Dear St John’s School Community

It is wonderful to see many of our students making the effort to walk to school as part of the promotion, ‘October - Walk to School Month’. As our School community extends way beyond a few blocks around our school site, many travelling from outer Geelong suburbs, it is encouraging to see some of these families parking a block or two away from the School then walking the rest of the way. With today’s Newsletter, you will find a Parking Area Map provided by the City of Greater Geelong. The map indicates Parking Zones and their restrictions. The map is a guide only and should not be used if the signs show a conflicting parking restriction. You must obey all signs when parking. Please do not use the car parks of local businesses when dropping off or collecting your child from School.

Another encouraging sign has been the downward trend of student recorded accidents at School since 2011. Our School grounds are very well maintained and although accidents are a part of a school day it is pleasing to see that most are thinking about how they play and move around the School. Anecdotal evidence indicates that there are less students running through the quadrangle area and around the corners of buildings, less tackling and grabbing of other students (not allowed) and more students using the Library at lunch times for reading or playing a game of chess. This is encouraging, however we will continue to remind students about fair and safe play.

St John’s has been selected to participate in a research project organised by student Meaghan Danby from the School of Psychology at Deakin University in Burwood. All students from Prep to Year Three will receive a Plain Language Statement and Consent Form tonight via the Class tray. Activities will begin November 3rd. The major beneficiaries of this project are children, in particular those who need to recall repeated events in an interview situation with a particular degree of precision. I encourage all families to get behind this research opportunity and return the forms as soon as possible.

But you belong to God, my children, because the Spirit who is in you is more powerful than the spirit in those who belong to the world.

1 John 4:4

Comment -: When life makes a turn for the worse, ask God for the power and strength to win.

With God’s blessings

Brian Schultz

Devotional Thought

Taken by God’s Hand - Isaiah 45:1 (Read verses 1-7)

“The Lord said to Cyrus, his chosen one: I have taken hold of your right hand”

Have you heard about a king called “Cyrus the Great”? Cyrus ruled over the Persian Empire some 2500 years ago. Cyrus did not know or love God, but the prophet Isaiah tells us how God used Cyrus to do a “great” thing for his chosen people – Israel.

The Bible tells us that, God ‘took hold of his right hand’. He made him a great and powerful king, so that he could rescue God’s chosen people who were exiles in Babylon and bring them back to their own land to rebuild their city and its temple, which had been destroyed. This was all part of God’s plan to send the Saviour, through his people, Israel. In the bargain, God showed Cyrus what a mighty God He is.

Does God still take people “by the right hand” and involve us in his mighty plans? Sure he does! Even some who neither know him nor love him. He involves us too. We may never be as “great” as “Cyrus the Great” but, as we travel life’s journey, God wants to take us “by the right hand” and involve us in his great, saving plan. And along the way, he will also show us what a great, true and powerful God he is.

Pastor Lester Priebbenow, ‘Our Redeemer’, North Geelong
For Sale

Two Concert DVDs at $20 each.

Please contact the School Office if you would like to purchase a DVD.

Canteen

Thank you to Belinda Yockins for helping in the Canteen today.

Liz Gardner – Canteen Manager

Birthdays

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

- Elizabeth on 24th October
- Grady on 24th October
- Oliver on 27th October
- Adele on 28th October

Chess

St John’s Lutheran School students attended the Chess Victoria State Semi-Finals held in Melbourne earlier this week. Max, William, Nicholas, Millie and Harry (pictured with their Certificates of Participation) enjoyed the competition and the experience of being part of a large, organised tournament. There were 28 Victorian schools represented with 180 students competing. The competition was tough and all students played using their mathematical minds to problem solve and strategise. Well done to our students and congratulations for making it through to this Semi-Final.

Lynn Lytzki

St John’s Carols Service

You are invited
to celebrate the start of Advent and the Christmas season at the St John’s Lutheran School Christmas Carols Evening on the Oval on Sunday, November 30.

The Carols Service will begin at 6.30pm and run for about one hour, including a nativity play by students and a choir performance.

Prior to the Service, a sausage sizzle will start at 5.30pm and there will be cold drinks available. Gold coin donations for these will help cover costs with any proceeds going to Australian Lutheran World Service.

Please BYO camping chairs, picnic rugs and other snacks. All welcome. No alcohol please.

We look forward to a wonderful night of celebration, music and worship as a community. If anyone would like to help by setting up or cooking several hundred sausages from about 4pm (or whenever you are free), please let the School Office know.

Angela McLean & Jonny Hedt – Wellbeing Coordinators

Youth Group

St Paul’s Youth Group next meets on Friday, October 31. Activity and venue to be announced next week. All youths aged 10-16 are welcome. Other youth nights will run on November 14 and December 5. For further information contact Lee Smith on 52417182 or text 0425870136 or email Jonny Hedt Jonathan.Hedt@glc.vic.edu.au

Library

Book Club Orders are due TODAY. Could you please make sure that all forms and the correct money is returned to the School today as no late orders can be accepted.

Lynn Lytzki – Librarian
This Week’s Art Awards go to:

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Kaiser gift vouchers are awarded to Dakota and Kate.

Congratulations to those students whose work was on display at the Geelong Show last week.

Glenda Partridge – Art Teacher

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.

Geelong Lutheran College

Today we reach another milestone. Our first Year 12 class complete their schooling and they leave us. Their journey has been an important one, not just for themselves but for all of us at GLC, and indeed for Lutheran Education in Geelong. I would like to especially acknowledge Joshua Duncan and Logan Phillips who have completed their schooling from Prep to Year 12 at St John’s and GLC. We pray that our Year 12 students have every opportunity to best display their learning on their examinations, and we wish them all the best for the future.

Well done to our Years 7-10 students who participated in yesterday’s Interschool Sporting Competitions. Reports back on their sportsmanship, support of each other and participation have been very encouraging and some pleasing results were achieved. Next week our Primary School students from Years 3-6 will compete in their Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

Teacher staffing for next year is complete and allocations to classes progressing. Please note that the placement of Primary and Middle School students into their classes takes into account factors including friendship groupings, students’ emotional and learning needs and the need to maintain a gender balance. We do believe that over the course of the year our teachers are in the best position to make these judgements. Primary School class groupings will be finalised in preparation for the Transition Day on Tuesday, 9 December.

Looking ahead to our calendar, our Closing Service for this year will be a Prep to Year 12 event at Costa Hall on Tuesday, December 9.

Barry Kruger – Head of School

Extend After School Care

Last week we created more Christmas cards for our Extend-a-hand project. We are aiming to complete at least twenty cards by the end of the project, so we will continue to make some of these this week. When we weren’t creating cards, we made up some of our own musical songs, played games of cricket and soccer, played with Lego and made a delicious pasta sauce, which we ate with some penne pasta for our snack on Wednesday.

-Stephanie

Our Extend Superstar is... Josh P, for being so helpful and sharing well with others.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 27 October: Crayon Watercolour Pictures
Tuesday 28 October: Cheese & Vegemite Scrolls
Wednesday 29 October: Extend-A-Hand Craft
Thursday 30 October: Stained Glass Butterflies
Friday 31 October: Dancing Worms

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