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This week at Chapel Eden read out a letter that our Ethiopian sponsor child, Alem had written earlier this year. He is now 17 years old and is in Year 7. Offerings from our daily devotions and weekly chapels help support Alem throughout the year. He now can continue his schooling so he will have a better future. Eden thanked everyone for putting in the effort to support Alem and you all should be very proud of yourselves knowing that you have changed someone’s life.

A last minute reminder that Richard Bennett will be speaking at our parent session tonight Thursday, 29 October, 7:30 – 8:30pm. Richard 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. See you all there.

God’s blessings

Brian Schultz, Head of School

Devotional Thought

‘Saved by Grace’
Reformation Day 2015. Saturday, October 31

If you were on a large ship out in the ocean and you tumbled overboard, would the captain of the ship yell out, ‘I’ll throw you a life saving device but only if you can prove to me you’re really worth it!’ or ‘What have you done with your life so far? Created any useful inventions? Won a Nobel Peace Prize or any other important awards? Of course the captain would rescue you.

During this time of the year we remember how Martin Luther, a German monk, priest and professor of theology together with other Christians of his time, wanted to change the way the church taught people about God’s love. Luther recognized that some of these ways was not what the Bible said. He knew that all of us are sinners and we needed to be saved by Jesus.

Reformation is about re-forming the good news. It has happened for the past 500 years and will happen for years to come.

Adapted from Ruth Gilmore

I mean that you have been saved by grace because you believe.
You did not save yourselves. It was a gift from God.
Ephesians 2: 8

Brian Schultz

Upcoming Dates

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Head of School

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**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.

**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.

**Message from Accounts**
We have received a deposit in the bank this week without any details only the wording “Transfer”.

Please contact the School Office if you think this may be you.

Tina Adam, Accounts

**Canteen News**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Canteen Day is on Wednesday but orders need to be received on the Tuesday before.

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 Community Christmas Carol Evening**
To celebrate the start of Advent and the Christmas season, St John’s Lutheran School will host a Community Christmas Carols Evening on the School Oval on **Sunday, November 22nd**. The Carols will begin at 6.30pm and run for about one hour, including a nativity play by students and a Choir performance.

Prior to the Carols, 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 was sent home last week for students who would like to be involved in the Nativity Play at the Carols Evening. These notices will need to be returned in order to join in the Play.

Angela McLean, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

**Student Wellbeing News**

**Richard Bennett – Parent Information Session**
This will be held Tonight, **Thursday October 29th** at 7.30pm in the School Hall. A parent representative from each School Family is strongly encouraged to attend the session.

Angela McLean Student Wellbeing Coordinator

**Years 1 & 2 News**

Students in Years 1 & 2 are enjoying our Humanities topic “Minibeasts”. In addition to specialist art lessons, our students participate in craft activities in class that are related to topics being explored. Creative arts are essential for enabling students to explore possibilities, take risks, work with different tools, use fine motor skills and explore texture and color.

They can LEARN, IMAGINE and GROW through this exploration.

Melinda Troeth, J2 Classroom Teacher
Years 1 & 2 Operation Christmas Child Activity

Years 1 & 2 class discussions during Christian studies highlighted the need to be thankful for the many things we have ourselves and encouraged us to reach out to those who may need support and help. As a result these the students have engaged in a project to support the Operation Christmas Child program. This unique project brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. The children eagerly worked at sorting the various items they had donated and then packed them into shoeboxes. The shoeboxes will be shipped to various overseas countries in time for children to receive their special box for Christmas.

Deidre Priebenow, J1 Classroom Teacher

Kindergarten News

Transition Statements
The staff have been extremely busy working on their sections of the Transition Statements. Any outstanding parent sections of the Transition Statement need to be returned Wednesday 4th November (Yellow Group) and Thursday 5th November (Red Group), 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 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. Your feedback is most welcome.

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

18th Kinder 2016 Information Night
25th Yellow Group Christmas Concert - Children to arrive at 5.30pm, Concert to start at 6pm
26th Red Group Christmas Concert - Children to arrive at 5.30pm, Concert to start at 6pm

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

Raelene Roede, Kindergarten Team Leader

Sports Awards

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Basketball News

St John’s Bobcats Basketball Team.
Saturday 31st October - 9.00am
Saturday 7th November - 9.00am
Leeanne

Netball News

St John’s Swifts
The St Johns Swifts netball team played the Montpellier Fireflies on Wednesday night and unfortunately we lost. Although the competition was much older and taller, our Swifts improved immensely in only their second game as a new developing team and our players are excited about the fun we expect to have over the next few weeks as we build and grow our team skills.

GO SWIFTS!

Rachel

St John’s Lollipops
Last night the Lollipops played Highton Gold. It was an excellent game. The girls put in a great effort and won, 2 goals to 1.

Well done Lollipops.

Jeanette
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.

Playgroup News

It would be great to see you at Monday Mingle this term – a friendly and informal playgroup for children under school age. We meet between 9 and 10am on a Monday morning in the School Hall, and have lots of fun planned for this term including the following:

November 2 - Outside play at the tennis courts playground. We’ll be celebrating Melbourne Cup by making fascinators for our mums (or dads!) and making horses for our own Monday Mingle Melbourne Cup

November 9 - Beautiful blossom button craft

November 16 – Colourful stained glass window making

November 23 - Scratchy Christmas card making

November 30 - Outside play at the tennis courts playground - Water balloon fun and magnetic Christmas clip craft

December 7, 9am til 10.30am - Monday Mingle Christmas Party – Christmas tree craft, Christmas stories and songs ... and a visit from a very special, very jolly visitor! Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share.

On those mornings we are meeting outside, please bring a hat. Otherwise, all you need to bring is a smile (and we can probably help you with that, if it seems hard 😃). If you have any queries, call Callie or Vicki.

Geelong Lutheran College News

Earlier this week we said “auf wiedersehen” to our guests from the Marburg cluster of schools. This exchange involving our Years 9 and 10 students has been a highly worthwhile experience for all involved. I thank our families and students for their hospitality. I am sure that our students are looking forward to their return visit next year.

Everyone sees our College logo each day but do we know what it depicts? On October 31 each year, Lutherans celebrate Reformation Day. Therefore, it is timely we review this symbol, which proclaims the key truth of the Reformation. This is the truth that we are saved through God’s mercy on account of God’s goodness not our own goodness. Hence, this symbol shows the cross on which Jesus died for us, our hearts that embrace this truth and rose petals which portray the beauty of this faith. A fuller description of this symbol, together with our motto “By Grace Alone” is provided in our College Diary (page 8).

This week we think of our Year 12 students who sat their first VCE examination. It is encouraging to see so many of our departed students taking the opportunity to return back to school for tutorial assistance. We do wish them well in their preparations.

In terms of next year’s arrangements, our Primary students have started their transitions into the Middle School. Orientation days for our incoming Preps are scheduled in the next few weeks. Currently, we are organizing our classes for next year. In this context, I must add that enrolment interest has been quite high and some year levels are either full or very close to full.

Next year’s Book lists and information about the computer scheme (Years 7-12 only) will be coming out shortly.

I would like to advise that Mrs Laura Harwood has accepted a role at Ballarat Clarendon College. Consequently, we are seeking a teacher of Legal Studies, Humanities and English. Otherwise all our teaching positions for next year have been filled. Additionally, we will commence recruiting for a Curriculum Support and Students Records Officer to join our Administrative team in 2016.

Barry Krueger, Head of School
**WEEKLY RE-CAP**
This week with the weather warming up we have been spending more time outside. We have been playing team sports and games including soccer, tag and hula hooping, slides and playground exploration. Students were able to experience Japanese culture when they worked together to make Okonomiyaki. Students will be using the group pot collage for repotting the tomato plants. On Friday students will be participating in a talent show karaoke.

**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: Ava
For her etiquette and for assisting in the set up and pack up of Gilberts café

**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

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
- TRYSTARS Kids Triathlon Program
- St Peters Football & Netball Club - NETSETGO
- SaverPlus

**JOIN THE FUN AND MAGIC OF A TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE**

FROM 7PM SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
MALOP ST, GEELONG

FEATURING
THE MINIONS SANTA AND MRS CLAUS AND LOTS OF LIGHT, COLOR AND SPARKLE.

SUPPORTING
THE ANDREW LOVE CANCER CENTRE - #PROJECTLOVE

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**Church Information**

St John’s Lutheran Church, 365 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.