Welcome to Spring

Springtime – it is such a beautiful time of year that opens us up to new beginnings. After a very cold, dark, and rainy winter, we are finally starting to be able to enjoy longer, warmer days that are full of sunshine. It is a time of year when we can really enjoy playing and being outdoors again, before the harsh heat of Adelaide’s Summer kicks in.

We have all had to deal with life's stresses in one way or another throughout the Winter months this year. We have endured lockdowns, persistent rain, border closures and working or learning from home. The arrival of Spring, the sound of birds singing and the fresh air brings a new feel to our day-to-day lives.

Genesis 8:22 says:

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

The arrival of spring serves as a reminder to us that even in moments of darkness, there are still moments of light through God. We must endure the cold and the rain to reap the rewards of new life and new beginnings. Just as the seasons provide what the earth needs, we have done our part here in SA to reduce the spread of Covid, and fortunately now we have greater freedoms to enjoy the beautiful Spring weather.

Song of Songs 2:11-13:

See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.

Submitted by Lucy Bakewell
From the Acting Principal

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP
At the end of the year a number of places on the St Paul School Board (formerly School Council) will become available. We have some current members who are finishing up in December after a number of years of membership and we will acknowledge these Board members later in the year.

If this type of role in the school community interests you, please take a look at the nomination form on our website at http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/about/strategic-directions/. Completed nominations are to be sent to councilchair@stpaulb.sa.edu.au by or before September 30.

Given the Master Planning process currently underway, we are particularly interested in community members who can commit to a number of years (i.e. children in the younger year levels) of service. Board meetings are held monthly, on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm, and usually take about two hours. At times there are also special meetings such as AGMs, meetings with Architects and school visits. If you would like to discuss anything about this role or application process, please email me at jfay@stpaulba.sa.edu.au

MASTER PLAN
A reminder that three different options for a St Paul Community Master Plan are currently on our school website at http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/about/strategic-directions/

Please complete the survey link sent by email today if you’d like to have your say. Please refer to last Monday’s email for further details.

ENROLMENTS
As we approach the end of Term 3, it is important to inform the school of any intentions to withdraw students from the school at the conclusion of the year.

Thank you to those families who have already indicated that due to new jobs and addresses etc. that they will be looking for new schools next year. As per the school enrolment policy, it is important that we receive a term in advance notice to assist with future planning. Please email admin@stpaulba.sa.edu.au with any questions or new information.

PUPIL FREE DAY - FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
Just a reminder that Friday 10 September is a Pupil Free Day. SPLASH is available for care on this day. Please contact the SPLASH team to secure your place.

OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE DAY FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
The last Friday of the term will be an optional attendance day for all students from Reception to Year 6. Students who do come to school will be supervised in mixed-class groups and will support the concert clean-up.

Jason Fay | Acting Principal

From the Wellbeing Leader

FATHER’S DAY STALL
St Paul will be having a Father’s Day stall tomorrow morning Thursday 2 September (Term 3 Week 7) coordinated by Jess Deer and our amazing office team. Gifts range from $2.00-$7.00 and children are able to purchase a maximum of 3 gifts. Qkr! payments are now closed, cash can be bought on the day.

IMPORTANT TRAFFIC Reminders
Just a reminder about the following traffic reminders to ensure our St Paul Community and surrounding neighbours keep safe:

• When dropping your children through kiss and drop, please drive past the crossing towards Deakin ave and allow your children to exit.

• Please don’t stop on Audrey ave and allow your children to exit the car. This stops the flow of traffic and is very dangerous.
• Please don’t use church car parks or the staff car park for drop off or pick up.
• Our visitor carpark gets very full for allied health specialists and parents visiting the office so please use alternate parking if you need to work or visit the city.
• When waiting on Audrey ave for kiss and drop, please don’t park across driveways.

Thank you for following these important safety measures to keep the St Paul Lutheran School Community safe.

UPCOMING CASUAL DAY- FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Please check out the attached flyer regarding an upcoming Casual Day in support of The Cancer Council. Donations are able to be made via the QKR app from Wednesday 15-Tuesday 21 September. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful cause.

STEVE BIDDULPH- RAISING BOYS WEBINAR WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 8PM AEST

Steve’s world famous talk, covering boys of all ages from baby to young adult. How to raise sons who are kind, confident, and safe. Boys and school. The importance of dads. What single mums can do. Testosterone. The 3 Stages of boyhood and how to have them go smoothly. Boys and housework, and much more. This life-changing seminar, filmed with a live audience before Covid 19 came along, is unforgettable moving, hilarious and so helpful. WATCH AT HOME in safety and comfort on this special night. For more information, please see link in Inspire email.

UNDERSTANDING OUR GORGEOUS, CONFUSED GIRLS-MAGGIE DENT AND MICHELLE MITCHELL THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 8PM AEST

In the approximately 1.5 hour masterclass, Maggie and I will explore:
• Girl culture in the 21st Century – what is life like for this generation of girls and what do they need?
• Fears, challenges and disappointments that can be a catalyst for positive change in girl culture.
• Strengthening body image and self-care in everyday conversations, amidst a selfie-obsessed culture.
• Supporting tween and teen girls with their friendship issues.
• Essential tips for managing a girl’s online world.
• The importance of aunties and father figures in girl’s lives.
• Top tips to help our girls find their own identity, purpose and voice.

For more information, please see link in Inspire email.
FLIP THE SCRIPT WITH JUSTIN COULSON SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2PM AEST

The goal of this workshop: to help you break free of your script, to avoid blow-ups and the resulting damage, and to become the role model you want to be to your family.

• 2 Hour Workshop
• Work face to face with Dr Justin
• Spaces limited to just 50 participants
• Digital Workbook Included
• 20% discount for Happy Families members
• Early bird price just $199 (ends 28/08)

For more information, please see link in Inspire email.

Carly Bergen | Wellbeing Leader

From the Education Admin Leader

HATS BACK ON FOR SPRING

Today marks the first day of Spring. We have all been loving the chance play in the sunshine. From today we encourage children and staff to wear hats for play breaks and outdoor lessons. We will be allowing the rest of this week for children and families to organise their hats. From next week it will be a requirement to wear our school hats while outside.

CONCERT FOR YEARS 1-4

This year, we are excited to offer families two ways to view our Concert. There will be both a filmed recording of the entire concert as well as live class performances (two classes performing each afternoon in Week 10 and two classes on Friday of Week 9). The full recorded concert will be available to view before the live performances to help families understand the Concert storyline. The live performances will be held in the Hall after the afternoon break at approximately 2pm each day from Friday Week 9.

Below is the schedule for the live performance afternoons:

• Friday 17/9: 4 Lethborg, 4 Woodward
• Monday 20/9: 1 Fisher, 1 Bakewell
• Tuesday 21/9: 2 Tew/Miegel, 2 Voigt
• Wednesday 22/9: 3 Fyffe, 3 Burgan
• Thursday 23/9: 3 Baldock, 4 Nicholls

Live performance times:

• 1:45pm Arrival. Car parking on the school courts. COVID check in.
• 2:00pm be seated by 2pm in the hall
• 2:05pm Live performance begins
• 2:45pm Performance finishes ready for regular school pick up times

Tickets will be available to purchase from today through the QKR app. Bookings close the day before your child’s live performance. Tickets are $5 each. With our current restrictions in place, there is a maximum of 2 tickets available per family.

We ask that all guests wear masks while on site and make sure to COVID check in upon entry to the School Hall.

BOOK WEEK

Last week we celebrated Book Week with the theme of Old Worlds, New World, Other Worlds. Ms McLeod, Mrs Madigan and their team did a wonderful job of organising and hosting a range of exciting activities throughout the week. We had a great time at our Meet the Author events and loved seeing the children all dressed up for the costume parade on Friday. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who made Book Week such a special week.

CHAPELS AND ASSEMBLIES

Did you know that you can watch Chapels and Assemblies from home? Due to current restrictions, we are unable to invite families to attend Chapel and Assemblies on site. To make sure you can still celebrate with us, each week we share a livestream of Chapel and
Assembly on our St Paul Lutheran School Facebook page. To view livestreamed Chapel and Assemblies each week you can join our closed group ‘St Paul Lutheran School Blair Athol Live Streaming’ through our school Facebook page. Live recordings of Chapels are shared from 9am on Wednesdays. Next week when Assemblies return, they will be shared at 9am on Fridays. If you miss the livestream, you can always hop onto the closed group to view the recording at a time that suits you.

WEDNESDAY CHAPELS
Thank you to Miss Woodward and her class for leading us this morning with their Chapel on The Plagues of Egypt Part 2.

Upcoming Term 3 Chapels:
Week 8 (8/9) Seniors Exodus and parting the Red Sea
Week 9 (15/9) Endeavour Chaplain- Eve Mount Sinai and the Ten Commandments
Week 10 (23/9) Closing Chapel with Pastor Matt Bishop Gratitude for God.

**Please note, Closing Chapel will be on Thursday morning at 9am**

Chapels will be shared through our closed Facebook group to view from home.

ASSEMBLIES
Our Book Week Assembly and Costume Parade last week was our final Assembly for Term 3. Our Hall has now been transformed into a Concert Hall in preparation for our Concert for Years 1-4 in Week 9 and 10. Class Assemblies will return in Term 4.

Jessica Robinson | Education Administration Leader

General News

SRC
This week in our school learnt Kimochis® Key 1. This Key teaches children that when we want to get someone’s attention before speaking, it is important to say that person’s name. This alerts them to look at you. When you wait for eye contact before speaking, it increases the odds that you can listen to each other.

However, sometimes calling someone’s name is not enough. A gentle Communication Tap can be helpful. Here are the three communication habits your child learned:
1. Call the person by name.
2. Wait for eye contact before speaking.
3. Use a Communication Tap (gentle tap on the shoulder 2 or 3 times) to get attention.

At home get in the habit of calling one another by name and waiting for eye contact before speaking. This increases both cooperation and connection!

Kimochis® Family Challenge: Make it a point to call family members by name and wait for eye contact before speaking. Maintain eye contact when a family member is speaking with you. Appreciate family members as they practice calling your name and waiting for eye contact before speaking. These communication habits improve relationships and keep connections positive.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
This is the last week of the PRC 2021, with all entries due this Friday 3rd September. We have been reading lots of PRC books during Library time and these books combined with some reading at home should ensure that all students can complete the challenge. If you have any questions please let me know.

THANK YOU FROM MRS MCLEOD
A big, big thank you to the St Paul community for making Book Week 2021 a great success! The students had a fantastic week engaging with Australian authors and celebrating literacy. It was lovely to see so many students enjoying the Book Week Assembly on Friday. I wanted to give a special thank you to all the parents and carers who assisted their children with dress up costumes for the Book Week parade, everyone looked amazing!
WEEK 9, FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Casual Day!

THE CANCER COUNCIL
DONATIONS VIA QKR APP FROM WEDNESDAY 15TH–TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.
OUR VISION:


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

PROUD MEMBER OF:

Lutheran Education Australia

Connected Schools
A Child-Centered Community of K-12 Lutheran Schools

St Paul Lutheran School
44 Audrey Avenue
Blair Athol SA 5084
Phone +61 8 8260 2655
admin@stpaulba.sa.edu.au
stpaulba.sa.edu.au

Church News

WORSHIP @ ST PAUL

Please feel welcome to join us for Sunday Worship at 8:30am Traditional and 10:00am Contemporary including Godly Play for Children. For more information feel free to contact us by email at office@stpaul-church.org.au or call us on 8262 4690.

SPY

Our next SPY is on Friday 3rd September. 7-9pm in the hall. Cost $2. Girls please bring something to share for supper. We look forward to seeing you.

STEP UP TO COMMUNION

The first session of our Step up to Communion course will begin this Saturday, 4th September in the morning. Running over 4 weeks this course is for parents and their children to learn more about receiving the Lord's Supper. If you are interested in more information or wanted to be part of the group please contact us ASAP. matt.bishop@lca.org.au or cyhm@stpaul-church.org.au (Nicole).

GROWING FAITH AT HOME - BLESSING

Do you ever use the Growing Faith at Home Blessing? Wondered what is a blessing?

A blessing comes directly from God and His design for us. Blessings can encompass elements of love, spoken affirmation, and unique encouragement from a parent to their children.

Perhaps you've heard of it within the Old Testament or other parts of the Bible. And, you might be thinking to yourself….That seems outdated or like something that doesn't matter for me anymore.

Blessings contain roots in ancient history but still serve a very purposeful role in our world and even in your life. They remind us of God's presence and inject purpose into our activity.

If you've never spoken a blessing over your family, start today. If your children are young, snuggle them into your arms as you speak. If they are prickly teenagers, a simple “The Lord bless you!” as they walk out the door can penetrate even the thickest shell. A family blessing does not have to be eloquent, complicated, or long. Simple works. But I can't think of an easier—or more powerful—way to speak God's grace over your children, and to remind them that he loves them and that his power is active in their lives.

This week’s Blessing: (Child's Name) – God chose to give you a new birth through the message of truth, may you know every good and perfect gift is from him.