Dear St John’s School Community,

The entertaining Ned Show today for our Years 1 - 6 students presented their message of ‘Never give up’, ‘Encourage others’ and ‘Do your best,’ was a wonderful lead in for our Kidsmatter launch tomorrow morning. Our launch begins tomorrow with classroom breakfasts from 8.15am-8.45am followed by a community assembly at 9.00am followed by a Parent information Session beginning at 9.30am. KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. It is a way to demonstrate the focus on being inclusive and the importance of wellbeing in our School community. Next week sees the implementation of the lunch time club program in response to feedback from our student, parent and staff surveys. Thanks to our Well Being Coordinator, Mrs McLean for putting this all together and for all staff, parents and students who have assisted in any way.

Recently a team of Geelong Lutheran College secondary students organised a transition to secondary school program for our senior students. The GLC teaching staff were most impressed with our students and the preparation they have already received to enhance their transition process to secondary school. The ‘Readiness for school’ parent information session was held last night. This session was well attended. Thank you to our Prep parents for 2017 for taking advantage of this opportunity and to our staff involved in organising this most important part of our School’s transition program.

We recently received confirmation from Jonathan Krause, ALWS Community Action Manager that ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service – (St John’s school community supports the work of ALWS from time to time) has once again met all the requirements of the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct and has again received full Government accreditation, something only 38 out of the hundreds of development agencies in Australia have achieved! Our School community continues to make a difference to those who have so little.

Traffic and parking problems around schools are significant issues for many schools and local councils. The amount of school traffic during drop off and pick up times, combined with possible exposure to dangerous driver behaviour, can put children at risk.

We have noticed council traffic inspectors monitoring the areas around our School recently especially around pick up and drop off times.

If you park near the School please follow the parking restriction signs. These are designed to improve safety for everyone, especially our children.

ABELNCE:
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.
We have also included in this Newsletter an interesting article by Michael Grose of Parenting Ideas, about the latest Pokemon Go trend.

Go to the Lord for help, and worship him continually.

1 Chronicles 16:11

Comment: Have you considered asking God for His wisdom when all else had failed? Surely a simple ‘thank you’ is in order when He answers your distress call!

God’s abundant blessings to you all.

Brian Schultz, Head of School

**School Council News**

Recently, the College Council has been dealing with major items concerning our schools and would like to update the community on information relating to the practical steps taken to implement the Victorian Government’s Ministerial Order 870 on Child Protection.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

In alliance with recent legislation changes in Victoria and the introduction of Ministerial Order 870, Geelong Lutheran College and St John’s Lutheran School are committed to being a Child Safe organisation. Geelong Lutheran College and St John’s Lutheran School have a zero tolerance for child abuse and are committed to acting in children’s best interests and in keeping them safe from harm. Geelong Lutheran College and St John’s Lutheran School regards their child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance and as such, are committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations and maintain a child safe culture.

The Child Safe Standards included in the Victorian Government’s Ministerial Order 870 are underpinned by two guiding principles:

1. take account of the diversity of all children, including (but not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable; and
2. make reasonable efforts to accommodate the matters referred to above.

The seven Child Safe standards are:

- **Standard 1:** Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety.
- **Standard 2:** A child safety policy or a statement of commitment to child safety.
- **Standard 3:** A child safety code of conduct.
- **Standard 4:** School staff selection, supervision and management practices for a child-safe environment.
- **Standard 5:** Procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse.
- **Standard 6:** Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
- **Standard 7:** Strategies to promote the child empowerment participation.

The School Council’s strategies for the implementation of a Child Safe culture at all levels of our school include:
- Development of new policies and amendments to existing policies to ensure that zero tolerance of child abuse can be upheld;
- Making the schools’ Child Safe policies accessible to the school community;
- The appointment of Child Safety Officers – Amanda Vague & Jonny Hedt at GLC and Deidre Prieben now and Angela McLean at St John’s;
- All employment and induction processes explicitly include statements, questions and training with regard to the Child Safe standards;
- Codes of Conduct updated to include Child Safety requirements for staff, volunteers, Council members, visitors and contractors;
- Child Safety listed as a standing agenda item at all Council, Management, Leadership and staff meetings;
- The School Council is responsible for the implementation of these strategies and will actively oversee the implementation, but has delegated the operations to the Principal, Heads of School and other leadership staff to ensure we are compliant.

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**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate in the coming week:

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**Devotional Thought**

**Luke 15: 1-10**

Maybe you have been lost, or lost something precious...

Jesus told stories that are in the Bible, that show his great love for lost people. The Pharisees could not understand why Jesus was so welcoming of sinners because they failed to understand the great love God has for all people.

Our reading this week was from Luke 15:1-10 and spoke of a shepherd searching to find the one lost sheep, until he found it, even though 99 were safe with him! The story of the lost coin, told of the celebration that occurs in heaven, when the one lost is found or comes to God.

These two stories show us how God feels, when people are lost from him. God is very happy when people come to him. People are so precious that God wants every single one of us!

Melinda Troeth and J3 Class

**School Photos**

School Photos were taken last week by Arthur Reed Photos. If you wish to order any individual photos please go to: www.arphotos.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order. School Code is 1607SJ348. Order your School Photos up until 11.59pm, JULY 31, 2016.

**The NED Show**

The NED show visited St John’s this afternoon and showed the children some amazing yo-yo tricks. If your child would like to purchase any of the yoyos available, they will be for sale on Monday morning between 8.30am and 9am in the undercover area.

Students who pre-purchased yoyos using the order form sent home will be able to collect their yoyos tomorrow.
A number of Student Welfare and Child Protection policies and procedures will be made available to parents via the schools’ websites as soon as is practicable.

**Geelong Lutheran College & St John’s Lutheran School Council**

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**Kindergarten News**

**KINDER CLOSED– QUIP PLANNING DAY FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST**

The Kinder will be closed so the Kindergarten staff can attend our annual QUIP planning day. This day enables the team to meet and discuss improving our program and polices to ensure we are maintaining a high quality standard. This will also involve planning for 2017, so please ensure that you provide us with feedback.

**St John’s KidsMatter Launch Friday 29th July**

The Kinder will be participating in the KidsMatter launch. We will be running a pyjama day and pikelet day.

A special assembly will be held at the Hall between 9.00-9.30am - all welcome!

**Upcoming dates:**

**JULY**

**AUGUST**
19th– KINDER CLOSED QUIP PLANNING DAY

**SEPTEMBER**
12th– Narana & Eastern Gardens Playspace
15th– Narana & Eastern Gardens Playspace

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**Scholastic Bookclub**

The Book Club (Issue 5) has been distributed last week.

Orders close **tonight at midnight**. All book orders will need to be done online. Therefore, cash or cheques will no longer be accepted at School.

Lynn Lytzki, Librarian.

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**Art Awards**

The Art Awards for this week go to:
Adele (S3), Tom (S3), Oliver (J3), Harry (J3), Oliver (J3), Max (J1), Brayden (J1) & Saxon (S2)

Robyn Kerdel, Art Teacher

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**Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sport**

On Friday 22nd July Years 5 & 6 students will commence Interschool Sports each Friday afternoon for Term 3. This week’s match is an away game against St Francis Xavier Primary School, Corio. The game will commence at 1.30pm.

Steven Tkaczuk, Sports Co ordinator

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**Library News**

Leigh Hobbs, the author of “Mr. Chicken Goes to Paris” and “Old Tom and Horrible Harriet” as well as many other exciting books was speaking at the Geelong Library last week. Mr. Hobbs gave an entertaining and informative talk about his books and illustrations.

Mr. Hobbs is pictured with Mr Chicken (left), Abby and Asher and signed a copy of his book “Old Tom’s Big Book of Beauty” for the Library. Also in attendance from the school at Leigh Hobbs’ talk were Emma, Hamish, Mimi and Ryan.

Hamish (with his sketch produced at the session), Mimi (with a smiling Mr. Chicken) and Ryan (with the signed book) and Emma with her picture of Old Tom.

Lynn Lytzki, Librarian
LAUNCH
FRIDAY JULY 29
COME DRESSED IN YOUR SPORTS UNIFORM BUT ADD SOME FLARE AND DECORATIONS
CLASSROOM BREAKFASTS FROM 8.15 – 8.45
Kidsmatter Assembly 9.00 – 9.30
School Hall
Parent Session 9.30 – 10.15
Location - Staffroom

KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. KidsMatter Primary provides the methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.

www.kidsmatter.com.au

LUNCHTIME PROGRAMS – Next week we will begin our new Lunchtime program. This initiative is specifically related to building on our positive school environment, responding to parent feedback about providing diverse ways for their children to interact and helping all children feel included at School.

Unfortunately not all children will be able to attend every club. At this stage we will see what the interest and attendance is like and make adjustments if necessary. We are wanting to focus on the children who find lunchtime challenging and are less socially connected, but want to maintain a welcoming environment. A copy of the Lunchtime Club program has also been attached.

ONGOING - The students will be involved in activities and discussion about KidsMatter and what it means to be a KidsMatter School and there will also be more initiatives that help address the targets of KidsMatter Component 1 – A Positive School Community.

If you are unable to attend the parent information session and would like more information please watch the following video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxG0eGaOfF4

Angela McLean, Student Wellbeing

BARTON
Baxter
For extending his skills and always trying his best.

Olivia
For her eager participation and cooperation during every lesson.

DEAKIN
Gulliver
For working well and showing improving skills.

Mylee
For extending her skills and enthusiastically taking part during all lessons.

HIGGINS
Oscar
For developing successful skills and enjoying each lesson more.

Nicholas
For always being conscientious and trying his best.

PARKES
Mia
For working confidently and being very skilled at PE activities.

St John’s Swifts
The Swifts teamwork and skills were in full action on Wednesday night, playing against the Fire Foxes. Final score was 17 goals to 4.

There were cheers, hi-5’s and happy celebrations from the team players and those of us on the sidelines. Until next week -

GO SWIFTS!

Rachel

St John’s Lollipops
Last night the St John’s Lollipops played the Highton Opals. Unfortunately we lost, the score was 2 to 11. We had a great first quarter but in the end Highton were just too good.

Keep up the effort girls.

Jeanette

St Johns Bobcats
Playing times:
Saturday 30th July – 10.40am
Saturday 6th August – 9.50am
Saturday 13th August - Bye

Leeanne Williams

Basketball News
Parents and Friends News

SAVE THE DATE: SHOPPING TRIP FUNDRAISER
Saturday 8th October – get your Christmas shopping done early!

A flyer and deposit slip was sent home last week with a list of shops we will be visiting on the day. Please return the slip and $5.00 deposit by 2nd September.

Shopping Bus Tour Fundraiser
Ladies, Ladies, Ladies, invite your family, friends, neighbours and any one who loves to shop, there will be games, spot prizes, shopping, shopping and shopping and at the end champagne!
Saturday 8th October from 7.00am - 6.30 PM
10-12 Outlets with amazing discounts on retail prices
$50 Licence fee in Smith Street
Expected total cost $50 per person
$5.00 non-refundable deposit to book your seat
10% of sales to be donated to St. John’s Lutheran Primary School

Canteen
Orders to be placed on Tuesday morning for lunch delivery on Wednesdays.
Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to assist us between the hours of 11am – 1.30pm.

Canteen Roster:

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Donations of Second Hand Clothes Request

Playgroup News

It’s bound to be an action packed term with plans to celebrate Book Week, the Olympics, Father’s Day and footy finals. We’ll begin the term celebrating creatures great and small:

1 August - cuddly koalas

And by popular demand, there will be another morning of cubby house building with blankets and pillows.

We look forward to seeing you there - new friends are most welcome!

Vicky & Callie
Annual Toucan Appeal
July 2016

......Think OUTSIDE THE CAN!

The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need for 25 years. Working together with welfare agencies, this year we will see 32,000 individuals referred to GFRC for support.

Your school is one of the 90 schools in Geelong and surrounding region, who every year assist us in making this possible. Each individual donation makes its way onto the family’s table. This could be a family in your street.

These items form some of the basic food items most families choose. We are inviting you to be a part of this generous donation to provide if possible the following items.

- Cereal
- Milo
- Cake mix
- Vegemite
- Honey
- Sugar
- Tea/Coffee
- Cling Wrap/Foil
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene goods
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shaving Cream

Of course, all donations whether cans, boxes or packets are gratefully appreciated. Donations are being accepted into the Donation box in the School Office until Wednesday August 17th.

We thank you for ongoing support and assure you it will really make a difference to someone within our community.

Thank you
Has your child gone Pokemon wild?

Pokemon Go! What a craze!

Beats just about any fad I've seen including yo yo's, swap cards and the original Pokemon Gameboy way back in the old days – remember the 90's.

While Pokemon Go is geared toward adults and teenagers it's taken off among primary aged children – even some preschool kids – as well. Both genders are playing the game, but a rough count among colleagues and friends indicates that it's boys more than girls that are hooked on the game.

Pokemon Go has plenty of psychological hooks to make boys love it. The roam and search nature of the game appeals to the hunter-gatherer that exists in most boys. There are plenty of things to collect which appeals to a boy's fundamental need to put order and control in his world.

And the competitive element embedded in the game makes it almost irresistible to many boys who love nothing better than to better someone else.

How can we approach this craze?

Many parents have asked me how they should approach the Pokemon Go craze, particularly when their children are besotted by it.

Start by accepting that Pokemon Go, like all fads, has captured your child's interest. It's hard to fight against or even stop your child from being involved in games that 'everyone is playing'.

That leads to two parenting requirements. First, find out all you can about the game so you know what you are up against. Ask your child to explain what it's all about. Figure out which parts of the game are age-appropriate and which parts are going to present you with headaches. Once kids are old enough to have their own phones and transportation, they're certainly old enough to play the game without help. Pokémon Go gives users plenty of chances to spend real money, so you probably will want to limit in-game purchases.

Lures, an aspect of the game, can present tricky situations for parents. A player can set out a lure to attract pokémon, but because these lures can be seen by any nearby player, you're not sure who they are attracting. Revisit those Stranger Danger lessons with your kids.

Second, you need to meld your existing family technology rules with the expectations and opportunities that Pokemon Go presents. These include, how much time children are allowed to spend on technology; consider what activities Pokemon Go takes kids away from (including homework); and be aware that's is not healthy for your child to be hooked on one activity at the expense of everything else.

Keep your Pokemon Go player safe

Pokemon Go gets kids outside roaming and exploring their neighbourhoods, which on the surface, is a good thing. However as one mum told me her son's Pokemon Go experience was leading them to a local quarry, which had some obvious risks attached. So if your kids are old enough to wander unsupervised some quick reminders of safety rules maybe in order, such as crossing a street with a phone in their pocket and only playing the game with kids their own age.

If you join in the craze then be prepared to drive your players around as many Pokemon stops are in interesting places such as parks, historical markers and other gathering spots. Different places have different Pokemon things to collect…..yes, it can get complicated, which is the intrinsic value of the craze.

So my advice for parents is to approach Pokemon Go positively and intelligently. Discover about it as much as your time, your current circumstances and your kids will allow. Join them if possible. Remember, it's a lot of fun; it does get kids exercising more than their thumbs and there are some great learnings (maths, nature and even history) built in to the game. On the other hand, ensure that kids keep a balance in their activities so that a fun craze doesn't become an absolute, all or nothing obsession- which can so easily happen with boys.

Submitted by:
Michael Grose, Parenting Ideas, July 21 2016