Dear St John’s School Community

It is encouraging to see so many extra-curricular events happening at St John’s, giving students the opportunity to participate and extend their learning. Earlier this week, we held our Inter House Debates. Parkes and Deakin both won the first debate – “Movies are better than books”. Deakin and Barton each won the second debate – “It should be compulsory for all children to play a sport after school.” It is so pleasing to see the confidence in our Senior students when they undertake activities of this kind.

Our Years 3 and 4 students visited Geelong Lutheran College as part of Science Week and from all reports, they had an extremely interesting and enjoyable excursion.

Today we are celebrating Literacy and Numeracy with an afternoon of activities including the students attending School in their sleepwear, shared reading and counting of paper chains. Thank you to Lynn Lytzki for organising this event for St John’s.

Next week, our School will be represented by 12 students at a Primary Zonal Chess Tournament. Lynn Lytzki and I will be travelling with these students to the event and we wish them well in the competition.

2015 will see the end of wearing any of the older style uniform and the changeover will be complete to the latest version of the St John’s uniform. This changeover will have taken two years to complete, with any new students to the School since 2013 having to purchase items that comply with our new look uniform.

With these 2 years almost behind us and 6 months left until the beginning of the 2015 school year, I am requesting that you now consider the uniform needs of your child for next year, so that they are wearing the correct School uniform.

Please keep this change in mind when considering the purchase of second hand items.

We are currently considering our options regarding the operation of our School’s Second Hand Uniform Shop in 2015, however with the transition to our new uniform complete at the end of this year, we will no longer be accepting second hand items at our Uniform Shop that do not comply with this requirement.

The Lord takes pleasure in his people; he honours the humble with victory. Psalms 149:4

Comment -: With the Lord on your side - how can you lose? If you are a blessing to Him in your life, be prepared to receive an abundant blessing.

With God’s Blessings
Brian Schultz

The Concert is coming.............
Devotional Thought

Crumbs from the Table

"Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Matthew 15:26-27

Students of Dr Martin Luther used to take notes on what he spoke about as they sat around the table over dinner. One student tells the following story: "When Luther's puppy, Töpel, happened to be at the table, looked for a morsel from his master, and watched with open mouth and motionless eyes, Luther said, 'Oh, if I could only pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise, he has no thought, wish, or hope.'" (Table Talks, May 1532).

Luther's observation illustrates the attitude and the words of a Canaanite woman who came to Jesus and begged him to heal her daughter. She knew she was not one of God's 'chosen race' and so didn't deserve anything from Jesus. And yet she came to him and begged him to have mercy on her and heal her daughter. When Jesus questioned her she said, "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Like Luther's dog, 'all her thoughts were concentrated' on her plea for help. 'Otherwise she had no thought, wish, or hope.'

Jesus heard her prayer and gave her a tasty morsel of his goodness. Her faith in Jesus was rewarded and her daughter was healed.

There's a good lesson in that for us. Although we are all sinners who don't deserve God’s goodness, Jesus longs for us to come to him in faith and prayer. He wants us to concentrate all our thoughts on seeking the precious morsels of the promises in his word. Our faith, too, will receive his undeserved love.

Prayer: Lord God; make your precious promises our only thought, wish and hope as we come to you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Pastor Lester Priebenow, ‘Our Redeemer’, North Geelong

Level 2

Students in JT share ideas from their writing as a part of Speaking and Listening. In this way, students hear different points of view and can incorporate new ideas into their own knowledge.

Melinda Troeth – Level 2 Leader

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.

Youth Group

St Paul's Youth Group next meets tomorrow, Friday August 22 for tenpin bowling. All youth aged 10-16 are welcome. Cost will be $15 for two games. Parents sign in at the Geelong Ten Pin Bowling Alley on Reynolds Rd, Belmont at 6.45pm. Pick up from 8.30pm.

Please book with Lee Smith on 52417182 or text 0425870136 by Thursday August 21 or email Jonny Hedt hedtj@stjohns.edu.au

Debating

The Level 4 (Years 5 and 6) Inter House Debating was held on Tuesday morning. The teams were given their topics with half an hour to prepare. Everyone contributed so positively to this preparation and it definitely showed in the quality of their presentations. Well done to all.

The first topic was 'Movies are better than books', and the winning teams were Parkes and Deakin, with Best Speaker awarded to Solomon and Ahlyia The second debate was 'It should be compulsory for all children to play a sport after school', and the winning teams were Deakin and Barton with Best Speaker awarded to Leilani and Isabel. Congratulations to all.

Margie Foott – Years 5 and 6 Teacher

Music

The Music Award this week goes to JP – Wonderful Music Workers this week.

Carmel Schulze – Music Teacher

Birthdays

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

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Resiliency Workshop

The Resiliency Project’s Hugh van Cuylenburg will lead parents in a seminar on “Supporting the Development of a Resilient Child” on Thursday, August 21, 7.30pm at Lara Community Centre, Waverley Rd. Cost $5. Reservations 5282 2725.
Parents and Friends

Kindergarten Parents please note that your involvement with our Committee, Fundraisers or Events is most welcome. Donation of items and the purchase of gifts at our Father’s Day Gift Stall is also open to our Kinder parents and students.

The Parents and Friends committee are looking for people who are able to help out with the sorting and distribution of the Routley’s pie orders on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th August from 2 pm until 3.30pm.

We are also looking for some willing helpers to assist with the wrapping of the Father’s Day gifts on Thursday 4th September between the hours of 10.45 – until wrapping is finished.

If you are able to help in any way, please SMS Keryn McNaught on 0407563123.

Keryn McNaught – Secretary

Concert

The School Concert is only 4 weeks away. The theme this year is: imagine if …

An order form for tickets and DVD sales will be sent home tomorrow.

Tickets can only be purchased from the School Office from Monday 25th August until Wednesday 17th September – there will be no tickets for sale on the night.

Tickets are allocated as they are sold – unfortunately, we are not able to offer selected seating.

For further information please contact Office Staff.

Library

Book Club is due today. No late orders can be accepted. Please return completed forms clearly noting the student’s name and class along with the correct payment.

Next week, a group of students will be taking part in Chess Victoria’s Primary Zonal Tournament to be held at Cambridge Primary School in Hoppers Crossing on Tuesday 26th August. We are looking forward to participating in this event and wish these competitors well.

Lynn Lytzki – Librarian Level 3 – Years 3 and 4

Our Years 3 and 4 students were invited to GLC this week to join in Science Week activities. We learned about our solar system and planets, how to make Whizz Fizz, how to make rockets and studied some specimens in the biology lab using microscopes.

We all had a great time and did some cool things with Science.

Anna Burger – Level 3 Teacher

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

Canteen

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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<td>Rebekah</td>
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The Kaiser gift vouchers go to Emily (MG) and Isaac (MB)

Glenda Partridge – Art Teacher

Geelong Lutheran College

This past week has seen many highlights, which are described later in this Newsletter. Our students have distinguished themselves in the Regional German Verse Speaking Competition (with a sizable group proceeding to the state finals), our two Choirs achieved second places at the Geelong Eisteddfod and our Primary School team won the Inter-Lutheran “Battle of the Books.” I have also received very positive feedback from the Year 9 City Cite presentations.

Last Monday night’s first ever Primary School Concert was an outstanding success. Thank you to the many teachers who have been involved in these activities, to our students who have been such willing participants and parents for their support.

Planning and preparations for next year are continuing in earnest. I anticipate advertising this weekend for next year’s teaching staff. At this stage I would like to remind our parents that we require a term’s notice if their son or daughter is leaving Geelong Lutheran College at the end of this year. At this stage we anticipate an enrolment of approximately 450 students for next year. Currently there are vacancies (albeit quite limited in some cases) at most year levels except for Prep.

Looking ahead to next week, I would like to highlight Photo Day which is scheduled for Thursday 28 August. It is imperative that all students are well-presented for their photos with their full school uniform.

Barry Kruger

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.

ROBIN MANN

Writer of songs (like Father welcomes, May the feet of God walk with you, Feed us now), compiler of songbooks (All Together Now ... & 5 more), singer, guitar player, worship leader, husband of Dorothy, long-time Christian on the low-way, Adelaidean, inter-denominational Lutheran, father of Kris, Jon & Thom …

Robin is coming to Geelong for a sing-a-long and to share with us some of the new songs from the latest All Together song book.

Date: Sunday, October 5th

Time: 5.30pm for dinner (bring a plate of something to share)

6.30pm for singing

Venue: St John’s Lutheran Church,

165 Yarra Street Geelong

Cost: Donations taken on the night


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mollers Lane, Leopold. Rev Mark Blackwell. Worship, 11am Every Sunday with Holy Communion
We only had a four day week last week but we still managed to pack a lot into it. We did quite a few pastel drawings, using both soft and oil pastels. Some of our work is now on display in the School Hall. We also played various games outside, including football and cops and robbers and made a delicious caramel slice, which we ate on Thursday with some hot chocolate as a treat.

-Stephanie

Our Extend Superstar is... The Benney children, for always using such beautiful manners and being so polite and respectful at all times. Well done guys!

Next week’s activities:
- Monday 25 August: Milky Plastic
- Tuesday 26 August: DIY Pinwheels
- Wednesday 27 August: Chocolate Potato Cake
- Thursday 28 August: Iron On Bead Craft
- Friday 29 August: Cereal Box Monsters

Kids Club Competition

NOW OPEN FOR ONLINE VOTING!

Visit extend.com.au to vote!

A big thank you to all the children who entered and put in so much hard work into their impressive Kids Club entries. Judging each entry was extremely tough but we’ve narrowed it down to the shortlisted winning entries. Make sure you head to our website to vote!

Voting ends: Friday 5 September 12.00pm

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CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437