



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 9

WED 20 SEPTEMBER

- School Council 7:30pm

WEEK 10

MON 25 SEPTEMBER

- Concert Dress Rehearsal and Photos

TUE 26 SEPTEMBER

- Concert Run Through

WED 27 SEPTEMBER

- Concert Matinee Performance 1:00pm

THU 28 SEPTEMBER

- Closing Chapel 9:00am
- Concert Evening Performance 7:00pm

FRI 29 SEPTEMBER

- Optional Attendance Day

WEEK 1 TERM 4

MON 16 OCTOBER

- First Day of Term 4
- Opening Chapel 9:00am

WEEK 2

- Book fair

SPRING

It feels like it was forever ago that we excitedly planted bulbs in our little garden. In reality, it was in Term One. We watered them, they had some sun, we kept watering them. And it seemed like nothing happened... for weeks.. months actually... And then it began... First little green shoots burst through the soil, every day, creeping a little higher... Then a growing bulge of something before it burst and a delicate flower appeared. A soft, sweet smelling fragrance in the open air greeted me as I looked at the design and shape of the jonquils.

Finally, I thought!

Children, with their growing and individual learning journeys, can be a little like a garden. Some are quick to grow and produce, with seemingly little effort. Others take time, sometimes a lot of time, and effort, and nurturing before they seem to grasp the basics, and apply their understandings. Children are far more complex too. They are social, emotional, physical and spiritual beings all which impact their educational growth and development.

I speak of children, but I include adults too. We are all complex, life-long learners. So where does God fit in with all of this?

Our loving God looks at each one of His masterpieces (children, and that includes you) with great love and affection. He is deeply invested in each child's growth and development. He desires to have a good relationship with each one. In times of hardship and struggle, He longs to be strength and peace, someone faithful to lean on. In times of happiness, he celebrates. His desire is for each child to flourish, knowing they are valued and loved. And on the journey, He wants it known that we are not alone. He is always with us. See Matthew 28:20b.



Spring is a beautiful time of the year, where it is easy to see blossom and flowers in their glory. But take comfort in remembering that God is with us in every season. And relax in knowing that our loving God is faithful to keep His promises.

Submitted by Georgie Schuster

INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Year 3 Excursion

From the Principal

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Last week, I invited all parents in the school community to be involved in our Strategic Planning by adding to our display in the corridor leading through to the canteen. I encourage you to take a look at these questions, discuss them at home, and bring any ideas you have to add to the display. Sticky notes will be provided for you to write on, but you may also like to take notes at home and bring them to add to the wall.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts as we plan for an exciting future at St Paul Lutheran School.

STAFFING NEWS

Last Friday we announced to staff that Katy Parrish was finishing at St Paul. After working in two schools, Katy has decided that her future lies in another field and has decided to take the courageous step to head out looking for what is next. Our prayer for her is that she is able to find the right pathway for her future. Should you wish send your good wishes to Katy, you are more than welcome to leave messages with me to pass on.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Director of Learning

This week is 'Parents in Education week'. The week promotes and highlights the significance of parents being involved in their child's education. Some events are still taking place tonight and tomorrow night; details below.

Program session	Date	Speakers
Unlocking your child's potential and learning through strength-based parenting	20 September 2017 7.00pm to 8.45pm	Professor Lea Waters
9 Ways to a Resilient Child	21 September 2017 7.00pm to 8.45pm	Dr Justin Coulson

While practically all schools encourage parent participation in their children's education, this involvement can take many forms. This year, St Paul has run sessions for parents on wellbeing, cyber safety, Project Based Learning and the next strategic plan for the school. As much as it is important for parents to assist the school with its mission, it is also important that schools help families with information on child development, learning at home, and community collaboration. Ultimately the parent-school partnership benefits students. Studies show that children have better self-esteem and motivation toward school when this partnership is strong.

If you are considering how you can become more involved at St Paul, drop into the office and grab a registered volunteer pack. More information about 'Parents in Education Week' can be found at www.decd.sa.gov.au/pieweek.



EXPONENTIAL GROWTH OF TECHNOLOGY

I was reading an article this week about the growth of technology over the last century. I thought I'd share some of the facts with you as it is widely accepted that the next 100 years of technological development will put the last 100 years to shame.

- The Apollo Space Modules only had 4 KB of memory in their guidance computers. That's not enough data to send an email.
- A contemporary 256 GB USB holds the same amount of data as 213,000 floppy disks.
- The smallest available iPod holds about 480 songs or about the equivalent of 32 cassette tapes.
- A 1965 Super 8 film cartridge stored 2.5 minutes of footage at 24 frames per second. A modern 2.4 inch GoPro will record 2 ¼ hours of footage at 30 frames per second.
- In 1946 the University of Pennsylvania created one of the world's first computer calculators. It weighed 30 tonnes and occupied a room of nearly 500 square metres. Today, you have one on your phone.

When you consider that our 2018 Receptions will retire in about the year 2080, you have to think they'll be doing some very different types of jobs to us today. For example, did you know that last month the job of 'Emoji Translator' was created? True story.

Jason Fay | Director of Learning

General News

SRC NEWS

A huge thank you to all of the students who gave up their lunch times to compete in our Table Tennis Knockout Competition. Congratulations to Ruben Irving and Mason Klenner who won our Year 3/4 competition, and Fergus Venning and Liam Gates who won the Year 5/6 competition. Both Grand Finals were extremely close until the last dying seconds where both teams managed to snatch the win by a point.

In other SRC news, we would like to thank those of you who come along to our SRC Café each week before Chapel. All parents and families are welcome to join us in the hall for tea and coffee on Wednesdays until 9am. The SRC are able to provide this service to you through the kind gold coin donations people put into their collection bowl each week at the café. Please continue your great support of this SRC initiative and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday mornings.

Stacey Baldock | SRC Co-ordinator

BOOK FAIR

The St Paul Library will be holding a Book Fair in Week 2 next term. A range of books will be available for purchase including picture books, novels and nonfiction. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to browse and buy books, with all purchases benefiting our school. More information will be available in coming weeks.

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MULTILIT

MULTILIT (Making Up Lost Time In LITeracy)

Thanks to the valuable contribution of our faithful volunteers, the MULTILIT programme has been running successfully at St Paul for many years. Tutors have helped students develop the skills needed to become more independent readers. We are however, seeking new volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Cheryl Ziegeler (Learning Support teacher). I will be more than happy to chat, without any pressure to 'sign up.'

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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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Church News

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 if you are interested.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOXES OF LOVE

This is a last reminder that our St Paul Lutheran Church Operation Christmas Child appeal is near its due date for the return of shoeboxes. Boxes must be returned to the Church Office (or via the School Office) by next Tuesday 26 September. Thank you to everyone who has supported this important appeal. Any queries, please contact Naomi in the Church Office, telephone: 8262 4690.

FACEBOOK PAGE

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