



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 5 - PE WEEK

#### THU 14 NOV

- Reception Transition Day 2
- Last day for Scholastic Book orders

#### FRI 15 NOV

- Volunteer Morning Tea

#### SUN 17 NOV

- Celebration Worship and Experience Event

### WEEK 6

- Swimming, Years 3 - 5

### WEEK 7

- Swimming, Years Rec - 2

#### THU 28 NOV

- School Tour 6:15pm

### WEEK 8

#### MON 2 DEC

- Class Carers Dinner

#### TUE 3 DEC

- Reception Christmas Concert dress rehearsal

#### WED 4 DEC

- Reception Christmas Concert
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner

#### FRI 6 DEC

- School reports sent home
- Shed Men

## Word Inquiry

This semester, Reception children have been learning about spelling patterns and have been building their vocabulary through Word Inquiry. Word Inquiry aims to develop an interest and curiosity about words amongst children whilst building knowledge about how English words are created. Children have been looking at 'base elements' to create a definition of targeted words as well as how affixes can change the meanings of words.

Our Word Inquiry focuses on the following questions:

1. What does the word mean?
2. How is it built? Can you find any base elements or affixes?
3. What other related words can you think of?
4. What are the sounds that matter?

*John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

I began to wonder about how Word Inquiry could be used to understand messages from the Bible and to interpret the Word of God. I considered the following questions:

1. What are the messages of God's word?
2. How is God's Word explained throughout the Bible?
3. What are the related messages of the Bible?
4. How can I apply God's Word throughout my life?

As we begin to enter the busy Christmas period, let us reflect on God's Word to ensure that we understand the messages of the Bible and that God's Word is a part of our lives.

**Submitted by** Erin Gracey



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

• PE Week

## **From the Principal**

### **WARM WEATHER THIS WEEK**

With the weather warming up again, we will be doing our best to ensure students get some outside play time at least in the morning break. When the weather gets too warm, we have an indoor play schedule (similar for wet weather). Through this schedule, we enable students to still have their break times and opportunities to socialise and play in indoor settings, monitored by adults on duty. As always, please help your child to remember to have a hat for school each day, and a hat for SPLASH if they like to leave their school hat in the classroom.

### **TRAFFIC REMINDER**

During this busy time of the year, many families are trying to get the last seconds out of each day. We have noticed in the mornings and afternoons that some parents are trying to save time by stopping in no standing zones to drop children off, or using the front of the church as a drop-off zone. Please note that there are no staff members on duty here. Please continue to use the drop-off and pick-up zone through the school. It takes 5-10 minutes, and provides much greater safety for all children.

### **DISABLED PARKING**

Please be aware that we have school families who genuinely require access to our disabled parking space. Please do not use this space unless you have a permit. This includes if you only believe you will be in the office for a few minutes. Thank you for helping with keeping the disabled space as an option for those who truly need it.

### **VOLUNTEERS' MORNING TEA**

We look forward to greeting many volunteers at St Paul for a morning tea on Friday, 15 November following assembly (9:30am in the Creative Space). Our students have sent invitations from classrooms, however if your invitation has somehow not made it to you, please do come and join us on Friday morning. We also know that

there are multitudes of volunteers who will be unable to attend the morning tea, or are too humble to accept our thanks in a public forum. We thank you all!

### **BUILDING WORKS UPDATE**

Last week our Performing Arts Space was declared ready for students to begin use of the space. This week, Mrs Williams, Mr Voigt, Mrs Janetzki, Mr McCann and some students will be moving some equipment into the space, with our instrumental teachers also beginning to use the specialised instrumental rooms. We are looking forward to having the extra space for the Performing Arts program.

**Leila Mattner** | Principal

## **From the Deputy Principal**

Thank you to our parents who attended last week's information evening with Michael Edgecomb. Michael was able to share a wealth of research and information about wellbeing and how this specifically relates to students at school.

Michael also shared some of the discussions he has had with our Year 6 students as they looked at how we form a stronger sense of belonging for children at school. The research around this is substantial. Student wellbeing can be improved extensively when they feel know, valued and loved by people across a community. When their relationships and sense of belonging are healthy, they function and learn better.

As previously communicated, the Year 6s have looked at this research in the context of St Paul. Specifically, they have looked at how 'House afternoons' worked in 2018 and also at our current elective program. They can see the power of creating cross-school relationships and individual students being more recognisable around the school. They have looked at how our current Houses/Sports Day teams are organised and utilised and believe that these structures are not having the type of impact that they have the potential to.

Based on this year long journey, the Year 6 students have recommended some changes that from their perspective will have an immediate impact on student





wellbeing. The staff and leaders of St Paul have agreed to support these changes.

The key points of their proposals to be implemented are

- From 2020 there will be 5 new teams, replacing Linke, Giersch and Neumann. The students felt very strongly that 3 teams for a school soon have an enrolment of about 420, did not allow for strong relationships to develop. They also felt that just adding two new teams would create issues around who would have to move teams and that selecting names from the history of the school to complement the current team names would be very difficult. The names Linke, Giersch and Neumann are important names in the history of the school and Church and will continue to be recognised in new ways.
- These teams will now be known as 'Communities'. The Year 6s have recognised that spending time in these groups over the course of the year will create a stronger sense of belonging in students and create meaningful relationships across the school. These communities will compete against each other on Sports Day but also have opportunities to play, eat, worship and learn together (to name just a few things they've suggested) over the course of the year. The students felt that the name 'Community' now truly encapsulates what the goal of these structures are.

At present there are other proposals that the students have made around developing identities for these Communities that the Leadership Team are looking at soon. There are also logistical aspects of allocations and Sports Day etc. still to be worked out. This will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you to the parents who attended last week's information evening and others who took the opportunity to feed into this review via email.

If you have any questions about any of this, please send me an email at [jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au)

**Jason Fay** | Deputy Principal

## From the Wellbeing Leader

### LAST FRIDAY ELECTIVE AFTERNOON THIS WEEK

This week students will participate in the last 'Elective Afternoon' for the year. To coincide with PE Week some of the activities will include: Skipping, Gaelic Football, Golf and St Paul Ninja Warrior. Some of our wonderful parent volunteers will also coordinate activities such as Circus Skills, Ukulele and Nature Wands. A special thanks to our parent (and grandparent) volunteers and to our St Paul staff for sharing their passions with the St Paul school community.

### PE WEEK DRESS UP DAY: THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Students are invited to dress up as their favourite sports person or wear their favourite sports team colours. No gold coin donation required.

### UPCOMING SWIMMING LESSONS

Information regarding swimming lessons has been sent home. Please note the following times and dates:

**Year 3- 5 Swimming:** Week 6 (Monday 18 November- Friday 22 November)

9.30am – 11.00am\*\* Marino and McMahon

\*\*please note the later finishing time\*\*\*

11.00am- 12.30pm Saint and Mueller

1.00pm – 2.30pm Slade and Burgan

**Reception- Year 2 Swimming:** Week 7 (Monday 25 November- Friday 29 November excluding Wednesday)

9.45 – 10.45 Gracey and Sheedy

10.45- 11.45 Fisher and Lethborg

11.45 – 12.45 Fyffe and Arnold

1.00 – 2.00 Voigt/Tew and Javor/Kelly

Please note that all Year 3-5 Swimming consent and medical forms must be returned by **Wednesday 13 November** and all Reception-Year 2 consent and medical forms must be returned by **Wednesday 20 November**. Speak with your child's teacher if you require another form.



### CONCERT DVDS

Mad Mad Movies concert DVDs have arrived and are available from the front office for \$25 each.

### STATIONERY FOR 2020

Please note that this year there will not be individual stationery/booklists sent home for 2020. The teachers will order bulk stationery for the class which will be used next year.

### VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA: FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER (WEEK 5)

Invitations for our Volunteer Morning Tea have been sent home. This will be held in the Creative Space at 9.30am. Please RSVP by return email to Natalie Broome at [nbroome@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:nbroome@stpaulba.sa.edu.au) Alternatively you can return the tear-off slip to the front office. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Carly Bergen** | Wellbeing Leader

## General News

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The closing date for Issue 8 Scholastic Book Club order is Thursday 14 November. Orders can be placed online by going to [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au)

### SAPSASA ACHIEVEMENTS

Last week three St Paul Lutheran students participated in state carnivals, representing the Adelaide North East SAPSASA District. Tristan Hitch's tennis team tied for second place overall, with Tristan winning a very creditable four singles and seven doubles matches.

Mason Klenner and Hayden Grieger's cricket team won two of their four games. Between them they took eight wickets and scored over fifty runs. Mason, from all reports, took the catch of the carnival as well.

Congratulations Tristan, Mason and Hayden on your efforts.

**Jess Lampshire and Kym Mickan** | SAPSASA Coordinators

### SPLASH NEWS

#### VACATION CARE

By the end of this week you will receive an email containing the Vacation Care program and booking forms for December and January. Please fill in and return as soon as possible. As always there will be some limits on particular excursion days due to the need for adequate staffing so you may be disappointed if forms are not returned before **WEDNESDAY 4 December**.

#### CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The Annual Christmas Breakfast will be held on Tuesday 10th December in the hall from 7:15am -8:15am. This is a great time to sit down, relax and mingle with other families and SPLASH staff. Our regular morning care service will continue as normal for parents who are unable to stay for the breakfast.

If you wish to attend please write your name on the attendance sheet that will be available at the sign in desk from tomorrow or send an email to [splash@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:splash@stpaulba.sa.edu.au). We cater for any dietary requirements, but please make staff aware as you write your names down on our attendance sheet.

#### BOOKINGS FOR 2020

Each year we start off fresh and regular bookings need to be re-entered. Please look out for the 2020 booking form which will need to be completed by the end of this year. Do not assume that your bookings will stay the same from this year.

LOOK out for a SPLASH email by Friday. It will contain:

- Vacation care booking forms
- Christmas breakfast invitation
- 2020 booking form

SPLASH are leading assembly on Friday 22 November [next week]. Those children involved with a speaking part know already or will be notified by the end of this week. Other children may be involved by being part of a video or helping with the preparations.

## 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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# Christmas Family Faith Trail

Explore a variety of activity stations and discover new ways to grow your family's faith at home.

**2-4pm Saturday 23 November 2019**  
Spicer Uniting Church, 44a Fourth Ave, St Peters

**To reserve your place please email**  
Your name, number of people, children's ages  
and your church's name to  
[mneumann@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:mneumann@sa.uca.org.au)

Resource packs to host a Family Faith Trail at your church  
will be available for purchase after the event.

More information: Melissa 0419 850 544

Families are invited to attend this free event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Limited spaces available. Ministry leaders are welcome and also need to book in.



## FROM THE SRC- CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



As we are getting closer to Christmas, it is important to think about God's message of giving to others. Starting from Monday 18 November until Friday 29 November the SRC have decided to support Lutheran Community Care by collecting items to make Christmas Hampers for needy families in the Blair Athol area. Each class will have an empty box that has been decorated by the SRC (and friends) and we are asking everyone

to collect items to put in the boxes. Items include biscuits (sweet and savoury), cereal, Christmas pudding, tinned ham/turkey, canned fruit and vegetables, long life custard, long life milk and juice, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, jam, vegemite, tinned tuna, tea, coffee and milo, etc. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could please support this cause by bringing in at least one item each. Thank you for your support.

The SRC

## GIFTS OF GRACE

Are you looking for a Christmas gift that keeps on giving? Maybe a goat, water for life or a chicken farm. Pick up a Gifts of Grace catalogue from the school office. For more information [alws.org.au/grace](http://alws.org.au/grace)

## Church News

### 'ADVENT EXPERIENCE' - SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 10AM

Our last Celebration Worship Event for the year is on this Sunday 17 November 2019 at 10am. Straight after the service, we will have a fun event in the Hall called our Experience Advent Event. Food, craft and loads of fun for all the family! Our Junior Choir will be performing at the service. We would love to see you there!

### SPY

St Paul Youth for young people in years 6-8 next meets this Friday November 15, 7pm-9pm in the Church hall. Cost \$2.00. Join Ebony, Renate and Nicole for some fun and faith talks (and Sardines)! Bring your walking shoes as we will be going out and about!

### SPIN CAMP -REGISTRATIONS OPEN

A four day, three night camp for young people in school in Years 4-6 (in 2019) is held at Camp Kedron in Barmera, 7-10 January 2020. The theme is Radical Adventure. Early bird fee - \$180 (until 17 November). Regular fee \$190. A bus ride is available from Adelaide additional \$15 each way. For more information, please see Nicole Hall.



# PE WEEK DRESS UP DAY



THURSDAY  
14TH NOVEMBER

**DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS  
PLAYER OR IN YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTS  
TEAM COLOURS**



**NO GOLD  
COIN REQUIRED**

PIC•COLLAGE



# Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings

1.5kg Traditional Christmas Cake

\$17.00

1 kg Traditional Christmas Cake

\$13.00

Traditional Christmas Pudding

\$13.00

Available from the office...(Cash Only)