



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 5

TUE 25 FEBRUARY

- Shrove Tuesday

WED 26 FEBRUARY

- Ash Wednesday

SUN 1 MARCH

- Celebration Worship at St Paul Lutheran Church 10:00am

WEEK 6

MON 2 MARCH

- Tri-Skills Gymnastics (Years 3-6)

THU 5 MARCH

- Parent Information Evening (Reception)

WEEK 7

MON 9 MARCH

- Public Holiday - School Closed

THU 12 MARCH

- School Tour 6:15pm

WEEK 8

MON 16 MARCH

- Tri-Skills Gymnastics (Years 3-6)

TUE 17 MARCH

- Sports Day Sprints

WED 18-20 MARCH

- Year 5 Camp - Aldinga

Love is all around us

On Friday many people around the world celebrated Valentine's day. In the lead up to this day, it was hard to avoid the abundances of "stuff" all around us that companies use to sell cards, flowers, chocolates and other items "essential" for expressing our love.

Whilst it is great to have a yearly reminder, we should take time regularly to let those in our lives whom we love to know just how special they are to us. Likewise, it is important for us to remember daily the abundant love that God has for each one of us. God loves us immensely. No action we make and no sin that we commit can make Him love us any less.

The Bible tells us, *"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"* (1 John 3:1-3) No matter how many bad decisions we make, God's love for us never ends. God's love surpasses human love. He loves us for who we are and we can always depend on that love so it is important to remember that:

God's Love is Unconditional ("For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God..." Ephesians 2:8)

God's Love Can Never Be Broken ("And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:3)

God's Love Guides Our Paths ("And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them" 1 John 4:16)

God's Love Strengthens Us ("It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" 1 Corinthians 13:7)

Submitted by Bec Mattner



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Reception book making
- SRC

From the Acting Principal

COMMUNITY

The launch of the new Communities with students last week was a great success. Seeing students proudly chanting the names of their new teams as they left school (and even on the weekend at netball) on Friday afternoon brought a smile to my face.

This is how we are building a sense of community with students, but it has me thinking how we can do this for parents and extended families. Education is built on the foundation of positive relationships and community. Without it, school is robotic and lifeless, and, lacks wonder and connection.

This presents challenges in a time poor world. How do we build positive relationships when school and family have so little time together? Information tends to become communicated in more formal ways and via technology. Technology in this sense though brings us together and pushes us apart at the same time. As a parent of high school students I know it becomes harder as children progress through this phase of school. There are more teachers to meet and keep track of, sometimes for terms or semesters at a time only, and almost all communication is via technology.

In the primary school setting, as children are nurtured to develop a love of learning and wonder and explore, the relationship with between one classroom teacher and the home, provides a unique opportunity. While the year is still young, it is important to form a positive relationship with your child's teacher. This is a significant adult in the life of your child. Through tears, laughter, awe and confusion, your child's teacher will be a constant source of comfort and connection. Clear and respectful lines of communication are vital to the learning AND wellbeing of your child.

As a Lutheran school, it also important to note that these relationships are built on the values and belief

systems of a Christian community. Please make the most of this initial stage of the school year to get to know your child's teacher. The stronger our sense of community is, the more we all benefit.

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

On page 5 of this week's Inspire, is another copy of car parking and pick up/drop off requests. This is such an important factor in keeping everyone safe at the busiest times of day. If you have other family or friends who help at these times, please share this with them. A particular reminder of a couple of requests.

- The gate at the bottom of the driveway is not for pedestrians. This is a small gate for cars leaving the school. It is an unsafe access point for pedestrians.
- Stopping on Audrey Ave to pick up or drop off passengers slows the flow of all traffic and is extremely dangerous for passengers and other vehicles.
- Cars in the eastern carpark on Audrey Ave will not be allowed into the driveway until traffic flow has stopped in the morning and afternoon.
- The Staff Carpark is for staff only.

Thank you for your support with all of this. These expectations are for the safety of a large community, not to add time to your trip to and from school.

Jason Fay | Deputy Principal

From the Wellbeing Leader

MEDICAL AUTHORISATION

Please note that all medication that is brought to school must have an 'authorisation to administer medication' form completed (available from the front office) and signed by a parent/caregiver. It is imperative that all medication is in its original packaging and brought to the front office on the student's arrival.



UNIFORM MATTERS

Please ensure that your child is bringing their school hat to school every day. Students that do not have a hat are unable to play outside and will need to sit in an under covered area during play time. Also, it is important that students wear black shoes that take a shine with their formal uniform. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Green badges for Registered Volunteers have been sent home in the trays. If you did not receive a badge and were a volunteer last year, please email Carly so your registration can be checked. All new volunteers to St Paul require a valid DCSI or WWCC clearance and need to complete the Valuing Safe Communities training. Packs are available from the front office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Carly Bergen cbergen@stpaulba.sa.edu.au

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Please note that our first whole school Assembly will be in Week 5 (Friday 28 February) led by the Year 4 McMahon class.

Carly Bergen | Wellbeing Leader

General News

NATIONAL APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATIONS

ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Last Thursday February 13, another staff member Marlise Janetzki and I were fortunate to be able to attend the Reconciliation Apology Breakfast at the Adelaide Convention Centre with other Connected schools also represented. This breakfast focused on a National Apology to the Stolen Generations and was an opportunity to be able to listen and hear the heartfelt stories of many Aboriginal families who had been impacted by this damaging policy. One very moving commemorative performance was 'Circles and Squares'. This poem by Ali Cobby Eckermann and dance piece by Yellaka used the Circles and Squares as metaphors for trying to grow up in a 'square' world, and the

struggles and yearning for her identity and culture and return to the 'circles'. Whilst acknowledging and being witness to many Aboriginal people's stories of removal and separation was so devastating, the apology also symbolised a time of healing and respect for Aboriginal people and culture. Coming together as a community, and reflecting on the past and looking at the many services and resources funded to help heal and move forwards was very uplifting and we can hope that this continues to grow and the identity and culture of the Aboriginal people is protected.



Danielle Nak | Inclusive Education Leader

ST PAUL APP

Download it at the App store. The St Paul App will give you easy access to your portal via your mobile devices, including sending absentee messages, school calendar and other important communication.

LLL BANKING

Open an LLL Children's Saving account before 31 March 2020, and LLL will pay you an opening gift of \$25.00, if it's the first LLL account in the child's name. Be sure to write GET25 on your application. You can apply online <https://data.lll.org.au/FileView/Form/personal-account-opening-form>

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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"It is Written..."

Celebration Worship at St Paul
Sunday 1 March 2020
10am Worship

Our school and congregation coming together!
Join us afterwards for our 'Experience Event' at 11am in the
Hall for games, craft, food and fun. Free fun for all ages.



Join us for this special service as we gift
My First Storybook Bibles to our St Paul Receptions



Student banking day is Wednesday.

Church News

"IT IS WRITTEN" CELEBRATION WORSHIP

A Celebration Worship Service will be held at St Paul Lutheran Church on Sunday 1 March at 10:00am. This is a special service for the whole St Paul Community. Our focus is on children and young people, in particular those from our St Paul School. During the service time we will be celebrating together by presenting to our 2020 Reception Students their very own Bible, gifted from members of our St Paul Congregation.

Our theme is "It is Written" based around the written word of God. After the Worship Service, there is an Experience Event for families and children to participate in and enjoy in the Church Hall. There is always plenty of fun for all ages, including food, activities, crafts and games exploring our theme.

A reply slip is available to families for expressions of interest from children who might like to be involved in the service, through being in a Skit, Prayer or Bible reading. Please ask at Reception or contact Louise Venning at school for more information venning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service in the Church Wednesday 26 February at 7:00pm. All Welcome.

PLAYGROUP @ST PAUL

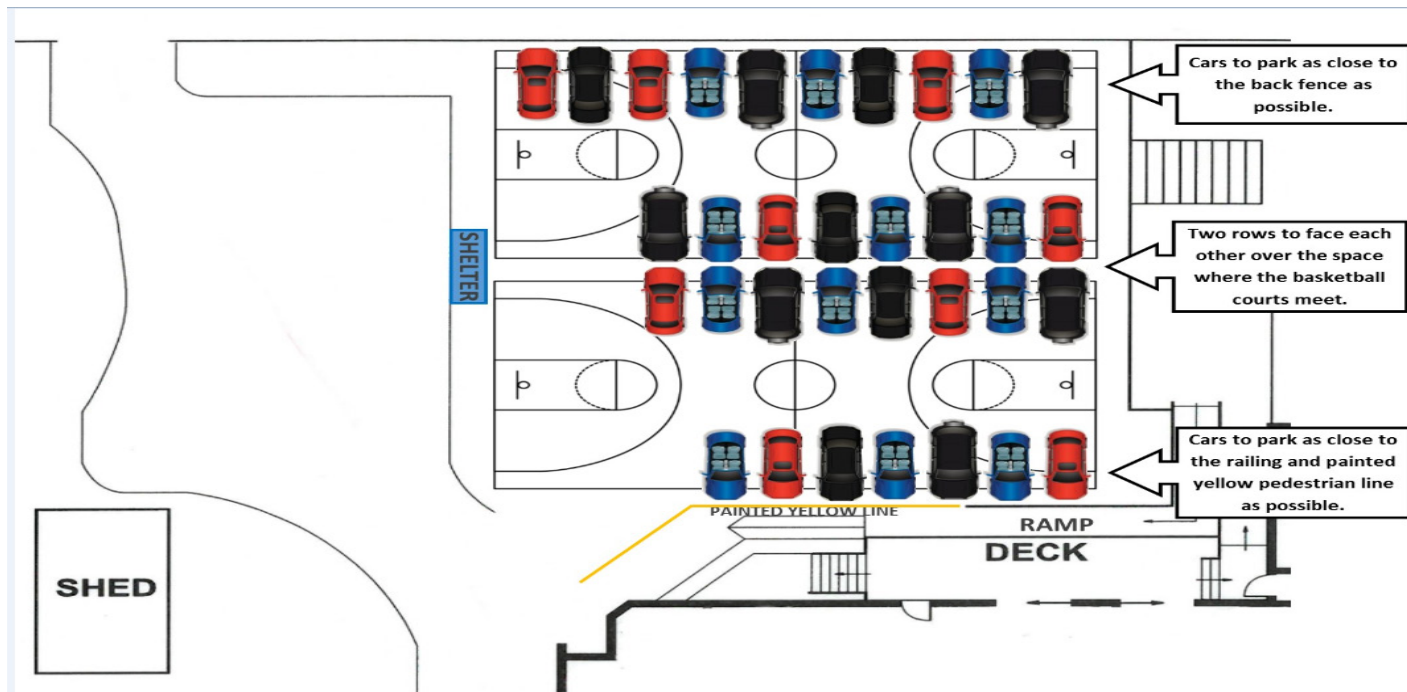
Playgroup @St Paul is held each Tuesday during school terms, from 9:00am-10:30am in the Church Hall. Children 0-5 years and their parent or carer are invited to join us for a time of play, craft, stories and singing. Our theme for Term 1 is 'A few of my favourite things'. All welcome. Come along and join the fun. Cost is \$2.00 per family. Please bring a small snack for your child for snack time.

SPY - ST PAUL YOUTH

St Paul Youth for children in Years 6-8 is held on the first and third Friday of the month during school terms. Our next get together is this Friday 21 February. Time 7:00pm-9:00pm. Cost is \$2.00. Girls to please bring supper. Any enquiries please contact Nicole on 0412 686 342.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

For the month of February, LCC are asking for tinned vegetables and tinned fruit to replenish their shelves. Donations can be left on the table in the Church narthex or via our front reception.



TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AT ST PAUL

To assist us with the safe and timely movement of all traffic around the school, please help us with the following considerations. Sharing this with grandparents and other family members who assist with the school drop off and pick up will also assist.

- Park and walk into school wherever possible, as this greatly reduces traffic congestion.
- Remain vigilant with your child/ren while crossing roads or within the carpark area. Use the crossings.
- Children entering and exiting the 'Kiss and Drop' without the need for parents to exit the vehicle whenever possible. The Kiss and Drop driveway is for children who do not need parents assistance entering or exiting vehicles. Parents, please stay in your cars to keep traffic moving. This will be a significant aid in speeding up traffic.
- There is no overtaking when using the 'Kiss and Drop' queue.
- Please ensure you follow the direction of staff that are entrusted to move children and parents in/out of the school.
- The 'Kiss and Drop' is open between 8.30am and 8.45pm and again between 3:10pm and 3:35pm, which helps a staggered pick-up routine.
- Reversing into car park spaces in the parent car park is prohibited as it significantly disrupts the flow of traffic.
- Turning right into the carpark from the Main North rd. end of Audrey Avenue is a dangerous practice that stops all traffic on Audrey Avenue and causes public cars to take dangerous risks. Please do not turn right into the carpark from Audrey Avenue. This will be a significant aid in speeding up traffic.
- All cars in the parent car park will be impounded (ie can't move them) until 8:45 am in the morning or 3:30 pm in the afternoon to enhance better traffic flow in Audrey Avenue.
- All traffic on the tennis courts will exit via Deakin Street at the direction of the staff on duty. Priority is given to the cars on the driveway to speed up traffic flow.
- 5km/h at all times.
- Please ensure that you meet your child on the same side of the street. Your child should not cross the road without a parent, even with the pedestrian crossing.
- Do not use the gate at the bottom of the kiss and drop driveway for pedestrian access. Please use the school gate at the top of the park.
- To maximize the spaces for car parking on the tennis courts , please park as indicated on the attached map.