



**ST PAUL
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Upcoming Events

WEEK 7

FRI 1 DECEMBER

- Casual Day - Come as a Teacher
- Sports Presentation Assembly
- Shed Men

WEEK 8

MON 4 DECEMBER

- Class Carer Christmas Dinner

WED 6 DECEMBER

- Reception Christmas Concert

FRI 8 DECEMBER

- Presentation Assembly
- Reports Sent Home
- General Presentation Assembly

WEEK 9

MON 11 DECEMBER

- Year 6 Graduation Dinner

TUE 12 DECEMBER

- Year 6 Celebration Day

WED 13 DECEMBER

- Final Day for Students
- End of Year Service at Endeavour College

God's Promises Never Fail

Cooling off in the pool the other night I glanced up to the sky and caught the beginnings of a rainbow. As I waited and watched, it grew larger and more vibrant, eventually parading all its colours. Rainbows are a "wow" moment for me. I love rainbows. [In fact I continually marvel at the wonders of God's creative power.] As a child I would try and follow the arch of the rainbow to its end point, always looking for that elusive pot of gold. And elusive it was. I never did find the treasure!

Rainbows remind me of the power and majesty of God's creation, but most of all they remind me of God's promises. God's promises are powerful and enduring. If God says it, He does it! Unlike our lives which can be a litany of "maybes" God is faithful and trustworthy. His promises NEVER fail.

God promised to send a Saviour. And He did! As Christians we celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, at Christmas.

The Saviour – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! (Luke 2:11)

God also promised that all who believe in him will have the gift of eternal life.

God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.

(John 3:16)

Now that's the best Christmas present ever. That's something worth celebrating!

Submitted by Penny Werner



INSPIRE photos featured this week:

- Reception - Year 3 Swimming

From the Principal

STAFFING NEWS

I'd like to extend warm congratulations to Jessica Denko, her husband Scott, and daughter Amelia, as they prepare to welcome a little brother or sister to their family. Jess will continue to work for the first part of 2018.

We also have news that we are farewelling two staff members. Receptionist, Ann Belcher, took leave mid-year to join husband Tom in Canada for work. Ann has decided to take the leap of faith that God has plans for her in Canada and so has decided not to return. Ann has been a dedicated parent and staff member of St Paul for many years and we pray for a wonderful future for Ann and her family in Canada. Cameron Trautwein has been a long-serving and valued staff member in SPLASH, our Out of School Hours and Vacation Care service. We congratulate him on his appointment to OSHC Assistant Director at Nailsworth Primary and thank him for the care and mentorship that he has provided to our SPLASH students over many years.

FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all school community members for voting in the Fund My Neighbourhood campaign and for sharing with friends and family members. We were able to announce on Facebook over the weekend that both of our projects have been funded. The fencing of Barton Reserve, and stairs and a ramp to the back gate of the school, will provide greater safety and accessibility for all and we are now able to do this at little cost to the school.

EXPERIENCE ADVENT COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Thank you to all families who were able to join us at church on Sunday for the community worship service, and for Luke and Alexi's baptisms. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, with students involved through choir, readings, drama presentations, or simply

being present and taking part in Advent activities.

Thank you also to all school and church staff for your wonderful work in preparing for the day, particularly to Louise Venning for putting together a wonderful range of activities for young and old.

THANK YOU TEACHERS

At the time of writing this, teachers have been spending long hours and most likely the past several weeknights and weekends writing your child's school reports, as well as meeting together for class allocation discussions. I am thankful for the commitment that each of our teachers show, in taking the time to accurately reflect the learning and development of every child in his/her class, whilst also continuing the valuable classroom teaching and learning during the last few weeks of the year.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION FOR 2018

I know that many students and parents are waiting breathlessly for information about class allocations and teaching staff for 2018. We are currently in the process of class allocations, which takes into account many considerations, including those that have been discussed with me in recent weeks. In addition, I am working with teaching staff, as well as teacher assistants, to finalise arrangements for 2018. Our teaching teams will be announced at the same time as class allocations. These will be sent home with student reports on Friday 8 December. Please note that separated families' envelopes will be posted in the days prior to December 8. Whilst we make every attempt to ensure that these arrive at the correct time, the timing of the post is not an exact science and we appreciate your understanding in the timing of these.

Leila Mattner | Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Please join us this week at assembly where we will acknowledge the sporting achievements of our students across 2017. The assembly in Week 8 will be a general presentation assembly. At this time the School and House Captains for 2018 will be announced and presented, the Magazine cover for 2017 will be revealed



and other student groups such as SRC, Choir and Chapel Band will also be recognised.

Birthdays for the school holidays will be presented at our final Chapel of the year next week. It has been fantastic to see so many parents and friends at Chapel and assemblies over the course of the year. Thank you for supporting the students and teachers who spend so much time preparing and rehearsing for these events.

END OF YEAR SERVICE

Our End-of-Year Service, including the Year Six Graduation, takes place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 13 December in the Endeavour Centre, Endeavour College. This is a final worship service for all students and is a compulsory school event for students in Reception to Year 6. Students are required to wear official summer uniform. Students may wear their PE uniform during the day on Wednesday so their summer uniform is clean for the evening service. On arrival at the Endeavour Centre, children are to assemble in class groups, outside the main entrance, by 6:40pm. Families of graduating students are invited to gather in the Endeavour Centre foyer for pre-service refreshments from 6:00pm. Year 6 parents are given first access to the auditorium at 6:30pm. Remaining families will be permitted to enter the foyer from 6:30pm, before being seated from 6:40pm. If you cannot attend, please advise your child's teacher in writing next week.

Jason Fay | Deputy Principal

General News

LCC CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you for the support that you have already given to LCC's Christmas hamper appeal. We have already received so many items and are still in the process of collecting.



Next week, 4 – 8 December will be the final week for collection of items. We are collecting "Sweets and Treats", in particular biscuits,

chips, lollies, Christmas puddings and cakes and long-life custard. Toys and gifts for children under 12 can be handed in at any time.

Any items for donation can be placed into the receptacles around the school. Thank you again for your support!

Rebecca Mueller | Classroom Teacher

SPLASH NEWS

It is with some sadness, that at the end of this term we will farewell one of our long term Splash Staff members, Cameron Trautwein. Cameron has been part of Splash and the St Paul community for 8 years and we have greatly valued his passion for the children and the job and his commitment to the team at Splash. Cameron is moving on to be the Assistant Director at Nailsworth PS OSHC. This is a great opportunity for him and we wish him all the very best in this move. Cameron's last shift will be Friday 8 December but we look forward to being able to farewell him as a community at the Splash Breakfast on Tuesday 12 December.

SPLASH Reminders:

- Vacation Care forms due in Wednesday 6 December
- Christmas Breakfast – Tuesday 12 December
- Booking forms for 2018 due Wednesday 13 December

Rebecca Heinjus | Director

CRICKET REGISTRATION 2018

Cricket Registrations for 2018 Season - Reminder parents of 2018 Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Intending cricketers, please return your form by this Friday 1 December.

SAPSASA TENNIS

Last week, Jake Smith and Callie Weiss represented St Paul and their Adelaide North East SAPSASA District in the annual State Tennis Carnival. From all reports both players performed well, often against older opponents.

Congratulations and well done Jake and Callie!

Kym Mickan | SAPSASA Coordinator

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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KNITTING GROUP

In Term 3, students participated in a knitting group where they not only learnt to knit but also to create a beautiful finished piece. Under the guidance of parent volunteer Karen Schache, students created this fabulous rug using a quick and easy method to create pom-poms. Special thanks to Karen for her creative ideas and time spent in finishing off the piece. Please feel free to come and have a look at our students' pom-pom rug in the library.

END OF YEAR IN THE LIBRARY

The library is now closed for student borrowing for 2017. All library resources – books, CDs and DVDs are due back at the end of this week. This will be the final week for Take Home Readers to be issued - they will be due back next Wednesday (Week 8). The library will continue to remain open at lunch time with some great Christmas craft coming up in the next couple of weeks.

Wendy McLeod | Library Resource Manager

LIFE IS A KALEIDOSCOPE DVD

Limited DVD's are available from the front office. \$25.00

Church News

THANK YOU!

What a fantastic celebration on Sunday at our St Paul Community Sunday! Thank you to everyone from our school community who contributed and also who came along to share in the worship time and Advent experience.

We feel very blessed to be able to share and celebrate Baptism together, as a school and congregation and to rejoice with each other the coming of our Lord and Saviour in the lead up to Christmas. Every blessing to our school families at this special time. Louise Venning, School Ministry Worker – email lvenning@stpaulba.sa.edu.au

ST PAUL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SERVICE

St Paul Lutheran Church invites all families and children to come and take part in an Active Nativity Service led by the young people of St Paul. Come dressed as an Angel, Shepherd or Wiseman or come along and get dressed up in our costumes and be part of the action on Sunday December 17 at 9:30am.

SPY

St Paul Youth for Grade 6-8 runs on the first and third Friday of the month during the school term 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Cost \$2.00. Our Term 4 theme is 'Light'. Our next meeting date is THIS Friday 1 December. Boys bring Supper. For more details please contact Nicole Hall, CYHM Coordinator on 0412 686 342.



Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings

1.5kg Traditional Christmas Cake
\$17.00

1 kg Traditional Christmas Cake
\$13.00

Traditional Christmas Pudding
\$13.00

Available from the office...(Cash Only)