Term 1  Week 7  17th March 2016

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Head of School Report

Dear St John's School Community,

Thank you to our staff and Year 6 students for being available for our Twilight tour this week.

A steady flow of families were greeted by our students and given a tour of the School and Kindergarten. Once again our Year 6 students received encouraging feedback form our visitors. They speak passionately about their School and what it means to them.

Word of mouth continues to be the main reason families look at our School and we appreciate the positive messages our community hears from past and present families. If you know of any families with Primary school students don’t hesitate to recommend our School and encourage them to contact us or visit the School at one of our Open Mornings which are held every Tuesday between 9.30am and 11am.

As part of the wellbeing opportunities at our School, our Years 5 and 6 students participated in the ‘Bounce Resilience Program’ today presented by Batforce (Barwon and Adolescence Taskforce). All parents for Middle and Senior students have been invited to attend tonight’s interaction session aimed to enhance the parenting journey.

Harmony Day is a day to remember and celebrate our diversity. Tomorrow we celebrate Harmony Day. This is a time to remember and celebrate our culturally diverse society. On a recent visit to the library, Mrs Lytzki showed me the map of the world on display and the variety of countries our families have come from. Even though some classes have not added their country of origin yet, the tally is 33 countries and counting!

March 18 is also the National Day against Bullying and Violence. The students will be involved in discussions on this topic. The day concludes with a dance and music performance from our School Choir.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” – 1 Peter 1-3.

With God’s Blessings,
Brian Schultz, Head of School

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students who will be celebrating in the coming week.

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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.

Reminder: Term 1 concludes on Thursday March 24th at 2.30pm for School Students and Kindergarten will finish at normal time.

Term 2 commences on Monday 11th April for Kindergarten Students and Tuesday 12th April for School Students. Students need to be in full Winter Uniform.
Devotional Thought

A ‘Sacrificial Leaf’ and a ‘Sacrificial Lamb’

John 1:29 “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

While observing the mangrove-lined banks of a salt-water estuary in far north Queensland, our guide pointed out some bright yellow mangrove leaves floating in the water and also dotted among the bright green leaves on the mangrove trees. He explained how the mangrove tree has an amazing ability to survive in extremely salty waters. It filters out most of the salt with its roots, but any salt that is absorbed by the plant is captured by these so-called ‘sacrificial leaves,’ which eventually turn yellow and fall off. The ‘sacrificial leaves’ give up their own lives, as it were, in order to save the entire tree.

I marvelled when I heard that - for two reasons. I marvelled at the wisdom of our Creator God who would build such intricate and ingenious detail into his marvellous creation. I marvelled also at the striking parallel with the act of our Redeemer God who sent his own and only begotten Son into our harsh, sin-riddled world, to be our ‘Sacrificial Lamb’ so that we might be saved from the consequences of our sin.

On the cross, Jesus absorbed the penalty for our sin. By dying he achieved the purpose for which he was born – to enable us to live forever. When John the Baptist saw Jesus he marvelled too and said, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Let us marvel, also, at the amazing sacrifice of Jesus the Son of God who became, not a ‘sacrificial leaf’ but God’s ‘Sacrificial Lamb’ for us.

Pastor Lester Priebernow, ‘Our Redeemer’, North Geelong

Head Lice

There have been a number of cases of head lice in the School this year. Please check your children and treat them if required. Information on appropriate treatment is attached with this newsletter. Once treatment has commenced, students may return to School. Regular checking helps to eliminate any eggs that have been missed or head lice that have hatched.

Please notify the School Office if your child has head lice so other families can check and treat their children. Head lice can only be eliminated if all families are vigilant in checking and treating their children immediately.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 21st March from 2pm. School will finish at 1pm on this day. Bookings for the Interviews need to be made online, booking information has been sent with previous newsletters. Bookings will close at 9am on March 21st. If you have any queries please see Office Staff.

The Library will be open with supervision by our Librarian Lynn Lytzki, from 2pm until 8pm, during Parent Teacher Interview times. Children may attend the Library but must be dropped off and collected by a parent or carer. They must not leave the Library until they are collected.

Years & 4 News

“It’s too hard, I give up!” you may have heard someone in your family say. In Year 3 and 4 we are learning that success is very rarely based on our current ability, and determined more often by our mindset. If we change our words, we can change our mindset to become ‘can do’ learners who eagerly approach tasks with positivity. Instead of ’It’s too hard’, we can say ‘This may take some time and effort’. Instead of saying ‘I give up’, we can respond with ‘I’ll use some strategies we learned’. Instead of ‘It’s good enough’, we want to ask ourselves ‘Is it really my best work?’ Changing our mindset will enable us to take more risks and challenge ourselves not always to be the best, but to be our best. Come and visit our class to see our displays.

Carrie Veith, Years 3 & 4 Team Leader

Prep News

At the beginning of the year for Fitness, Prep children are taught many valuable skills. We focus mainly on ball skills, hand eye co-ordination, endurance when running, breathing deeply and other gross motor skills. Over the past term, the students have developed some of these skills through learning different sport games such as Egg and Spoon race, bean bag drop and relay racing.

Naomi Gibbons, Prep Team Leader

EARLY RELEASE SESSION: Monday 21st March
Please note that After School Care WILL be available on Monday 21st March, from 1.00pm. Book now for this Early Release session by contacting the Extend office on 1300 366 437.
ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
Library News

This week’s Library awards are presented to:

**M3** - for demonstrating compassion, empathy and feelings of anger with our challenging story of Joseph Merrick known as "The Elephant Man" written by Mariangela Di Fiore. This story shares the life of a man with incredible courage, resilience and patience.

**P1** – for having still bodies, still Library friends and excellent listening during our shared story “Big Al” by Andrew Clements Yishi.

Chess Lessons

We are able to offer Chess lessons for Term 2 with a professional chess teacher, if enough interest is shown. Lessons will be held at the School during Thursday lunchtimes.

The cost depends on how many students attend – approximately $10 each lesson if it is a small group of about 10 students. The cost will be confirmed when numbers are finalised. Fees for the lessons will need to be paid in full directly to the chess teacher.

A commitment is needed to participate for the full term and chess lessons will only go ahead if there are enough students interested in participating. Please collect an expression of interest form from the School Office and return to the School Office.

I must have confirmed numbers by Tuesday 22nd March.

Lynn Lytzki, Librarian.

Anzac Day Service

We will be holding an ANZAC service at St John’s on Friday 22nd April. Classrooms will be open for display at 2pm with the Service to start at 2.40pm. All are welcome to attend.

Valuing Safe Communities Session at Geelong Lutheran College

Face-to-face **Valuing Safe Communities** training for volunteers: Mr Jonny Hedt will lead a one-hour VSC Volunteer session for parents on Tuesday, March 22 from 9am to 10am at Geelong Lutheran College. Please express your interest by emailing Jonathan.Hedt@glc.vic.edu.au

ON-LINE TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS:

2. Follow the instructions. You will need to create an account and click through the link in your email.
3. Use the Enrolment Key: VSC3_Volunteer to gain access to the training.

On-line training takes about 1 hour. Certificates of completion will be generated at the end of the session. Volunteers who complete this online training may receive extra information specific to GLC and/or St Johns. If this doesn’t work in Chrome, please try Internet Explorer.

Student Wellbeing News

**HARMONY DAY – Friday 18th March**

Tomorrow, Friday 18th March, Children are to come dressed up in a cultural costume, a colour from the country they identify with or Orange – the colour of Harmony Day. Gold Coin Donations are being collected for Cottage by the Sea. Icy Poles will be for sale at Lunch time for $1.

We have some wonderful families participating and celebrating their culture on Friday Afternoon from 1.50pm. There will also be an assembly at 2.50.

Everyone is welcome to attend – classes visiting at these times.

- 1.50 - 2.00 Prep and Year 6
- 2.00 – 2.15 – Junior School
- 2.15 - 2.30 – Middle School
- 2.30 – 2.45 – Year 5

**RESILIENCE PROGRAM – PARENT SESSION**

There is an opportunity for all parents for students in Middle and Senior Classes to learn how to foster resilience in their children and prepare them for the tween/teen years. The session is presented by staff from BATForce (Barwon Adolescences Taskforce). Thankyou to those families who have indicated that they are attending, tonight, March 17 from 7 – 9pm. It will be held in the Senior Classrooms.

**NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING**

This year St John’s is linking the messages of National Day Against Bullying and Harmony Day. Celebrating Diversity as a strength and making sure everyone is included. There will be discussion in class about bullying and it is also an opportunity to discuss with your child at home – making sure they understand what bullying is and have a plan about what to do if they experience it. See the website for more resources, [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/)

Angela McLean, Wellbeing Coordinator
Art Awards

Art Awards this week go to:

Adaeze (M2), Finn (M2), Will (M2), Lewis (S2), Savannah (S2) & William (J3).

We have been working on finishing our portraits in the Senior Classes which will be displayed in the Chapel for Harmony Day. The Middle Classes have been doing lots of amazing pattern work and some of the Junior Classes have made windsocks which are hanging in the trees outside. It has been great to get to know so many of the students and see the amazing work they can do.

Robyn Kerdel Art Teacher

Sports Awards

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<td>Abeni</td>
<td>For participating with enthusiasm and working well each lesson.</td>
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Fete News

The Fete organisation is coming along nicely so far. All the main items are booked and we now have started to organise the smaller details.

Volunteers: Keeps those Volunteer forms coming into the Office. We need all hands on deck for Fete day. It’s always a fun day.

Please Collect: Plastic Shopping bags, Coat hangers, Preloved Clothes, Books, toys and Treasure. We will be accepting items early in Term 2.

Silent Auction: Slowly items are starting to come in for the Silent Auction. This year we are hoping to get some bigger ticket items that we have an auctioneer coming in to auction off. Families with holiday homes, contacts with days spas, restaurants etc are asked if they can source donations. This is our main source of income for the day and this year we are hoping to make it bigger than ever!! If anyone has any queries please contact us directly on these telephone numbers:

Sally, Sarah and Carrie

Parents & Friends News

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser
Thank you to all the families who have put in orders for Hot Cross Buns. Delivery will be on Wednesday 23rd March.

Singing Lessons

Singing tuition returns to St John’s in Term 2. Learn a range of skills from breathing technique, improving vocal agility, basic music theory as well as singing many different genres of music from Musical theatre to Disney, country and pop. Vacancies available for Junior students (not Preps) and limited positions for Middle and Senior students. Further details and enquiries to Heidi.
Netball News

St John’s Lollipops
Unfortunately the Lollipops didn’t make it into the finals this season so our season has come to a close. We are thankful for good times of fun and learning on the court. Thanks to everyone who supported us through the last season. We look forward to playing another season starting next term with some new members in our team.

Jeanette

St John’s Swifts
Congratulations to the Swifts Netball Team for winning their Semi Final on Wednesday night against the CTK Angels - it was a real nail biter with the Swifts coming out on top with an overall win of 2 goals in front! Teamwork, practice and displaying a united front with smiles on their faces, have showed the ongoing determination of each "Swifts" team member - and this has certainly paid off.

Good luck for the Grand Final next week - "GO SWIFTS!"

Rachel

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR WINTER SEASON NETBALL

The St Johns Swifts netball team are due to commence the Winter Season at the beginning of Term 2 and will run till the end of Term 3. If any Years 5 & 6 boys or girls are keen to join, please contact Rachel or you are welcome to email:

Kind Regards,

Rachel Mcilvena-Innes

Lost Property

There are a few items in Lost Property from Swimming Lessons, and Athletics Sports, plus the large array of containers and drink bottles. Please check the Lost Property table before the End of Term.

Canteen

Canteen Roster

Thank you to those who have responded to a call for volunteers for the Canteen. This is extremely appreciated and ensures the Canteen can operate each week. If you would like to help out in the Canteen on a Wednesday from 11am-1.30pm, please leave your name at the School Office. We still have some available dates up until the end of Term 2.

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Playgroup News

Monday 21st March will be our last session for this term, and we’ll be having a special Easter celebration. Come up to the Hall after school drop off, as per usual, where we’ll have our regular play things set up, but at 9.15am we’ll be going to the School Library, where Mrs Lytski will share an Easter story with us. We’ll also have an Easter egg hunt in the yard (shh, don’t tell the littlies!). After all the excitement we’ll return to the hall for our snack, Easter craft and some more playing time. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Callie & Vicky
Easter Holy Week Worship Services:

Maundy Thursday - 24th March - 2.30 pm with Holy Communion at ‘Our Redeemer’ North Geelong, followed by fellowship afternoon tea.

Maundy Thursday - 24th March - 7.30 pm at ‘Our Redeemer’, North Geelong.

Good Friday - 25th March - 9.30 pm with Holy Communion at ‘Our Redeemer’, North Geelong.

Combined (with St John’s) Easter Sunday dawn - 27th March - 7.00 am at St John’s Lutheran School, Newtown.

Easter Sunday - 27th March - 9.30 am with Holy Communion at ‘Our Redeemer’, North Geelong. All most welcome to come along!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

You are invited to join us for an Easter Sunrise Service at 7am Easter Sunday, 27th March, in St. John’s Lutheran School grounds.

Hosted by the St. John’s and ‘Our Redeemer’ Lutheran communities.

Please enter via Pakington St. gate

Community Noticeboard

Have a look at the School Noticeboard for Community Notices and events.

You are invited to attend:

The Melanie Jewson Foundation CD Launch - 17th April 2016To be held in the Function Room at the National Wool Museum Geelong.

The CD features fabulous local artists along with others who have generously donated their talent to produce this CD.

Free Admission includes complimentary drink and finger-food.

Book online or pre-order your CD at info@melaniejewsonfoundation.com.

Geelong Lutheran College News

How quickly time flies! As we approach the end of this term I cannot but help being thankful for the wonderful, smooth start to this year. Our new staff have settled into their roles and they are enjoying being part of our GLC community. Similarly, our new students have settled well, and through our camping and peer support programs, started developing those important relationships which will underpin their engagement and success with schooling.

Several particular highlights stand out for me this term. First, as part of our growth we have created a number of Level Leader and Faculty Leadership roles within the College. This has been an important step forward for delivering the curriculum. A second personal highlight for me is to see the further development of our Teaching and Learning Charter, which is informed by our beliefs, values and researched practices. I look forward to sharing this with our school community later this year.

Currently our Primary School students are completing their swimming program. Our Middle and Senior School students participated well in last week’s Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to Breamlea who have finally overcome the other houses to take out the shield. Thank you to all our students for their participation and support of each other and thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped to make the Carnival a success.

Last week Mrs Frauke Hoffmann and ten of our Year 9 and 10 students departed for Germany as part of the Marburg-Geelong cluster arrangement. We wish our students well for this immersion into the German language and culture, and look forward to a return visit later this year. Our two Japanese students, Ai and Seiya complete their time with us on Wednesday 23 March and will return to Meisei High School. We have benefited from their time with us, as they have also done.

The first of our promotional events begins tonight at 5.30pm with our Twilight Tours followed by an Open Morning tomorrow from 9:30am. Please convey this information to parents who may be interested in what we have to offer for their children. Parents of children currently in Years 5 and 6 at GLC are welcome to join these tours to find out more about the Middle and Senior schools.

Finally, Term 1 finishes next Thursday, 24 March at 2:05pm. Term 2 will commence on Tuesday, 12 April when all students will need to be in their full winter uniforms.

As we approach Holy Week, I extend to all members of our community my hope that they will enjoy their holiday break and rejoice in the victory that is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Barry Krueger, Head of School, Geelong Lutheran College
Welcome to Week 7
Tail spin tiggy has been reprogrammed for this week as it was postponed due to weather conditions.
Glass window painting was quite an engaging activity. Children collaborated together exploring symmetry, area and space, i.e. maths in the real world.
Children showed patience and consideration whilst waiting their turn to engage in blotch pattern painting on the glass window canvas. The end result being the bright yellow window in the atrium of the multipurpose outdoor area.
Children explored the real world whilst engaging in hide and seek tiggy. Some very unique hiding places were discovered and explored by students.
Individual creativity and imagination was observed as children designed unique, artistic chalk creations on the indoor blackboard. Outdoor physical activities are always popular, whether playing tiggy on the oval playground equipment or playing dodgeball and air basketball in the tennis court area.
The end of term is almost upon us. There are two early release days next week – Monday 21st of March and Thursday 24th of March.
After School Care will be adjusted to cater for students attending on these days.
Please contact Head Office if you require After School Care on these days and are not already booked.

Term 1, Week 8

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR EVERYONE: I WILL BE COLLECTING ALL ASC STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE PREP ROOM AT THE END OF SCHOOL - DAILY.
If your children are enrolled at after school care and are not attending due to unforeseen circumstances please ensure you notify Extend head office by contacting them via telephone: 1300 366 437
Thanking you in advance
Traci

Bookings are now open for Early Release Day 21st of March due to Parent Teacher Interviews. If you haven’t already booked for Vocation Care, enrolments close 18th of March