Dear St John’s School Community,

Congratulations to our whole St John’s School Community for being part of our Kidsmatters launch last week. The day began with all classrooms opening for breakfast. As I visited each busy classroom I witnessed students, parents and staff enjoying each other’s company, a smorgasbord of menu items available and an overwhelming positive sense of community.

At 9.00am we ventured down to a packed to overflowing Hall for a student led assembly. Luka and Milly introduced, ‘What is Kidsmatters?’ followed by an amazing item by our School Choir and Ukulele band performing, ‘Don’t Worry, Be Happy’. ‘What is Mental Health?’ was explained then J2 brought the house down performing the Kidsmatters chant’. The assembly concluded with a rousing rendition of ‘Count on me’. The morning concluded with a parent information session that was very well attended. As one parent said, “I was on a high for the rest of the day.”

A special thank you to Mrs McLean for coordinating this event and to all staff, parents and students for your support.

This week our Preps celebrated 100 days at school, lunch time clubs began, the RACV Street Scene program was presented to classes and the Geelong Schools Art Network meeting coordinated by our Art teacher Mrs Kerdel was held at our School.

A reminder that St John’s and Geelong Lutheran College have scheduled in Curriculum days for August 18 and 19. St John’s will include staff training in Emergency management by DynamiQ, reviewing our behaviour management and student codes of conduct polices, revisiting our Christian Studies units, resources and assessments, a dyslexia workshop and discussion followed by an ICT scope and sequence update to accommodate changes in the Australian Curriculum.

I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. Philippians 4:13

Comment: When adversity strikes, as it unexpectedly does, ask God for strength and wisdom. You will be answered.

God’s abundant blessings to you all.

Brian Schultz, 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.
Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate in the coming week:

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Devotional Thought

Keeping our Focus. Luke 16:13

On a beach holiday, my children (who were quite young at the time) and I were throwing tennis balls to each other in the shallow surf. We began by throwing one ball at a time. Then someone got the idea that we should try throwing two tennis balls at the same time to one person, and that person should try and catch one ball in each hand. If you’ve ever tried to do that, you will realize just how hard it is. Most times you will catch one ball but not both. That is because your eyes can only focus on one ball at a time. The simple fact is that when you focus on one you take your eyes off the other.

Jesus said a similar thing about serving God and the things of this world. He said, “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and the things of this world.” As his people, God has blessed us with both things to enjoy in this world and the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus. If our worldly interests become the focus of our lives, they cause us to drop the ball of the hope we have in Jesus. If, however, Jesus Christ, his life and his salvation become the focus of our lives we are quite prepared to drop the ball of our worldly interests, knowing that there is only one lasting treasure – our eternal life in Christ. If we focus on that, we can also trust that God will take care of our earthly needs as well (see Matt 6:33).

Pastor Lester Prießenow
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, North Geelong

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 and 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 Prießenow 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.

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

Conjunctivitis

A few cases of conjunctivitis have been reported to the School Office over the last week. If you have any concerns with your child please seek medical advice. The Department of Health advises that students are to be excluded from School until discharge from eyes has ceased.
Last Friday we officially launched the Kidsmatter Initiative in the School. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who helped make the day fun and memorable.

We celebrated with:

- a whole-school breakfast
- a student led assembly that highlighted Mental Health
- a song from the Choir – with some great soloists performing.
- our first Kidsmatter Citizenship Awards recipients Amy Rose, Talan & Isla
- a parent information session introducing the school action plans and survey results

(For any parents who missed the information session and would like to know more the PowerPoint presentation has been included with this Newsletter email).

The launch marks the first step in working through a 3 to 4 year process of implementing a mental health and wellbeing framework within the School.

Our current focus is on “a positive school community”. To find out more why belonging is an important aspect of mental health and wellbeing read the following article.


Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is a great presenter and the seminar is highly recommended for anyone who is concerned about anxiety and their child.

Angela McLean, Student Wellbeing
Music Festival

On Monday 15th August the St John’s Lutheran School Choirs (Middle and Senior Choirs) will be performing at the Geelong Schools Music and Movement Festival at Costa Hall. Both Choirs will be performing two different songs, which will surely entertain the audience.

Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend the Festival if they would like to see their children on stage. The session will run from 1 - 2.30pm. The cost is $5.00 per adult, and tickets can be purchased directly from GPAC Box Office.

Debbie Howard, Music Teacher

Years 5 & 6 News

The Years 5 and 6 students have hit the ground running with a busy start to Term 3! It is great to have Mrs Foott back after her three restful weeks of long service leave. We would also like to thank Mr Punton for teaching the class in her absence.

Our Interschool Sporting competition has begun with the students actively participating in either softball, netball or football each Friday afternoon against a different school each week. We have been very proud of how our students have represented St John’s in such a positive, enthusiastic and team-focused way.

We are also very excited about our fun and educational excursion next week to the LEGO Centre in Melbourne. The students have begun their focus on the EV3 LEGO Robotics programme during their ICT lessons and this excursion will help them extend their understanding of computer programming as well as this particular robotic programme.

Earn and Learn will be kicking off very soon and we have spent the beginning of this term introducing the concept of economics, budgeting and money use. We have also been discussing how each ‘town / city’ (each individual classroom) is going to run during these weekly sessions. The students are very excited about the unit and are looking forward to it beginning!

Our Year 6 Interschool Debating Team has commenced preparation for their next debate which will take place next Wednesday after school. This competition provides the students with an opportunity to enhance and extend their debating skills. We wish them the best of luck for the next round of competition!

The Years 5 & 6 team

A Message from the SOAP (Save Our Amazing Planet) Squad

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to reducing rubbish brought to school on our Rubbish Free Lunch Day on July 26. It was a very successful day and when we weighed rubbish bags from each classroom, P2 were the winners!

We encourage parents to support rubbish free lunches by purchasing container lunch boxes, (if your child doesn’t have one already), and creating less mess around our school and less rubbish going to landfill.

Mrs Burger, Anna, Rachael, Milla & Amy Rose

Library News

Third term is very busy in Library with the focus of Book Week.

This year’s Open Library Day will be held on Wednesday 17th August 2016 featuring this year’s Book Week theme “Australia-Story-Country”.

On this day, the Library will be open for parents and friends to visit and share the children’s displays and books created by each class. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. A small book shop is on offer for you to purchase a book and donate it to the Library. Purchases can be made by cash or credit card. Your donation will be recognised inside the book. Books for purchase will be available for viewing in the Library from Monday 15th August (before and after school).

If parents would also like a copy of any book for their child, they can order and pay on the day and the book will be delivered to the School for collection through the week.

Library classes will still be operating on the day. Parents and friends are warmly invited to come in to Library, view the children’s work and participate in Library sessions.

The School’s major Book Week event will be on Thursday 25th August. All parents and friends are warmly invited to join us in the Hall (time to be advised). We will be enjoying a presentation by a small group of senior students who will be reading a poem and the Choir will be performing. Throughout the rest of the afternoon all classes will be doing rotated artwork activities. We ask for a gold coin donation for students to attend in casual clothes. We encourage the students to wear Aussie colours or something “true-blue”! The money will be donated to the “Make-A-Wish” foundation (the selected charity of the organisers of Book Week).

Lynn Lytzki, Librarian

Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sport

This week’s match is a home game against St Mary’s Primary School at Kardinia Park Netball courts & Football oval. The game will commence at 1.30pm.

Steven Tkaczuk, Sports Co-ordinator
Art Awards

The Art Awards for this week go to:
The Art Awards for this week go to:- Mia (M1), Alex (M1), Christopher (M3), Ashmeet (M3), Abby (M2) and Ava (M2).

All classes have been working on the theme Australia for Book Week.

Music News

Term 3 Choir Performances:
The St John’s Lutheran School Choir (Years 3-6) will be performing at the following events this term: 
**Geelong School Movement and Music Festival** at Costa Hall, Monday 15th August (1.00pm-2.30pm) 
(Audience tickets available through GPAC Box office for $5)
**Book Week 2016:** Thursday 25th August - Special assembly before lunch at School in the Hall 
**School Concert:** Thursday September 15th, 7.00pm at The Geelong Arena.

Music Awards:
Weekly Music Awards are awarded to students who have worked exceptionally hard and/or have demonstrated outstanding skills in our weekly music class. Congratulations to the following students:

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Debbie Howard, Music Teacher

Sports Awards

Term 3 Week 3

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<td>For developing her agility and coordination and her happy outlook.</td>
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<td>Charlie</td>
<td>For developing good improvements in all areas of PE this year.</td>
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<td>Annabelle</td>
<td>For participating well in all areas of sport this year.</td>
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<td>HIGGINS</td>
<td>David</td>
<td>For showing a good level of skill in most activities of sport.</td>
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<td>Anna</td>
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<td>Emma</td>
<td>For working well and extending her skills each week.</td>
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David Sell, PE Teacher

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.

Upcoming dates:

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

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

Robyn Kerdel, Art Teacher
Congratulations

From time to time we hear of sporting achievements of our students. We congratulate Sophia (P1) and Claudia (S3) on receiving Awards for Little Athletics Cross Country.

Netball News

St John’s Swifts

The Swifts played against the Monarchs on Wednesday night and lost the game by numbers, but certainly not team effort. Our team put together some amazing defence skills and worked hard. We even had one team member take a fall at the end of the third quarter which proves that the Swifts were playing with strength, sweat and tears.

A special thanks to Lizzie from Year 5 for playing on behalf of one of our sick team members.

Until next week - GO SWIFTS!

Rachel

St John’s Lollipops

Last night the St John’s Lollipops played the Fyans Park Possums. The score was 9 goals to 3 and unfortunately we lost. Well done to Ashmeet on scoring a goal and we want to thank Will and Mannat for filling in for us as we had one player on holidays, one player injured and another player unwell. Well done on a good effort girls (and boy!).

Jeanette

Basketball News

St Johns Bobcats

Playing times:

Saturday 6th August – 9.50am
Saturday 13th August - Bye

Leanne

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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Parents and Friends News

SHOPPING TRIP FUNDRAISER

Saturday 8th October – get your Christmas shopping done early!

Please return the slip and $5.00 deposit by 2nd September.

Shopping Bus Tour Fundraiser

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies, invite your family, friends, neighbours and anyone who loves to shop, there will be games, spot prizes, shopping, shopping and all the fun of the day!  

Saturday 9th October from 7.30am - 8.30 PM
10-12 Outlets with amazing discounts on retail prices

870 Lunch or hop in Smith St
Expected total cost $65 per person
$6.00 non-refundable deposit to lock your seat
with the balance due Friday 21st September
10% of sales to be donated to St John’s Lutheran Primary School
Playgroup News

Olympic fever is hitting Monday Mingle! Come along next week (8/8) to make some Olympic flags, medals and torches. We'll keep them for the following week (15/8) when we hold our own Mini Olympics! Get ready to run, jump, throw your way to mini-Olympic glory, with the assistance of some special buddies. Everyone is most welcome to attend, it's going to be lots of fun!

Vicky & Callie

Geelong Lutheran College

Already this term we are in full flight and our students are engaged in a wide range of activities to extend their learning. We have deliberately chosen a holistic approach at GLC to our students’ academic, social, emotional, physical and spiritual learning.

Next week we will be joined by a party of 11 students and 2 staff from Honjo Daiichi High School, which is located near Tokyo. Our Japanese visitors will be with us for the week developing their English Literacy skills and interacting with our students. I would ask that members of our College community make them welcome and take the time to learn from them. Thank you to our families who are hosting the students.

The recent wet weather has compounded traffic issues at the Burville’s Road – Surf Coast Highway intersection. In the meantime, I urge our parents to exercise caution.

The protection and well-being of children is paramount to us. Significant changes to child protection legislation are to be enacted, which will see some additional procedures at GLC. Quite coincidentally, the media has recently reported the mistreatment of Aboriginal children and young people in the Northern Territory. On Thursday, August 4 we will be commemorating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day as a stand against injustice and the mistreatment of young people.

I would like to draw the attention of our parents to several events on the College calendar. Thursday 18 and Friday 19 August are designated as Curriculum Days. No classes are scheduled for these days and our teachers will be planning and writing curriculum. Training in the Understanding by Design planning approach will be provided to our Faculty and Level Leaders prior to this time. This is an exciting time for us we consolidate and further refine our curriculum.

Additionally, I would like to draw the attention of our parents to our final Open Morning for this year, which will be held Friday 26 August. We are very thankful for the recommendations from our parent body, and look forward to meeting new families on the day.

Barry Krueger

Donations of Second Hand Clothes Request

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.

Barry Krueger

Annual Toucan Appeal

……Think OUTSIDE THE CAN!

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Geelong Lutheran College

St John’s Lutheran School
TERM 3 WEEK 4

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

Bookings are now available to cater for Pupil Free days - 18th and 19th August

KIDS CLUB ART COMPETITION
WIN A $200 TOYS R US ONLINE GIFT CARD
Entries are now open for Extend’s Kids Club Competition!
Submit your art entry online at extend.com.au from Monday 25 July to Friday 12 August, 2016
This year’s theme is "My Extend Friends”
For further details and terms visit extend.com.au

...BUT THERE’S MORE! Help your After School Care service win a mystery incursion! Be sure to come along to After School Care to enter. See you there!

Community Noticeboard

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

- Mathew Flinders Girls Secondary College, 11th August BYO Picnic Dinner and Cabaret Night
- City of Greater Geelong, Term 3 Parenting Programs
- St Peter’s Cricket Club Registration Day
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Trash & Treasure Sale 27th August

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