



**ST PAUL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **WEEK 4**

#### **SAT 11 NOVEMBER**

- Remembrance Day

### **WEEK 5 PE WEEK**

#### **MON 13 NOVEMBER**

- Rec and Year 6 Excursion- Morialta

#### **TUE 14 NOVEMBER**

- Little Athletics Clinic (R-2)

#### **WED 15 NOVEMBER**

- Year 2 Excursion- Morialta
- Connected Schools Athletics Carnival
- School Council Meeting

#### **THU 16 NOVEMBER**

- 2018 Reception Transition Day 2

#### **FRI 17 NOVEMBER**

- Volunteers/Parent Morning Tea

### **WEEK 6**

#### **MON 20-24 NOVEMBER**

- Swimming (Years 3-5)

#### **TUE 21 NOVEMBER**

- School Tour 6:00pm

### **WEEK 7**

#### **MON 27-30 NOVEMBER**

- Swimming (Rec-Year 2)

## **Be Still**

*"Be still, and know that I am God". Psalm 46:10*

As I sit here and type up this devotion, I can't help but stress a little about my 'to do' list. Do you have one of those? You know, all the stuff that you have to do that you can't wait to put a line through and feel a sense of achievement when it's done. Why is it so hard to concentrate on what is right in front of us and not look too far ahead to what's next? Is this the way we as humans are wired? Or is it just me??

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I'm not great at switching off. Sure, I can sit down and turn the television on or pull out a book but the wheels just don't seem to stop turning. What's next? Was that an email alert? Why are the kids so quiet? And on and on it goes.

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A couple of weeks ago, I went on camp with the Year 6s to Murray Bridge. I wasn't having much joy sleeping on the lovely vinyl mattresses and woke up early on the last day and made a coffee. I walked outside and I was awed. The sun hadn't quite broken over the horizon but there was enough light to see clearly. The mighty River Murray was perfectly calm, not a ripple in sight, and a flawless, low but light, fog drifted along its surface. I was standing in the middle of a Hans Heysen painting. But this was so much more than a 2D picture. This was God's canvas. And nothing else existed at that moment but my wonder at His creation. I was being reminded to stop every now and then and pay attention to beauty of the world around me. I stood still. I was still. I was with God.

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The challenge now is to do this more regularly without the river and the fog. His canvas is everywhere, hiding in plain sight. I just need to be still enough every now and then to be awed by it and to give thanks for it

**Submitted by** Jason Fay

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

• Year 2

## From the Principal

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Earlier this week, all parents received a letter outlining the leadership structure at St Paul. This included the announcement of Mr Jason Fay's appointment to Deputy Principal. Jason has served as Director of Learning at St Paul for four years, and has guided our staff through significant development in our teaching and learning program, promoting high quality practice, mentoring teachers, and enabling teachers to follow their passions in developing contemporary teaching and learning styles. This work will continue under Jason's new title of Deputy Principal.

### RECEPTION TRANSITION AND REGGIO EMILIA

Yesterday morning, we had the pleasure of welcoming our new Reception students and families for 2018. With three classes of students, as well as their parents, it made for a busy morning with many new faces and excited children. Whilst students spent time in the Reception classrooms, the adults spent time in a parent workshop learning about a huge amount of information for their first days and weeks of school.

When a child starts their first school visit, there can sometimes be tears, from anxiety or fear, or from being overwhelmed by a completely new situation. For many years in schools, it has been seen as the responsibility of the child to readjust to the classroom environment which is completely different to their home environment, accept it and settle in 'like everybody else'. Yet we know that no child is like any other child. No home is like any other home.

In the past editions of Inspire, Jason Fay has described some of the principles and practicalities behind the Reggio Emilia philosophy, which has been serving as a guide and inspiration for our teachers. Taking this approach acknowledges that every child is different, and that the classroom environment plays an important role in a child's learning. As our new Reception students spent time in our classrooms yesterday, they were able to reap the benefits of calming and homely spaces, and the tears quickly subsided.

In an interview with the [Sunday Mail](#) this week, Premier Jay Weatherill has promoted Reggio Emilia philosophy: *The Reggio Emilia education principles provide the possibility of an enhanced understanding of how a child thinks and learns, and what environments they best thrive in. I think it is the most important public policy issue in government. The investment that you make in the early years can set up a child for life.* Mr Weatherill, we agree. A one hundred percent success rate with happy children on their first visit to school is nothing to ignore.

**Leila Mattner** | Principal

## From the Deputy Principal

You may have read the letter that went home earlier this week regarding my title changing to Deputy Principal. Thank you for the emails and kind words regarding this but my excitement for the future is not about a new role or title, but continuing to work with our amazing staff to make St Paul the best possible site of learning that it can be.

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Over the last couple of weeks at assemblies we have presented the remaining UNSW competition awards. It is great for students to have success acknowledged publicly.

Later on this term, we will have two assemblies devoted entirely to recognising achievement and commitment. On Friday December 1, we will have a Sports Presentation Assembly. Sports teams in the school will be acknowledged along with individual students who



have competed on state and national stages and our Year 6s who have demonstrated great commitment to the school sport program during their time at St Paul.

On December 8, a general Presentation Assembly will be held to acknowledge the achievements and commitment of students to aspects of the school such as SRC, choirs and bands, and library assistance etc.

I urge parents and friends to come affirm and celebrate these accomplishments and give these students the recognition they deserve.

**Jason Fay** | Director of Learning

## General News

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION WEEK 2017

Next week, November 13 - 17, is the 33rd Physical Education Week held annually in South Australian schools. PE Week endeavours to highlight the importance of Health and PE to the learning and development of children. Our students will have the opportunity to celebrate PE Week – by participating in various activities, some of which are listed below:

- Tuesday 14 Nov: Year 4 to local fitness centre; Receptions, Year 1 & 2– Little Athletics Clinics
- Wednesday 15 Nov: Annual Connected Schools Endeavour Cup Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 17 Nov: Whole school aerobics session (lead by Yr 6s); Hot Shots tennis finals
- Friday 18 Nov: Netball – Staff v Year 6s at lunch-time

A reminder that the canteen provides many healthy lunch options for students and staff. Mrs Semmler's delicious, nutritious frozen pineapple rings (50c) and orange wedges (25c) will be on sale at lunch-time commencing next Monday and continuing through to Week 8.

Please note: All students are required to wear Sports Uniform each day during PE Week.

**Kym Mickan** | PE Week coordinator

### LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property is overflowing at the moment with a variety of items. Lost property can be found in the Front office. Also, could you please check your child's jumpers as we have quite a few parents missing theirs. Please ensure that any items that are bought to school are clearly labeled with your child's name.

### NETBALL REGISTRATIONS SEASON 1 FOR 2018

If your child is interested in playing netball for St Paul in 2018, and is yet to receive a registration form, please collect a form from the office. Children, who are starting Year 2 in 2018 and are interested in playing netball, need to register their interest by completing the Registration Form. These students, depending on an available coach, will train after school in Term 2 to begin playing competitive games in Season 2 (Terms 3 and 4).

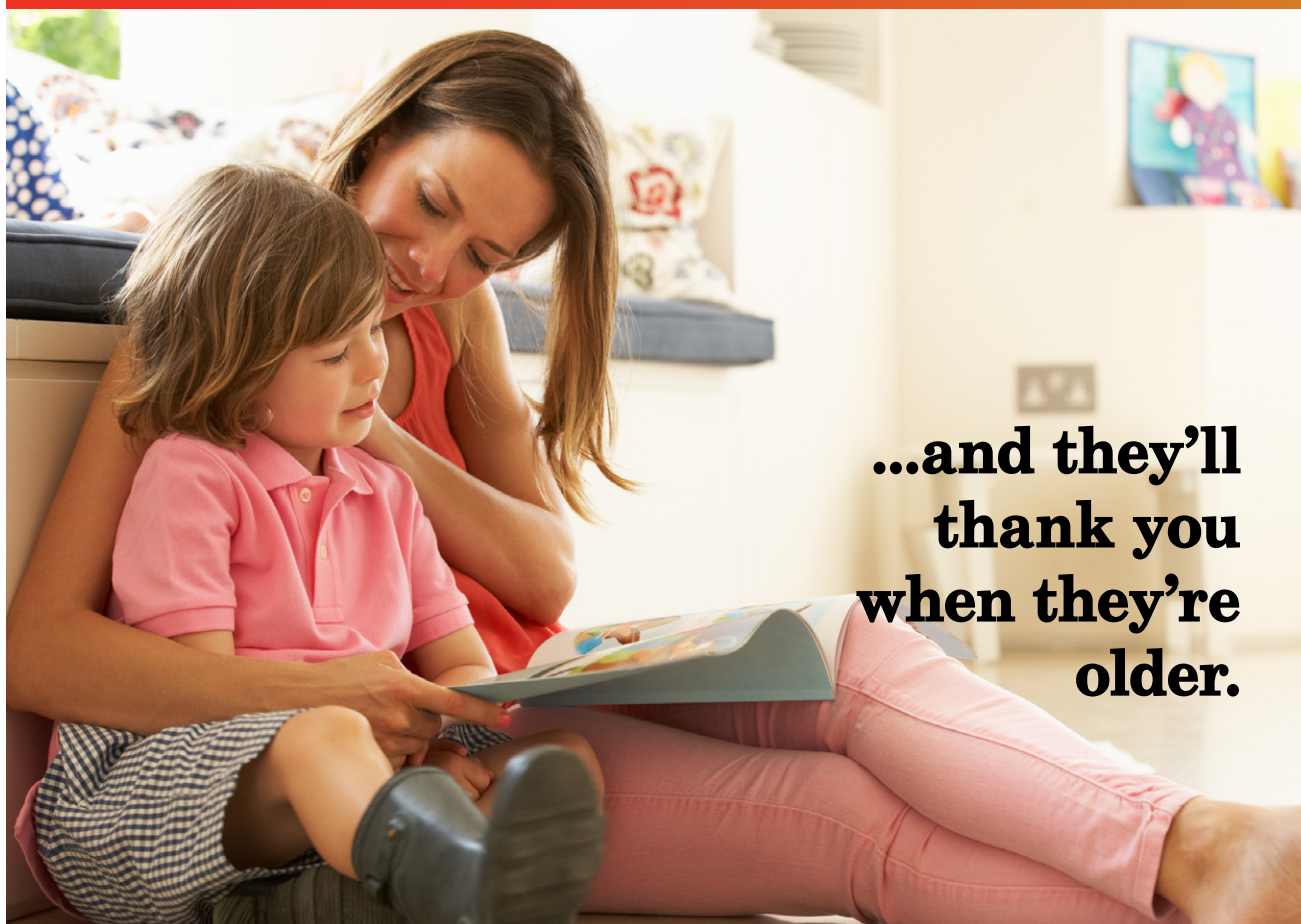
### FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT

We need your support to vote for the success of our Fund My Neighbourhood project. Please also ask your friends to vote and spread the word! There are significant projects to be funded for the benefit of the school.

The first project is to fence Barton Reserve, improving the safety of our students and of all users of the park. The second project is to create stairs and ramp access to the school gate from Barton Reserve.

To vote, you need must be 18 years or over and have a YourSAy account. You can do this by visiting [HTTPS://FUNDMYNEIGHBOURHOOD.YOURSAY.SA.GOV.AU/FMN-GUIDELINES](https://fundmyneighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au/fmn-guidelines). If you're reading online, just click on the link to access the website. We will also be promoting this through our website and Facebook page so that you can direct your friends and family there to find the link.

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**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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**Sunday  
26 November**

**Community Worship 9.30am  
Growing Experience 10.30am**

# Hope Is On The Way

## Experience Advent

St Paul Community Worship  
Sunday - our school and  
church coming together.

Stay after worship for games,  
craft, food and fun. Plenty  
of free fun for all ages.

## Church News

### LLL AUSTRALIA

#### CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$10 GIFT

'Teach them to save before they learn how to spend' Campaign. The LLL are committed to providing the best savings account for your children, to help them learn about money. They are currently offering a gift of \$10 for all new accounts opened for primary aged children if opened by 31 December 2017. Please contact Louise Venning or let our front office staff know if you are interested, so we can ensure you receive a letter with all the details on how to take up this offer.

#### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

St Paul Lutheran Church will be offering preparation for First Communion during the first school term of 2018 for young people in school, Grades 4 and above. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Greg – email [pastorgreg@stpaul-church.org.au](mailto:pastorgreg@stpaul-church.org.au) or phone 0423 151 367.

#### SPY

St Paul Youth for Grade 6-8 runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term 7.00pm-9.00pm. Cost \$2.00. Our Term 4 theme is 'Light'. Our next meeting date is this Friday 17 November 7.00-9.00pm. Girls bring Supper. For more details please contact Nicole Hall, CYHM Coordinator on 0412 686 342.

#### ST PAUL COMMUNITY SUNDAY

##### EXPERIENCE ADVENT

You may have started to see some posters around the school promoting our next St Paul Community Sunday, which is to be held on Sunday 26 November. The worship service is at 9:30am, followed at 10:30am by a fun, hands-on Experience Event in the hall. We look forward to our school and church coming together as one community. We hope you can join us!

For more information, please contact Louise Venning School Ministry Worker – email [lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au](mailto:lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au)