Dear St John’s School Community

I’m looking forward to meeting with our 2105 Prep families next Monday afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our School with new families as well as those current School families with older siblings in other year levels.

A reminder that students will be required to wear the new style of St John’s uniform as of Term 1, 2015. There has been a lead in time of 2 years with any new students to the School and Prep students having this uniform since 2012. A copy of the Uniform Policy and a guide to the correct uniform is included with today’s Newsletter.

You will also read in today’s Newsletter details of the closure of St John’s Second Hand Uniform Shop.

Last week’s news regarding the closure of Hedleys Educational Books was a sad one for a company that had been in business in Geelong for more than 60 years. We were visited by the representative from Hedleys last Thursday and she had the unfortunate task of advising us about the closure. It was made so much more difficult for her as she was also advising us of the loss of employment for herself and all of the Hedleys staff. The result of this closure for St John’s has been the need to source a new supplier for our Booklists. We have secured the services of Paul John Office National. As there will be a number of schools who are in the same predicament as St John’s which may impact on the supply of books, we are asking that you send your Booklists in to the School Office no later than tomorrow.

Mackenzie has been selected to represent St John’s as a member of the School Sport Victorian 12 years and under Track and Field Team. This team will compete in the annual School Sport Australia 12 years and under Track and Field Championship which will be held this year in Penguin, Tasmania from 27 November to 2 December. We wish Mackenzie all the best as she prepares for this wonderful experience.

I would like to bring to your attention some feedback we received from a local cyclist regarding a traffic congestion concern. During pick up times after school some cars are waiting for a space to become available and are lining up in the bicycle lane and forcing cyclists to veer into the busy traffic zone. Please consider all road users when picking up or dropping off your children.

As a follow on to the road safety message, we have had a report from our Crossing Supervisor that a few students are bouncing basketballs or footballs while crossing the road. Please remind children that this is a dangerous practice.

With God’s blessings

Brian Schultz

The Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 12 at 7 pm in the School Hall.

All are most welcome to attend.

Please support St John’s by being a part of the Parents & Friends.

AGM

Annual General Meeting

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Term 4

Week 5

6th November 2014

Upcoming dates

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Head of School

Dear St John’s School Community

The following dates are correct as of 16/10/2014. They are subject to change.

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### Devotional Thought

**Devotional Thoughts: John 8:31-36**

One of my favourite toys when I was young was a remote-controlled Jeep. I would drive it around the house weaving through chair legs and under tables. There are many wonderful remote control devices - quadcopters, spiders and even the Mars rover Curiosity. Yet despite being so marvellous, these machines don’t have control over themselves. They are slaves to their remotes and the master of those remotes.

In this week’s reading, Jesus tells the temple teachers that whoever sins is a “slave to sin”. They were taken aback. They told him they’d never been slaves. Like us, they thought nothing was the master of them. We consider ourselves free to do what we want.

But when we break God’s commandments with our sin, we come under sin’s power. We gossip, lie, steal, dishonour our parents and ultimately fail to put God first because we want to do our own thing. Just as a machine cannot break free from its remote by its own power, so sin enslaves us and makes us helpless.

There is only one way to freedom. Jesus says: “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Freedom begins with dwelling in God's word. Only by doing this will the truth reveal itself as Jesus, who both shows us the way and is himself the way.

In a postmodern world where people say, “That might be true for you, but it’s not true for me,” Jesus boldly stands up and declares that he alone is the ultimate truth in this world and beyond.

To some people, it seems like foolishness to hand Jesus the remote control for their lives. The Bible foreshadows their response: “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 18:1)

In Jesus we find true freedom; his death destroys our remote and the sin that controls us. Then he brings us into God’s family to enjoy all the freedoms and rights of a child of God.

Jonny Hedt – Pastoral Care

### Second Hand Uniform

After much consideration we have decided to close our Second Hand Uniform Shop from the end of the 2014 School Year. The Shop has provided a service to our School community for a number of years and is currently run by Wendy Menzel. Wendy has done a wonderful job during her time at the Shop, however we have found that it is simply no longer viable to operate this service.

We have contacted Sharon Wilmot from Second Hand School Specialists (formerly known as Uniforms ‘n More) and we feel that Sharon would be able to provide a good option for parents who would like to purchase or sell second hand uniforms. Sharon has provided the following information for parents:

> “We have been operating for 9 years in Hamlyn Heights at 21b Fairlie Street servicing many schools such as St Joseph’s, Kardinia, Sacred Heart, and Geelong Lutheran College just to name a few (there are over 10 schools represented). We have many parents enquiring about St John’s Lutheran uniforms so it is fantastic news that we will be able to offer our services to your school community.

*Our website is www.secondhandschoolspecialists.com.au*

We currently hold some stock of uniform in the Shop and we ask that you collect this uniform prior to the end of Term 4. Any items that remain at our Second Hand Shop will be disposed of.

Brian Schultz

### Birthdays

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

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Angela McLean & Jonny Hedt – Wellbeing Coordinators

### 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
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge Certificates of Achievement will soon be given to students who took part in the Challenge. If parents would like to view the Honour Roll online, the website is: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc Congratulations to all who participated.

We have been reading the book “The Great Paper Caper” by Oliver Jeffers. The Senior students enjoyed applying their minds to making paper planes and then trying to fly them as far as possible.

Lynn Lytzc - Librarian

Art

Art Awards for this week go to:

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Kaiser gift vouchers go to Jacqui Tischler (PG) and Juliet Evans (JT).

Glenda Partridge – Art Teacher

Canteen

Thank you to Fi Rae for helping in the Canteen today.

Liz Gardner – Canteen Manager

Geelong Lutheran College

Last Friday our Middle and Senior School students were involved in the organisation and running of “Martin Luther Day.” This event was a student initiated and organised activity. Well done to our students! The underlying theme for the day of freedom and celebration resonated with the spirit of Reformation. Bishop Henderson writes “The Reformation remains important today as a celebration of the gospel, and of the freedom Christ gives us to share God’s love with the world... The gift is not ours, but Christ’s. The love is not ours, but His...”

Well done to our Year 9 German students whose short film “Masterchef Deutschland” was shown last week at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image. It is very pleasing that our students are producing high quality work. Further, our Years 5 and 6 students acquitted themselves particularly well at last week’s Leadership Day. Thank you to our students and our staff.

Staffing for next year now complete. New full- and part-time teachers joining the Primary School are Mr Ryan Beutler from St John’s Primary School Footscray, Mr Jordan Riddle from Victoria University, Mrs Kristina Marinovic from St Mary’s Primary School Geelong, Mrs Natalie Lowndes returning to work, Mrs Kate Hill from Christian College, Mrs Louise Porra from Good News Lutheran College, Tarneit and Mrs Janelle Kratzmann.

New teachers joining the Middle and Senior School are Mrs Belinda Lyons-Lee returning to work, Mr Trent Reuben from Geelong Baptist College, Mr Chris Kirk from Melton Secondary College and Mr Michael Monaghan from Sunbury Downs College. These new staff will bring a diverse range of experiences and skills to our College and we look forward to the contribution they will make.

Last week we were advised that Hedley’s, our textbook and stationery supplier has ceased trading. I am pleased to advise that we have engaged OfficeMax as our supplier who will be able to deliver the same level of service as did Hedley’s. Additionally, we are reviewing this year’s rollout of the 1:1 notebook program at years 7 and 10. Details of next year’s rollout will be published shortly.

Next week we look forward to next years’ Prep students joining us for the first of their orientations. I am still showing families around our College and we do have additional vacancies in our Primary School due to our expansion to three classes at each of the levels.

Barry Kruger – Head of School
**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.


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**Extend After School Care**

Last week we baked some delicious cheese & vegemite scrolls, did a science experiment using gummy bears, played games of cricket and soccer and even played water balloon cricket! The heat took a lot out of everyone towards the end of the week though so we spent the last hour of Thursday and Friday relaxing and watching movies.

-Stephanie

Our Extend Superstar is... Rachael H, for always playing well with others. Well done Rachael!

Next week’s activities:
- **Monday 10 November**: Walking Water Experiment
- **Tuesday 11 November**: Anzac Slice
- **Wednesday 12 November**: Tessellations
- **Thursday 13 November**: Paper Mache Hot Air Balloons
- **Friday 14 November**: Paper Mache cont.

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