



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

THUR 2 FEB

- Reception School Visits

FRI 3 FEB

- Reception School Visits
- Shed Men

SUN 5 FEB

- Staff Installation and Dedication Service and 'Blessings of the Backpacks' at St Paul Lutheran Church

MON 6 FEB

- Reception School Visits
- Endeavour College Commences

TUE 7 FEB

- Receptions' First Day
- Parent Information Evening (Years 1, 4 and 5)

WED 8 FEB

- Installation of Student Leaders
- Parent Information Evening (Years 2, 3 and 6)

TUE 14 FEB

- School Council Meeting

MON 20 FEB

- TriSkills Gymnastics (Years R-2)

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Fresh Start

In preparation for the new school year, our teachers have what we call a 'handover' session. Important information is passed on from a child's previous classroom teacher, such as reading levels, learning difficulties and medical considerations. This information gives the students and teachers the best opportunity to begin the school year with strategies in place for the best possible outcomes.

One question asked by our teachers during a staff meeting late last year was, "what about students getting a fresh start?" A new year is an opportunity for students to start afresh. The discussion followed that teachers recognise the importance of sharing what is necessary, but not 'over-sharing'. Students are given the opportunity each year to develop new relationships with teachers; to bring the best of themselves to the classroom and the school without being afraid that a mistake made last year will follow them!

Fortunately, God has given us an opportunity to start anew each and every day. His love and forgiveness are unending. Will I make mistakes this year? Will teachers make mistakes this year? Will your child? Will you?

I'm thankful that I can ask God to forgive me no matter what and know that I am forgiven and loved every day.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

Submitted by Leila Mattner



From the Principal

WELCOME

Blessings to all students, families and staff members as you begin the 2017 school year at St Paul. We have had a particularly busy summer preparing learning spaces, both indoor and outdoor, for our students to enjoy. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all teaching and non-teaching staff at St Paul who have worked so hard to create these spaces and to plan for the year to come. As the year begins, please do not hesitate to ask your classroom teachers or our administration staff about anything – big or small. We're here to help!

STAFFING NEWS: FELICITY TAMASI

We are keeping our Community Carer, Felicity Tamasi, in our thoughts and prayers as she spends extra time at home recovering from illness. In Felicity's absence, please contact administration staff for any queries about friendly faces or class carers. For any student wellbeing concerns, please communicate with your child's classroom teacher. We look forward to seeing Felicity when she recovers!

WELLBEING AT ST PAUL

Following a year of research and professional development last year, teachers have been planning to further develop the way in which we support student wellbeing in class. This takes place through our health curriculum, and through everyday classroom and whole school practices. Some classes last year began to try some strategies that were quite successful and this will be an intentional part of what we do throughout this year.

Teachers will be introducing a range of strategies such as:

- Mindfulness
- Exercise and stretching
- Gratitude
- Acts of kindness
- Regular opportunities to develop vocabulary around emotions.

Classroom teachers will communicate with families about strategies throughout the year and we will be holding a future information session for parents as we further develop in the area of wellbeing.

SPLASH: VACATION CARE

A large number of students and families made use of our Vacation Care service before and after Christmas, and what a varied and well-planned service it was! Thank you to all families who supported our vacation care days and thank you to Rebecca Heinjus and her SPLASH staff team for their great work in caring for students.

Leila Mattner | Principal

General News

CHAPEL

Chapel services are held every Wednesday morning in the church. Families are warmly invited to attend, with tea and coffee available in the hall from 8:45am.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Parent Information sessions for Years 1 to 6 will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday night, and next month for Reception families. Our teachers really value this chance to begin the school-home partnership each year.

Tuesday 7 February

- Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5. Session at 6:30pm.

Wednesday 8 February

- Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6. Session at 6:30pm.

Wednesday 8 March

- Reception. Session at 6:30pm.

Your child's classroom teacher will confirm the location of these sessions. If in doubt, please make your way to the child's classroom and you will be redirected if needed. Entry to the school buildings will be via the



front office. Due to the nature and purpose of these evenings, children should not be in attendance please.

SHED MEN

At St Paul we share an opportunity each month to gather at a nominated 'shed' to meet, chat and socialise in friendship and fellowship. This has proven to be an excellent way for men to be involved in the school and in the education of their children.

Shedmen is about guys getting together informally, usually around a BBQ at someone's shed, and just getting to know each other while establishing, broadening and strengthening friendships. It's as simple as that. Often there's a footy match or a cricket match to watch, but the important thing is that this is a gathering of men ... for men ... organised by men. (No salad is the rule!) We even have a constitution!

This Friday 3 February is the first Shed Men for 2017. If you are interested in hosting a Shed Men evening at your 'shed', please contact Michael Latty on 0409 287 101 as soon as possible. Michael is also looking for somebody who would be willing to take on a coordinator role for Friday Shed Men events. Thank you.

Shed Men would like to extend an invitation to all new men to the school. Please contact the school office if you are interested in further information.

SPORTS TRAINING

Please note the following points regarding after-school sports training.

- Sessions will be cancelled if the morning media forecasts the day's maximum temperature to be 33°C or above. On rainy days, sessions will be cancelled if it is raining at school at 2:30pm on the day of practice. Parents or caregivers unsure whether or not an afternoon's session has been cancelled due to inclement weather are more than welcome to telephone the school office (after 2:30pm if pertaining to wet weather).

- Our duty of care to students on school grounds extends to organised school sports training. Children involved in sports training sessions after school are in the care of coaches and team managers. Siblings of these students should at all times be under the supervision of a parent. If this is not possible, SPLASH is to be utilised.

Please contact Mr Kym Mickan at kmickan@stpaulba.sa.edu.au for all sporting enquiries.

LLL BANKING

Established in 1921, the prime purpose of the LLL (Lutheran Laypeople's League of Australia Incorporated) is to assist the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) in its mission and ministry of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The LLL serves the LCA in numerous ways but especially in aspects of business and finance. It operates savings accounts for LCA members and supporters who wish to assist LCA organisations.

Funds deposited enable the LLL to provide financial assistance to the LCA, particularly by way of low interest loans to LCA projects for building and equipping churches, schools, and care facilities.

Students are encouraged to consider opening a savings account with the LLL. Deposits can be made through the school on Wednesdays. Applications to open an account are available from the office.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN FACEBOOK

Did you know St Paul Lutheran School has a Facebook page? We regularly place information on our page regarding learning, special events and other important information. Please like our page <https://www.facebook.com/stpaul Lutheranschoolba/>

If we have received notification that you do not want publication of your child's photo, their images will not appear on this page.

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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CANTEEN NEWS

Our canteen has a large variety of food on offer. The following items are available on a regularly basis:

- Beef and Chicken Burgers - Beef Burger with lettuce, cheese and tomato sauce and Chicken Burger with lettuce and mayo.
- Potatoes - Baked potatoes on Tuesdays. Toppings are Hawaiian, Bolognese and Cheese, and Bolognese and Coleslaw. Gluten free available.
- Butter Chicken
- Vegemite Scrolls - available on Wednesdays.
- Soup – Soup is available during our winter months and on offer is Pumpkin or Chicken Noodle.
- Hot Chocolate – Please order in the morning.
- Fish and Wedges - Fish and wedges with lettuce and mayonnaise are available on special days. These days are advertised in this newsletter.

A canteen price list is available at the office, canteen or on our [website](#).

Church News

SPY

St Paul Youth for Grade 6 and above runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term from 7pm to 9pm and costs \$2.00 per child. We invite all of St Paul's 2017 Seniors to come along and be part of SPY.

Our meeting dates for Term 1 are:

- Friday February 3rd – Welcome to SPY 2017. Come prepared to get wet. Bring your super soakers. Supper provided.
- Friday February 17th – Beach Night. Girls bring supper – more details to follow.
- Friday March 3rd – Water into Wine at the hall. Boys bring supper.
- Friday March 17th – At the Pool, Adelaide Aquatics Centre. Girls bring supper
- Friday April 7th – Washing Night. Back at the hall to finish off the term. Boys bring supper

For more information contact Nicole Hall, Child, Youth and Household Ministry Coordinator on 0412 686 342.