



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

inspire

VOL 22 ISSUE 10 5 APRIL 2017

Upcoming Events

WEEK 10

WED 5 APR

- Chapel 9:00am

THUR 6 APR

- Year 5 and 6 to Annie the Musical

FRI 7 APR

- Twilight Sports Day 1:00pm - 5:00pm

WEEK 11

TUES 11 APR

- School Council Meeting 7:30pm

THURS 13 APR

- Maundy Thursday
- Final Day of Term 1
- Closing Chapel 2:30pm

FRI 14 APR

- Good Friday

WEEK 1 TERM 2

MON 1 MAY - FRI 5 MAY

- National Lutheran Schools Week

MON 1 MAY

- Chapel 9:00am

WED 3 MAY

- School Tour 2:00pm

THURS 4 MAY

- Mother's Day Stall

FRI 5 MAY

- Shed Men

Cradled in Comfort

My friend entrusted me with the privilege of holding her precious, four-day-old daughter. Not long after I took the baby into my arms, she started to fuss. I hugged her closer, my cheek pressed against her head, and began to sway and hum in a gentle rhythm to soothe her. Despite these earnest attempts, and my decade and a half of parenting experience, I couldn't pacify her. She became increasingly upset until I placed her back into the crook of her mother's eager arm. Peace washed over her almost instantaneously; her cries subsided and her newborn frame relaxed into the safety she already trusted. My friend knew precisely how to hold and pat her daughter to alleviate her distress.

God extends comfort to His children like a mother: tender, trustworthy, and diligent in her efforts to calm her child. When we are weary or upset, He carries us affectionately in His arms. As our Father and Creator, He knows us intimately. He *"will keep in perfect peace all who trust in [Him], all whose thoughts are fixed on [Him]"* (Isaiah. 26:3 NLT).

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you. (Isaiah 66:13)

God's comfort soothes us perfectly.

When the troubles of this world weigh heavy on our hearts, we can find comfort in the knowledge that He protects and fights for us, His children, as a loving parent.

Lord, help me to look to You for my comfort in times of distress.

Submitted by Jess Denko

From Our Daily Bread Devotionals. Written by Kirsten Holmberg



From the Principal

SPORTS DAY ON FRIDAY

It was a pleasure to sit in assembly two weeks ago to see the focus from Mr Kym Mickan and his fine student leader helpers upon good sportsmanship. I look forward to spending a fabulous day on Friday seeing students give their best efforts whilst also supporting one another. I have already seen many great examples of our students encouraging one another during the sprint heats and the long distance events in the past days and weeks. Thank you to all students for your great sportsmanship and good luck to Giersch, Linke and Neumann on Friday.

As an additional note, please refer to Assistant Principal, Helen Vonow's instructions about collection of students at the conclusion of sports day in this edition of Inspire. Duty of care to children must remain our utmost priority. Thank you for your help!

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Assistant Principal

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Communication between home and school is a significantly important part of your child's education as we seek to continue strong partnerships with parents. We would like to sincerely thank parents for their attendance at Parent Teacher interviews this week. We would also like to sincerely thank teachers for working through until 8:00pm on both evenings as we accommodated flexible meeting times for families, and our Business Manager, Mrs Robyn Mader, for the additional time spent supporting families to book their interviews online.

P & F SCHOOL DISCO

Did you know there are some very conscientious Mother's working behind the scenes to plan a school disco for SPLS children in term 2? More details about this exciting opportunity for your children will be announced very soon. In the mean time we ask you to 'save the date' on your calendars: Saturday evening 3rd June (end of week 5, term 2).

CAR PARK THANKYOU

It seems Mr Fay's additional staff member (the alias 'no turn right sign') has in general assisted the flow of traffic at morning and afternoon times. We really do appreciate the patience of parents as we seek to provide the safest environment possible for pick up and drop off of children. Thankyou for working with staff in this area and thankyou also to parents who have been encouraging parent peers to do the right thing as well. The final aspect of tidying up this area is in relation to speed on Audrey Avenue. Some parents and students have reported they feel unsafe crossing the road as cars are not slowing down to 25km/hr. Please could you be vigilant in adhering to the 25km/hr speed zone that extends from the start of the Church Hall through to the other side of the front office car park. Thank you.

IPAD SECURITY UPGRADES

We are very grateful to our IT contractor My Paul Parry for his significant support and contribution to the upgrade of our iPad security as we seek to support students in responsible and careful use of iPads. Mr Parry has encountered various glitches as part of this process and we ask that parents and students continue to show patience and grace on the time line. In the ideal world Year 5 & 6 iPads will be upgraded in time for the school holidays, however if there is a need to be flexible on this time line we are prepared to work with Mr Parry on this. We are blessed to have Mr Parry working on site to support the school's IT programme two days (Monday and Wednesday) each week.

SPORTS DAY DUTY OF CARE

A reminder that all students from Rec – Yr 6 will be dismissed from their classroom at the end of Sports Day. At the end of presentations, students will move from their House Bays, back to their classrooms, for collection by parents. Kiss and drop will not be open. Exit from the school grounds will be via the back gate next to the park or via the uniform shop and front office area. We understand that some families may move back to the park after collecting their children from the classroom, to enjoy food from the Shed Men community



barbecue. Thankyou for assisting our duty of care to children in this matter.

FRIDAY MORNING SUPERVISION

Those families who have sent back the reply slip indicating need for the school supervision service are asked to sign in as follows:

SPLASH students will come straight from the Hall, direct to the Creative Space.

Parents with children arriving at 8:30am are asked to enter the school through the front office area and accompany their children to the Creative Space so parents can sign them in.

Please note: Kiss and Drop will not be open and the back gate by the park will be shut. Thank you again for assisting our duty of care to children.

Helen Vonow | Assistant Principal

From the Director of Learning

NAPLAN

From Tuesday May 9, students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 all around Australia will undertake the 2017 NAPLAN tests. All Australian schools are required by the Australian Education Act 2013 (Commonwealth) to participate in NAPLAN. NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to assess that children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards. It contributes to school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor their students' progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time. It is not a pass or fail type test. Rather, it shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy against national standards set for all Australian school students. This data is just one example of how St Paul monitors student progress, and complements classroom based assessment.

Please contact your child's teacher should you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the 2017 NAPLAN.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS

Students in Years 3 to 6 are eligible to sit in the UNSW international competitions. St Paul provides opportunities for students to sit the Science, English and Mathematics papers. Each test cost \$9.90 to participate. Relevant dates for the upcoming year are:

Science Test: 30 May

English Test: 1 August

Mathematics Test: 15 August

All forms must be returned to the School Office no later than **13 April** which is the last day of Term 1.

A registration form has been sent home with the eldest child in each family today.

From the Sports Coordinator

TWILIGHT SPORTS DAY INFORMATION

Sports Day is this Friday 7 April. SPLASH will be operating as usual from 7:00am to 8:30am. A reminder that students may stay home until 1:00pm, however school supervision will be provided from 8:30am for those families who have sent back the reply slip indicating a need for this service.

Student dismissal will be from classrooms at approximately 5:00pm. The community BBQ will continue until approximately 5:30pm. We'd be most grateful to any parents able to stay back to assist with packing up. Thank you.

Schedule for the Day

1:00 pm	Children arrive in class
1:15 pm	Class roll call
1:20pm	Teams assemble in lanes on the park
1:30 pm	Sports Day begins on the park
1:45 pm	Opening Ceremony by senior students
1:55 pm	Tabloid events begin (Reception to Year 2 on tennis courts) and (Year 3 to Year 6 on park)
3:00 pm	Afternoon recess
3:30 pm	Reassemble in teams
3:40 pm	Sprint finals and relays
4:40 pm	Staff v seniors event
4:50 pm	Presentations
5:00pm	Dismissal from classrooms and community barbecue

Kym Mickan | Sports Coordinator



General News

SPLASH NEWS

Vacation care will run from Tuesday 18th April – Friday 28th April. Booking forms must be returned by Friday 7th April.

Public Holiday - SPLASH will be closed on Monday 17th April (Easter Monday) and Tuesday 25th April (Anzac Day). We are also planning to close on Monday 24th April. As this day falls between a public holiday and the weekend, we anticipate numbers too low to viably run a program, however if you are in need of care on this day and can make no other arrangements please let SPLASH know directly or via email. If we have an appropriate number interested by 7th April we will run a program on this day.

Rebecca Heinjus | SPLASH Director

WINTER UNIFORM

Winter uniform items are now available for sale at the Uniform Shop.

REMEMBER... Winter uniform is only to be worn from TERM 2.

Need to try uniforms on? Come to the Uniform Shop at 8.30am any day (except Wednesday and Thursday) to find your child's size.

Jane Sabel | Uniform Shop Girl

TRANSITION TO ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE

A reminder for St Paul Lutheran School, Year 5 families who have recently been offered a place for enrolment for their child at Endeavour College for Year 7 in 2019, to please return their signed Enrolment Acceptance form and finalise payment of the \$500 bond, by this Friday 7 April 2017.

Places for enrolment for Year 7 in 2019 are limited. To avoid the possibility of missing out on a place, families still considering enrolment are encouraged to contact Endeavour College PH: 8368 3311 as soon as possible.

Carolyn Wachtel | Endeavour College

Library News

LIBRARY LOST PROPERTY

This Term I have had a number of items returned to the library that do not belong to St Paul Lutheran School. They include a Dr Seuss book, My Australian Girl book and numerous cartoon DVDs. If these belong to your family please come to the Library to claim them.

EASTER CRAFT AND COLOURING COMPETITION

Last week we made some more 'stained glass windows' for the Library which look beautiful in the afternoon sun. This Wednesday we will continue with our Easter craft led by Nicole Hall and Louise Venning. Don't forget the Easter colouring competition with entries due on the 11th April. Every entrant will get an Easter surprise!

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

Church News

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL

On Maundy Thursday, 13 April, a "Seder Meal" will be hosted at St. Paul from 6.30 pm, recalling the Passover Meal which our Lord Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room in the hours before his arrest and sufferings. Holy Communion will be celebrated as part of the Meal. A traditional Maundy Thursday Service will also be held from 8pm onwards.

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

We are running an Easter Colouring Competition at St. Paul School and it isn't too late to enter! It will again be available at lunchtimes in the Library this week. Drop your entry into the Library to receive a small Easter surprise. There will be winners announced for the three following age groups: R-1, Years 2-3 and Years 4-6. Happy colouring!

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

PROUD MEMBER OF:



St Paul Lutheran School
44 Audrey Avenue
Blair Athol SA 5084
Phone +61 8 8260 2655
Fax +61 8 8262 4216
admin@stpaulba.sa.edu.au
stpaulba.sa.edu.au



ST. PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY ON 4TH JUNE

Our next SPCS will be on Sunday 4th June and we are looking for interested young people from our school to be involved in the service in a variety of ways, from reading, artwork, music or a short drama. If your children are keen to be involved, please let me know.

Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker. (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
Email: LVenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au or Phone: 0416 008 129.

SPY NEWS

St Paul Youth for Years 6 to 8 is held on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term from 7.00pm-9.00pm. Cost is \$2.00

Our next meeting date is on Friday April 7th 'Washing Night'. Boys please bring supper.

Please contact Nicole Hall CYHM Coordinator for more details mobile 0412686342

A poster for the Easter Journey event. It features a background image of a cross against a sunset sky. The text on the poster includes the church name, address, phone number, and website, followed by the event details for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
44 Audrey Avenue, Blair Athol
Ph: 8262 4690 or www.stpaul-church.org.au

**Join us
for our
Easter
Journey**

APRIL 13,14,16

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Seder Meal 6.30 pm
Worship with Communion 8 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Worship 9.30 am

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunrise Worship 6.30 am
Worship with Communion 9.30 am