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ABSENCES:
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Devotional Thought

Lessons from my Lemon Tree

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5).

A while ago I went out into my garden only to notice that a large branch had broken off my lemon tree. I picked the fruit and chopped up the branch to put in the green waste bin. A few hours later I returned only to find that another branch, weakened by the collapse of the first branch, had also broken off. So again I picked the fruit, chopped up the branch and put in the bin. I didn’t really like losing half of my lemon tree but I realized that, once those branches had broken off, they weren’t going to live or bear lemons ever again. They were no longer attached to the tree.

Jesus used the example of a grape vine, not a lemon tree, to describe the lives of those who are his children by faith. He said, “I am the vine; you are the branches.” We are like branches growing on a good vine. We are vitally connected to him, nourished and fed by him, and growing in him so that we may ‘bear much fruit’ for him — loving him and sharing his love with others. Like my lemon tree, if that vital connection is broken, the branch will have no life and no fruit. Jesus said, “apart from me you can do nothing.” But if that vital connection with Jesus is maintained we receive from him everything we need for living and bearing fruit for him. He reminds us, “if you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.”

So let’s NOT be like the branches of my lemon tree. Let’s remain vitally connected to Jesus. Let’s keep on being nourished and fed by him, and growing in him, so that we may ‘bear much fruit’ in loving him and sharing his love with others.

Pastor Lester Priebennow, ‘Our Redeemer’, North Geelong

Canteen News

The School Canteen started again yesterday, Wednesday October 21st and will continue to operate every Wednesday until the end of Term. A menu is attached again to this week’s 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 Classroom Tub 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. The Canteen can only operate with the generosity of volunteer helpers. Please consider if you are able to help for a few hours. Please leave your name at 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.

Involvement in the Nativity Play

A notice will be sent home this week for students who would like to be involved in the Nativity play at the Carols Service. These notices will need to be returned in order to join in the Play.

Angela McLean, Student wellbeing Coordinator

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

Birthdays

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

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Fee Statements

At the end of September, Term 4 Fee statements were emailed out to all St John’s families. If you haven’t noticed a statement in your Inbox, double check your spam folder as it may be in there, addressed from Accounts.

If you have not received one, please contact the School Office and we will organise to have a statement sent home to you.
Lost Property

A Rugby top clearly named “Elsie Tischler” 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.

Student Wellbeing News

Richard Bennett – Parent Information Session

Parents of all students in the School are invited to attend a 1 hour presentation by Psychologist Richard Bennett titled, “Cultivating human potential: Insights from Olympic/Paralympic Sport to enrich wellbeing, performance and achievement in school and in life”.

This will be held on Thursday October 29th at 7.30pm in the School Hall. A parent representative from each School Family is strongly encouraged to attend the session. In order to assist us with planning we would request that each family complete the attendance slip on the form sent home on Monday and return it tomorrow.

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

Art News

Congratulations to those students whose work was displayed at the Geelong Show last week. St John’s display won second prize for Schools with over 200 students.

This week’s Kaiser Gift vouchers go to Ruby Ryan (P1) and Victoria Meyer (M1). The Art Awards are awarded to:

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<td>J3</td>
<td>For making interesting comments about other students’ work.</td>
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<td>Parker Rae</td>
<td>J3</td>
<td>For putting a lot of effort into drawing minibeasts and colouring them with watercolour pencils.</td>
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<td>For a fantastic effort in glazing his clay Christmas angel.</td>
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<td>For painting a detailed design on her clay secret note pocket.</td>
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<td>Jack Collins</td>
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<td>For carefully glazing his clay goblet.</td>
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Lewis Roberts (M1)

Glenda Partridge, Art Teacher

Kindergarten News

Transition Statements

The staff have been extremely busy working on their sections of the transition statements. We hope to have them sent home to parents shortly, before they are forwarded onto the school.

Any outstanding parent sections of the transition statement need to be returned ASAP, as we cannot forward onto the schools if we are not granted permission.

Orientation Day - Kinder closed

Tuesday 10th November the kinder will be closed to run an orientation day for 2016 families. This will coincide with the Prep Orientation day, details to follow.

Information Night Kinder 2016

Wednesday 18th November will be the information night for the 2016 Kinder families. Staff would welcome any feedback from current families about what information you found relevant or what do you think we need to explain on this night. We will be providing information on the 2simple Observation system, so we can have this operational from week 1 in 2016, feedback most welcomed.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

6th Geelong Hospital Excursion- both groups
10th 2016 Kinder Families Orientation Day- KINDER CLOSED
17th Red Group Eden Park Visit
18th Yellow Group Eden Park Visit
25th Yellow Group Information Night
26th Yellow Group Christmas Concert

DECEMBER

8th Red Group End of Year Party
9th Yellow Group End of Year Party

Raelene Roede, Kindergarten Director

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.

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.

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

WHERE: Bareena Bowling Club, 89 Noble St, Newtown
DATE: Sunday 8th November
TIME: 2-6pm
COST: $10 per adult (KIDS FREE) Tickets must be bought in advance from the School Office
BBQ: Gold coin donation

Look for the flyer and booking form that came home last week.

Run Geelong with St John’s Team

Are you planning on running or walking at Run Geelong on November 22nd?

Register as part of St John’s Lutheran School team and not only are we benefiting the Geelong Hospital but we are also helping our School.

For every 50 entrants in our team, St John’s will receive $250 worth of vouchers for new sports equipment. So get involved and tell your family, friends and running buddies to join our team too.

When you sign up online register as a “Team/School”, and then choose St John’s Lutheran School in the drop down box.

Get your Runners on People, Let’s do it!

Sally Fitzpatrick, Parents & Friends President
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 Fry 0411 287 366 & Vicki Schilling 0402 445 907

Basketball News

St John’s Bobcats Basketball Team.

Saturday 24th October - 9.00am
Saturday 31st October - 9.00am
Saturday 7th November - 9.00am

Leeanne Williams

Sports Awards

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<td>For being happy, cooperative and keen during every lesson.</td>
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<td>Damien Young</td>
<td>For getting along well in group activities.</td>
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<td>Anela Georgievski</td>
<td>For actively participating in every lesson and is always happy.</td>
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<td>PARKES</td>
<td>Kailan Maas</td>
<td>For his great concentration skills and for making steady progress.</td>
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Church Information

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.
This week we have been exploring healthy food options to coincide with the warm weather. It was fun working as a group combining watermelon, strawberries and fruit juice to make cup icy poles. Tie dying has returned by popular demand as well as 3d jigsaws. Many unique designs have been created in these activities. Scooters cars and all wheeled resources are a continuing learning adventure. Symmetry has been a bright and colourful concept in our community contribution place mats. Music exploration pop, rock heavy and jazz renditions of the Three Little pigs was an awesome dancing experience.

Road Safety will continue to be part of the program for the remainder of the term. Next week is the official celebration of Children’s Week. Check out www.education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek for fun free activities in your area. 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.

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: Rachael – leadership and organisation skills.

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 and book via Parent Portal: extend.com.au

Have a fantastic weekend

Traci