



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

# *inspire*

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **WEEK 6**

#### **THU 7 MARCH**

- School Tour 9:30am
- Reception Information Evening 6:30pm

### **WEEK 7**

#### **MON 11 MARCH**

- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

#### **TUE 12 - WED 13 MARCH**

- Year 3 Camp (Woodhouse)

#### **THU 14 MARCH**

- Scholastic Book Club orders close

### **WEEK 8**

#### **MON 18 MARCH**

- Tri-Skills Yrs 3-6
- CS Enrichment Day at GGLPS

#### **TUE 19 MARCH**

- Sports Day Sprints

#### **WED 20 - 22 MARCH**

- Year 5 Camp (Aldinga)

#### **WED 20 MARCH**

- Harmony Day

### **WEEK 9**

#### **MON 25 MARCH**

- Tri-Skills Yrs 3-6

#### **TUE 26 MARCH**

- Sports Day Long Distance
- School Tour 6:15pm

#### **WED 27 MARCH**

- Class Carer Morning Tea

#### **FRI 29 MARCH**

- Sports Day Team Bonding

## **Friendship**

As a graduate teacher, I find myself constantly seeking the optimal balance between my life as a teacher, my life as a friend, and as a partner. It dawned on me that my students and I are exploring the importance of relationships and, especially, friendships. And yet, I often place time spent with friends somewhere in the middle of my lingering to-do list or squished amongst the never-ending sort of priorities.

Only last week, I accidentally “pocket-dialed” a close friend. When she answered, her immediate reaction was “is everything ok?” This was a harsh dose of reality. In that moment, I realised, I had forgotten to make that phone call. The phone call to ask what’s happening in the current chapter of a friend’s life story.

On a positive note, we have organised a coffee date that I’m sure will turn into hours of catch up. This was a timely reminder that friends are the family you choose. They are presented as a gift and should be cherished.

The following words are given from Billy Graham’s Devotion, True Friendship:

“The human soul is a lonely thing. It must have the assurance of companionship. Left entirely to itself, it cannot enjoy anything. God said in the beginning, *“It is not good that man should dwell alone”* (Genesis 2:18).

The beginning of a school year allows the opportunity to reconnect with past friends, to restore relationships and to develop new ones. Each day I am blessed to witness these wonderful friendships between students, staff, families and the wider St Paul community.

**Submitted by** Carly Lethborg



**INSPIRE photos featured this week:**

• SAPSASA Swimming

## From the Principal

### RECEPTION PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Our Reception teachers have been preparing for their parent information evening, to be held this Thursday, March 7. This is a really valuable way to further explore the school-home partnership now that our newest students have begun to settle into the year. The session will begin at 6:30pm, in the Creative Space. Please enter via the administration office. We look forward to seeing you there!

### SPORTS DAY ADVANCE NOTICE

All families please note that Sports Day on Friday April 5 will be a morning event this year, beginning at 8:45am and finishing around 1:00pm. More details will follow, however please note that this is not an evening event this year. Please pay careful attention to sports day information from Kym Mickan and Jess Lampshire in coming editions of Inspire as we lead up through the term to this exciting day!

### WELCOME CATHERINE JONES

We are very excited to welcome Catherine Jones to St Paul. Catherine is our new Performing Arts teacher and was unable to start the year due to illness. We thank Alex Compton for filling in for the first 5 weeks while Catherine was away.

### CAR PARK AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The pedestrian crossing on Audrey Ave has been a significant factor in increasing safety around the entrance of the school. Please be patient when using this crossing to ensure cars stop before stepping onto the road.

Another nuance of our entry and exit points is the front carpark. The side of the Audrey Ave carpark that is closest to the office and church is closed off by our yellow gates. This allows the traffic to flow on Audrey Ave and through the carpark and Kiss and Drop without interruption. If you park in this carpark (and it's a popular spot due to the amount of parks available

there) please be aware you will need to wait for Kiss and Drop traffic to dissipate or the gates to be open. This may be a wait of 15 minutes or more!

If you are unsure of how car parking on the courts work, please refer to the map which was sent out with our first INSPIRE of the year, or pop into the office for a hard copy. It is important that cars park in the correct formation to allow for as many cars as possible.

**Leila Mattner** | Principal

## From the Deputy Principal

### SCHOOL AT ST PAUL: COLLABORATION

"Uber, the world's largest taxi company, owns no vehicles. Facebook, the world's most popular media owner, creates no content. Alibaba, the most valuable retailer, has no inventory. And Airbnb, the world's largest accommodation provider, owns no real estate. Something interesting is happening." Tom Goodwin.

Something interesting is happening indeed. Over the last ten years in particular, the internet, and the way it can connect people and resources, has disrupted the traditional paradigm of business. Enterprises like Uber and Airbnb have created an economy based on sharing by generating global vehicles for collaboration. Dating websites and apps are booming. Instagram and YouTube are creating self-made millionaires by providing a global audience. Even when individuals are isolated, they can be connected.

When I went to school, the classroom was always set up in rows. This was a way of controlling the classroom climate. You had two people you could talk to, the one on your left and the one on you right. When we were assessed it was a test and if it was in a group it was drama or the arts, but even then you were just one in a collective. If I asked a fellow student to help me this was called cheating.

When I am at work, I am part of a team. When I don't know the answers, or have the skills, I seek help. When I face problems, they are shared problems. Even if it's my responsibility I have people to support and guide me. When I ask an adult for help it is called collaborating.



At St Paul, learning and teaching are collaborative processes. For students there are always opportunities to work in groups or pairs. This does not devalue the work that needs to be individually set in any way. With individual work though, you are never truly alone. Students must learn to work alongside other people, share space and resources, consider classroom culture and expectations and respect individual preferences. Even this is collaboration and it does not favour the extrovert over the introvert.

Although at times we are isolated, at the very same time we are connected. Even when we are alone we are part of a community and a society. The focus on collaboration isn't an unnecessary emphasis on a skill of the future. It is a deliberate focus that prepare students for success both in the classroom and in the world waiting for them outside of it.

Next week, in the last of the series on School at St Paul, I will write about the original cliché, 21st Century Learning.

**Jason Fay** | Deputy Principal

## From the Wellbeing Leader

### HARMONY DAY- WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

Students are invited to wear their cultural dress or something orange on Wednesday 20 March to celebrate Harmony Day. The Year 5 students (who begin their Year 5 camp on this day) will have a cultural day later in the term to align with a current unit. More information regarding special activities will be outlined in next week's Inspire.

### STUDENT LEADERS DAY

Last Wednesday St Paul hosted the Northern SRC Leaders Day. Our 2019 School Captains and Sports Captains were invited to attend along with other student leaders from various Lutheran schools. Emma Graetz from Australian Lutheran College facilitated this workshop which taught the student leaders about teamwork and displaying leadership qualities.

### GRANDFRIENDS DAY- CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that the new date for Grandfriends Day is Friday the 7 June. This will be for students in Year 3-6. Please update your calendars and make sure your child's Grandfriends keep that date free.

### CLASS CARER MORNING TEA- CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that the new date for the first class carer morning tea for 2019 is Wednesday the 27 March. Please see Felicity or Louise for further information.

### SHED MEN GO BUSH- CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that due to the fire restrictions in early May, the date of the Shed Men Go Bush camp has moved to Friday 24 May – Sunday 26 May. For further information please contact Leon Semmens or Scott Hartwig.

**Carly Bergen** | Wellbeing Leader

## General News

### WINTER UNIFORM

Just a reminder to have your pinafore (REC – 2) and winter skirt (Yrs 4-7) orders to the Uniform shop no later than Thursday 7 March. If your child's winter uniform still fits, please disregard this notice!

**Jane Sabel** | Uniform Shop Manager

### SAPSASA SWIMMING

Last Thursday students from St Paul participated in the annual SAPSASA Swimming Carnival. It was a great day had by all. Students are to be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour. Official results will be announced in the coming weeks.

### SOCCER REGISTRATIONS FOR TERM 2

Parents of interested children (Years 3 – 6) please note that Soccer registration notices are being distributed this Thursday, March 7th - in limited numbers via class trays.

Remember that spare copies will be available from the front office.

**Mr Mickan and Mr Mayer**

## 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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# FORGIVENESS

## BIBLE VERSES

Bible Study Tools

## Church News

### ST PAUL CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Our St Paul Celebration Worship Service is coming up on Sunday 24 March at 10am. Our theme is 'Experience Forgiveness'. Straight after the service at 11am we have an Experience Forgiveness Event in the Hall for families and children to participate in and enjoy. All school and church families are warmly invited to attend. We are looking for students who may like to be involved in the service, to do readings, prayers and/or be involved in a short drama. A Permission Slip is coming home this week with your child, so please return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Louise Venning 0416 008 129.

### ASH WEDNESDAY TODAY - THE START OF LENT



Lent is celebrated in the Christian year as the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays). The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, and is a time of repentance and humility. This is a time we prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection on Easter Sunday. Today at St Paul we celebrated the start of Lent with an opportunity for our students and staff to participate in an ash and oil painting activity. Students were encouraged to think about sin and how we are forgiven through the death of Jesus on the cross. Maybe ask your child if they were involved today at morning break time and ask what they thought about when they painted their own cross. Thank you so much to our congregation members for their assistance.

### SPY - ST PAUL YOUTH

St Paul Youth for children in Years 6-8 runs on the first and third Friday of the month during school terms. Our next SPY is this Friday 15 March. Time 7:00pm-9:00pm. Cost is \$2.00. Boys please bring supper to share. Any inquiries please contact Nicole Hall on 0412 686 342.

### BACKPACKS 4 SA KIDS

Our Hearts and Hands Women's Fellowship is supporting Backpacks for SA Kids again this year. This organisation helps children and teens who are suddenly displaced from family or find themselves in traumatic situations. Over the coming months, Backpacks for SA Kids are hoping for donations and in March we are collecting small torches. If you are able to donate for this great cause, please add your items to the collection area at our School Reception and it will be added to the Church collection. Thank you so much for your support.

