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Devotional Thought

Exodus 3.1-15

Mind your own business! That’s a phrase you may have heard a lot of. Sometimes we like to pry, and can become too nosy, especially online! Not minding our own business can get us into trouble.

It got Moses into trouble. He saw an Egyptian beating up one of his own people, an Israelite. He didn’t just mind his own business, but entered the fray and killed the Egyptian. For fear of his own life he fled the city, which is why our reading today finds him tending sheep.

But then he sees a bush on fire. Should he mind his own business? ‘I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned’, he says. He doesn’t mind his own business, and from the burning bush God Himself speaks to Moses. He even tells Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. But Moses wants to mind his own business this time. ‘Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ It’s not really my business.

When it comes to God and Christianity, are you the kind of person to mind your own business? Perhaps you’re happy for others to heed God’s call, but you just want to keep a low profile? In today’s story Moses’ attention is caught by a burning bush, but for us it can be all sorts of things. Perhaps a tragedy or a death, perhaps something so wonderful happens that you had never thought such joy could be possible. God catches our attention, He wakes us up out of our sleep, to behold his love and faithfulness. He even challenges us, like Moses, to mind His business in the world.

Does God mind His own business? No. He got involved in your life, when Jesus Christ died and rose again for you. Moses was just a foretaste, but Jesus Himself is the one who leads all people out of slavery to sin, and slavery to selfishness. May God wake you up, that by the Holy Spirit you may not mind your own business, but mind His business!

Pastor Tom – St Paul’s Lutheran Church

Parents and Friends

Last month’s Pie Drive was a big success. Our School and Kindergarten community raised over $820 to go towards Working Bee activities in October.

A big thank you goes to all who purchased pies and to Deb in the Office for collating the orders for us. Thank you also to the many helpers we had on delivery day including Keryn, Sarah, Jeanette, Tracey, Maree and Miranda.

Sally Fitzpatrick – P&F Kinder Representative

School and Kinder Working Bee – to be held on Saturday 11th October.

After the success of last year’s Kinder Working Bee, this year we are conducting a School and Kinder Working Bee on the Saturday 11th October between the hours of 9am and 4pm. Both Kinder and School families are encouraged to come along and give a hand to improve the outdoor spaces.

Some of the jobs that will be done on the day include: building four decks and an outdoor chess board, painting, topping up the soft fall and sandpits.

A form including a jobs list and availability (and tools that you are able to bring along on the day) will be sent out to both School and Kinder families in the coming weeks. If you have skills in a particular area, we would love to see you. If you could spare at least 1 -2 hours or more we would really appreciate your help.

Keryn McNaught – Secretary

The School Concert is only 2 weeks away!

Tickets can only be purchased from the School Office 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.

Basketball

St Johns Slamdunks
Wednesday 10th September – Semi Final
Wednesday 17th September – Grand Final

St Johns Bobcats
Saturday 6th September – 10.40am GBNC
Saturday 13th September – 9.50am GBNC

Leeanne Williams

Lollipops Netball

St Johns Lollipops Netball Team played against CTK Angels on Wednesday night - and the score was a DRAW! All of our team players played exceptionally and everyone put in a huge effort. GO LOLLIPOPS!

Rachel McIlvena-Innes
Westpac Rescue Helicopter

On Tuesday, the Preps and their Year 5 Buddies travelled to GLC to take part in The Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Schools Program. The Program is an educational resource designed to teach 50,000 Australian Primary School students the importance of not-for-profit emergency services to their local community. We were very lucky to have been chosen to participate in this Program.

Library

Library Awards are presented to:

MG: for their excellent sharing with the fantastic pictures in our story “Parachute” by Danny Parker and Matt Ottley.

PG: for being the best statues for one minute and discovering what happens in one minute with our story “Silver Buttons” by Bob Graham.

Certificates of Appreciation:

For helping to put books away - Lily, Lily, Isabel and Melody For dusting and keeping the Library neat and tidy - Ava and Charlotte

Canteen

Thank you to Tanya Marshman for your help today.

For those of you who are keen to help, a roster for Term 4 is now available.

Liz Gardner – Canteen Manager

Art

Level 2 “cities” will be on display in the Art Room next Thursday after school and on Friday before and after school.

They have created the cities using cardboard boxes in the last three lessons.

Glenda Partridge – Art Teacher

Music

Music Awards go to – JT for being the best Music Makers and to PG for being fantastic Movers and Shakers.

Carmel Schulze – Music Teacher

Lost

ROSTER - TERMS 3 & 4 - 2014
Thursday 11.00am – 1.30pm

TERM 3
Thursday 11th September Kathryn Vick
Thursday 18th September NO CANTEEN – CONCERT DAY

TERM 4
Thursday 9th October Suzanne Sprague
Thursday 16th October Miranda Puglia
Thursday 23rd October Belinda Yockins
Thursday 30th October Tiff Kitchin
Thursday 6th November
Thursday 13th November Jeanette de Boer
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 27th November
Thursday 4th December Belinda Yockins
Spencer Tattersall has lost a School jumper. The jumper is clearly labelled with the name Tattersall.

Please return to the School Office if found.

Community News

Kelly Sports are conducting a School Holiday Program during the Term 3 Break. Information is available at the School Office.

2014-15 Little Athletics in Geelong

The Chilwell Athletics Club is looking for new athletes for the upcoming 2014/15 Little Athletics Season.

The GLAC Season starts on October 4 with a “Come and Try” Day and competitions run weekly through Term 4 and Term 1 next year (Oct 2014 to March 2015).

The cost per child per season is $144.60

Chilwell be having a “Welcome to Chilwell Day” on Sunday 28 September between 2-4pm at Landy Field.

If you want more information on how to Register your Child for the Chilwell Athletics Club please contact Chilwell Little Athletics Manager Tim Jarman at chilwelllittleaths@yahoo.com or 0421 77 2310

YMCA Holiday Program details available in the School Office

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.

Barry Kruger

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 tomorrow, Friday September 5. If you would like more information, please contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Jonny Hedt at hedtj@stjohns.edu.au

Geelong Lutheran College

Congratulations to Josiah Langton for his outstanding achievement (3rd place) in the State Finals of the German Verse Speaking Competition, to Seth Tomlinson for winning the Lions Youth of Year at Torquay. Congratulations also to our Year 10 Mathematics Team which competed against other schools at Deakin University. Thank you to Mrs Varley, Hoffmann, Welker and Somerville for all their behind the scenes work. It is very pleasing to hear that our students are achieving some excellent results.

Last Friday night our Year 10 students demonstrated the dances they had been learning in PE classes at their formal. Some of them had some really great moves! Congratulations to Torquay House for winning the Middle/Senior School Swimming Carnival yesterday and to all our students for their participation. Next week our Years 5 and 6 students will be participating in the School Inter-house Debating.

The results for the 2014 NAPLAN testing have now been released and they will be posted to parents later this week. I look forward to working through the analyses over the next few weeks. The NAPLAN provides objective standardized data, albeit at one point in time, on students’ progress in literacy and numeracy. This data provides valuable feedback on our programs and an external reference point for teacher’s internal judgments about students’ learning. Typically, analyses look for the strengths and weaknesses in our programs, the growth in students’ learning over the years since their last NAPLAN test, and if there are any particular groups of students who are not progressing as well as other groups of students.

Shortly we will commence interviewing for next year’s positions. It is with sadness I advise that Mr Mulla and Mr Hunter will be leaving at the end of this year – both have made fine contributions to our College. As already advised, Ms Linke will take leave at the end of this term (to be replaced by Mrs Jo Kara-Cozens in Term 4) and Mrs Eickhoff will take parenting leave next year. We all wish Miss Ballinger well as she takes two weeks leave, starting next week, to work as a volunteer in Kenya. We pray that God will keep Laura safe in her time away from us and God’s blessing on our other staff for their future plans.

Barry Kruger

Extend After School Care


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mollers Lane, Leopold. Rev Mark Blackwell. Worship, 11am Every Sunday with Holy Communion
On Monday we played many different games outside on the tennis courts, including cricket, skipping and basketball, before coming inside and having some delicious hot chocolate and doing some more pastel drawings. I was then away for the rest of the week due to having a rather nasty dose of the flu but I am sure that the children enjoyed many more wonderful activities in my absence!

- Stephanie

Our Extend Superstar is... Emma K, for always smiling and playing well with her friends. Well done Emma!

Next week’s activities:
Monday 8 September: Circle Weaving
Tuesday 9 September: Hama Beads
Wednesday 10 September: Paper Leaves
Thursday 11 September: Jammy Heart Drop Biscuits
Friday 12 September: Invisible Ink

Have you ‘liked’ Extend After School Care?
Did you know we have a Facebook page filled with fantastic pictures and information from our services? Find out what your After School Care has been up to or get some great ideas of activities to do at home with the kids. You never know what you might find if you don’t look and like!
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