Upcoming Dates

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Head of School Report

Dear St John’s School Community,

Olympic fever has been evident at St John’s School and Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten groups participated in creative and varied Mini Olympic events. The paparazzi were out in force to capture the magic moments and world record attempts. Not to be outdone by their older peers, our Monday Mingle Playgroup Olympians displayed their developing talents and skills under the watchful eye of students from Mrs Burger’s class. We were blessed with beautiful sunshine and the large crowd of spectators enjoyed the thrills, spills and skills on display.

I noticed various Olympic themed artwork around the School. These are two pieces of Olympic art produced recently in art sessions.

As part of our extensive whole school transitioning program, our Years 5 & 6 students participated in two of these programs this week. Mr Jonny Hedt, from Geelong Lutheran College (GLC) facilitated sessions on Peer Mediation with our Year 5 students while our Year 6 students attended GLC to experience a secondary school setting.

’Peer mediation is designed to contribute to a positive, caring, safe and friendly school environment. The Stride Peer Mediation program helps students identify issues amongst peers and teaches students skills and guidelines for resolving low-level conflicts. Mediation opens up communication channels and allows students to discuss their problems with the guidance of mediators and come to a reasonable resolution.’

( http://www.whitelion.asn.au)

We have been involved in this program now for a few years. This training provides current Year 5 students with basic leadership skills using a 6 step process for mediating disputes. Training also includes identifying and passing on serious or complicated issues to teachers on yard duty. Our Year 6 students are currently actively involved in this program and are currently transitioning the Year 5 students by partnering them during their recess allocated times.

Our Year 6 students, combined with their GLC counterparts, experienced a day in the life of a secondary school including participating in Science, Maths, Art, PE, Humanities and English sessions, enjoying a combined lunch and being introduced to the Peer Support program for Year 7.

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

Thursday 18th August is a Curriculum Day. There will be no school for students. Kindergarten will operate as normal.

Friday 19th August is a Curriculum Day. There will be no school or Kindergarten for students.
Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate in the coming week:

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School Concert

St John’s School Concert will be on Thursday 15th September at 7pm at The Geelong Arena.

This year we will be trialling online ticket & DVD sales and we will have more details in next week’s School Newsletter on price and purchasing information.

Wanted

If anybody has any small pairs (size 6 - 8) of denim overalls and black gloves that the Prep 1 class could borrow for School Concert, please see Naomi Gibbons in the Prep 1 class.

Student Wellbeing News

A POSITIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Inclusion is all about opportunities for children, families and staff to feel that they belong. An inclusive school is one that understands, respects, welcomes and celebrates the diversity within the community. Children that feel included show more caring and compassion towards others and feel safer and more secure. The also learn better and have better mental health.

At the moment the Kidsmatter Action Team are focusing on understanding the School Community and its diversity. We are examining ways to know and recognize the differences within the School and how use this information to create a more inclusive school environment. This will not only help children to develop a sense of pride in who they are but also appreciate and value the differences in others.

Families can also play a part in creating an inclusive school, by

- getting to know other families - taking an interest in the different backgrounds of others as well as what you have in common
- looking out for new families joining the service and helping them to feel welcome
- talking about and encouraging your child to include and appreciate others
- sharing information about your culture with the School

Dr Michael Carr – Gregg Seminar

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
Library News

Open Library Day was held today, Wednesday 17th August featuring this year’s Book Week theme “Australia-Story-Country”. Parents and friends visited and shared the children’s displays and books created by each class and enjoyed refreshments.

BOOK SALE! Thank you to the parents and friends who purchased a book and donated it to the Library. Your donation will be recognised inside the book.

The School’s 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 which is the selected charity of the organisers of Book Week.

Lynn Lytzki, Librarian

(Mr Chicken dropped by the Library to have a look at the new display and catch up with some friends – Alison 😊)

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results will be mailed to parents later this week.

Art Awards

The Art Awards for this week go to: Harriet and Jacob (P2) and Nicholas and Stephanie (P1).

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:

- 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.

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, Kindergarten Team Leader

Basketball News

St Johns Bobcats

- Saturday 27th August 10.40am
- Saturday 3rd September 9.50pm
- Saturday 10th September – Semi Finals
- Saturday 17th September – Grand Final

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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Parents and Friends News

SHOPPING TRIP FUNDRAISER – SECURE YOUR SEATS NOW!

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

Playgroup News

We had a beautiful sunny morning for the Monday Mingle Mini Olympics this week. A very special thank you to Mrs Burger and her lovely M1 class who helped with setting up, packing up and leading the children through the activities.

Next week the celebrations continue with Book Week. If children would like to dress up as a favourite book character they are most welcome (they could bring the book too if they would like). We will visit Mrs Lytzki in the library who will share a special short-listed book. Hope to see you there!

LOST

Max lost a basketball at school last week (8.30am on Thursday 11 August) the morning the Grade 5 & 6’s went to Melbourne. Max sat it down in the covered forecourt for 5-10 minutes and it has been picked up by someone. It’s very distinctive multi coloured (red, blue, yellow, green) Spalding (smaller/kids size). If your child has inadvertently picked it up, can you please make sure it is returned to the school office, or directly to Max or Charlie.

Vicky Schilling & Callie Fry
Weekly Recap:
Art and craft activities included painting Olympic rings pencil drawings. Food Technology consisted of Pancake making to celebrate the birthday of peers. Students have been practising their dancing and singing skills in individual and team settings.
Other activities include Hand ball skills, Team Tiggy, role playing, hanging around on the monkey bars and sand pit play. These activities enhance hand eye coordination, creative expression, critical thinking processes maths and science as well as team work skills, hygiene practices and cultural enhancement.

Our Extend Superstar is Rachael for leadership skills and positive role modelling

Week activities:
Monday 22nd August: Box Relays and basketball
Tuesday 23rd August: Picnic on the greens and dodge ball
Wednesday 24th August: Finger puppets baton making
Thursday 25th August: Boxing Kangaroo and outdoor relays
Friday 26th August: Olympic Games observation and reflections

It is almost the end of Term 3 – Please ensure all documents are updated to a current status in preparation for Term 4.

We’re delighted to announce that Extends Spring holiday program bookings are open. BOOKING DEADLINES: Friday 2 September- For further details and terms visit extend.com.au

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

Community Noticeboard
Please have a look at our School Noticeboard for any upcoming community events:
- 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
  - Camp Wyuna YMCA Camp
- Bunnings, Waurn Ponds, Father’s Day Family Night

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