I'll leave you with a quote from an article Yo-Yo Ma, world renowned Cellist (Seinfeld fans?) wrote for the World Economic Forum in January. Yes, an artist writing for the World Economic Forum!

"It's not enough to outsource culture to the artists and musicians, and receive it as a passive audience. We must engage the full spectrum of human understanding, and every one of us needs to participate in strengthening our cultural resources....because it is the only way to make sure that the decisions we make as a global society are actually good for humanity." (<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/01/yo-yo-ma-we-need-culture-to-survive-and-thrive-future>)

Jason Fay | Deputy Principal



General News

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WANTED

Tuesday is construction day in the Library at lunch-time and it is always busy. Materials like empty boxes, tubes, fabric scraps, string, wool, plastic trays and orange fruit bags get used quickly. If you have any of these materials at home and would like to 'recycle' them with us, please bring them to the Library. The Library is open from 8.30am till 8.45am Monday to Thursday and Tuesday and Thursday from 3.15pm till 3.30pm to drop materials off.


LIBRARY BAGS

Students from Reception to Year 3 are required to bring a named Library bag to use for borrowing. The bag can be any type, large enough to fit picture books, the St Paul book bag and LLL calico bags are popular choices. Using a Library bag helps students carry and protect their books and ensures they get into the correct school bag to come home.

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

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.




English Circle


Would you like to improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in English?
Do you have trouble understanding what some Australians are saying?
Don't throw the towel in! (don't give up!)

Our FREE English Circle class can help.

When: Monday nights 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
Where: Endeavour College




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Contact: Pastor Chris
Mobile: 0408 007 156
Email: pastormico@bigpond.com
or Maureen 0430 544 059

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Encourage your child to develop regular saving habits. For more information on LLL school banking, contact the school office or visit the LLL website: www.lll.org.au



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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

SHROVE TUESDAY

Next Tuesday 13 February is Shrove Tuesday. This refers to the last day before Ash Wednesday and is the last day before the period of Easter known as Lent. On this day our St Paul congregation will be serving pancakes to students at Recess to enjoy on behalf of the St Paul Church Community.

A PANCAKE ORDER FORM for every student in the school is coming home with your child this week. Please complete and return to your class or the school front Reception by this Friday 9 February.

For more information contact Louise Venning, St Paul School Ministry Worker, LVenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au mobile 0416 008 129

PLAYGROUP @ST PAUL

Playgroup @St Paul starts runs on on Tuesdays during school term from 9:00am-10:30am in the Church Hall. Children 0-5 years and their parent or carer are invited to join us for a time of play, craft, stories and singing. Our theme for Term 1 is Seasons and Celebrations and our week 1 focus is the New Year. Come along and join the fun – Cost is \$2.00 per family – bring a small snack for your child at snack time.

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 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.

7 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN WORSHIP

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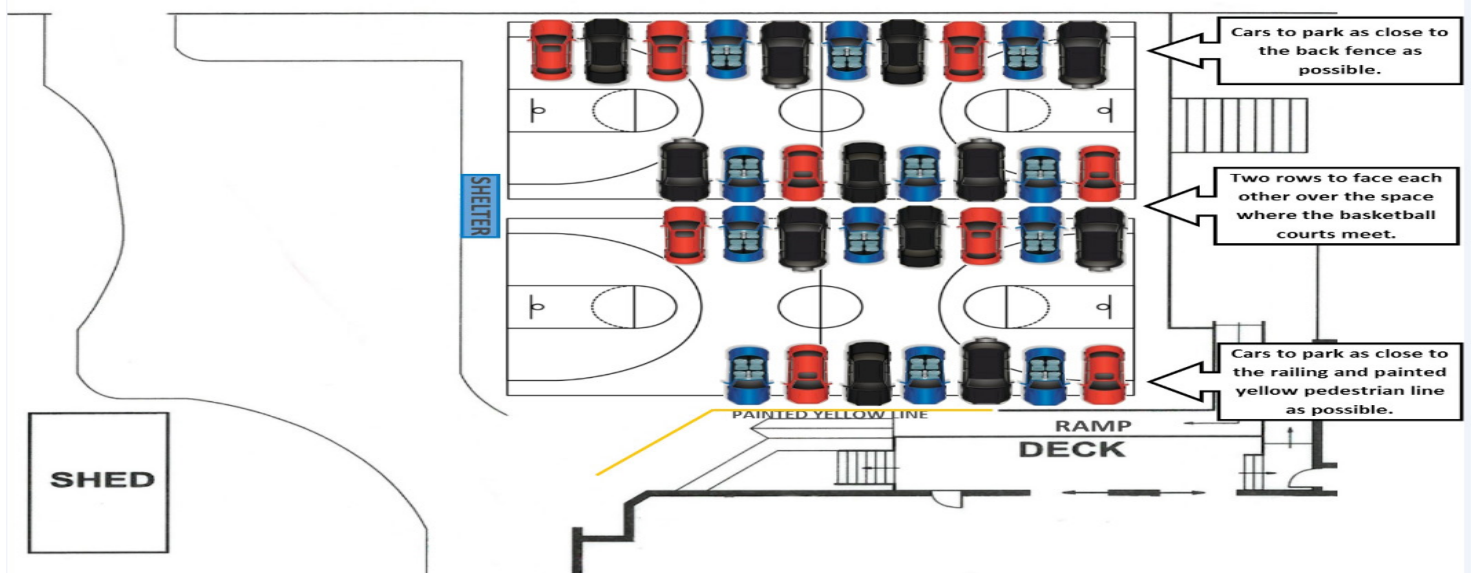
Blair Athol—Hampstead—North Adelaide

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





TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AT ST PAUL

To assist us with the safe and timely movement of all traffic around the school, please help us with the following considerations. Sharing this with grandparents and other family members who assist with the school drop off and pick up will also assist.

1. Park and walk into school wherever possible, as this greatly reduces traffic congestion.
2. Remain vigilant with your child/ren while crossing roads or within the carpark area. Use the crossings.
3. Children entering and exiting the 'Kiss and Drop' without the need for parents to exit the vehicle whenever possible. The Kiss and Drop driveway is for children who do not need parents assistance entering or exiting vehicles. Parents, please stay in your cars to keep traffic moving. This will be a significant aid in speeding up traffic.
4. There is no overtaking when using the 'Kiss and Drop' queue. Cones will outline a slightly modified driveway in 2017.
5. Please ensure you follow the direction of staff that are entrusted to move children and parents in/out of the school.
6. The 'Kiss and Drop' is open between 8.30am and 8.45pm and again between 3:10pm and 3:35pm, which helps a staggered pick-up routine.
7. Reversing into car park spaces in the parent car park is prohibited as it significantly disrupts the flow of traffic.
8. Turning right into the carpark from the Main North rd. end of Audrey Avenue is a dangerous practice that stops all traffic on Audrey Avenue and causes public cars to take dangerous risks. Please do not turn right into the carpark from Audrey Avenue whenever possible. This will be a significant aid in speeding up traffic.
9. All cars in the parent car park will be impounded (ie can't move them) until 8:45 am in the morning or 3:30 pm in the afternoon to enhance better traffic flow in Audrey Avenue.
10. All traffic on the tennis courts will exit via Deakin Street at the direction of the staff on duty. Priority is given to the cars on the driveway to speed up traffic flow.
11. 5km/h at all times.
12. Please ensure that you meet your child on the same side of the street. Your child should not cross the road without a parent.
13. Do not use the gate at the bottom of the kiss and drop driveway for pedestrian access. Please use the school gate at the top of the park.
14. To maximize the spaces for car parking on the tennis courts , please park as indicated on the attached map.