producing a map that will indicate up to date parking zones, drop off zones and safe walking routes for those within a 1km radius of St John’s. The more families we have walking to School from home or parking their cars within walking distance of our School then walking with their child, will assist in reducing this congestion.

With the tragic event of the MH17 air disaster dominating the news over the past week, I have included an article written by Michael Grose, advising parents of how they can assist their children to make sense of this awful tragedy.

Extra-Curricular events this week included the Preps day out at the Melbourne Zoo and finalising the House Chess Competition, along with Chess Lessons. On Friday the Years 5 & 6 students will have a visit from two Geelong AFL players, as part of our student Leadership Program, and they will then participate in the first round of our winter Interschool Sport Program.

May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience and with joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you. Colossians 1:11

With God’s Blessings

Brian Schultz

Devotional Thought

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

We all have a deep a sense of fairness. This idea of justice shows itself from an early age; I remember frequent moments of outrage when one of my brothers got a larger piece of cake than me.

It extends into every aspect of life. This week, everyone was saying; “The people who downed MH17 must be held to account.”

Our sense of justice is never more acute than when it involves us personally. Watching the perpetrators of evil continue to live out their lives without punishment can be as bad as being victims of the original crime.

God has established a universal law that evil must be punished. But sometimes this doesn’t seem to happen. Throughout the Old Testament, God’s prophets cried out for justice when evil seemed to flourish. Not much has changed in the world today; the weeds of evil grow alongside the good wheat in the field of life.

We, like the angels in the parable, want God to rid the world of evil by pulling up the weeds immediately. But God responds that he will deal with evil in his time. Pulling up the weeds will possibly uproot the good wheat as well.

In this, God reveals himself as not some big fluffy permissive teddy bear, but a God of justice who hates the evil and sin that have ruined his perfect world and broken his relationship with the people he loves. God will punish all evil, one side of death or the other - no one gets away with sin.
So what is the Christian’s role in a world full of evil? In Matthew 7, Jesus says, “Judge not, or you too will be judged”. We are not to point the finger at others – God is the supreme judge - but to examine our own hearts for sin and evil that choke out the good that the Holy Spirit works in us. Our first calling is to return to the cross in repentance.

Romans 5:8 says “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” In doing so, Jesus took the punishment for the evil we do upon himself, redeeming us and meeting the law that evil must be punished. This gives us the freedom to live out our new lives as described in Matthew 13:43: “the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom.”

If all this has got you thinking, I encourage you to delve deeper by reading the first couple chapters of C.S. Lewis’ classic book Mere Christianity, which explores this topic brilliantly.

Jonny Hedt

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 Tiff Kitchin 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

TERM 3
Thursday 31st July – Kristy Whitehead
Thursday 7th August – Alissia Milliken
Thursday 14th August – Miranda Puglia
Thursday 21st August – NO CANTEEN
Thursday 28th August – Jeanette de Boer
Thursday 4th September – Tanya Marshman
Thursday 11th September – Kathryn Vick
Thursday 18th September – Belinda Yockins

TERM 4
Thursday 9th October
Thursday 16th October
Thursday 23rd October
Thursday 30th October
Thursday 6th November
Thursday 13th November
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 27th November
Thursday 4th December

Level 2 (Years 1 & 2)

Level 2 students use concrete materials in Mathematics, in order to visualise number and assist with problem solving. Here students are solving take away (subtraction) problems.

Melinda Troeth – Level 2

Basketball

St John’s Youth Group

St Paul’s Youth meets Friday, August 1 for an evening based around the theme “Team Challenge”. Teams will compete in a variety of physical, mental and other challenges to test them to their limits. BYO nerf gun if you have one (there will be some spares). All youth aged 10-16 are welcome. Gold coin donation. Parents sign in at St Paul’s Community Centre, corner Heyers Road and Torquay Road at

6.45pm. Pickup at 8.30pm. RSVP to Lee Smith 52417182 or text 0425870136 email Jonny Hedt hedtj@stjohns.edu.au

St Paul’s Youth will also meet on August 22 and September 12.

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: Tomorrow, 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

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.
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<td>Gus</td>
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<td>kids</td>
<td>Ava</td>
<td>For always being eager to perform well in every PE lesson.</td>
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<td>Zachariah</td>
<td>For improving his skills and for enjoying every part of his PE Class.</td>
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<td>Holly</td>
<td>For always trying her best and for her cooperation and interest. Well done Holly!</td>
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<td>DEAKIN</td>
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<td>William</td>
<td>For always being keen and happy to contribute to the best of his ability.</td>
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<td>Gretel</td>
<td>For performing at a very high skill level. Well done Gretel!</td>
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<td>Zach</td>
<td>For being highly skilled in most areas in Sport. Well done Zach!</td>
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<td>Melody</td>
<td>For always participating at her best and for always showing interest.</td>
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<td>For always trying hard to perform well during every lesson.</td>
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<td>Tia</td>
<td>For always being happy and interested in her PE lessons.</td>
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<td>Caleb</td>
<td>For attempting every lesson with interest and for showing great skill development.</td>
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<td>Dakota</td>
<td>For having a high level of ability and for being at her best in every lesson.</td>
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<td>PARKES</td>
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<td>Spencer</td>
<td>For always contributing and improving his Sports skills.</td>
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<td>For showing great skill development and for being an able Sports contributor.</td>
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<td>Will</td>
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<td>Emma</td>
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**Community Events**

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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Award categories are broken down as follows; 0-6, 7-10 and 11+.</td>
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<td>All entrants receive their entry back, along with a certificate to take home in time for Father’s Day.</td>
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**Library**

**Book Club**

Book Club due date is today Thursday 24th July. Could you please make sure all forms and the correct money is returned to the School as no late orders can be accepted.

If there are any parents or friends who would like to make themselves available to read for the Book Week Activity afternoon on Thursday 21st August, could they please contact Mrs Lytzki.

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

The students are pictured creating some interesting connections. Come and have a look in the Library next time you are passing.

Lynn Lytzki - Librarian

**Debating**

Our Years 5 and 6 classes are practising their debating skills this week in preparation for the upcoming House Debating Competition.

Our topic for this week is “School camps should end” and students are working in their teams to put forward a persuasive case for the affirmative or negative side.

Carrie Veith – Years 5 & 6 Teacher
**Education Maintenance Allowance**

For School families who hold a current Health Care Card, 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.

Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Please contact the School Office for an application form and further information.

Tina McInerney – Accounts

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**Chess Tournament**

Over the last few weeks, we have been conducting a Chess Tournament in the Library. The children have regularly attended the sessions and have been excellent, respectful competitors. By competing, students have been achieving points for their Houses as well as showing their skills and enjoyment of the game.

We have had 28 competitors this year (alphabetical by surname):


**Winners:**

1st Place: Noah (Junior), Milly (Middle), Harry (Senior)

2nd Place: Charlie (Junior), Luka (Middle), Nicholas (Senior)

3rd Place: Archer (Junior), Max (Middle), William (Senior).

Congratulations and well done to everyone who competed in the spirit of fair play. Thank you also to Max, William and Xavier for adjudicating the Chess Tournament.

Lynn Lytzki – Librarian

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**Preps at the Zoo**

On Monday the Prep classes went on an excursion to Melbourne Zoo. After a few ‘are we there yet?’ questions, we arrived and were able to enjoy a fantastic day.

During our visit to the Zoo School, the children were introduced to a variety of body coverings from some very exotic animals. The children also had the experience of feeding meal worms to a small monkey and were all given the opportunity to touch a snake and a green tree frog. Our experiences at the Zoo will assist the children as they learn about their topic of ‘Feathers, fur, scales and skin’.

Jeanette Pelchen – Prep Teacher

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**Level 4 (Years 5 & 6) Sport**

Students in Level 4 will play against St Mary’s Catholic Primary School this coming Friday 25th July, at Kardinia Park Sporting grounds. The games should begin at approximately 1.30pm. All parents are welcome to come along and support the students.

Steve Tkaczuk – Sports Coordinator

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**Celebration of our Children**

Thank You God for Kids

You are invited to join us on Sunday 3rd August for a celebration of our children! Worship begins at 9am and will be filled with songs, drama, stories and more for the kids.

Kids, Grandkids, friends, neighbours……everyone is welcome!

Our story for the morning is

**Jesus Feeds the 5000**

(Matthew 14:13-21)

So make sure you’re hungry!

St John’s Lutheran Church

165 Yarra Street, Geelong

For more information contact Trish 0423 090 608

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**Music**

The Week 2 Music Award goes to SV for great work with ‘Swingin’ Bones’.

Week 3’s Music Award goes to MS for wonderful cooperation in Music this week.

Carmel Schulze – Music Teacher


**Art**

Art Awards for this week go to:

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<td>For adding interesting details with a black marker to his Picasso face.</td>
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<td>Jonathon (SV) and Noah (SV)</td>
<td>For making an amazing monster using magiclay for their 'Where the Wild Things Are' shadowbox.</td>
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<td>Mei (ST)</td>
<td>For drawing some fantastic lines and patterns with black markers on the white side of her wooden block.</td>
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<td>Claudia (MG)</td>
<td>For printing very carefully on both sides of her wooden block.</td>
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Kaiser Craft Vouchers go to: Rebekah (MG) and Lucille (MS).

Glenda Partridge – Art Teacher

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**Geelong Lutheran College**

One way, and this is not the only way, of looking at schooling is to see it as preparation for life. Last night our Year 10 students and their parents learned of the VCE and VCAL pathways, Vocational Education and Trading, School Based Apprenticeships and the subjects they can study at Years 11 and 12. Thank you to Mrs Tattersall and our Senior School teachers for this evening, the displays and the information that was provided.

However, following this thread, preparation for life is so much more than the subjects that students study. It is also the development of the enduring attitudes, values and predispositions which remain when what we have learned is replaced by new knowledge, or even, when we change careers. In this context, our teachers examined the concepts of vocation and service during a recent development session. It is particularly powerful to think that God’s ongoing creative work and his work of preserving the creation is completed through our service – often in spite of us than because of us!

In terms of staffing, we farewelled Mrs Marian Wilson who is taking some Long Service Leave and returning later this term. Mrs Alysson Walshe has generously agreed to continue at the student services counter until Mrs Amanda Vague commences in several weeks’ time.

I do need to remind parents about car parking and that we need to work within the constraints we have to ensure the safety of our children. Please do not pick up students on Burvilles Road since there are safety concerns with students walking through bus zones and other entrances to the College.

Our final Open Morning will be held on Friday August 8 from 9:30am. Please commend this opportunity to view our College to families who may be interested in what we have to offer. Although our Prep classes for next year are currently filled and the Year 7 classes nearly filled, there are vacancies at other year levels.

Looking ahead to next week, we wish our 9A students well as they travel to Melbourne each day for their CityCite experience and we will welcome our visitors from Honjo Daiichi High School in Japan.

Barry Krueger

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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.

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**Extend After School Care**

We had a fantastic first week back at After School Care! It was wonderful to hear about all of the different things the children got up to on the holidays and to see everybody back refreshed and ready for another busy term.

In our first week back we made different things out of pipe cleaners and straws, made some delicious lemon cookies with lemon butter icing, had some hot chocolate on some of the colder days and played games outside, including poison ball and hide and seek.

- Stephanie

Our Extend Superstar is... Sarah R for volunteering to pack up on Friday, without being asked. Thank you so much for your help Sarah! It was greatly appreciated!

**Next week’s Activities:**
- Monday 28th July: Construction Playground
- Tuesday 29th July: Pikelets
- Wednesday 30th July: Portrait Paintings
- Thursday 31st July: Paper Mache Creations
- Friday 1st August: Parachutes

**New Families**

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.

Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn’t matter if you don’t end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.

Express Enrolments incur an additional $40
Any enrolments submitted with less than 5 days notice are considered an Express Enrolment and will incur an additional $40. We encourage all families to enrol NOW to avoid paying the Express Enrolment fee.

Submit enrolments to Head Office, not your School Office or the service
To ensure your enrolment is processed as quickly as possible, please submit all enrolments to Extend Head Office by email (preferred method) or fax.
Enrol today at extend.com.au

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437