



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 1, TERM 4

THU 17 OCT

- School Tour 6:15pm
- Tennis Clinic Yrs 3-6

FRI 18 OCT

- Tennis Clinic Yrs 3-6

WEEK 2

MON 21- WED 23 OCT

- Year 6 Camp - Swanport

WED 23 - 25 OCT

- Book Fair in the Library

FRI 25 OCT

- Tennis Clinic Yrs 3-6

WEEK 3

TUE 29 OCT

- School Tour 9:30am
- Rec / Year 6 Morialta Conservation Park

THU 31 OCT

- Tennis Clinic Yrs 3-6

FRI 1 NOV

- Shed Men

Anticipation

One of my best mates welcomed a baby into his family recently. In his text message he wrote:

Hi! We'd like to share that our son came out to join the family this morning.
Vital Stats; 8:50AM, 3.51kg, name pending coin toss...

It took them 4 days to reveal his name of Ethan Cruz. (I'm still yet to ask what the other name choice was.) Leading up to when Ethan was born I'm sure the family were going through a myriad of feelings: excitement, nervousness, hope and anticipation.

Anticipation is all around us this time of year as we start back at school for Term 4 and approach Christmas at the end of the year. It's that excited feeling- that longing for something that might happen or in many children's minds- what present Santa will bring us? I wonder what many of us are anticipating right now? I think about our current senior students and all the wonderful events they are anticipating right now: Year 6 camp next week, graduation and starting at a new school next year.

As we draw near the end of the year and Christmas, Christians have the happy reminder of the hope we have because of Jesus Christ. Christmas is a glorious season and often a very busy time for us. It is my hope and prayer that we may not become so caught up in the pressures and busyness of the season that we and miss the simple joys of commemorating the birth of the Holy One of Bethlehem.

Submitted by Carly Bergen



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

• Concert 2019

From the Principal

WELCOME

Welcome to the beginning of Term 4! In particular, we welcome Zara and Stephanie Beech, joining us in Years 2 and 4, and we welcome back Simran Ubhi, joining us in Year 4. Welcome back to piano teacher Tina Hill. Tina has enjoyed some time off after having a baby.

STAFFING NEWS

During the school holiday break was the wedding of Marlise Slade (now Mrs Janetzki!) to Jack. We pray for every blessing for their future together. Our students were very excited to welcome back Mrs Janetzki (or Mrs Jetzki for short) this morning.

MASTER PLANNING

Currently our staff and school council are working on a process for Master Planning, along with Tom Barrett from Dialogic Learning, and JBG Architects. This follows from our Strategic Plan released last year, with a goal to articulate our long-term vision for the school site. This is a huge positive step for us in our future planning for student numbers as well as additional facilities. Dialogue amongst our teachers and leadership team has included the way in which our teaching and learning philosophy can be supported by our spaces, with strong advocacy from the Inclusive Education team. In the coming weeks, I will be displaying a 'vision board' from our work so far. This will be available for all to view on the pinboards near the canteen. Whilst this is not a comprehensive summary of all discussions, it is a helpful visual for you to see our thinking. If you would like to give input, comment, or provide additional images or examples of schools or spaces of interest, please feel free to email me: principal@stpaulba.sa.edu.au. All information sent to me will be fed into the master planning group for their consideration.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Deputy Principal

On October 11, I read The Advertiser with dismay (more than usual) due to an article titled [CEO: 'Basket case' education system to blame for 'completely cactus' Australian economy](#)

'Provocative chief executive Matt Barrie says Australia's education system is a "basket case" and is the main contributor to the country's "completely cactus" economy. The tech entrepreneur and multi-millionaire blames the deterioration of Australian manufacturing output on what he calls an ancient education system where overachieving students are pushed into medicine and law while participation in electrical engineering and computer science dwindles'.

Now everybody loves a 'provocative chief executive', but Matt is just rehashing old arguments about the workforce and the state of education that have been played out again and again (and again) on Twitter and in Ted Talks for over a decade. Not provocative at all really. So Matt went one step further "It's the teachers that are holding things back". Unfortunately Matt goes for the cheap shot in the hope someone thinks he's provocative. It is The Advertiser after all.

I can assure you teachers are not holding things back. They are fighting. Every conference and professional development session I have been at recently, teachers are begging for change or permission to do what they know is right. But unfortunately most of the year The Advertiser and similar news media are lamenting NAPLAN scores, creating an impression in politicians that this is the point of education.

I'm not going to bore you with the answers that are usually rolled out to counteract these types of articles such as STEM and ATAR needs to go. Instead, I want to remind you that teachers work hard for the kids in their care and 'holding them back' isn't in their DNA.

Jason Fay | Deputy Principal



From the Wellbeing Leader

CONCERT THANKS

A sincere thank you goes out to all of the parents who gave up their time to help with this year's concert. Thanks to those who helped set up chairs, serve in the canteen, helped with ushering, supported students with costumes, face painting and watching rehearsals at home! Our concert was once again a success, not only because of the work of the staff and students here, but also because of your contributions as well. The DVD of the concert will be available to purchase very soon.

PICNIC ON THE PARK- SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER (FAMILY EVENT)

It's not too far away! Information regarding the event has been sent home today. We'd love as many volunteers as possible for this to be a great success. Please return the blue 'can you help' form at your earliest convenience. Tickets will be \$7.00 per family which includes a bouncy castle, various games and activities. A sausage sizzle, drinks and iceblocks will be available for purchase. If you have any questions, please email Carly cbergen@stpaul.sa.edu.au

Carly Bergen | Wellbeing Leader

General News

BOOK FAIR 2019

Get your Christmas shopping started next week at the St Paul Library Book Fair. The Fair will run from Wednesday to Friday (23 – 25 Oct). This is an opportunity for parents and students to purchase on the spot items normally available through the Scholastic Book Club. All purchases benefit our school earning our library free books and learning resources. We will have novelty stationery items and posters for sale starting at \$1.00 and books starting at \$4.00. There will be something for everyone! Students will browse the Book Fair on Tuesday and will be able to purchase on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please see the Book Fair information sent home with students for opening times and purchasing details.

I am also looking for volunteers to help with the Book

Fair. If you are a registered volunteer and available to help Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 8:20am – 8:45am or 3:00pm – 3:30pm please let me know.

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

LUTHERAN FILM FEST

Last term the Year 5 students created three short films for the nationwide Lutheran Film Festival. We were asked to create messages of Hope which related to the Christian faith. We are pleased to announce that all three videos were well received and that our film "The Letter" won 3rd prize and "The Biggest Present" was awarded the 2nd prize. \$200 of prize money was awarded to acknowledge the students' creative efforts and their inspiring collaborations.

Armin Mayer | German/Drama/Digital Technologies

FUNDRAISING FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER

Congratulations to everyone at St Paul for raising \$604.45 for Childhood Cancer awareness on PJ Day last term. Thank you for supporting this great cause.

Church News

CELEBRATION WORSHIP AND EXPERIENCE EVENT – 'ADVENT EXPERIENCE'

Sunday 17 November 2019 is the date for our last Celebration Worship Event for the year! We are looking for children to be involved in the 10:00am Worship Service and Permission Forms will be coming home this week! Straight after the service, we will have a fun event in the hall called our Experience Advent Event. Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st December to Christmas Day!). Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. We would love to celebrate this special time in our church calendar with you and your family. For more information please contact Louise Venning, our School Ministry Worker lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au

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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PLAYGROUP

Tuesday morning Playgroup is back for Term Four and our theme is Mem Fox books! Everyone welcome, come and join us for coffee and a chat.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2019

Come along and support our local school Chaplaincy at St Paul Lutheran in the Church Hall on Saturday 26 October 2019 at 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Tickets are available now \$12.00 per adult. Children are welcome. If you have an item/service you could donate for our raffle or auction prizes, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Louise Venning at school or you can contact Judy Carr directly on 0427261794 or 8344 8868.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER WISH LIST – LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE



Our St Paul congregation supports the LCC Christmas Hamper Wish List Program and we are a collection location here at Blair Athol. If you would like to contribute and donate any of the listed items, we would be most grateful for your

support. There is a box for donations in the front office and we will be collecting until Monday 2 December (Week 8).

ST PAUL CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2019

A Confirmation service will be held on Sunday 3 November at 9:30am. You are invited to come along and celebrate with our young people who are past students of St Paul Lutheran Primary School - Andrew Jenke, Bethany Hall, Caleb Christian, Leticia Scholz, Nathaniel Keeler, Samson Venning and Sophie Fox.

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

In conjunction with 107.9 Life, the school and church are collecting bread bag tags. These are sold to a South Australian company in Robe called Transmutation. The company recycles the tags and the proceeds then go towards buying wheelchairs for the disabled in South Africa. Instead of throwing them away, we can recycle them and we can all do our bit for the environment, reduce landfill and help others. Please place your tags in the jar at the front office. Thanks for your help.

Support Seven Local School Chaplains...

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL

QUIZ NIGHT



26 October 2019,

St Paul Lutheran Church Hall,

44 Audrey Ave, Blair Athol.

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tables of 6-8. Start inviting friends!!!

Tickets **\$12.00**. Please contact:

Judy Carr: ph. 8344 8868/0427 261 794 or email:

nandjcarr@bigpond.com

Frances Raymond: ph. 8262 5006/0438 262 500 or email:

b.f.raymond@bigpond.com

Included on the Night:

- Free Tea & Coffee (BYO Nibbles and other Drinks)
- An Auction
- Raffle
- Plant Stall

****Please bring extra cash, including gold coin, for these and other games ****

Funds raised support Chaplaincy in Schools