Dear St John’s School Community

A large crowd gathered on our School Oval last Sunday. Some families relaxed with a picnic tea while many others enjoyed tasty cooked sausages. We were blessed with pleasant weather for the evening.

Many thanks to all the children who participated in plays, bible readings, prayers, singing in the choir or playing in the band. Thanks to Pastor Mark for leading the Service, Angela McLean for all of her hard work in organising the event, our staff for assisting in numerous ways and Darren Thompson and his team of helpers for setting up the stalls at St John’s. But you, brothers and sisters, must not get tired of doing good. Thessalonians 3:13

We offer her our congratulations and best wishes in the role to help manage the transition from a small School to a much larger College with a substantial secondary component over the next few years.

The following dates are correct as of 20/11/2014.

Upcoming dates

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<td>Term 4 Ends for School and Kinder. School finishes at 3.30 pm.</td>
<td>Welcome Morning Tea – Please join us for a cuppa and cake from 9am until 10 am, in front of the Canteen</td>
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We really appreciate the support of your School Community with any Bravehearts request and admire the commitment and passion that you share with us when it comes to working to protect our little people. We always enjoy working with your School children and Kindergarten children, with our Personal Safety Program each year, the kids are always so attentive and respectful and we never hesitate in promoting St Johns to others.

We are genuine when we say thank you to you Brian, to your parents, all staff and children for supporting our Bravehearts Education Team in Geelong. Chris Schultz, Meryl Friend and I look forward to working with you all again in 2015, all operating from the same page, sharing the same messages and trying to make a difference in protecting our children from sexual assault and keeping them safe.”

But you, brothers and sisters, must not get tired of doing good. Thessalonians 3:13

Comment :- Saint Paul visited the Church at Thessalonica in AD 51 and gave this advice. It is still valid to us all almost 2,000 years later.

With God’s blessings

Brian Schultz

2014 Magazine

The 2014 Magazine is scheduled to be delivered to the School in time for families to receive them prior to the end of Term 4. A reminder that there is one Magazine per family and any additional copies can be purchased at the Office at a cost of $20 each.
**Devotional Thought**

**Advent**

Christmas is now just weeks away. There is much to prepare before the big day arrives. Over these coming weeks I hope you can spend some time preparing not just for the day – but preparing for the day God’s Son entered this world to bring hope and healing to your life.

In the midst of the busyness of buying and wrapping presents, preparing for the meal and getting all things ready, may you stop and pause and see just what God was getting ready for you.

This year may your eyes be opened to see the gift God wrapped for you in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger. Unwrap this gift and see the depths God will go to show His great love for you.

Happy Advent!

Pastor Mark.

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**Birthdays**

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

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**No Parking Please**

A reminder that the Car Parking inside the School that is marked **VISITOR PARKING** is to be used by authorised visitors to the School only. Please do not use this parking area for dropping off or picking up of School or Kinder students.

Brian Schultz

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**Lost Property**

The Lost Property area is bulging with unclaimed items. Can parents please check Lost Property to claim any items before the end of the year.

Lynn Lytzki

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**Canteen**

Thank you to Alissia Milliken, Belinda Yockins and Jeanette de Boer for helping in the Canteen today, the last day of Canteen for the year.

Thank you also to all of the wonderful volunteers who give their time to help in the Canteen. I sincerely appreciate your help and support.

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**Canteen 2015**

As I will be having some minor surgery at the beginning of 2015, I will not be available until late February to manage the Canteen. Details of the opening date and Rosters will be available in the early 2015 Newsletters.

Liz Gardner – Canteen Manager

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**Parents and Friends**

The position of **P & F Secretary** is still vacant. If anyone is interested in this position and would like more information, please call Keryn (outgoing Secretary) on 0407563123 to find out more. The role of Secretary could be shared by 2 parents who would like to work together. Keryn is more than happy to support and guide the new Secretary in the role. The P&F is a fun and rewarding way to get involved in the School.

The Geelong Community Men’s Shed gratefully received our Donation of $524 in November. These funds were raised by this year’s Father’s Day Stall. The donation will be used to purchase much needed safety equipment for members of the program to use.

Thank you again to all of the St Johns community for supporting all of our fundraising or community events in 2014.

Sally Fitzpatrick – President, St John’s P & F

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**Library**

Thank you to our fabulous four Library Captains for all of their efforts throughout the year.

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**Susannah, Sophie, Mei, Tahlia**

Could parents be aware that next year’s Pako Festa will be held on Saturday 28th February 2015. Please save this date so that your child can participate in this important community event for the School.

Have a great Christmas and a safe New Year enjoying time with family, friends and a good book.

Lynn Lytzki - Librarian
Art
We currently have a beautiful Nativity Scene on display in our Reception. The figurines were made by Years 5 & 6 Students. Please call in to have a look if you get the chance.

Glenda Partridge – Art Teacher

Years 3 & 4 Netball
After some recent interest from St John’s parents, I am seeking interested players to form a Years 3 and 4 Netball team in 2015. The team will play on a Monday night at the Geelong Basketball and Netball Centre in South Geelong. I’m not able to coach the team but am happy to do the initial organising.

If your child is interested in joining the team or you would like further information, please contact me on 0409 214 122.

Who knows where it may lead ……………..
Leeanne Williams - St John’s Parent

Christmas Trees
Thank you to the Benney Family and Wombat Gully Plant Farm for once again providing beautiful live Christmas Trees for our Reception and Classrooms.

This very generous gesture is appreciated by all who have had the fun of decorating them and the pleasure of seeing them each day.

Geelong Lutheran College
Well done to our Year 10 students who returned yesterday from their “Taking the Leap” Camp. Their cooperation, spirit of working together and support for each other was commendable. We are very much looking forward to this group commencing their full VCE and VCAL pathways next year.

On Tuesday night it was my pleasure to be part of this year’s Primary School Celebration Night and Year 6 Graduation. May God bless each of our Year 6 students as they transition to either Middle Schooling at GLC or high school elsewhere. Announcement of the major award winners from the Primary School will take place next week at the Awards and Thanksgiving Night (previously known as the Closing Service).

Last night representatives from JB Education presented information on our 1:1 Computer Program we are developing in the Middle and Senior Schools. Please note that the dates for ordering and collection of these computing devices have been relaxed. Further questions about this scheme can be directed toward myself.

This year the Awards and Thanksgiving Night (Closing Service) will take place at Costa Hall on Tuesday evening from 7:00PM. The attendance of students is expected – this is the only time that we assemble together as a full College Community. I would really discourage the development of a “me-centred” culture where students feel they do not need to attend if they are not getting an award. Instead, the purpose of the night is give thanks for the year we have had, relive some of the highlights and acknowledge the fine work of our students.

This year is rapidly drawing to a close. Next week’s Newsletter will be the final one for the year and it will contain all the information that is required for the start-up of next year.

Barry Krueger – 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.


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mollers Lane, Leopold. Rev Mark Blackwell. Worship, 11am Every Sunday with Holy Communion.
Last week we played multiple games of cricket, dug for treasure in the sandpit, made some delicious Christmas shortbread and watched a Christmas movie. We also continued on with making our paper mache hot air balloons. The children have almost completed the painting stage. All we have to do now is make the baskets and they will be finished!

The Extend staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. We would also like to farewell our regular Year six attendees. We wish them all the best as they begin the next phase of their schooling in 2015. For those who will be returning, we can’t wait to see you all back again next year!

-Stephanie

Our Extend Superstar is... Everyone, for making 2014 such a fantastic and successful year at after school care. Well done and thank you to all!

Next week’s activities:
Monday 8 December: Finish Off Craft Activities
Tuesday 9 December: Children’s Choice Tuesday
Wednesday 10 December: Movie and Christmas Party

Dear Families,

We are delighted to announce that Extend will be introducing an additional service at Geelong Lutheran College commencing autumn 2015.

**Holiday Program (commencing autumn 2015)**
Extend Holiday Programs incorporate a variety of activities and games, including arts and craft, sports, science, cooking, team games, dance, theme days, and more. Incursions and excursions are also available on select days with limited places.

**Operating hours:** 8.00am - 6.00pm

**Fees:** $62.50 (an additional fee applies for incursions and excursions)

**Pay between $13.58 - $31.25***

*Child Care Benefits and the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate of up to $7500 apply for eligible families. Fees are per child per session.

Spread the news! We look forward to commencing a Holiday Program from Term 1, 2015. We hope to see you there!

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