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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<td>Extra curricular activities continue to provide students at St John’s with experiences and opportunities that support our curriculum in and beyond the classroom. Last Friday during our morning assembly we were honoured to hear some of our students reciting poems they performed the night before at the All Schools regional German poetry competition. This week our School Choir has continued rehearsing for upcoming performances at the Geelong Schools Music and Movement Festival and School Concert. On Wednesday after school our Interschool debating team ventured to Hamlyn Banks PS as part of the Primary Schools debating competition. To compliment the Years 5 and 6 students Robotics program, they visited the Lego centre in Melbourne to attend the Roving Robotics: Mission to Mars and Creative story telling: Breaking news sessions.</td>
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<td>MON 15th</td>
<td>Since the Kidsmatter launch our lunchtime clubs and activities have begun. These offer alternate opportunities for students from across all levels to participate during the lunchtime paly session. I would like to thank all parents and staff who have made themselves available for these activities.</td>
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<td>A reminder that St John’s has scheduled Curriculum days for August 18 and 19. St John’s will include staff training in Emergency Management with DynamiQ, reviewing our behaviour management and student codes of conduct policies, 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.</td>
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<td>Comment :- God doesn’t need another ‘Superman’, all he needs is you and an attitude of obedience.</td>
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Term 3 Week 5 August 11th 2016
Birthdays

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

- **Diesel** on 13th August, YELLOW
- **Sascha** on 14th August, M3
- **Eleanor** on 14th August, J3
- **Thomas** on 16th August, P1
- **Keira** on 18th August, RED

Devotional Thought

Knock Knock, Who’s there?

“Jesus.” We all know the beginning of this famous joke. But what if Jesus really did knock on your door and ask you to be his friend and spend time with you?

The Parable of the Sower is one we might be familiar with. There was once a farmer who went out to sow some seeds. Some seeds fell on the path but the birds ate them up. Some seeds fell on the rocky ground, and because their roots were too shallow, it wilted and died in the hot sun. Some seeds fell amongst the thorns. The thorns grew up and choked the seed and it could not grow and bloom. At last, some seed fell on good soil. It grew and grew and grew and when it was fully grown, it produced many more seeds.

In this story, Jesus explains that the seed represents God’s Word and his invitation for us to know him personally and be his friend. The soil represents how different people might react to such an invitation. In our drama today, the postman delivered letters inviting people to be friends with God, but the first person had the letter snatched away. The second person was excited to know God, but after hard times she gave up. She didn’t realise that God comforts us in the hard times, he doesn’t take them away. The third person read the invitation with enthusiasm but was too busy to fit God in. The last person accepted God’s friendship and grew closer and closer to him. He then was able to tell others about God too.

Jesus told this story to encourage us that if we tell people about God’s love for them, not all people will respond the same, but some people will respond with joy and tell others too! God wants everyone to be friends with him and to trust in him with their lives. Let’s go help spread some of God’s love to others.

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Student Wellbeing News

First Week of Lunchtime Clubs

The first week of lunchtime clubs was very popular, and we are still adjusting the process to ensure everyone gets a chance at being involved. Heidi (one of our amazing parents) ran a dance club for the Prep-2 students. There were about 28 very keen knitters in the senior area that were under the careful and enthusiastic guidance of Mrs Foott, Mrs Burger and Anne (another wonderful mum) and of course the Lego Club was filled with eager boys and girls. We also have a growing number of younger students knitting in the Library on Mondays - any available parents would be welcome to join in the fun.

The purpose of lunchtime clubs is to provide diverse opportunities for students to interact and form friendships, they provide ‘safe’ places for children to retreat to and overall increases the positive feelings everyone has about being a school – the teachers were smiling as much as the students. School is also a place where parents and carers can make friends, being involved in the school is a way for you to feel connected and to understand how to best support your child/ren.

The following article is titled “Why connect at school?”


If you want to know more about being involved in our lunchtime programs or have an idea about a club you might like to run please contact me at Angela.McLean@stjohns.vic.edu.au

Dr Michael Carr- Gregg presents “When to really worry…..”

This is a community event, everyone is welcome.

Date: Wednesday September 7th 2016, Venue: Berkeley’s Events & Catering, 150 Yarra St, Geelong

$20 entry. Book your place: email rick@criticalagendas.com.au include your name, venue and number of tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night. No EFTPOS. Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Dr Michael Carr- Gregg is an excellent 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

German Poetry Competition
Last Thursday after school several students from Years 5 & 6 competed in the German Poetry Competition which is held each year at the German Club. Frau Sherwin has been busy training the students up all term. The Year 5 competitors were Sarah, Isaac, Hendrik (open category) and Lewis. The Year 6 competitors were Chloe, Jasmine and Milla. Isaac and Hendrik both won their division and will go on to compete in Melbourne in a few weeks, Jasmine came third and is the emergency for the Melbourne competition. What an amazing effort they all put in. Congratulations to all involved, especially the students.

Margie Foott, Year 5 Teacher

Interschool Debating
Last night Chloe, Milla and Mila, 3 students from the Interschool Debating team competed against Hamlyn Banks Primary School. The topic was ‘Performance Enhancing Drugs should be allowed to be taken by professional athletes. St Johns was the negative team. All spoke extremely well, providing some thought provoking arguments, but were beaten by 1 point! It was a well-argued debate. Congratulations to Chloe who was awarded Best Speaker.

Margie Foott, Debating Co ordinator

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”. Come and look at our new display!

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).

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 at 12.20pm. We will be enjoying a presentation by an Indigenous guest featuring the didgeridoo, a small group of students will be reading a story and a poem and the Choir will be performing. This presentation will conclude at 1pm. Our Indigenous guest will be staying to assist with our afternoon of Australian-related 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).

The knitting and wool-craft group have been having a tremendous time in the Library.
Prep Melbourne Zoo excursion
Who said learning can only happen at school?

On Thursday 28th July the Preps headed by bus to the Melbourne Zoo. This term our classes are looking at different animal coverings and characteristics of particular animal groups such as mammals, reptiles, fish, amphibians and birds. The students had a wonderful time and the weather was beautiful for our visit.

After arriving, we headed off to our Education session where each class had a closer encounter with a living creature. The groups then headed off into their smaller groups and were able to visit as many exhibitions as they could. We would like to thank the parents who assisted on the day.

Preps celebrate 100 Days!

Last Wednesday we had a visit from some very old students! The Prep students came dressed up in their finest olden day clothing to help celebrate their 100 days here at school. Each morning we have been counting the days using our large hundreds chart. The students practise counting from zero to the number of days and then take turns making that number using bundling sticks. The day was jam-packed full of fun activities that focussed on the number 100. We began with 100 exercises, wrote very interesting pieces about being a hundred years old, wrote 100 words, played games to do with 100 and had a party to finish off the day. What an achievement from all our Preps!!!

Naomi Gibbons & Maddison Brown, Classroom Teachers.
Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sport

This week’s match is an away game against Christ the King, at 79 Wilsons Rd, Newcomb. The Netballers will play at the School and the Footballers and Softballers will play around the corner from the School in Ervin Reserve (off Richard St). The games will commence at 1.30pm.

Steven Tkaczk, Sports Co-ordinator

Art Awards

The Art Awards for this week go to:
Imani Bowen, Ella, El, Lizzie and Sibiya from S3; Milly, Milla, Verdanshi and Rachael from S1 and Lewis and Thomas from S2.

If anyone has any spare old newspapers lying around at home that they don’t need, we would love to have them in the Art room.

Robyn Kerdel, Art Teacher

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

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

Raelene Roede

Netball News

St John’s Swifts
It was a wild, woolly and wintery Wednesday night with the sizzling Swifts being too hot to handle on the Court. The final score being 20 goals to 4 with the CTK Angels testing out our team techniques and skilful strategies.

An excellent effort from both teams involved.

A special team welcome to Anna of Year 6 - what an awesome first game. Until next week,

GO SWIFTS!

Rachel

St John’s Lollipops
Last night the St John’s Lollipops played the Monarch Kittens and won! The score was 8 goals to 3. Well done on great team work and also congratulations on everyone’s individual efforts. It was a great game to watch. Excellent work girls!

Jeanette

Basketball News

St Johns Bobcats
Saturday 13th August - Bye

Basketball – potential new team?

Are any students interested in playing basketball and creating another St John’s basketball team?

I have had a couple of queries from parents of students in the lower levels looking to start playing basketball. If we have enough interest we can create another St John’s team. This maybe an Under 8’s team, Under 10’s, Year 1, Year 2 or a combination team if we don’t get enough numbers.

Please contact me with interested students wanting to play basketball and we can see if we can create a new team. Interested players above those Year levels can also contact me as well.

Leeanne
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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Playgroup News

Olympic fever is hitting Monday Mingle! On Monday 15th we will hold our own Mini Olympics! Get ready to run, jump, and 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

Congratulations to our students, together with Ms Eickhoff, Mrs Kratzmann and Frau Hoffmann, on the splendid achievement of our students in the recent German poetry competitions. Five of the six regional representatives at the state finals will come from GLC!

Last week we said “sayonara” to our visitors from Honjo Daiichi High School. Anecdotally, both our students and our Japanese visitors enjoyed and benefited from their time together.

In the next few weeks, Mrs Tattersall and Mr Riddle will travel to Vanuatu to scope our first overseas school tour. This tour aims to develop an awareness and understanding in our students of life in a different culture. They will experience life for Ni-Vanuatu families and children when they visit schools, visit homes and engage with their community. Later this year we will be offering this tour for 2017 to students in Years 9-12.

This week our Level Leaders in the Primary School and our Faculty Leaders in the Middle and Senior Schools took part in training for our upcoming Curriculum Days. Carol Ann Tomlinson and Jay McTigue write that “…quality classrooms revolve around powerful knowledge that works for each student. That is, they require quality curriculum and quality instruction.” Our leaders will work with their teams on the Curriculum Days planning teaching and learning programs based on an inquiry, “backwards-by-design” approach. Other developmental work on our behavioural management processes is taking place in the background. Our student leaders from each of the subschools, together with our teachers have started reframing our code of conduct into behavioral expectations aligned with our values of Wisdom, Honour and Purpose.

Apart from the Curriculum Days, next week is also Science Week. A series of activities are planned for this week and Dr. Zara Dennis, a scientist from Monash University will be joining us.

Looking further ahead to the calendar, I would like to draw the attention of parents to our final Open Morning of the 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, Head of School

Parents and Friends News

SHOPPING TRIP FUNDRAISER – SECURE YOUR SEATS NOW!
Saturday 8th October – get your Christmas shopping done early!

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

…….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.

Geelong Food Relief Centre

Term 3 Week 5

Last week students made Olympic torches to celebrate the opening of the Rio Olympic Games. Charcoal drawings and cat mask making was some of the art and craft activities students participated in. Children developed a variety of skills whilst making dark and white chocolate truffles in Food Technology. Other activities included Farmer Sam, Indoor/outdoor Soccer and Football obstacle courses, Rope climbing many different varieties of tiggy/tag, Table tennis, role playing and public speaking.

These activities enhance Hand eye coordination, creative expression, critical thinking processes maths and science as well as team work skills, hygiene practices further more building trusting relationships.

Our Extend Superstar is Alice for leadership skills in music appreciation

Week activities:
Monday 15th August: Face painting, flag making, tunnel ball
Tuesday 16th August: muffin medal making, outdoor team games
Wednesday 17th August: making sock puppets
Thursday 18th August 8am – 6pm full day (if 10+ children booked)
Friday 19th August: 8am – 6pm full day (if 10+ children booked

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:

- City of Greater Geelong, Term 3 Parenting Programs
- St Peter’s Cricket Club Registration Day
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Trash & Treasure Sale 27th August
- Great Moscow Circus: 25th Aug – 11th September
- Surf Coast Century KIDS RUN
- After School Clubs – Coding Club
- School Holiday Programs –
  - 3D printing & design Camp
  - Game coding Camp

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