Dear St John’s School Community

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone! For those who were able to have a break from work or the usual routine, I hope that you enjoyed your time with family.

As always, we are looking forward to another exciting school term, full of learning, new experiences and of course our School Concert. In the next few weeks each class will begin their initial preparations for our Concert that is scheduled on Thursday September 18 at the Arena.

We have information on our website regarding the Regional Parenting Service Calendar of Parent Education programs for Term 3. Session topics include the Positive Parent program (2-5 yrs), Bringing up Great Kids (5-12yrs), Parenting as a Team and Tuning into Kids to name a few. Whilst we do not normally provide advertising space in our Newsletter, our survey of readers at the end of last term requested information to be provided regarding activities that may be of interest to parents. We are happy to provide this information via our website in the Latest News section.

Upcoming dates

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Term 3  Week 1  17th July 2014

From time to time you may notice a different face in the classroom or with specialist classes. St John’s offers placements to students as part of their University studies or to Year 12 students undertaking Pathways courses. We are pleased to offer these placements when we are able, giving vital experience and valuable information to these students in their studies.

This week, you will find attached to the Newsletter, a letter outlining our requirement to collect data regarding students with disabilities (please read the letter regarding the definition of disability). The Data Collection aims to provide more accurate and complete information about the number and distribution of Australian school students with disability as well as the adjustments provided to enable them to access education on the same basis as students without disability.

The Data Collection will inform Government of future policy and planning for the provision of educational services around Australia and ensure that there is a nationally consistent approach to identifying students with disability.

Follow the Lord and honour him; obey him and keep his commands; worship him and be faithful to him. Deuteronomy 13:4

Comment: - None of us is a law unto ourselves. We are all answerable to God in the end. Honour Him and he will bless you.

With God’s Blessings

Brian Schultz

Devotional Thought

How’s Your Hearing?

How’s you’re hearing? It’s amazing how many different voices we listen to in a day. We can also listen to multiple voices at once. We can be driving the car, listening to the traffic around us as we are talking to the person sitting next to us while listening to the music on the radio. We may have listened to the doctor as he told us our cholesterol was too high! Perhaps we listened to a presentation at work, listened to our children speak about their day or we listened to the nightly news telling us of wars and famines, strife and tragedy.

In Matthew Chapter 13 Jesus calls us to ‘hear’. In particular he is inviting and calling us to listen to his voice. His voice is ‘heard’ as we listen to the word of the bible. This word is living and active and it is God’s message of hope and salvation to you and to me. How do we go with this? So often our day is filled listening to so many other things that we can neglect to listen to God’s word.

The message God speaks to us is one of hope. He calls us to be on guard, to watch our tongue, to strive to love one another; but ultimately it is the voice that calls us to the cross. It is on the cross that we hear God’s love calling out that we are loved and forgiven.

Perhaps you mightn’t have heard the message of the bible. Perhaps it’s something you haven’t really thought that much about. A good place to start is to read John chapter 3 verses 16 and 17. Listen to these words from God and hear what he has to say to you. If you’d
like to reflect on it more I’d be happy to listen to your story and share with you God’s word of hope and life in Jesus Christ.

John 3:16-17. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

God bless
Pastor Mark

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming week:

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### Canteen

Thank you to Belinda Yockins for helping today. For those of you who are keen to help, a roster for Term 4 is now available.

**Liz Gardner – Canteen Manager**

**ROSTER - TERMS 3 & 4 - 2014**

**Thursday 11.00am – 1.30pm**

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### Prayer Group

St John’s Prayer Group is a group of parents who gather regularly to bring the school and school community before God in prayer. All parents are welcome. In Term 3 the group will meet in the Hall following morning assembly on the following Fridays: July 25, August 8, August 22, September 5. If you would like more information, please contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Jonny Hedt at hedtj@stjohns.edu.au

### Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Brian Schultz, Chris, Ben and Sophie and their extended family on the death of Brian’s father Bill. Bill passed away on July 5th, during our School term break.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

St John’s staff, families and community

### Farewell

Farewell to Mietta (JP) whose family has relocated.

We wish you well Mietta and hope that you stay in touch with your old school friends.

### Library

Every year, St John’s participates in Book Week. This year’s theme is “Connect to Reading”.

Come and have a look in the Library. Make some connections!

On Wednesday 13th August, we are having an Open Library Day. We will be open for parents and friends to visit and share the children’s classes, displays and the books created by each class.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day. A small bookshop is on offer for you to purchase a book and donate it to the Library. Your donation will be recognised inside the book.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Book Club will be due on Thursday 24th July. Could you please return completed forms clearly noting the student’s name and class along with the correct payment. No late orders can be accepted.

**Lynn Lytzki – Librarian**

### Netball

St John’s Lollipops Netball team continued on their way with their positive development with a recent win over the Moolap Munchkins earlier this week. Good luck to the Lollipops for the remainder of the season – have fun and many goals ahead!

**Rachel McIlvena-Innes**
Volunteering at St John’s

In order to volunteer at our School and Kindergarten, parents must meet two requirements:

1) have a current Working with Children Check and

2) have completed a 1 hour Valuing Safe Communities training session within the past three years. As schools of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA), school staff and volunteers are obliged to meet the requirements of the LCA Safe Place Policy. Valuing Safe Communities (VSC) is a school specific program to comply with this expectation. This training is valid for three years. If your 3 years has expired or you are new to the School and Kindergarten, you will be required to complete this session, to enable you to assist in events organized by the School.

St John’s will run a session on Thursday July 31 from 2.15 to 3.15 pm.
Please RSVP to the School Office by Tuesday July 29.

Preps

This week the Prep P class used some everyday items to create some very colourful images. We used full cream milk, detergent and food colouring. When we added the detergent to the milk, our colours did strange things! We took photos of the circles and looked for shapes in the colours.

The Prep children are going to write about what we did to make the fantastic and colourful circles.

Jeanette Pelchen – Prep Teacher

Basketball

St John’s Slamdunks
Wednesday 23rd July – 4.40pm
Wednesday 30th July – 4.00pm
Wednesday 6th August – 4.00pm
Wednesday 13th August – 4.40pm

St John’s Bobcats
Saturday 19th July – 10.40am
Saturday 26th July – 9.50am
Saturday 2nd August - 9.00am
Saturday 9th August – 10.40am

Leeanne Williams

Education Maintenance Allowance

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid-August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

* Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment

* Parents and guardians who now meet the eligibility criteria and would like an EMA form for the second instalment, please collect one from the School Office.

Health Care Cards must be valid at 15th July 2014.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing.

All applications need to be returned to the office by 30th July 2014.

Community Events

City of Greater Geelong

Play and Learn Computers for children at Geelong Regional Libraries: Children can now play and learn on purpose-built computers available in most library branches. The brightly-coloured keyboards are attractive to youngsters who are able to access and play games using Busy Things, Tumble Books and Literacy Planet – all excellent literacy and numeracy-based resources. Special features include: large touch screen monitor, oversized colourful keyboard, ‘Chester Mice’, smaller mice for little hands with only one button, custom desk and seat for children.


Kindermusik enrolments now being taken for Term 3: Kindermusik offers music and movement classes for babies, toddlers, big kids and families. The classes nurture children’s development while helping children develop a lifelong love of music, develop language, social, emotional and physical skills and a happy, musical play environment.

For information about Kindermusik in the Geelong region to go: www.homegrownmusic.com.au or call Robyn on 0427571453

Father of the Year Award

We currently have Entry Forms for the 2014 Geelong Father of the Year Award in the School Office. Sponsored by Geelong Community Support (Bendigo Bank), this Award celebrates fatherhood through children’s eyes and acknowledges the important role that men play in families.

Children are invited to submit in 150 words or less why they think their father, or father figure, deserves to be Geelong’s Father of the Year, 2014.

Award categories are broken down as follows; 0-6, 7-10 and 11+.

All entrants receive their entry back, along with a certificate to take home in time for Father’s Day.

Entry Forms are available from the School Office.

Education Maintenance Allowance
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Tina McInerney - Accounts

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Barry Krueger

Have you enrolled in After School Care?

Allow 5 days notice: As part of government regulation, all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. Without a complete and confirmed enrolment (including payment details), children cannot be accepted into the program.

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Church Information

St John’s Lutheran Church, 165 Yarra Street, Geelong. Rev Mark Blackwell. Sunday worship with Holy Communion 9am. Sunday School is now every week during school term. Office: 5221 5121. Playgroup meets 9am-11am every Tuesday of school term at Tyne Cottage adjacent to church. All welcome.


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mollers Lane, Leopold. Rev Mark Blackwell. Worship, 11am Every Sunday with Holy Communion.