



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Living and Learning Together in Christ

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 7

THURS 15 JUNE

- Miss Mueller's Coffee Morning from 8:45am at the Parent Cafe

FRI 16 JUNE

- Miss Byrne and Miss Schuster's Coffee Morning 9:30am at the Coffee Barun

SUN 18 JUNE

- St Paul Church 50th Anniversary

WEEK 8

WED 21 JUNE

- Chapel 9:00am
- School Tour 6:00pm
- School Council Meeting 7:30pm

THURS 22 JUNE

- Official School Photos

FRI 23 JUNE

- School Reports sent home

WEEK 9

MON 26 - FRI 30 JUNE

- Soccer State Carnival

FRI 30 JUNE

- Final day of Term 2
- Closing Chapel 2:30pm

WEEK 1 TERM 3

MON 24 JULY

- First Day of Term 3
- Opening Chapel 9:00am

Salt of the Earth

You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour?" (Matthew 5:13)

You and I, as Christians, are called the salt of the earth because our lives enhance and give meaning to this existence we call life. Before salvation, we were like grains of sand, too numerous to count. But after receiving Christ, we were transformed - no longer like minuscule debris of rock having little or no difference from another lost piece of sand, to something distinctive in taste, texture, and aroma.

It may be an odd analogy, but Jesus compared believers to salt for a reason. Salt is a dietary mineral, used for flavouring and preservation - needed by all known living creatures. If abused, it can be harmful. However, it is also detrimental to have no salt intake because it regulates the water content in our bodies. Jesus used salt to describe how Christians are needed to bring balance and hope to an otherwise dying world.

The question He asked however is, "What good is salt if it has lost its flavour?" In other words, if a Christian has lost his or her gusto and fervour, then what's the difference between the old grain of sand they once were and the so-called salt they are now? The answer is: very little.

"So dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad - for these trials make you partners with Christ (and what He went through), so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing His glory when it is revealed to all the world." (1 Peter 4:12-13)



I have learned I can't always control the trials I face, but I am the keeper of my "salt." Will I be bitter or better? Less seasoned or more flavourful? Will I disappear into the background or stand out as an overcomer? Because in the end, what good am I if I've lost my flavouring?

Exert from a devotion by Daphne Delay

<http://www1.cbn.com/devotions/salt-of-the-earth>

Submitted by Yvonne Folland

INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Reconciliation Week
- Reception Road Safety Excursion
- St Paul Community Sunday

From the Principal

FILM SCREENING FOR PARENTS

Thank you to all parents who were able to join our leadership staff, council members, and Director of LSA, John Proeve, for our screening of Most Likely to Succeed last week. The rich discussion, comments and questions in small groups following the film have already been valuable for our planning and will inform some community conversations with me in the coming weeks.

Whilst we cannot share the film widely as we pay per screening, I can recommend the short film available free online, titled "*Ka Helena A'o: The Learning Walk*". This film documents work that has been occurring through education in Hawaii following the release and tour of Most Likely to Succeed. It touches on the themes that are covered in the longer film.

The question becomes, how can you create an environment where students become students for life? How do you teach a way of thinking and create a love of learning? Ian Kitajima: Director of Corporate Development, Oceanit, in "*Ka Helena A'o: The Learning Walk*" speaking about the needs for their company's workforce in the coming years.

Link to the Learning Walk:

<https://vimeo.com/187920766>

ADVANCE NOTICE: WELLBEING PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 26 JULY

As part of our development of wellbeing curriculum this year, teachers have been using strategies based on Positive Education, in particular the PERMA model of wellbeing. I mentioned through Inspire at the beginning of the year that teachers will be introducing a range of strategies such as:

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

PERMA Plus is a model of wellbeing that has been embraced by the state of South Australia, following work with Professor Martin Seligman. You can read specifically about PERMA + through the SAHMRI Wellbeing and Resilience Centre: <http://www.wellbeingandresilience.com/perma-plus-1>.

On Wednesday evening, July 26, we are offering a parent information session from Stephanie Noon, Principal of Live Life Coaching. Stephanie worked with St Paul teachers in training throughout 2016, and has worked with many Lutheran schools. Stephanie will present to parents the research behind positive education as well as an introduction into some of the strategies. If you are interested in why we do what we do in the student wellbeing space, and how you can support this at home, including strategies that will be useful for you, please plan to join us on this date. Invitations will be forwarded to families next week.

Leila Mattner | Principal



From the Assistant Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS – NEXT THURSDAY 22 JUNE

All students were given a school photo letter and envelope last week. If you place an order online, the individual photo envelope does not need to be returned. If you would like sibling photos, family envelopes are available at the front office.

FACEBOOK

Have you looked at the photos on the St Paul Facebook page lately? Nature Play, Grandparents Day, Disco and Performing Arts Assembly have all left their mark of magical moments for our children! Keep an eye out – there's more to come this week!

IPAD SCREEN PROTECTORS

By now all Year 3 to 6 families should have received a letter outlining matters related to warranty and screen use. Please contact the front office if you have not received this letter.

PARENT CYBER SAFETY REPORTING

As students access cyber space, we seek to partner with parents/caregivers in monitoring healthy iPad use. Please be advised that automatic breach reports are now available. This means that should students at any time 24/7, seek to search questionable content, a breach report will be automatically created and emailed to a member of leadership. A standard letter will then be generated and sent home to assist you in discussing this matter with your child. Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions about this.

IPAD SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD

We are very grateful to the IT support team who have made significant progress in resolving iPad restriction concerns over the last two months. We are informed the majority of issues have now been sorted, however,

if as a parent/caregiver you believe your child has, after reporting the concern, an unresolved issue, please make contact with your child's teacher ASAP. The class teacher will report this to the IT committee as a matter of priority.

ALC STUDENTS

Next week we are pleased to welcome Lee Van Rossen and Nate Kneen, two Australian Lutheran College first year Pastoral students, who will be doing placement at St Paul. They will be observing the role of the Pastor in a Lutheran School, key tasks and relationships in supporting the school, as well as other introductions to the school community and its programmes. We hope Lee and Nate's time here will give insight into the philosophy and management of a Lutheran School.

STUDENT SAFETY – SCHOOL SUPERVISION FROM 8:30AM

The duty of care provided by school staff to students begins at 8:30am and finishes at 3:35pm. Children are permitted on school grounds prior to this time, provided they are supervised by a parent or caregiver. Children observed on school grounds without a parent prior to 8.30am will be escorted to SPLASH (our out-of-school-hours facility) where they can be suitably cared for. We are blessed with SPLASH staff who are able to ensure that student safety while on school grounds remains paramount.

From the Director of Learning

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us last week for the screening of 'Most Likely to Succeed'. The feedback, questions and conversations that were stimulated by the documentary were very positive and insightful. The support and contributions of parents as we continue to 'ignite the future' of students at St Paul is greatly appreciated and valued.



JUNIOR PRIMARY PLAYGROUND

Last year it became clear that the rubber flooring of the Junior Primary Playground was in need of an upgrade. As a result, the use of space and resources in this playground was reviewed but it became clear that any vision for this space needed to have the stamp of approval from the students who use this space the most.

Earlier this year a number of junior primary classes used the playground upgrade as a provocation for a unit of inquiry. The feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of a more natural use of materials and space, much like the Sensory Garden (now known as the Peace Garden) development in 2016. A large amount of data was collected and reviewed by the students and a final set of criteria was presented to the Senior Leadership Team.

This week the playground is closed as the final work to complete the new space continues to take shape. Feel free to wander out and have a look at what is taking place as the original and new play spaces merge to create a dynamic and inviting space, designed by students for students.

MID-YEAR STUDENT REPORTS

Mid-Year Progress Reports will be sent home at the end of Week 8 for all students in Years 1 to 6. Reception students do not receive a formal written report at this stage of the year. All Reception parents have the opportunity to sit down with their child's teacher to receive face to face feedback on their child's progress. Reception teachers have already sent information home regarding these times and parents must contact their child's teacher directly to arrange this time.

If you have any questions regarding your child's report please do not hesitate to raise them with your child's teacher during Week 9.

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

THREE WEEK HOLIDAY BREAK

Term 2 concludes on Friday 30 June with closing Chapel at 2.30pm. Please note that there are three weeks of holidays and we return to school to begin Term 3 on Monday 24 July. St Paul staff will enjoy a week of Professional Development during the first week of the break. SPLASH/Vacation Care will be available during the three weeks.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Thank you to everyone who was involved in acknowledging Reconciliation Week at St Paul this year. We would like to especially thank any teachers or parents that were actively involved in providing lessons and activities to celebrate the aboriginal culture and the message of reconciliation. We were able to raise \$160 in our donation tins around the school towards supporting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Tania Burgan and Yvonne Folland | Classroom Teachers

WAKAKIRRI ASSISTANCE

The Year 5 and Year 6 classes are busily preparing for Wakakirri this year and we are putting a call out to the whole school community for some assistance. As part of our performance we are in need of washed 2L milk containers, and also some 'Bollywood' inspired costumes for students to wear. Any items that you can offer can be brought to Mrs Von's room. Please label costumes with your child's name and class so they can be returned to you next term, after the performance.

Thanks so much for your help!!

Elise von Stanke | Performing Arts



ARE YOUR SCHOOL JUMPERS NAMED?

The school office still have jumpers that are being handed in without names on them. Please take the time to name your woollen jumpers and the striped rugby top. This means that if your child takes their jumper off during the day, we can make sure it is returned to its rightful owner.

There are still plenty of items on the lost property table in the corridor next to the canteen. *All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of the week.* Please look at the items on the table to see if anything belongs to you.

CANTEEN NEWS

The weather is cold but the soup is hot! Mrs Semmler has yummy Pumpkin soup available this week for \$2.20

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club brochures were sent home last week. The due date for return is **Tuesday 17 June.**

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2017

We are right in the middle of the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2017 and it's great to see students getting involved and borrowing books for the Challenge. This is a challenge that all students can complete, whatever their reading ability. In each category we have over 500 books to choose from including fiction, non-fiction and picture books.

Some things to remember for the Challenge:

- Younger students do not have to read the book all by themselves. Sharing a book with a parent or caregiver is an important part of learning to read.
- School Readers can be counted as non-PRC books. There are 4 spaces for books on the bottom of the challenge sheet that do not have to be from the PRC collection.
- Write the names of the books and sign it off as students read them – sometimes it's hard to remember what's been read!

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017 finishes on 4 September.

If you have any further questions about The Premier's Reading Challenge please come and see me.

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

ENDEAVOUR COLLEGE PEDAL PRIX QUIZ NIGHT

Endeavour College is holding a Quiz Night on June 24 2017 at 6:30pm for 7:00pm start at the College.

Tickets are \$10 each. There are tables of 10 so get some friends together to support the Pedal Prix team.

BYO drinks and nibbles with soft drinks and cupcakes for sale on the night. Bring along your gold coins to join in the fun and games.

Tickets are available through Endeavour College reception in person or by calling 8368 3311.

Church News

SUNDAY 18 JUNE - JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ST PAUL CHURCH

St Paul Lutheran Church is celebrating 50 years of ministry, love and blessings this year in 2017. A special commemoration service will be held on Sunday 18 June. There will be one service at 9:30am with a celebration cake and a community lunch. Everyone is welcome.

THANK YOU!

We are so blessed to have a close working and spiritual relationship with our St Paul School Community, working together as one whole community in Christ. On Sunday 4 June we held our St Paul Community Sunday at St Paul and we were so excited to have children and families from St Paul School join us for this special day.

A very big heartfelt thank you to the students who participated and who willingly gave up a bit of their lunch playtime to attend rehearsals too! We greatly appreciate and thank the families with children involved, for encouraging and supporting their children and enabling them to participate. It was wonderful to have families stay on for our Experience Pentecost

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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Event in the church hall, while enjoying a yummy sausage sizzle lunch! It was a fantastic celebration, enjoyed by all. We hope to again see many students and families involved in August for our Term Three St Paul Community Sunday.

Thank you to the many students who visited the Library for our Pentecost craft activity making flames to decorate the church – it looked amazing! We appreciate the ongoing support of Mrs McLeod in the Library too! Also, thank you to Mrs Karen Brodie, Miss Rebecca Mueller and the talented Year 3's who created beautiful flame pin art for our church windows. How blessed we are to have such a wonderful community spirit here at St Paul! Your School Ministry Worker, Louise Venning (lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au 0416 008 129)

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 16 June - Boys bring supper. Cost \$2.00. Please contact Nicole Hall for more details on 0412 686 342.

PLAYGROUP @ ST PAUL

Tuesday mornings in the Church hall during school terms for children 0-4 and a Carer. Playgroup is a relaxed, informal play space where adults gather for coffee and a chat and children play. Crafts and stories are also on offer. Drop by after school drop off and join the fun. Time 9:00am-10:30am. Cost \$2.00.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Our St Paul congregation is raising funds to continue to support our community in many ways. We need your help! Order a NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our St Paul Church fundraising at the same time. Cost is \$70.00 Please contact Naomi in the Church office on 8262 4690 or the School office on 8260 2655 if you are interested.