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.

Upcoming Dates

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Dear St John’s School Community,
This week our Senior debating team competed in the first round of the Schools’ Interschool Debating Competition for 2016. Point Lonsdale PS hosted our team and from all reports, it was as good a debate as you could possibly see. It was very difficult to split the two teams. However after much deliberation, the Point Lonsdale team won by the narrowest of margins. Congratulations to our students and to Mrs Foott for her time and the effort required in preparing for this extra-curricular activity opportunity. Debating develops our students’ speaking skills and the ability to express themselves verbally in front of a group, which builds confidence.

Today we hosted a Prep Literacy Project workshop involving teachers from a variety of Independent schools. These occasions provide member schools with the opportunity to draw on the expertise of leading educators. Sharing knowledge and research benefit our teachers and in turn our student community.

There is no shortage of lunchtime entertainment. The next opportunity for our students to unleash their talent will be a lunchtime busking session next Tuesday. This service learning opportunity has been organised by our ‘Madhatters’ fundraising team for ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service)

During the next holiday break, Mrs Pelchen will be travelling with 7 other teachers on an ALWS training tour. There has been a recent adjustment to the planned program.

In the last month, the Government of Kenya (GoK) has announced plans to close down all refugee camps, starting with the 350,000 Somali people at Dadaab. As a result, the Australian Government has issued a ‘Do Not Travel’ warning for the areas where the camps, including Kakuma camp, are located. This means we’ve had to transfer our Teacher Training Tour, planned for Kakuma, to go to refugee camps in Djibouti instead. Our 8 teachers will work side by side with local teachers to help students improve their English.

Conditions in Djibouti will be challenging as temperatures are above 40. We pray that the new plans go smoothly, teachers travel safely, and that training is a blessing for all teachers, so the refugee children served can receive a better education.

School reports are in the process of being finalised. Reports will be sent home with your child on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

This God is my strong refuge; he makes my pathway safe. 2 Samuel 22:33

Comment :: How happy is the person who knows their future is guided by the unseen hand. They have the assurance of peace in their lives no matter what comes their way.

God’s abundant blessings to you all.

Brian Schultz, Head of School

Term 2 concludes on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm with a Chapel Service at 2pm.
All welcome

Term 3 begins Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Birthdays

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

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Luke 7:36-50

The Bible reading this week was about the sinful woman washing Jesus’ feet with her tears, drying them with her hair and rubbing them with an expensive perfume. At the time of this event Jesus was having dinner in the home of a very religious and important man, Simon the Pharisee.

There are a number of themes in the passage about forgiveness and Jesus’ demonstrating his divine purpose, but the theme I spoke about in chapel was how Jesus once again turned his attention to the rejected and unimportant people in society. There are many times Jesus turns towards the sinners, unclean, rejected and despised to show mercy, grace and love. He demonstrates time and again there is no person, situation or sin that removes someone from the love of God.

It is through Jesus we now have access to God, not through our own actions or self-importance – we are all equally loved and accepted by God. The forgiveness, compassion and love Jesus shows to the sinful woman in this week’s reading is an example of the same grace available to us all now.

Angela McLean, Wellbeing Coordinator

Geelong Head Lice Service

Parent Session

Head lice in schools and kindergartens tend to be a recurring problem. To assist parents in dealing with this issue, Jessica from Geelong Head Lice Service will be presenting a short session at the School on Tuesday 21st June at 9am. She will explain:

- What head lice and eggs look like
- How to treat head lice
- Where to get help

If you are able to attend this session please RSVP to the School Office by Friday 17th June.

“MAD Hatters” Lunchtime Busking

The MAD Hatters Group have planned a busking day that will be held on Tuesday 21st June. Years 3 – 6 will be allowed to busk in the lunch break on Tuesday.

Please bring along your loose change - you never know you might find an act you like. All monies the buskers raise will go to ALWS.

There may be acts such as, singing, dancing, skits, drawing or even playing an instrument. We are excited to see you all busk!

Chloe, Emily, Mila, Vedanshi & Jasmine (MAD Hatters)

Student Wellbeing News

Wellbeing Coordinator – Change of hours

I have recently changed my hours at School to accommodate some group sessions I am running with Senior and Middle School students. My new hours are:

Tuesday 9am-5pm
Wednesday 8.30am – 12.30pm
Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Angela McLean, Wellbeing Coordinator

Kidsmatter

A request from our Families:

Beginning next term the School is planning to run a Lego club as well as a number of other lunchtime clubs. To make this as successful as possible we are seeking any families that may have any complete “unloved – leftover” Lego Kits that they would be happy to donate to the Club. We would also welcome any donations of loose Lego to make up a creative tub. If you do, could you please ensure all parts (including instructions if possible) are placed in a bag and dropped off at the Office. Many thanks,

Naomi Gibbons

Whole School Excursion

On Thursday 23rd June, ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS will be attending the live performance of “High School Musical”. This musical will be performed at Geelong Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) by GSODA Junior Players. Students will walk to GPAC in Ryrie Street, leaving the School at 9am sharp (the performance starts at 9.30am) and returning to School at approximately 12pm.

All Students need to wear their full School Uniform, including blazers.

Please return permission notices to the Class teacher by Tuesday 14th June.

News from our Sponsored Child

This week we received a letter from Child Fund Ethiopia about our Sponsored Child, Alem:

“How are you? Alem and the family are very well here. Alem is learning well. He couldn’t write this letter himself because he has gone to his Father’s place to celebrate Easter there. We hope he will write next time. The family is always grateful by your support to Alem. He received a card you sent him wishing Happy Birthday. He is so pleased.

This season it is Spring and it sometimes rains. It is good for the next harvest season.

It is all for today and I hope to write next time, wishing you all the best.”

Written by Birtukan, Neighbour.

Parents & Friends News

Reminders have been sent home to those families with outstanding Entertainment books. Please return to the Office any payments or unwanted books by tomorrow at the latest. Thank you to all who have already supported this fundraiser by purchasing a book.

Sally
Prep News

On Wednesday 1st of June and Thursday 9th of June, the Sacred Heart Child Development class came to visit the Prep classes. On these days the girls ran different physical activities looking at the growth and capabilities of the Preps for their particular age group. The Prep children had a wonderful time with the girls. A big thanks to Jen Ferguson from Sacred Heart for organising this fun time and for the Prep children who were enthusiastic and well behaved.

Art News

The Art Awards for this week are:

Tom (M1), Bailey (M1), Fletcher (M3), Ruby (S3), Eli (S3), Luka (S1), Eleanor (J3) and Rebekah (S2).

The winner of the colouring competition/dot-to-dot is Lewis (S2)

Pictured below is the wonderful mural that J1 has been working on.
Library News

As we are nearing the end of Term 2, some gentle reminders:

- We are able to offer Chess lessons for Term 3 with a professional chess teacher. Lessons will be held at the School during Thursday lunchtimes, commencing in the first week of Term. The cost will be $90 for Term 3. Fees for the lessons will need to be paid upfront in full, directly to the chess teacher. Please see Mrs Lytzki for information.
- The Lost Property collection is growing at an alarming rate. It would be wonderful to reunite any of these lost items with their owners. There are numerous lunch boxes (most without their lunch contents) and none have any names so it is difficult to return them without your help.
- Consent slips for the Premiers’ Reading Challenge Honour Roll should be returned to the Library this week. This grants permission for your child’s name to be listed on the public honour roll.
- Could parents please assist their children to find and return any Library books. Have a look under the bed, the bedspread, the Kindle, the couch...

Lynn Lytzki, Librarian

Sports Awards

Week 9 Term 2

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Netball News

St John’s Lollipops

Last night the St John’s Lollipops played against the Monarch Kittens. It was goal for goal in the first half but unfortunately they got away from us in the second half. Even though we didn’t win, everyone played an excellent game. Well done girls.

Jeanette

St John’s Swifts

On Wednesday night, the Swifts played the Monarchs (aka ‘the Giants’) and unfortunately the Swifts couldn’t match their score this time.

The Senior School Netball Team give it their 100% best effort at both their weekly games and Tuesday night training sessions.

The Swifts are an inspiration to all.

GO SWIFTS!

Rachel

Canteen

Orders to be placed on Tuesday morning for lunch delivery on Wednesdays.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to assist in the canteen. It is really appreciated. We do have a couple of dates to fill in Term 3. If you are able to assist us between the hours of 11am – 1.30pm, please contact the Office.

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Playgroup News

In the last week of term (Monday 20th June) we’ll be celebrating winter and the end of term with a Pyjama Party! Come along in pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers. Bring your favourite teddy bear or soft toy (there will be games for them too). We’ll be making cubby houses out of blankets, so feel free to bring a torch or blanket too (optional!).

Vicky & Callie
Church Information

St John’s Lutheran Church, 165 Yarra Street, Geelong. Sunday worship with Holy Communion 9am. Sunday school runs every week during school term. Office: 5221 5121. St John’s has installed an Interim Pastor for 9 months, Pastor Robert Erickson, 0457 570 029.


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mollers Lane, Leopold. Worship, 11am Every Sunday with Holy Communion

Community Noticeboard

Please have a look at our School Noticeboard for any upcoming community events.

- Queenscliff Rotary Club – Lego Display 18-19th June
- Various Winter School Holiday Programs
- School Holiday Tennis Clinic

Extend After School Care News

Welcome to Week 10:
Weekly Recap:
We have been going outside for limited time due to cold weather conditions. Food technology was the main focus last week, we made herb bread and edible jewellery. Children are gaining confidence in dancing and singing skills with the use of microphone and karaoke, piano playing and sing song activities. Winter bollards are progressing slowly but surely. Many different types of books have been explored in the ASC book corner. Other activities included group tiggy, indoor netball, soccer and ball play activities.

Our Extend Superstars are.... Ava and Rachel for their leadership skills with their peers.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 20 June: Diorama Drama (Animal Themed) & Round the World Basketball
Tuesday 21 June: Salt Dough - Unisex Jewellery Making and Ten-Pin Bowling
Wednesday 22 June: Child Initiated Art and Craft & Dodgeball
Thursday 23 June: Milky Way Mobile & Hunter Tiggy
Friday 24 June: Glassware Decoration & Hide and Seek

New Families: Enrol at extend.com.au
Visit our FAQ page for answers to common questions
50% of Fees: The Child Care Rebate is not income tested. Find out more at extend.com.au
Bookings: Make your bookings or cancelations online at extend.com.au
Book via the Parent Portal – Online Bookings: extend.com.au or call 1300 366 437
BOOK IN NOW FOR THE WINTER HOLIDAYS AT GEELONG LUTHERAN COLLEGE AND ST ANTHONY’S, LARA
Term Two concludes on Friday 24th June at 2:30pm. Bookings are now available to cater for this Early Release day.