



**ST PAUL
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 11

THU 12 APRIL

- Parent Teacher Interviews
3:30pm-8:00pm
- Term 1 Concludes

FRI 13 APRIL

- Parent Teacher Interviews
(Pupil Free Day)

TERM 2, WEEK 1

MON 30 APRIL

- Term 2 Commences

WEEK 2

MON 7 MAY

- Tri-Skills Gymnastics (R-2)

TUE 8 MAY

- Mothers Day Stall
- National Lutheran Schools Week

WED 9-11 MAY

- Year 4 Camp - Mylor

FRI 11 MAY

- District Cross Country
- Year 2 Sleepover

God's beauty

As Term 1 draws to a close, I find myself reflecting. While I acknowledge and learn from its challenges, I simultaneously celebrate the many successes. I cherish the many small steps taken by our students, the joy in their faces and excitement in their voices as they made new discoveries, their thirst as they began seeing books as unending treasure, realizing that books expand their horizons and take them on many ventures... Yes, they experience wonder every day!

While contemplating, I sense God. He guides us, helps our students learn, and gives us our school community, our incredibly beautiful, amazing and mysterious world, and life. As I reflect on God's endless love, I share with you a poem from one of my favourite Christian books, *Like the flight of a Boomerang*.

God's beauty

Three hundred and sixty-five mornings and evenings each year reflect His beauty in fire and glory.

Millions of birds raise their voices each morning in a symphony to His praise.

Roaring cyclones, pounding waves give inklings of His power.

Twinkling start, endless space, solar systems hidden from our view proclaim His majesty: infinity.

Newborn babies, fragile life, are a witness to his love.

All creation rejoices, dances and sings, praises, and calls Him Creator.

And to us He is God and more.

For we may call Him our Father.

Metzner, Ulf & Metzner, Christobel (1994). Like the flight of a Boomerang. Adelaide: Open Book Publishers, Page 85.

Enjoy the coming break and special time with your child/children as they relax and enjoy quiet time with you.

Submitted by Jan Daly



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

• Sports Day 2018

From the Principal

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

What a great morning we had on Friday for our 2018 Sports Day. Thank you to all families for your support and attendance; it was lovely to see so many of you supporting your children. I'd like to particularly thank the volunteers and staff members who helped to set up and pack up the field and canteen area for the day, and particularly our canteen volunteers for all their help on such a busy day. This was a huge commitment from those involved and we are lucky to have so many selfless helpers in our community. A special thanks to Tania Pile for taking photos during the day.

Congratulations to Linke and their win for 2018, their first in 5 years! Well done also to the individual medal winners for your efforts both on sports day and in the events prior to the day.

Final results:

1st Linke

2nd Neumann

3rd Giersch

2018 Championship Winners:

Senior Boy – Eli Nguyen

Senior Girl – Ruby Hartwig and Lyla Muir

Intermediate Boy – Jordan Bolo

Intermediate Girl – Gemma McDonald

Junior Boy – Isreal King Bawl

Junior Girl – Santika Adji and Gemma MacDonald

A special congratulations to Mikayla Hughes for breaking an 11year record in the 50 metre sprint for under 5 year old girls.

STAFFING NEWS

For the remainder of 2018 we will welcome Miss Amber McMahon to our staffing team. Amber will be working with Year 5 for the first half of Term 2 whilst

Miss Tania Burgan is on long service leave and then in Year 1 whilst Megan Fyffe takes long service leave. In addition, Amber has been appointed to replace Miss Claire Kelly when she goes on maternity leave from the beginning of Term 3. The end of this week will also see Mrs Jess Lampshire head off on maternity Leave. Mr Armin Mayer will be returning from his long service leave to continue the German and Digital Technologies program.

Finally, Miss Cheryl Ziegeler has decided to take some leave during Term 2 to spend with her sister who is unwell. Our prayers go with Cheryl and Ruth as they spend this valuable time together. We have appointed Mrs Marina Genito to the Learning Support teacher role for Term 2.

Blessings to all of our staff heading on long service and maternity leave!

FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE

Many of you would be aware of our campaign last year in which we secured funding and agreements with Port Adelaide Enfield Council to fence Barton Reserve, and to build a ramp and stairway from Barton Reserve to the back gate of the school. I have been in contact with council this term and discussed initial designs for the fence, ramp and stairs, and detailed plans are now being made. I will update you as further information becomes available. Thank you again to all in our community who voted for our projects last year.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Deputy Principal

STUDENT PROGRESS

Parent-Teacher Interviews take place this week and this can be an anxious time for parents, students and teachers. This is an important check point for families in terms of gauging student growth. But as teaching and learning evolves to account for and encourage new skills and dispositions required for future success, our understanding of achievement, success, feedback and assessment also needs to progress.

Most of us went to school at a time when student



assessment and success was based on a paradigm of accountability. Teachers and schools proved they were good by meeting a very set criteria and model for assessment; tests and exams. Education was a cyclical process of curriculum delivery and student recount. Throughout this process, student success was clearly defined by percentages and university entry and an entire generation (or more) of children had a very clear notion of how 'smart or dumb' they were. Unfortunately this archetype is still very much an influence on the practice of schools and universities but the world that awaits students outside this model has changed. In recent years there has been a major shift in educational assessment, from an overreliance on homogenous tests which tell us little about university and vocational readiness, to the use of numerous methods to gauge growth in learning the full range of content and skills that best serve students for life. Real assessment occurs when we quantify not just knowledge, but also skills and proficiencies. This kind of assessment is concerned not just with the recall of facts but also with real-world applications.

Ultimately, this means that the teacher-parent conversation is much more nuanced than ever before. A simple grade or mark does not give the true story of what is taking place in the classroom. As the focus of the teacher turns more to the process of learning than the product, feedback, rather than grading, becomes the teacher's priority.

Parent-Teacher Interviews at the end of Term One are much more than opportunities to share grades. They provide an excellent chance for clarity around the development of students in new year levels, classrooms and social groups. Make the most of this conversation with your child's teacher.

UNSW TESTS

Last week, information regarding the UNSW Tests was sent home to oldest siblings. If you would like your child (Year 3 and above only) to participate in the Science, English or Mathematics competitions, please return this form by the end of term. If you need a form, these are available at the front office.

Jason Fay | Deputy Principal

From the Wellbeing Leader

TERM 1 CLOSING WORSHIP

Term 1 will conclude on Thursday 12 April. All parents and friends are warmly invited to participate in closing worship at 2:30pm. Students who do not have PE lessons should please wear official summer uniform on Thursday.

TERM 2 OPENING WORSHIP

Opening worship will be held in the church at 9:00am on Monday 30 April. Students who do not have PE lessons should please wear official summer or winter uniform ready for opening worship to begin at 9:00am. All parents and friends are, once again, warmly invited to join us.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Mothers Day Stall is being held on Tuesday 8 May. Students are able to purchase gifts from \$2.00 - \$7.00 and a gift card for \$1.00. Students will go in class groups to the stall and younger students will be supported by older students to assist them with their purchase. Please send money in a named envelope for the younger students. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have kindly offered to help!

SCHOOL DISCO

Please place Saturday 23rd June in your diaries now for the St Paul Disco to be held at Crocs Playhouse. Reception to Year 2 - 5:30pm to 6:45pm - \$7.00 Year 3 to Year 6 - 7:00pm to 8:15pm - \$9 (Year 3 may attend either session but not both). Students will be able to pre-order dinner for the night at an extra cost to the ticket. More information will given early next term regarding ticket sales.

Carly Bergen | Wellbeing Leader

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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General News

SHED MEN

All dads are invited to Shed Men. Shed Men is not an official school event, but rather it is run by dads as a casual gathering of St Paul dads and male care givers at a different bloke's house on the first Friday of the month. All you need to do is BYO meat and drinks. If you would like to keep up to date with current meetings and events, please subscribe to our regular newsletter at: <http://eepurl.com/dqUstr> Please feel free to pass this information onto anyone who might be interested in joining us.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property is overflowing with drink bottles and other items. The lost property table is located near the canteen. Please have a look and see if any of these items can find their way home. End of term, any items left will be disposed of.

Church News

ST PAUL "TOP THAT" QUIZ NIGHT

The St Paul Lutheran Church Quiz Night is on Saturday 26 May 2018. Get your table together now and come and enjoy a great night of fun, conversation, food and general knowledge – or not so general knowledge!

BACKPACKS 4 SA KIDS

This year, the Hearts and Hands Women's Fellowship at St Paul Lutheran Church are supporting Backpacks 4 SA Kids and we welcome members of our school community to take part if interested. This organisation helps children and teens who are suddenly displaced from family or who find themselves in traumatic situations. It offers them real hope.

Thank you to everyone who donated torches. In April and May we are collecting erasers, sharpeners and wooden rulers. Donations can be left at the Front Reception. For further details check out the website: <http://backpacks4sakids.org/#> Thank you.

THE STORY

From June onward we will be taking a congregational journey through The Story, a collation of narrative sections of Scripture taken from Genesis through to Revelation and arranged chronologically to read like a novel. Pastor Greg's preaching will fit in with the 31 chapters of The Story, and attenders of St Paul will be invited to join together in small groups to further explore, discuss and share.

The Story book will be available for purchase through St Paul, together with the small group participant guides. Get ready to join us on this exciting adventure into God's big story! Contact Pastor Greg or Dennis Clark (0438 895 056) for more information.