Upcoming Dates

| 2016  | AUG     | THURS 25th | 6pm – Online Concert Tickets open  
See Information later in this Newsletter |
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Head of School Report

Dear St John’s School Community,

NAPLAN results have been mailed out. Our School continues to outperform the State average which is above the national average. As a whole, our students again achieved excellent results in Reading, Grammar, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy. Programs, such as Spelling Mastery, Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar, implemented over recent years, together with quality teaching have contributed greatly to this continued improvement.

Today we celebrated Book Week. The national theme for this year is Australia, Story, Country.

Activities commenced at 12.20pm with Corrina, a traditional Wadawurrung women performing a Welcome to Country with Norm playing the didgeridoo. Isaac read ‘Welcome to Country’ and our Year 6 students recited, ‘My Country’. Our amazing School Choir performed two Australian songs to conclude this session.

During the afternoon, mixed age groups of students completed activities including Boomerang scratching, gum leaf bookmark making, cooking damper, indigenous art work and making a life size sculpture of a kangaroo.

I would like to thank our coordinators Mrs Lytzki and Mrs Lyons for the countless extra hours required in putting together a day such as this, parent Viktor Cebergs for constructing the kangaroo frame and to our staff, students and parents for their assistance and enthusiasm throughout the day.

But you belong to God, my children, because the Spirit who is in you is more powerful than the spirit in those who belong to the world. 1 John 4:4

Comment :- When life makes a turn for the worse, ask God for the power and strength to win.

God’s abundant blessings to you all.

Brian Schultz, Head of School

Birthdays

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

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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.

The wonderful display in our School Library.
School Concert

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

Tickets
Tickets are available online from 6pm tonight by going to http://www.eventopia.co/event/Night-of-Nights/333868

Costs are:
- Adult $20
- Concession (aged, disability and tertiary students) $14
- Child (primary students or secondary students) $8
- Pre-schooler Free

Please note:
- You may choose your own seats. Please do not leave 1 vacant seat in the middle of a row. There is a map attached with this newsletter which shows you where the seats are located in the Arena.
- Students of St John’s Lutheran School are not required to purchase a concert ticket. They will be seated with their teacher and classmates in front of the stage area.
- Pre-schooler tickets will be free however you will need to indicate the number required so your children will be allocated a seat. Prams cannot be brought in to the Auditorium.
- Limited seating is available for people with mobility issues. Please contact the School Office if you require this type of seating. One carer may accompany each person with a mobility issue.
- No tickets will be sold on Concert Night. If you do not have internet access for ticket or DVD purchases, please contact the School Office for assistance.

Assisting your Child in Year 3 & 4 with Mathematics

If you would like to help your child with Mathematics and are not quite sure how to do this, you may be interested in a small session to be conducted in the M1 classroom from 3:30 to 4:30pm on Wednesday 31st August. The session will address difficulties with counting money and giving change, telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, place value, learning times tables etc. We will also look at Mathletics, Rainforest Maths and activities which could be used over the holidays. Please email Mrs Burger Anna.burger@stjohns.vic.edu.au if you would like to attend.

Mrs Anna Burger, M1 Class Teacher

Library News

Thank you for everyone’s support during the book store as part of Open Library Day. It is a great opportunity for the Library to acquire some new books and support our Book Week partner – Torquay Books. This is also a wonderful gift of a story to another child or family once the donated book has been borrowed.

A huge “Thank you” to all the parents for their valuable assistance leading up to and throughout the day.
Lynn Lytzki, Librarian

School Photos

School and Group Photos

School photos have arrived and have been handed out to students this week. If you wish to purchase any group photos (eg Choir, District Athletics, Netball teams etc), they must be ordered online from www.arphotos.com.au at a cost of $15 each. Please select Team & special group photos then St John’s Lutheran School Geelong. If you wish to look at the photos before you order, there are copies in the School Office. If you have any queries please see Office Staff.

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Lynn Lytzki, Librarian
Orders for this issue of Book Club will close at midnight on Wednesday 31st August 2016. All orders need to be done using Scholastic’s Linked Online Ordering and Payment system (LOOP) and therefore all book orders will need to be done online. No payments or orders are accepted at School.

**Student Wellbeing News**

I hope everyone enjoyed a long weekend away from school and had some memorable ‘family time’. Children thrive on feelings of belonging and affection that come from having caring and supportive families. Research affirms that the quality of family relationships is more important for children’s wellbeing than the size or composition of the family. I’ve attached the link to an article about family relationships and how to help families make the best decisions for the wellbeing of their children. The points below are highlighted in the article:

Two main dimensions of the parenting role have been found to have important effects on family relationships and on children’s development, no matter what kind of family children are raised in. These are:

- communicating with warmth and care
- establishing clear and appropriate limits for children’s behaviour

For more information about Family Relationships read the following link.


**ADVANCE NOTICE FOR PARENTING INFORMATION SESSION**

**Tuesday October 18 6.30-8.30pm.**

The School will be providing a Parent information session for Kinder to Year 2 parents about **Building Resilience in the Early Years**.

This session will be run by BATforce (Barwon and Adolescent Taskforce) and is aimed at giving parents ideas and tools to support children to manage life’s challenges. The parent session we held for the Middle and Senior School Parents earlier in the year was well received and we had some great feedback from parents afterwards. We hope as many parents as possible are able to attend.

Angela McLean, Student Wellbeing

**Art Awards**

The Art Awards for this week go to: Thomas (S2), Ben, Gus, Tom and Luca (S3) and Rachael (S1).

Robyn Kerdel, Art Teacher

**Music News**

**Term 3 Choir Performances:**

Congratulations to the St John’s Lutheran School Choir (Years 3-6) for their outstanding performance at the Geelong School Movement and Music Festival at Costa Hall on Monday 15th August. All the students involved should be very proud of how well they behaved and performed.

**Music Awards:**

Weekly Music Awards are awarded to students that 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 6**

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<td>For being eager and happy during every lesson and improving her skills.</td>
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<td>For making good progress and for always having a positive attitude</td>
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<td>For her enthusiasm and attitude in PE</td>
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<td>Ruby</td>
<td>For displaying excellent coordination, agility and skill.</td>
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<td>For always cooperating and being eager to improve his skills.</td>
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<td>Felicity</td>
<td>For her attitude and working well each week.</td>
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Steven Tkaczuk, Sports Co-ordinator

**Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sport**

This week’s match is a home game against St Mary’s at Kardinia Park.

The games will commence at 1.30pm.

Steven Tkaczuk, Sports Co-ordinator
**Kindergarten News**

**Road Safety and Parking Reminder**

PLEASE USE THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS WHEN CROSSING ABERDEEN AND PAKINGTON STREETS

A few parents have been observed crossing Aberdeen street at drop off and pick up times. This is an extremely busy time of the day and traffic is consistent. There have been a few near misses and we really would like to avoid a tragedy in the School community. It is better to arrive late than sorry.

Also the parking at the front of the School is a drop off & pick up zone, not for parking. You will be fined if you park there.

**Father’s (Special Person) Day**
Friday 2nd September 2016
Yellow Group: 10.30am
Red Group: 2.30pm

We hope we have given enough notice for Father’s to organise their availability. If not, a special person is also welcome to attend. Notes have been placed in pockets today.

**Narana and Eastern Gardens Playspace**
Yellow Group: Monday 12th September
Red Group: Thursday 15th September

Notes for this excursion will be distributed this week. This is the kindergarten’s major excursion for the year and parent support is most welcome, however helpers will be limited. Keep in mind that there will still be the hospital and Retirement home excursions as well

**Mini Olympics- Feedback**

What an amazing event this was! The children participated with passion and good sportsmanship. It was really inspiring to see the children cheer each other; we all should be very proud of their efforts. Both groups were well supported by our amazing parents, who also got to participate in their own relay race. Below are some photos of the children on the day.

Raelene Roede, Kindergarten Team Leader

**Netball News**

**St John’s Lollipops**
Last night the St John’s Lollipops played the Fyans Park Possums. It was a closely matched game and ended in a win for us with 4 goals to 2. Well done girls.

Jeanette

**St John’s Swifts**
The sporting Swifts sprang into action on the netball court on Wednesday night with the final score being 12 goals to 9.

Leopold Lightning team certainly put up a lengthy effort all throughout the game but the sprightly Swifts held their own, coming out with a satisfying 3 goal win. Through the blood, sweat and smiles, we all had fabulous fun.

Until next week, GO SWIFTS!

Rachel

**Basketball News**

**St John’s 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 basketball team.

Are Under 8’s, 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

**Legacy Badge Week**

Legacy Badge Week runs from 29th August to September 3rd. We have a small number of badges and wristbands from the Geelong Legacy Club for sale in the School Office if anyone is interested in purchasing them.

Badges - $2.00, Wristbands - $2.00 Pens - $3.00
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

Fete Fundraising.

At last all the bills have been paid. The balance tallied and we are ready to distribute funds raised at Fete 2016.

This year at Fete our School Community raised $19610.60. Congratulations to all involved. What an amazing result for our School.

10% of that ($1961) will be donated to the local charity Bethany. Bethany provides programs for families, youth and children in need throughout the Geelong, Bellarine and Surf coast regions.

10% of funds ($1961) will remain in the P&F account to allow for cash flow and to fund further events, in particular Kids Matter programs that are planned for 2017.

The remaining 80% ($15688.60) will go to school projects. Of that 15 thousand, the first $10,000 goes directly to the annual school budget to bolster funds for ongoing classroom needs such as paper, pens, pencils, art supplies, etc.

$1000 is going to the lunchtime Lego Club for purchase of more Lego suitable for a range of ages.

The upgrade of basketball backboards will also be completed.

Funds have also be allocated to purchase ipads.

Construction of a garden bed and or sandpit near the rear of the Library has also been flagged for 2017.

Thanks once again to the many helpers involved in Fete 2016.

Sally, President

SHOPPING TRIP FUNDRAISER – SECURE YOUR SEATS NOW!

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

Playgroup News

Please come and join us on a Monday Morning in the School Hall at 9am – 10.30am. There are lots of fun activities and a great opportunity to mingle and have a cuppa with other parents.

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
Weekly Recap:
Hello All, Hope everyone enjoyed the extended weekend.
Maths and science was explored in Food Technology when students made Blueberry muffins.
Sock Puppet creations have begun and will continue in next week’s program as part of Art and Craft
Other activities included indoor box relays, supermarket shopping, customer service skills and money handling with Australian and English Currencies
These activities enhance Hand eye coordination, creative expression, critical thinking processes role playing and mimicking everyday living experiences as well as Cultural awareness and building trusting relationships.

Our Extend Superstar is Jack W for encouraging appropriate boundaries and etiquette during group time.

Next Week’s Activities:
Monday 29th: Box couches and Football
Tuesday 30th: Pizza making and Group Tag
Wednesday 31st: Puppet Projects, Table Tennis and Soccer
Thursday 1st September: Marble Art, Smoothie making and outdoor sports activities
Friday 2nd September: Limbo Balloon and Ball Games, Popcorn Making

Congratulations to KISMET PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL (VIC). WINNER of the My Extend Friends Group.

Extends spring holiday program bookings are open.
BOOK Early for lower rates: Friday 2 September
For further details and terms visit extend.com.au

Thanks for reading
Have an amazing week,
Traci

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