Dear St John’s School Community

Open Library Day was held yesterday, featuring this year’s Book Week theme “Connect to Reading”. The Library was open for parents and friends to visit and share the children’s displays and books created by each class. Mrs Lytzki was well prepared with plenty of refreshments and homemade cooking available throughout the day. A small Book Shop was on offer to purchase a book and donate it to the Library. Donations are to be recognised inside the book.

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Devotional Thought

Devotional Thoughts - Matthew 14:13-21

After feeding more than 5000 people, Jesus finally gets a rest. He’s been seeking a quiet spot to grieve since he learned that Herod had beheaded his friend, cousin and partner in ministry, John the Baptist. It’s evening as he sends his disciples off in a boat across Lake Galilee and dismisses the full and satisfied crowd. Then he climbs a mountainside to pray.

It’s important to note that Jesus always refills his “bucket” by a) finding a quiet, lonely spot and b) praying. We should imitate his example in our Christian lives. Often, though, we do the opposite. When we are upset or worried, we try to fill ourselves with activities, music, movies and friends. In doing so, we may miss out on the only thing that can truly fill our buckets and give us the peace we long for; mediation and conversation with God.

Meanwhile, the disciples are battling a headwind and sizeable waves on the lake. In the storm of the moment, they’ve lost their way. Then they see something that terrifies every sailor; a ghost on the water, walking towards them. They squeal in mortal fear. Jesus immediately identifies himself and tells them to have courage and “Don’t be afraid.” Peter, the impulsive hothead, says; “Lord, if it’s you, tell me to come out on the water.”

Jesus commands him to come and Peter, eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, becomes the second man in history to walk on water. But then he makes his mistake, he takes his eyes off Jesus and sees the power in the wind and waves. Fear grips him and he starts sinking. He cries for help and Jesus reaches out, grabs his hand, and rescues him.

Contrast for a moment the difference between Jesus’ focus and Peter’s focus. Jesus drew near to God the Father and found peace in his grief. Peter did the impossible – walk on water – while his eyes were fixed on Jesus (God), but as soon as he was distracted, he started to sink.

What about you? Do you feel like you are sinking in the worries of life? Are you like Peter and think the storms in your life are stronger than God himself, who has power to calm all storms? It might be time you find that quiet spot on a mountainside to pray, invite God to fill your bucket, and reflect on the following passage from Philippians 4:4-7:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Jonny Hedt – Pastoral Care
**Toucan Appeal**

St John’s Lutheran School is proud to be associated with the Geelong Food Relief Centre by collecting any non-perishable food, groceries or personal care items. A collection box is located at the School Office where items can be left during the month of August.

**Sports Awards**

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**Parents and Friends**

**WHAT’S ON?**

**Routley’s Pie Fundraiser:** Just in time for football finals time. All families have been given an order form. This is to be returned by today, 14th August.

You will receive your orders on Thursday 28th August.

Keryn McNaught – Secretary

**Lost**

Louis has lost his School jumper. The jumper has his name on it. Please check the labels on your child’s jumper and return to the School Office if it has been accidentally taken.

**Library**

**Library Awards this week go to**

SF: for having excellent discussions about clean energy as a result of sharing the CBCA short-listed picture story book “The Windy Farm” by Doug MacLeod and Craig Smith.

JT: for their excellent discovery of what is under the waves with the CBCA short-listed picture story book “Granny Grommet and Me” by Dianne Wolfer and Karen Blair.

Thank you to all the parents and friends for coming to visit the Library to share in the classes, look at their children’s work and to take part in the Open Library Day. Thank you to all the families who donated a book to the Library.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day: Julia Allen, Erin Carson, Maz Cole, Lisa Drennan, Maree Ellerton, Tiff Kitchin, Natasha Migliorelli and Alissia Milliken.

Thank you to Torquay Books for supplying a wide range of fantastic books for students and parents to peruse.

Our Bedtime Story/Pyjama Day will be held on Thursday 21st August. Don’t forget to come dressed for the day in your favourite pyjamas, onesie or tracksuit. Parents please ensure that children are dressed appropriately, warmly (no summer pyjamas) and with safe footwear. Our bedtime stories will commence in the Hall from 2pm.

**Book Club** will be due on Thursday 21st August. 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

**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: August 22, September 5. If you would like more information, please contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Jonny Hedt at hedtj@stjohns.edu.au
Canteen

Thank you to Miranda Puglia for helping today. For those of you who are keen to help, a roster for Term 4 is now available.
Liz Gardner – Canteen Manager

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

Extend After School Care

Last week we got to play outside a bit more than we did the previous week. Whilst out there, we played football, soccer and hide and seek. We also did a lot of different indoor activities, including playing board games, making straw rockets and making some caramel fudge, which more than passed the taste test with everyone who tried it!

-Stephanie

Our Extend Superstar is... Lola F, for having a fantastic first day at After School Care! Well done Lola!

Next week’s activities:
Monday 18 August: Crystallising Watercolours
Tuesday 19 August: Watercolour Art
Wednesday 20 August: Cheese Rolls
Thursday 21 August: Cardboard Box Cities
Friday 22 August: Straw Weaving

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

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.