



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Living and Learning Together in Christ*

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## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 2

#### WED 10 MAY

- Year 4 Camp
- NAPLAN (Year 3 and 5)

#### THURS 11 MAY

- Year 4 Camp
- NAPLAN (Year 3 and 5)

#### FRI 12 MAY

- Year 4 Camp
- Year 2 Sleepover

### WEEK 3

#### MON 15 MAY

- Tri-Skills (Year 3-6)

#### WED 17 MAY

- Grandfriends Day (Years 3-6)
- School Council Meeting 7:30pm

#### THURS 18 MAY

- Connected Schools Worship (Year 4-6)
- Music is Fun Performance

#### FRI 19 - SUN 21 MAY

- Shed Men Go Bush

### WEEK 4

#### MON 22 MAY

- Tri-Skills (Year 3-6)

#### SUN 28 MAY

- School and Church AGM 7:00pm-9:00pm

## Mother's Day

Let's just say it straight out: Mother's Day is complicated!

One of Martin Luther's central teachings, some 500 years ago, was that Christians were called by God not just to be pastors, priests, monks, and nuns, but in every facet of their lives. That meant parenting too, he said, was just as holy a calling as any professional church position. All the ordinary moments of helping another person grow into themselves - changing diapers, sleepless nights, potty training, teenage angst, leaving the nest - it's all holy. It's all part of God's spirit in us, through us.

So yes, parenting is holy work. But it's rarely as simple as that.

On Mother's Day, there will be families of all shapes and sizes in church. Some families will be relatively happy that day. Some will not. Some will be in the midst of a divorce. Some will be grieving the death of a parent, grandparent, or child. Some men and women will carry with them the heartache of infertility, miscarriage, or adoptions that did not go through.

Some parents and children are estranged. Some people will carry memories of a mother who was absent or abusive. Some people will bear afresh the unfulfilled wish to have a child.

"God's love is like a mother's love," preachers sometimes say - but that's not very good news if your mother abused you. "Mothers are an extension of God's love for us," you might hear, which can cut to the heart if you'd love to be a mother (or father) but can't.

No human relationship, no matter how wonderful or idealized, can fully express or contain the depth of God's relationship with us. Yes, God is like a parent - but all human parents fail, at some point. God does not. Yes, some mothers love unconditionally, as God does - but not all mothers can do that, or know how, and that causes real pain. Yes, parenting is holy work - but so are many, many other things we do in this life.



This Mother's Day, we pray:

- for those who parent, that they will be strengthened in their work and find comfort and peace when they inevitably mess it up;
- for those who want to parent but cannot, that they would know the love and mercy of God and hear their own holy calling, whatever it may be;
- for those who grieve the loss of a child, that the depth of God's unending love would breathe peace into their broken hearts;
- for those who grieve the loss of a parent, that the Spirit of God would 'not leave them orphaned' but grant them comfort;
- for those whose relationships with a mother or father left scars of any kind, that the wounded Jesus would bring healing and peace;
- for mothers and fathers and for parents everywhere caught in poverty, violence, and despair;
- for all who rejoice at the gift of parents and the work of parenting, that their joy would be sheltered and shared;
- for all who experience sorrow or pain this day, that resurrection hope would bring light.

In the church, Sunday is not just Mother's Day - more importantly, it is an Easter day. One of the seven Sundays in the Easter season, filled with stories of resurrection and hope.

We pray this Sunday that God's hope and life might fill all - all who celebrate, all who grieve and everybody in-between.

*Taken from: <http://www.hslckirkland.org/programs/blog/thoughts-on-mothers-day/http://www.hslckirkland.org/programs/blog/thoughts-on-mothers-day/http://www.hslckirkland.org/programs/blog/thoughts-on-mothers-day/>*

Written by Pastor Katy McCallum Sachse

**Submitted by** Jennifer Aquino

### ***INSPIRE photos featured this week:***

- Parents and Friends Mother's Day Stall
- Year 3 experience 'The Olden Days'

## **From the Principal**

### **MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**

St Paul Lutheran School's Pedagogical Framework outlines our beliefs for teaching and learning. It includes four pillars: Engagement, Relevance, Collaboration and Creativity. The framework, created by St Paul staff, acknowledges the need for a range of skills that are not addressed in traditional curriculum areas. St Paul Lutheran School, therefore, commits to teaching the Australian Curriculum and the LEA Christian Studies Curriculum in a way that develops a broad range of other skills in students. Sometimes called 'soft skills' or 'future work skills', the learning in these areas is widely acknowledged to be essential for the students of today, to prepare for the careers of tomorrow. One particular report that I encourage you to read is [The New Basics](http://fya.org.au), a report by the Foundation for Young Australians (fya.org.au). The report is based on recent, Australian data and is easy to read.

To prepare for strategic planning this year, our school council members have been exploring a range of resources outlining the future of work, as well as some examples of educational change around the world that are addressing the needs of the future workforce: our current students.

As part of our research into this area, I would like to ***invite all parents and caregivers to a screening of a documentary: Most Likely to Succeed.*** This film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2015, during the time that St Paul staff were grappling with the future of education and developing our Pedagogical Framework. The documentary, based in the US, explores the nature of education, the need for change, and focuses in particular on one school, High Tech High in San Diego. Specifically, how charter schools in America are working towards a new model (or models) of education. Mr John Proeve, Director of the Lutheran Schools Association, SA/NT/WA has recently visited High Tech High as part of a research tour and will be joining





us for the screening. The film will be screened at St Paul on **Wednesday 7 June at 7:00pm**. More information and RSVP forms will be forwarded to all families in the coming weeks. Please come along and be part of the conversation.

### **GRADUATING ENDEAVOUR/ST PAUL STUDENTS**

Congratulations go to former St Paul students Kristina Pilja and Alicia Owston for receiving a Year 12 ATAR score in excess of 90. In total, 14% of Endeavour College graduates in 2016 received an ATAR of above 90, with one student scoring 99.95. In addition, 41% of students scored an ATAR of 80 or above. Congratulations to the graduating students of 2016 and the staff at Endeavour College for your dedicated work.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY REQUEST**

We often revisit traffic safety at St Paul to ensure that our students are safe during school drop off and pick up times. I was recently advised by SA Police that the speed of school traffic by St Paul families has been noted as an issue. SAPOL has requested that all families check their speed, both in the school zone on Audrey Avenue, and in all other streets surrounding the school. I encourage you all to note that Audrey Avenue is a 25km/h zone whenever children are present and that all traffic driving through the car park and kiss and drop zone should be driving at walking pace only. Police patrols will be in the area in coming weeks to specifically police speed in the streets surrounding St Paul. I look forward to your cooperation to ensure significant change in the speed levels used around the school. Thank you for helping to make the trip to school safe for all!

**Leila Mattner** | Principal

## **From the Assistant Principal**

### **MOTHER'S DAY**

Happy Mother's Day to all the hard working Mothers, Grandparents and Carers of our St Paul community! May your day be truly blessed this Sunday.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Trisca Price and her band of helpers who coordinated and ran the

Mother's Day stall at St Paul on Tuesday morning. This was a wonderful and special opportunity for children to purchase an array of beautiful gifts for their mothers. Thank you!

### **GRANDFRIENDS DAY – ONE WEEK TODAY!**

A reminder that Grandfriends Day will be held next week. To assist with catering we have asked that RSVPs occur by today. Please forward any outstanding slips to the school office ASAP to assist our staff in organising and catering for this special morning.

*Would you be available to help on Grandfriends Day?*

We are looking for some parents who could be available to help prepare and serve morning tea for Grandfriends Day. If you are available or would like to find out more, please register your name with Ann Belcher in the office. If you are unable to be there on the day, but would be willing to make a fruit or savoury platter for morning tea, we would be most grateful for your help! Chris Semmler will also be baking the St Paul favourite scones for morning tea.

### **SCHOOL PARKING WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY**

With our Grandfriends Day next Wednesday, there will be a large number of visitors to the school at the beginning of the day. We request that the use of school car parks be reserved for our special visitors who are remaining at school for the morning. If you do not plan to stay for Chapel on Wednesday next week, please consider using the kiss and drop zone. We have staff members on duty every morning to direct your children into the school. If you do plan to stay, please consider parking on Barton Street and walking through the park to enter the school via the back gate. Thank you in advance for your help.

### **SHED MEN GO BUSH**

Final details are being confirmed for Shed Men Go Bush on the weekend of Friday 19th May – Sunday 21st May. Please register ASAP if this is on your to do list! This camp is a great opportunity for Dads and their children to spend quality time together amidst structured activities that promote interaction amongst themselves.



and the wider St Paul community. This opportunity strengthens existing friendships and creates new ones. See the flyer put together by the Shed Men Go Bush planning committee later in the newsletter.

Our sincere thanks to the planning committee led by Scott Hartwig: Andrian Turczynowicz, Andrew McDonald, Anton Scholte, Brenton Davey, Damian Hamilton, Danny Jones, Jeff Smith, Leon Semmens, Michael Latty, Michael McGlashan, Phil Carr, Simon Heath and Todd Grundel.

The committee has received three offers from registered dad's, for those people without accommodation to be able to share with them. Please approach a committee member asap if this would be helpful for your family to find out if the number and spaces available will work with what's available.

### CONNECTED SCHOOLS WORSHIP

A reminder that all parents, caregivers and family members from the St Paul community are invited to join us for worship and community-building in the Endeavour Centre at Endeavour College on Thursday 18th May at 10:15am. Morning tea will be served following the service.

### WOULD TO YOU LIKE TO HELP AT THE DISCO?

The Parents and Friends are looking for St Paul registered volunteers to help at the disco on Saturday 3rd June. You are welcome to offer your help and assistance from 5:30pm-6:45pm or 7:00pm-8:15pm or for both! Our Parents and Friends group will organise rosters for the required number of volunteers and contact you closer to the event. Please note: only registered St Paul volunteers will be eligible to stay at the venue. If you would like to register your name or find out more, please leave your details with Ann Belcher in the office.

### SCHOOL HATS

From May through to August, the wearing of hats by students, staff and parents when spending time outside for a relatively short period of time is optional. However, lengthy periods spent outdoors, such as a sports excursion or a full day outdoor excursion

requires a school hat to be worn. This directive reflects the recommendations of the Cancer Council of South Australia. For more information about our approach to sun safety, our SunSmart Policy can be viewed online at: <http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/uploads/files/SunSmart-Policy.pdf>.

### OFFICIAL SCHOOL PHOTOS – ADVANCE NOTICE

Official school photos will be taken on Thursday 22nd June (Week 8). All students are required to wear official winter uniform on this day. Please visit <http://www.stpaulba.sa.edu.au/enrolment/uniform/> for winter uniform requirements. If you need additional uniform items, please be sure to see Jane Sabel in the uniform shop.

**Helen Vonow** | Assistant Principal

## From the Director of Learning

What would happen if we could talk to somebody from the early 1900s and try to explain what the work force looks like today? In the same way, we'd probably struggle to understand a regular work day in the second half of this century.

Looking back at the last 3 years at St Paul, it's clear that much has changed. Learning spaces look very different than they did three years ago (both inside and outside), and the way teachers operate in these environments has also changed significantly. But we need to keep reminding ourselves why we started down this path; we are igniting the future of our students. Recently, the discussion about paradigm shifts in education and preparing students for high-tech futures has come more into the mainstream. Three years ago it felt like this was a debate that needed to be won but now it feels like nearly all stakeholders in education can see the writing on the wall.

A report by the National Broadband Network and the Regional Australia Institute late last year found that 50 per cent of Australian jobs will require high-level digital skills, including coding, by 2030. ('Kids crack the code to workplace relevance' Luke Michael, The Australian, May 8, 2017). As most of our current Reception students





are entering the work force or completing university, industries will be expecting that employees have 'high-level digital skills'. This has huge implications for the way students are educated from a young age but it also has implications for the way students interact with, and use, technology on a daily basis.

It is important to note though that just being able to use technology is not enough. A recent survey in the United States of 1,408 people who work in technology and education, asked if they think education will successfully train workers for the future. Only two-thirds said yes. One of the questions asked, 'How do we educate people for an automated world?' The summary of responses indicates... "People still need to learn skills, the respondents said, but they will do that continuously over their careers. In school, the most important thing they can learn is how to learn." ('How to Prepare for an Automated Future' Claire Cain Miller, New York Times, May 3, 2017)

So how do we strike a balance between the technological skills and learning skills needed for future employment? We need to develop student abilities in social connections and collaborations, creative problem finding and solving skills and resilience, to help them adapt to a constantly changing workplace and society. St Paul is seeking this balance. While Mr Mayer is exposing students to robotics and coding, he does so with skills such as creativity and collaboration at the core of his curriculum. Similarly, classroom teachers provide opportunities for students to develop these skills from their first day at St Paul. So we keep challenging ourselves to ignite the future, giving our students the best skill and mind set to make transition from the classroom to the work place of the future. Please see Leila Mattner's invitation to join us for a screening of *Most Likely to Succeed* in June to learn more about skills required for the work place of the future

**Jason Fay** | Director of Learning

## From the Business Manager

### RAFFLE BOOKS

Keep an eye out for your Peoples Choice Raffle Books that are being sent home periodically this term. This vital fundraising for the school has been earmarked to assist with the development of the junior primary playground later this year. Exciting details will be shared later this term.

### SPLASH ACCOUNTS

Many families will be contacted over the coming week regarding their CCR and CCB rebates whilst we attempt to update our SPLASH files. It is suggested that all families direct both rebates "direct to service" to ensure that the lowest possible balance is outstanding at any point in time. Accounts must be paid at least fortnightly. We are happy to accept credit card details for automatic payment. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

### SCHOOL BANK

Don't forget that school banking is available each week on Wednesday through the LLL. A wonderful way to support the school whilst teaching your child the importance of saving.

### SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic brochures were sent home last Friday and are due back Wednesday 17th May. Check your child's bag if you have not already seen this brochure.

## Church News

### 'MOTHERING BLESSING' SERVICE THIS SUNDAY - MOTHER'S DAY 14TH MAY

This Sunday we are celebrating and blessing all women in a special St Paul Mothering Blessing Church service at 10:00am. All welcome. Please come and share in the blessing that women are to our lives and to our communities.

## 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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## ST. PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY ON 4TH JUNE

Our next Community Church Service is coming up on Sunday 4th June at 9:30am. There are opportunities for St Paul students to participate in a variety of ways: in a short skit, Bible readings, singing, dancing or reading prayers. If your children are interested, please let me know. Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker.

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## EXPERIENCE PENTECOST

Pentecost is the Church's birthday when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit. Join us at St. Paul Church after the Community Service as we explore together through fun, crafts and games, what the Holy Spirit might be like.

When: Sunday June 4th, 10:30am-12.30pm (straight after the 9.30am service).  
Gold Coin donation for some activities.

## COLOURING IN COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who entered our Easter Colouring Competition. Congratulations to the winners announced at Closing Chapel last term: Reception - Evie Madigan, Year 1 - Sienna Philpot, Year 2 - Henry Reid, Year 3 - Matilda Finch, Year 4 - Marley Tan, Year 5 - Chelsea Tape-McGlashan and Year 6 - Bella Parker.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Our St Paul congregation is seeking to raise 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. Please contact Naomi in the Church office on 8262 4690. Entertainment books are also available from the school office.

## "COME & C" COURSE

Pastor Greg will soon be running a course called "Come & C" on Thursday nights, from 7:30pm – 9:00pm (room to be advised). This Course will provide an overview of foundational Lutheran teachings about the Christian faith.

It is suitable for adult baptism preparation, adult Confirmation preparation, and would also be of spiritual benefit to any other adults wanting to revisit or explore more deeply the core teachings of Christianity. There will be 4 sessions in school Term 2, and a further 5 in Term 3. The dates for Term 2 will be: 1st June, 15th June, 22nd June and 29th June.

Please contact Pastor Greg (pastorgreg@stpaul-church.org.au ; 0423 151 367) for more information or to indicate your interest.