



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 2

MON 7 MAY

- Tri-Skills Gymnastics (R-2)

TUE 8 MAY

- Mothers Day Stall
- National Lutheran Schools Week

WED 9-11 MAY

- Year 4 Camp - Mylor

FRI 11 MAY

- District Cross Country
- Year 2 Sleepover
- Scholastic Bookclub orders close

WEEK 3

MON 14 MAY

- Tri-Skills Gymnastics (R-2)

TUE 15- 17 MAY

- NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

THU 17 MAY

- School Tour 6:00pm

FRI 18 MAY

- Walk Safely To School Day

SAT 19, SUN 20 MAY

- Shed Men Go Bush

How Nature and the Bible Work Together

The school holiday break was just wonderful for getting out and experiencing all that God gives us in nature. With two young children of my own, I loved the opportunity to spend time exploring and playing together outside, and marvelling at the beauty around us. My girls just revel in spending time outside, whether it be playing with sand and water, climbing trees or taking the dog for a walk. With two nature loving parents, they are destined to be nature lovers themselves! During some holiday reading, I came across the following devotion which points out how truly remarkable God is!

Have you ever seen an amazing sunset, the Grand Canyon, or a pod of dolphins playing together in the ocean? There are so many things in nature that give us pause and make us say, "Wow!"

All creation points to the Creator. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge" (Psalm 19:1-2).* There's something about examining a delicate flower, or admiring a rushing waterfall that reminds us we are not accidents, and our God is an awesome God!

Reading the Bible gives us a picture of who God is, and so does admiring His creation. They work together to give us a bigger, more beautiful and holistic perspective of who God is.

God is gracious to give us both creation and His Word as different lenses to see the same truths about Him. How often does God give us a beautiful sunset, or paint a rainbow in the sky at just the right time—when we need a reminder of His power, love, and promises? How often does He lead us to just the Scripture we need that day? Taking in the awesome beauty of creation and reading the Bible every day connects us with our Creator and Saviour.

<https://newspring.cc/devotionals/how-nature-and-the-bible-work-together>

Submitted by Jennifer Krieg



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

• SPLASH - Vacation Care

From the Principal

WELCOME

The weather is coming out to welcome us to the new school term. What a great week to begin what will be an action-packed 9-week term!

We welcome back Mr Armin Mayer from long service leave to continue the German and Digital Technologies program with students. We also welcome Miss Amber McMahon to Year 5 whilst Miss Burgan is on long service leave, and Mrs Genito whilst Miss Ziegeler is also on long service leave.

We also warmly welcome our new staff members starting this week. Mrs Natalie Broome, as Administration: Leadership Support working in the office and Ms Beth Madigan as LSO: Education, working in classrooms to assist students and teachers.

AUDREY AVENUE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

As we begin the new school term, please be mindful of the school zone on Audrey Avenue, which is 25kmph. We also ask you do drive at WALKING PACE through the school car park and drop off zone. We ask that all families, whether you are in your car, or on foot crossing the street, to be vigilant during the busy mornings and afternoons. Child safety must be paramount. Attached to this Inspire are our traffic and parking directions. Please share with any friends or family members who may be dropping off or collecting your children.

We have been communicating with the Port Adelaide Enfield council and plans are now underway for a pedestrian crossing on Audrey Avenue outside of the school. This is a great move forward in assisting us with safety of all crossing Audrey Avenue. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Deputy Principal

THE EDUCATION LANDSCAPE

You may not have paid much attention, but it has been a big week for education in Australia. On Monday, the lead story of The Advertiser started with 'Schools have failed a generation of children and must be radically overhauled to arrest an alarming slide in student performance'.

The article covered the new 'Gonski Report', a review of the education system in Australia. The Turnbull government intends to implement all of the recommendations, including a review of the Australian Curriculum which has only been around for a few years. There are many positives regarding this review, particularly the call for a renewed focus on creativity and critical thinking and other skills required for the future.

I have written many times over the years on these pages about the way education is changing and needs to continue to evolve. At St Paul our focus has been very much on what students need in the world today as opposed to the world their parents and grandparents grew up in. There will be a lot of debate and change in regards to education in the lead up to the next Federal Election, but the good news is that St Paul is well placed to continue delivering quality education programs that will not require too much adjustment.

Jason Fay | Deputy Principal

From the Wellbeing Leader

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Mothers Day Stall is being held next week on Tuesday 8 May. Students are able to purchase gifts from \$2.00 - \$7.00 and a gift card for \$1.00. Students will go in class groups to the stall and younger students will be supported by older students to assist them with their purchase. Please send money in a named envelope for the younger students. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have kindly offered to help!



SCHOOL DISCO

Please place Saturday 23 June in your diaries now for the St Paul Disco to be held at Crocs Playhouse. Reception to Year 2 - 5:30pm to 6:45pm - \$7.00 Year 3 to Year 6 - 7:00pm to 8:15pm - \$9.00 (Year 3 may attend either session but not both). Students will be able to pre-order dinner for the night at an extra cost to the ticket. More information regarding ticket sales will be available soon.

GRANDFRIENDS DAY (REC-2)

A reminder that Grandfriends Day will be held on Wednesday 23 May. We are looking for some parents who could be available to help prepare and serve morning tea for Grandfriends Day. If you are unable to be there on the day, but would be willing to make a fruit or savoury platter, we would be most grateful for your help! Scones will also be served for morning tea. Invitations will be sent out this week. If you are available or would like to find out more, please email Carly Bergen cbergen@stpaulba.sa.edu.au.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST- a green bucket hat was misplaced on the oval, if you find it please hand it into the front office.
FOUND- a pair of black reading glasses with the markings 'LT' were found on the park. Please see the front office staff if you believe they are yours.

PERFORMING ARTS

This term Performing Arts lessons will be occurring in the Creative Space. We are encouraging people not to use this as a thoroughfare during the day. We kindly ask parents to wait outside of the classrooms instead of the Creative Space at the end of the day.

Carly Bergen | Wellbeing Leader

General News

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 caregivers at a different bloke's house on the first Friday of the month. All you need to do is BYO meat and drinks. If you would like to keep up to date with current meetings and events, please subscribe to our regular newsletter

at: <http://eepurl.com/dqUstr> Please feel free to pass this information onto anyone who might be interested in joining us.

WINTER UNIFORM

The official changeover date from Summer to Winter uniform is June 1st. Winter uniform is available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. The wearing of a hat is not a requirement between May and September, but "sun safety" is important so please use your discretion.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

The final date for Issue 3 Scholastic Bookclub orders to be returned is Friday 11 May. Orders can be placed online by going to scholastic.com.au

LLL BANKING

Top 5 tips to teach kids about money

Do your kids understand money? I mean, really understand it? Probably not; most of them don't. That's because we pay for things with a swipe or a tap, and often don't use actual cash. School banking rates may also be declining, because finding cash on the day can be inconvenient. The risk we run by not teaching our kids about money, is that they can fall into the credit card trap when they turn 18, and begin their adult lives in a world of debt.

Here are 5 suggestions for teaching your children BASIC financial skills:

1. Get them into school banking. They learn so much from physically touching the money and participating in their own savings.
2. Teach them they need bread for sandwiches, but want chocolate for a treat. There's a difference.
3. Make them earn their own money by doing chores! It's old school, but it works.
4. Don't buy stuff for them all the time. They can buy it with their own money.
5. Google "Three Jam Jars Kids Money" – a great way for kids to visualise budgeting.

For more information on basic financial literacy visit the ASIC moneysmart website.

Please see the St Paul office staff to open an LLL Children's Savings account.

Dont forget, banking day at St Paul is Wednesday.

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

CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

On Sunday we celebrated with four of our St Paul young people who participated in their first Holy Communion. Ethan Christian, Fergus Venning, Maddi Fox and Sean Keeler have spent the first term preparing with Pastor Greg and their families culminating in their very first sharing in the Lord's Supper last weekend. This coming Sunday 6 May, Luke Maeder, Tyler Nuske, Gracie Oborn, Hannah Ratsch and Callie Weiss will have their turn. Please take the opportunity to congratulate them and pray for their ongoing life and growth as children of God.

SAVE THE DATE - ST PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY 27TH MAY EXPERIENCE WATER

Our next St Paul Community Sunday Service and Experience Event for this term is on Sunday 27th May. Our theme is WATER. Come along and join in our community event with a service without Holy Communion at 9.30am and our Experience Event straight afterwards in the Hall from 10.30am.

We are looking for young people from our school community who would like to be involved in the service. Please contact me if your child is interested. Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books are now available to purchase from the Church or from the St Paul School office. Last year we raised \$500.00. A perfect Mother's Day gift.



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 on this Friday 4 May. Time 7:00-9:00pm in the church hall. Cost is \$2.00. Boys 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

If you are interested in donating any items for this wonderful cause we are collecting erasers, sharpeners and wooden rulers during April and May. Donations can be left at the Front Reception. For further details on the organisation and its work, check out the website: <http://backpacks4sakids.org/#>