Dear St John’s School Community,

It was a little quieter around the School site this week as our Year 3 and 4 students, staff and parent helpers ventured off by train early Tuesday morning, to attend camp in Port Fairy. The camp experience will fulfill many of the educational outcomes as outlined in our Australian Curriculum History of Early Settlement including investigating and exploring the early settlement of Victoria and the effect of this on the native owners and landscape.

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We are pleased to announce that the Canteen will commence next week, coordinated by Milissa. Thanks to the Milissa and her helpers for spending time cleaning out the Canteen. As this is a new venture for this term, please refer to the notice elsewhere in this newsletter explaining how the Canteen will operate for the remainder of this term.

As mentioned last week we are very excited to have arranged for Richard Bennett to speak to our School parents. Rich will share how Olympic/Paralympic coaches, psychologists and sport science professionals work together to support the wellbeing, development and performance of athletes and teams, and how these insights can be applied to cultivate your children’s full potential in the home and school environment.

Our previous parent information session on Cyber Safety was well supported and I would encourage parents to support this opportunity and attend. Registration details will be sent home to each family on Monday. The hour session will be on Thursday October 29th from 7:30 – 8:30pm in the School Hall.

As a reminder, the School & Kindergarten closes tomorrow for the Geelong Show Day. In this context, Geelong Cup Day is a regular school day.

Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God’s people.
Ephesians 6:18

Comment: :- Prayer is simply talking to God. Keep chatting with Him during the day. Remember to listen for an answer.

God’s blessings
Brian Schultz, Head of School

REMINDER: ST JOHN’S LUTHERAN SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER FOR GEELONG SHOW DAY

ABSENCES:
If your Child is to be absent from School, please inform the School Office by 9.30am either by phone 5221 5221, email admin@stjohns.vic.edu.au or by using the SMS service “0418712263. Please note this number will only send and receive SMS messages - it will not receive telephone calls.”
Devotional Thought

Mark 10:17-31 - The Rich Man Goes Away Sad

Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite a lot in Christianity and yet it’s a term with which modern society is very uncomfortable. We’re not really ‘into’ sacrifice. We’re much more into feeling good about ourselves and comfortable in our existence and lifestyle. Jesus called on the rich man to make a sacrifice – to let go of what he really loved and valued. What Jesus really called the man to do was to place his trust in Jesus and not in material wealth – that was the sacrifice he was called to make. Ultimately, the man couldn’t do that! He couldn’t let go of certainty and security and entrust his life and soul to Jesus.

Angela McLean, Student Wellbeing Coordinator.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday over the next week.

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Canteen News

The School Canteen will be operational next Wednesday October 21st and will continue to operate every Wednesday till the end of Term. A menu has been attached to this newsletter email.

PLEASE NOTE:

Canteen Day is on Wednesday but orders need to be received on the Tuesday before.

Please write detailed orders on the front of an envelope, along with your child’s name and class and place the correct money in the envelope. Students are to place their envelopes in the Canteen crate in their classroom on Tuesday.

Lunches will be delivered to the classrooms on Wednesdays. Frozen items may need to be collected from the Canteen.

The Canteen will only be offering pre-ordered lunches. It will not be open for counter sales.

Sorry, no late orders can be accepted. As this is a new venture prices and procedures may need to be adapted as the term goes on.

Expressions of interest for volunteers are being sought. Please leave your name with the School Office.

St John’s Christmas Carol Service

To celebrate the start of Advent and the Christmas season, St John’s Lutheran School will host a Christmas Carols evening on the School Oval on Sunday, November 22nd. 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 from 5.30pm and there will be cold drinks available. Gold coin donations for these items 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.

Pako Festa 2016

We have received an invitation to partake in the Pako Festa on Saturday February 27th 2016 and we would like to be involved again.

We are seeking interest from parents who have any ideas on how we could celebrate the theme “Ceremonies”. Please come and see me in the next few weeks.

Lynn Lytzki.

Library News

The next Book Club orders are required to be ordered online no later than Thursday 22nd October. All orders need to be placed using Scholastic’s Linked Online Ordering and Payment system (LOOP). No orders or payment will be accepted at School.

Lynn Lytzki, Librarian

Wanted

Sandpit Play: have you got any old pots and pans that can be added to our school sandpit for play? No sharp edges please. Please put these in the sandpit if you have some to donate. Much appreciated.

Mrs. Melinda Troeth
**Lost Property**

A Rugby top clearly named “Elsie” has gone missing. Please check your student’s tops to make sure it inadvertently hasn’t turned up at your home.

There is also a growing number of drink bottles and lunch containers piling up in Lost Property. Please check to see if any of these belong to your family.

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**Student Wellbeing News**

**Psychologist Visit to Years 5 and 6 - Mental Health Week**

Last Tuesday the School was visited by psychologist Richard Bennett – he spent an hour with each year level. Richard is passionate about supporting people in realising their full potential. He shared with the students, ideas about finding their passion and to recognize that at the core of our being is to love and be loved and all else is an extension from there. He taught the students about the relationship between thoughts, feelings and actions or experiences. He also spoke to the Year 5 students about their leadership role next year and how they can positively impact on school. Richard led all the students through a mindfulness meditation and it was interesting to observe both the students who were able to engage in the practice and those who struggled. We will continue to explore mindfulness meditative practices throughout the term.

**There will be a Parent Session on October 29th at 7.30pm in the School Hall, for anyone able to attend – this is to support the ongoing partnership between the school and parents, and also to help provide families with new and challenging information.**

**Angela Mc Lean Student Wellbeing Coordinator**

**Self-Regulation: Strategies to teach children and teenagers about how their brain works, how to monitor their emotional state, and how to calm down.**

Teaching young people self-regulation techniques helps them to limit impulsive and disruptive behaviour in the classroom, at home and in the community. GLC Pastoral Care Coordinator Jonny Hedt will lead the session and give parents several tried and tested strategies to help their child understand their emotional state, what happens in their brains when they are impulsive, anxious or angry, and strategies for them to calm down so they can learn and think effectively.

In this hour-long session Mr Hedt will walk parents through the knowledge, skills and strategies for self-regulation that have been taught to students from Years 1 to 8 at GLC this year. Parents of GLC and St John’s students and friends are welcome to attend. The session is free and tea and coffee will be provided.

It runs on Tuesday, 27th October at Geelong Lutheran College in the Multipurpose Hall, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm followed by refreshments. Please RSVP to Jonathan.Hedt@glc.vic.edu.au for catering and seating purposes.

**Jonny Hedt, Pastoral Care, Geelong Lutheran College**

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**Parents & Friends News**

**P&F AGM Tuesday 17th November 7.30pm**

November brings around the annual AGM for our P&F Committee.

A new executive will be elected. If you have ever thought you might like to get more involved with the School Community now is your chance.

The St John’s Lutheran School and Kindergarten P&F aims to support our School, its students, teachers and families as well as give back to our local Geelong and wider community. We do this of course by fundraising but also by providing social opportunities for School families to come together in fellowship. It is through these events and activities that our sense of community and belonging can be strengthened.

In recent years the types of social events the P&F has organised are:

- First day Morning Tea
- Welcome Picnic
- Movie Nights
- Girls Night Out (Kindergarten)
- Annual Mother’s Day Fete
- Working Bee in 2013 and 2014
- Thank you Evening for Fete Committee
- Providing refreshments at Cross Country and Athletics Day
- Barefoot Bowls (Coming soon - Nov 8th)

Over many years - the generosity of the P & F and School families has delivered benefits to students including:

- Annual contribution to general school supplies and resources of approximately $10,000.
- Makeover of Kindergarten play space
- Purchase of large outdoor chess set
- Refurbish of outdoor seating
- Purchase of storage equipment
- Purchase of iPads and worm farm for Kinder
- Purchase of new sporting equipment and bike rack
- Provided friendship chair
- Purchase of library books
- Purchase of robotic equipment

The Committee come together once a month throughout the school year. Of course we aim to serve the School Community but it’s also very rewarding individually. It is a great opportunity to get to know others, make wonderful friends and have a lot of fun.

The Executive Committee consist of 8 positions.

**President: Overseas running of all P&F activities. Sets meeting agenda and leads the meetings. Leads the Committee and delegates workload. Liaises with School Management. Communicates with School Community via newsletter. Prepares and presents annual report at AGM.**

**Vice President:** Supports and assists President. Leads meeting in absence of President. Acts as project manager for specific events. Takes active part in all activities.

**Secretary:** Takes minutes in meetings, prepares and distributes minutes to Committee. Responds to any correspondence as necessary.

**Treasurer:** Manages all monies raised and expenses incurred. Communicates with Committee in regard to budgeting and cash flow. Provides monthly updates with regard to account balance. Prepares and presents annual financial report at AGM.
2 Kindergarten Representatives (1 from each group) Advocate on behalf of the Kindergarten and support broader school initiatives. Organise social events for Kinder groups. Ensure Kinder families feel part of overall School Community.

Working Bee Co-ordinator: Manages the Working Bee Team, liaises with Executive Committee and School Management. Planning, organisation and actioning of biannual Working Bee held usually in late Term 3/early Term 4. The Working Bee Coordinator attends P&F meeting throughout the year and also supports committee in all P&F activities.

Fete Coordinator: Leads the Fete Committee (which is a large team of helpers) in order to plan, organise and action the annual Mothers’ Day Fete.

Liaises with both School Management and the Executive Committee throughout the year with regard to Fete. The Fete Coordinator attends P&F meeting throughout the year and also supports Committee in all P&F activities.

Held on the second Saturday of May, the Fete is our largest event for the year. It is an important fundraising opportunity and a great social event for the whole community.

Please come along to our AGM to hear more and support your Parents and Friends Committee.

Business Manager Appointment

As announced in the Newsletter on 23 July, Mr John Aras will retire from his position as Business Manager at Geelong Lutheran College and St John’s Lutheran School by the end of this year.

Working in close co-operation with the Lutheran Education Vic, NSW & Tasmania Regional Office, applications have been sought, interviews conducted and an appointment of a new Business Manager made.

Geelong Lutheran College and St John’s Lutheran School are pleased to announce that Mr Andrew Dowd has accepted this position and will commence in November this year.

Andrew, who is currently the Business Manager at Emmanuel College, Warrnambool, comes to our Geelong Lutheran schools with broad educational, business, finance and accounting experience that has also included senior business and finance roles with the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), the Geelong Advertiser, Nestle Australia and within the general accounting industry.

A resident of Geelong since 2003, Andrew who is CPA qualified, is excited with the opportunity to work at our Geelong Lutheran schools and is a strong advocate of the education sector and the vital role it plays in the development of our future young men and women.

We look forward to warmly welcoming Andrew to our school communities when he commences later this year.

Barry Krueger Head of School, GLC
Brian Schultz Head of School, St John’s

Playgroup News

Looking for a fun diversion on a Monday morning? Monday Mingle is for you! Any child not yet at school is welcome to come along for some craft, a snack, a play and some stories and songs with lots of friendly faces. Parents are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Last term we enjoyed a play in the sunshine up at the tennis courts sandpit, so we plan to have a couple of sunny mornings up there this term (if you can’t find us in the hall on a Monday morning that is where we will be!).

And keep Monday 7th December free for our Christmas party, featuring lots of Christmas fun... and a very special visitor! More details to come.

Contact Callie 0411 287 366 & Vicki 0402 445 907
Basketball News

St John’s Bobcats Basketball Team.
Saturday 17th October 9.00am

Leeanne

Sports Awards

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Geelong Lutheran College

Earlier this week a cross was erected at the front of our Administration building. This cross provides a strong visual statement of our College’s identity. “By Grace Alone”, the motto for our College reminds us that God’s favour or approval is not something we have to win but is something that is freely extended to us. It is by faith we receive the blessings of forgiveness and reconciliation, which has become possible through the death of his son. Hence our message is one of what God has done for us, which provides the context for our key values – Wisdom, Honour and Purpose.

In terms of staffing, Mrs Katrina Lock has been appointed as an Integration Aide in the Primary School for the remainder of this year, replacing Ms Rachel Hanlon who is on maternity leave. Further, Mrs Janelle Kratzmann will join our permanent staff teaching German. A separate announcement is made elsewhere in this Newsletter regarding the appointment of a new Business Manager for St John’s and GLC.

Next week we will be showcasing the work of our students in our first Arts Soirée, which will have exhibitions of dramatic and musical performances, together with the Visual Art of our students. I encourage parents to view the good work of our students.

As a reminder, the College closes tomorrow for the Geelong Show Day. In this context, Geelong Cup Day is a regular school day.

Barry Krueger,
Head Of School

Kelly Sports

St John’s Lutheran Church, 165 Yarra Street, Geelong. Sunday worship 9am*. Sunday school runs every week during school term. Office: 5221 5121.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mollers Lane, Leopold. Worship, 11am every Sunday.

*Please note that St John’s, Holy Trinity and St Paul’s churches are in the process of calling new pastors. A combination of pastors, retired pastors and lay readers are leading these services.


**WEEKLY RE-CAP**

This week we have continued learning and practising road safety and etiquette to develop the children’s safely skill through art, craft and discussions. Gilbert’s pop up café has now become an indoor/outdoor eatery. We have been enjoying an entrée of seasonal fruit and salad, with our main being pasta and noodles. Dessert has been an option of banana pancakes or banana muffins. We’ve been having a lot of fun, exploring maths, science and sensory development, through water play activities such as water balloon soccer and bowling. Thursday will be a fun filled day of activities, building and constructing a snakes and ladders obstacle course with videos and film clips of children’s choice.

Unfortunately we will not be conducting Vacation Care for the pupil free day on Friday 16th October due to insufficient numbers.

**TERM 4 COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Once a year, Extend launches a major Extend-a-hand initiative that equips children to contribute to the wider community. This year we are partnering with Meals on Wheels, so that children in Extend’s program can make placemats for Meals on Wheel’s recipients. Come along to after school care for an opportunity to contribute to this great team project.

**EXTEND SUPERSTAR**

Our Extend Superstar is:
Milla for polite manners, appropriate behaviour and musical contribution to ASC.

**NEXT WEEK’S ACTIVITIES**

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To check out what’s on and where your local program is, visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via Parent Portal: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas such as cultural recipes, nutrition please come to the multi-purpose building to organise a chat with me.

Have a fantastic weekend

Traci

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**Community News**

The following is information of flyers that we currently have on our School Noticeboard for upcoming events in the area. Take a look if you are interested.

- Regional Parenting Service Calendar for Term 4
- Barwon Rockettes Try-outs – Sunday October 25th

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For further info:
Regional Cricket Manager, Barwon

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