



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 4

FRI 25 MAY

- Year 3 Brodie State Library Visit

SAT 26 MAY

- Church Quiz Night

WEEK 5

MON 28 MAY

- Tri-Skills Gymnastics (R-2)
- Reconciliation Week

TUE 29 MAY

- UNSW Science Competition

FRI 1 JUNE

- Shed Men
- Red, Yellow and Black Casual Day

WEEK 6

MON 4 JUNE

- Tri-Skills Gymnastics (R-2)
- Year 3 Mueller State Library Visit

TUE 5 JUNE

- School Tour 9:15am

THU 7 JUNE

- Endeavour Musical (Yrs 5 & 6)
- State Cross Country

FRI 8 JUNE

- Casual Day "Blast from the Past"
- Endeavour Musical

PERMANENT BUT SEASONAL

Being a parent is a life-long deal. The job description may change as time goes on, but the commitment, love and concern remain constant. Sometimes, especially for parents of "terrible" two-year-olds or even more terrible teenagers, this thought is not necessarily a pleasant one. We wonder, "Will this ever get better?" It can be exhausting and daunting.

Being someone's mum or dad never ends. The joy you feel when celebrating your child's successes, the pain you feel when they have failures or losses and the intense heartache when they are ill: these things are a part of the package. Permanently.

Even in the often-told parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15: 11-32), the father never gives up. He never decides to stop being a parent just because his kid messes up in a huge way.

If you have young children, draw on the strength and support of others to help give you stamina through this season. If you have teens that are testing every rule, boundary and request you make, stand firm. These are seasons and they will pass.

For all parents, be reminded that God's grace is sufficient and that nothing can separate your child from God's love and care. Romans 8: 39 says, "...neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Let God's grace fuel you to stay the course and continue to act with love and patience. There will come a time when things will get easier. Your energy will be back to normal and your every thought won't be consumed with, "When will this end?" Be encouraged by 1 Peter 5:6, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."

And for those who aren't parents, remember the power and blessing of your prayers for the mums and dads all around you.

Written by Diane Markins

Submitted by Megan Fyffe



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Shed Men
- Year 1 Loose Parts Incursion

From the Principal

SHED MEN GO BUSH

As I write this on Monday morning, a team of dads are in the school car park unpacking a large amount of equipment from a weekend of great memories for fathers and their children. Many dads also spent Friday afternoon prior to the camp, as well as the weekend before that, travelling and setting up activities. This is a great initiative and I commend the Shed Men Go Bush dads, particularly the organising committee, for their commitment to giving children a camping experience. If you'd like to continue the conversations with other fathers following this event, please consider attending the monthly Shed Men gatherings. Shed Men is not a school event, but rather it is run by dads as a casual gathering each month. You can subscribe to their regular newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/dgUsdtr>.

GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

Thank you to all of the grandparents and other friends for visiting our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students today. Families and friends are important people in the lives of our students, and we value the opportunity to welcome you into St Paul for a glimpse of school life. Thank you to all parents and school staff who coordinated or assisted in some way today, and to those of you who played a big part in helping our visitors get here.

STAFFING NEWS

We welcome Mr Stephen Paech to St Paul for the next three weeks, whilst Mr Kym Mickan takes some leave. Mr Paech is well-known to our students as he regularly visits in a relief teaching role. Some of you may have noticed a change to your child's PE schedule to accommodate a change of days – thanks for your flexibility in uniform requirements.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Deputy Principal

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

Teachers are beginning to prepare mid-year reports which will be sent home in Week 8. These are considered 'progress reports', as the Term 4 report is the complete summary of a child's achievement against year level specific achievement standards as set by the Australian Curriculum. Reports coming home can cause some anxiety for students and parents. The concept of assessment has changed at St Paul and in education circles over the last few years. Tests for example, once a staple of assessment, are now better understood as a very particular model of assessment which focus on the recall of knowledge rather than existence of growth and learning.

An increased emphasis on creativity allows students to demonstrate learning and growth in more relevant ways. This is also a greater reflection of how information is shared outside of the classroom and in the world of work. But, as adult learners and professionals, we forget how this isn't always a natural or simple approach for children. To put it into more of a context, consider the last time you learned something. I mean truly learned something from scratch. Maybe you started to learn how to play the piano, speak a new language or even how to build a retaining wall.

I am sure if you have had an experience like this recently as an adult that you found parts of the process frustrating and maybe even a little bit embarrassing. There were probably other people around to see you struggle and maybe even fail a few times before you started to make progress, and, let's face it, this would have made your learning that little bit tougher. None of us like to make mistakes in front of others and this where giving up becomes tempting.

But, add another layer to this scenario. You are already taking a chance by doing something new and different and possibly you are doing it in front of someone with more experience and a better track record of success than you. But what if they were judging you as learned? What if they were watching every step of the way



holding you to a standard you were unfamiliar with? This what it is like for many of our students, particularly the younger ones who have no prior knowledge to draw upon. At report time many of them will become acutely aware that they have been assessed along the way and that some of their peers are at different levels to them.

We need to be careful about how we introduce students to the notion of assessment and academic achievement. Most important is how we maintain a child's desire to learn for their own good, when they become more familiar with the notion of 'reporting'.

Suggestion: next time you have a dinner party, pass out a Kinder Surprise for dessert. Ask someone to put a blindfold on (stick with me here), and then from taking the wrapper off through to the final construction of the simple toy inside, give them only verbal instructions to assist them. Should be interesting! But, this is an example of what it is like for many of our young students when they are introduced to a new concept. They are following their teacher's directions, blindly trusting that the instructor will help them to achieve their goal. As adults we have generally forgotten what this feels like, but a Kinder Surprise might help to remind us, and allow us to have a laugh along the way.

Jason Fay | Deputy Principal

From the Wellbeing Leader

School Disco- A flyer and information about ticket sales has been sent home this week. You may return the blue order form with money/credit card details via the class tray and your ticket (coloured wrist band) will be sent home via the class tray. Alternatively tickets will be on sale near the canteen on Fri 8/6, Wed 13/6 and Fri 22/6. Saturday 23rd June 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 (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. We are still after some more parent volunteers for the night (especially for the Year 3-6 session). Please write your name on the signup sheet near the canteen or email Carly Bergen cbergen@stpaulba.sa.edu.au

Grandfriends Day- A sincere thankyou to so many members of our community who volunteered their time in preparation for Grandfriends' Day today. A very special mention to Chris Semmler in the canteen and her wonderful volunteers for the delicious homemade scones. To all the Grandparents and Grandfriends who made a special effort to be here – you play such an important role in the lives of our students.

Official School Photos- Advance notice- Official school photos will be taken on Friday 15th June (Week 7). All students are required to wear official winter uniform on this day. If you need additional uniform items, please be sure to see Jane Sabel in the uniform shop.

Class Carer Support Network- A letter regarding the Class Carer Support Network has been sent home on green paper. At St Paul we are so blessed to have two Class Carers per class but we certainly recognise that there are many people who show acts of kindness and willingly support our families and community. If you are able to assist, your kind offer is very much appreciated and it would be great if you could return the green form to the office by Friday 9th June. Thank you in advance!

Carly Bergen | Wellbeing Leader

General News

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Reconciliation Week is fast approaching and runs from May 27 – June 3 (Week 5). These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Some events to look forward to at St Paul include: Week 4 and Week 5 Assemblies with a Reconciliation theme,

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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ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH 'Top that' QUIZ NIGHT



SATURDAY 26 MAY 2018

6.30pm for 7pm start

\$10pp – tables of 10

Hat theme - Best hat wins a prize

BYO drinks and nibbles – tea and coffee provided

All funds raised go to support church projects

There will be 'fun raising' too ☺

Library activities, Classroom activities, Indigenous games run by Year 6 students on Friday at lunch, A Reconciliation display with student artwork. On Friday of Week 5, there will be a red, yellow and black casual day in honour of the Aboriginal flag (no donation necessary)

Church News

ST PAUL COMMUNITY THIS SUNDAY 27 MAY - EXPERIENCE WATER

We hope you can come along to our community event this Sunday at 9.30am for our service and at 10.30am for the Experience Event in the Hall. We have been planning and busy rehearsing with our students for the service. We are excited to share what we have planned with our St Paul community! Please return the permission slips if your child/children is involved. Our final rehearsals will be tomorrow and Friday. Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker lvanning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au

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 Friday 1 June. Time 7:00-9:00pm in the church hall. Cost is \$2.00. All door money for this term is supporting the Sunrise Bethel School Mission in Papua New Guinea. Ella Heath will be having a fundraiser this week selling small gifts and baked goods to help her raise money for the mission school. Please bring along some money to help out with this project. Boys please bring something to share for supper.

ST PAUL "TOP THAT" QUIZ NIGHT

The St Paul Lutheran Church Quiz Night is on this Saturday 26 May 2018. It isn't too late to get your table together and come and enjoy a great night of fun, conversation, food and general knowledge. Children are welcome. Tickets are adults/children \$10.00. Tables of 10. Please contact Renate Burls 0405 433 030

PASTY BAKE - THURSDAY 24 MAY

Our first bake is on this week. Our yummy pasties are for sale and will be 6 for \$12.00 AGAIN!! Please contact Renate Burls on 8260 5758 if you can assist on Thursdays with this year's bake (bakes are every fortnight), any amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to place an order for tomorrow's bake, please call or text Renate on 0405 433 030 by tonight!



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books 2018/19 are now available to purchase from the Church or from the St Paul School office.

