



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 4

FRI 18 AUGUST

- Wakakirri

WEEK 5

- Book Week

TUE 22 AUGUST

- School Tour 9:30am

THU 25 AUGUST

- Sports Team Photos

FRI 25 AUGUST

- Book Week Dress up Day

WEEK 6

WED 30 AUGUST

- Parents and Friends consultation morning tea 9:30am (following Chapel)

THU 31 AUGUST

- Father's Day Stall

FRI 1 SEPTEMBER

- Shed Men

SAT 2 SEPTEMBER

- Quiz Night Fundraiser

WEEK 7

MON 4 SEPTEMBER

- Connected Schools Art Visit

THU 7 SEPTEMBER

- District Athletics

WEEK 8

- School Tour 6:00pm

OUR WONDERFUL WORLD

This term our class have been focusing on what makes our planet special. I always love hearing the ideas that the students come up with about why they love something. We shared our ideas about it being special because it is filled with our family, animals and resources. It has been lovely to take time to reflect on the world around us and how all of these things are an example of God's love. He filled the Earth with beauty and gave us the responsibility to look after it.

It has been wonderful to see other classes sharing their ideas on how we can look after our world and keep it sustainable. We are called to be caretakers of all God's creation. It is our responsibility to play our part in helping maintain the beauty of our planet. Small changes in our lives can make a big difference to our wonderful world.

Hopefully we can all work towards one small goal to maintain what God has created. It is one achievable job he gave to us all, to care for all things.

'This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.' Psalm 118:23

Submitted by

Claire Kelly





INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Year One Zoo Excursion

From the Principal

PEDAGOGY AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

We often see our children coming home sharing the inquiry learning that they have engaged in at school. Our teachers share information through weebly, emails, sending work home, and through other technologies such as the SeeSaw application. There is much student learning to celebrate.

As part of our strategic planning process, we have been reflecting in our school council meetings about what makes St Paul a great school. Our staff, and soon our school parents, will also be taking part in the engagement process of strategic planning. Our last strategic plan brought about significant and positive change in our teaching and learning (pedagogy) and our building renovation, which was designed to align with the latest research about learning spaces and their impact upon pedagogy.

St Paul Lutheran School has become a leading voice locally in the interplay of learning spaces and pedagogy. We are regularly called upon to share the journey of change, particularly the leading role that our teaching staff have taken in their passion for meaningful change in education. Teachers and principals from schools all around South Australia are visiting and touring St Paul to see current research in education, not just on paper, but in action. These school leaders leave St Paul having seen excellent teaching and learning in the classrooms, based on a unique foundation of pedagogy relevant to our context as it was designed by our teachers.

I encourage you to please take a moment to celebrate these achievements with our teaching staff, along with Director of Learning, Jason Fay.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR ST PAUL

Our school council members have been working during meetings and beyond to set some excellent ground work for our Strategic Plan. In the coming weeks, we would like to spend time engaging the

community in some particular questions about the future of St Paul. A critical date for you to set aside is Wednesday 6 September. We will be inviting all parents and caregivers to attend this community engagement workshop to give your input about the future direction of St Paul Lutheran School. More information will follow in the weeks leading up to this date.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS/ST PAUL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DISCUSSION

Our Parents and Friends volunteers do an amazing job in co-ordinating and helping with many events around the school. In recent years, we have been 'starting up' the Parents and Friends group again, after not having a parents and friends group for some time prior (although we have always had amazing group of parents volunteers)! I'd like to start a discussion with any interested parents/caregivers/extended family members about next steps for our Parents and Friends group. There are many great models for the way this works. From stand-alone groups, to school-run events with helpers. If you have any ideas that you would like to discuss, I'd like to invite you to a morning tea to be part of a conversation about what this looks like moving forwards. Please join me on Wednesday 30 August at 9:30am (following Chapel) in the Conference Room. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send me an email with any suggestions or discussion points. If needed, we will plan a follow-up session.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The paragraphs below are courtesy of David Wilksch at Good Shepherd with his blessing. Our Connected Schools relationship has a long history, with the Good Saints football team made up of St Paul and Good Shepherd students. At St Paul, we continue to celebrate incredible achievements of other students throughout the year. If you have an achievement to celebrate, please let us know!

It doesn't seem all that long ago when Daniel Aplin, Ben Oborn and Bryce Purser spent their Saturday mornings wearing the Good Saints jumper and giving their all for the team. Fast forward to 2017 and they are still team mates, but now at North Adelaide.



On Saturday Daniel and Ben made their debut for the North Adelaide reserves while Bryce was playing his 3rd reserves game. While it is a great achievement for these 3 lads, there is quite a large number of former Good Saints doing great things at various suburban and SANFL clubs. And for the record, North Adelaide defeated Central Districts by 39 points!

Leila Mattner | Principal



From the Director of Learning

Earlier this week, 46 students sat the UNSW Mathematics test. This is the third and final test that St Paul offers and this year we've had over 40 students sit each of the three tests, Science, English and Mathematics. Results and awards for the English and Mathematics tests will be available later in the term.

EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

"...there's a lot of truth in saying that when you go to school, the trauma is that you must stop learning and you must now accept being taught." Seymour Papert

I read with interest David Penberthy's article in 'The Advertiser' recently (4 August), pining for the good old days of rote learning in schools. Of course, he was reflecting on the NAPLAN data that was released to the media and **not schools**. You read right, this data is yet to be made available to sites of education beyond what has been seen in the media.

It would be unfair to critique why Mr. Penberthy didn't question this anomaly in his article as I am not a journalist nor do I have any media qualifications.

What I do know is that discussing NAPLAN data has become reliable newspaper columns fodder at this time

of year for a number of years now. Usually it isn't even the journalist on the education beat. A reliable mistake in these articles is comparing the data of two different cohorts looking for improvement. How can the 2017 Year 3's improve on the 2016 Year 3's mistakes? What if there are more students in one cohort with a non-English speaking background? Or autism? Or dyslexia? Improvement needs to be discussed cohort by cohort for it to be authentic and reliable comparable data.

Mr Penberthy chose the NAPLAN press release to call for a return to literacy and numeracy rote learning and testing and an end to 'cultish claptrap' like wellbeing and higher order thinking. He also offers a solution to all of this; text books. Brilliant, why didn't anyone else think of that? I wonder if he has any influence with someone involved in federal parliament to see his new ideology spring to life. Of course this piece appeared as opinion or as The Advertiser calls it 'The Meeting Place For News-Making Views'. Much of the 'cultish claptrap' Mr Penberthy talks about is emerging from research into the needs of students and in particular the type of world they will enter when they leave school.

Recently The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), an organisation that is funded by the Australian Department of Education and Training (NAPLAN?), Beyond Blue and the Charles Darwin University, released a report titled 'The New Work Smarts, Thriving in the New Work Order'. This research based report looks at the workforce of 2030, a year when most current aged primary school students will have left school. This is an excellent report that is freely available to anyone. Some interesting implications from this report include...

In 2030 workers will spend:

- 30% more time learning on the job.
- Almost 100% more time at work solving problems.
- 16 less hours per week on admin tasks.
- 11 more hours per week on digital tasks.
- 15 hours more per week using critical thinking.
- 15 hours less per week being taught or managed.



Now the future workforce won't all be 'cultish claptrap'. Workers will also spend 77% more time on using math and science skills. But this will occur in more critical and digital forms rather than data entry.

Literacy and numeracy skills will always be important. These skills are still central to the education process but simply saying we should teach these skills to everyone in the same way so that test results go up is folly. The classrooms that David Penberthy and I grew up in are very different to the ones today. Text books would bore the digital generation to sleep for a start.

Next time you read an article saying that NAPLAN proves that throwing money at education doesn't 'improve standards' without pointing out that throwing standardised testing at schools hasn't worked either, read it with a pinch of salt. There is much to look at when it comes to education and how it needs to evolve, just looking at funding is a very simplistic way. How about we start by looking at the students and do what's best for them, rather than spreadsheets, graphs and newspaper articles?

"Nobody else can make anybody else learn anything. You cannot make them. Any more than if you are a gardener you can make flowers grow, you don't make the flowers grow. You don't sit there and stick the petals on and put the leaves on and paint it. You don't do that. The flower grows itself. Your job if you are any good at it is to provide the optimum conditions for it to do that, to allow it to grow itself." Sir Ken Robinson

By the way, anytime a journalist wants to see what's happening in schools or just talk 'cultish claptrap', they're more than welcome at St Paul.

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

FATHER'S DAY STALL HELPERS NEEDED.

Volunteers are needed to help out on the Father's Day stall on Thursday 31 August from 8:45am-11:00am. If you're able to spare some time and help, please let Trisca know via text on 040 343 7899. Thank you.

SPORTS PHOTOS

All students will need to wear sports uniform, regardless of whether or not they play a team sport, on Thursday 24 August (Week 5) for to allow for Sports teams photos to be taken.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week 2017 (21st – 25th August)

COLOURING COMPETITION

Students are invited to participate in a colouring competition leading up to Book Week 2017 celebrating the theme "Escape to Everywhere". Students can collect an entry form from their teacher and enter it by Tuesday 22 August. A winner will be selected from each class and announced at the Book Week Assembly. All entries will be displayed in the Library during Book Week so come up and have a look!

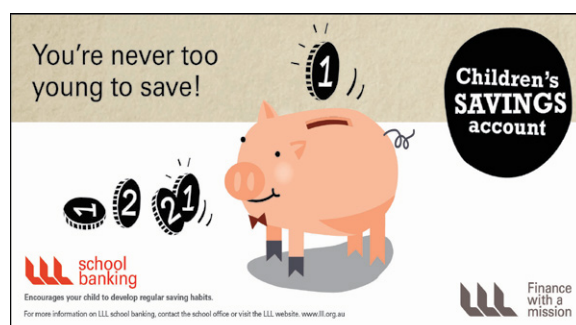
Book Week is only one week away! Don't forget to bring in a 'pre-loved' book for the Tuesday book swap and start thinking about which book character you will come as for the Friday dress-up day.

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

LLL SCHOOL BANKING

The LLL provides savings accounts for children. The accounts have a good interest rate with no bonus hurdles to jump over AND we also pay a \$5 gift for the first savings account opened for the child.

Talk to the school office about opening an LLL Children's Saving Account and participating in LLL school banking today, or visit www.lll.org.au for more information. St Paul banking day is Wednesday.



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QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

6:30 pm for a 7 pm start

\$10.00 - Tables of 10 (18 years and over)

****N.B. If you would like to attend but are not able to organise a table of 10, please let us know and we can help find a table for you****

Tickets available from the school office

"Dress up your table" - best themed table wins a prize

BYO drinks and nibbles - tea and coffee provided

Door Prize

Lucky Squares

Raffles

Coin Slide and more...



Games and activities throughout the night so bring lots of coins

Get your tickets now

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER - SEPTEMBER 2, BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW.

A reminder that our school is holding a fundraising quiz night on September 2. Grab some friends and book a table soon. Tickets are now on sale from the school office for \$10.00 each (tables of 10).

A fundraising event like this isn't possible without the support of the community so we are looking for donations to go towards the prizes on the night. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to send along something and pop it in the collection boxes located around the school.

To ensure a range of items we are suggesting the following as a guide however we would be grateful for any donations:

Reception - food, lollies, chocolates etc

Year 1 - kitchen items

Year 2 - gardening items

Year 3 - entertainment, games etc.

Year 4 - candles, homewares etc.

Year 5 - items for males

Year 6 - stationery items

Items such as wine, vouchers etc. are also appreciated and can be left at the school office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2017

Start collecting your earn & learn stickers from Woolworths now! Sticker sheets are available from Woolworths or the school office. Once the sheet is full, return and place it in the box situated in the school office, or simply return the stickers to us. The more stickers we collect, the more educational resources we can receive.

Thank you for your support.



Church News

SPY NEWS

St Paul Youth for Year 6 to 8 runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term 7:00pm-9:00pm. Our next meeting date is this Friday 18 August. Our theme for this term is Fire! Cost \$2.00. Boys please bring some supper to share. Please contact Nicole Hall for more details on 0412 686 342.

PLAYGROUP @ST PAUL

Each Tuesday during the school term the church hall is set up as a play space for children aged 0-5 and their mums dads or carers. Please join us for fun, play, crafts and a cup of tea or coffee – everyone is welcome. Playgroup runs from 9:00am-10:30am. The cost is \$2.00 per family. St Paul Playgroup is a great opportunity for your pre-school child to get familiar with their school environment.

ST PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY – EXPERIENCE GROWING

Our St Paul Community Sunday – Experience Growing on this Sunday 20 August at 9:30am. Our St Paul Community Sundays are a relaxed and informal worship service, involving children from our school, followed straight afterwards at 10:30am by a fun, hands-on Experience Event in the hall.

Just a reminder to any Reception families who have not yet returned their Bible RSVPs, can they please return them tomorrow, to either their class teachers or to the front office. Thank you. Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker, lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au mobile: 0416 008 129



ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE
CBCA BOOK WEEK 19-26 AUGUST 2017

Book Week 2017

21st to 25th August (Week 5)

Monday

Lunch time activity — Students create patchwork bikes together using real bikes.

Last day to hand in books for Book Swap

Tuesday

Book Swap—in the hall at lunch time. Students bring in a 'preloved' book to swap, get a ticket to attend the Book Swap and take home a different book.

Last day to hand in entry for Colouring Competition

Wednesday

Lunch time craft in the Library— make cheeky animals and a snow wombat mask.

Thursday

Lunch time craft in the Library— make a Nannie collage and balloon Gary.

Friday

Book Week Assembly

- Dress Up parade – come dressed as your favourite book character or to celebrate the theme "Escape to Everywhere".
- Book Week Song.
- Competition winners and favourite Book Week books announced.

Photographs at recess in the hall. Come and have some fun, professional Book Week photos taken with your friends or siblings.

Lunch time activity—Pop Up Library.

For more information contact Ms Wendy McLeod—Library Resource Manager