Dear St John’s School Community,

‘Overture, cut the lights, this is it tonight’s the night....’ Tonight is the night our School Community gathers for the St John’s Lutheran School Concert. After many hours of preparation, rehearsals, costume gathering and making, the time has come for the show to begin, I’m looking forward to seeing the students showcase their talent and experience the thrill of being on stage and performing for an audience. What a memorable experience it will be for all of us.

A reminder that the concert is being professionally recorded and pre purchase orders have been taken. If you are still intending to order, the on line purchasing information has been supplied in our school Newsletter. We have also assigned some photographers to take photos for our School use. Please be mindful of the school’s policy around the use of images especially taking photos without permission and being very respectful of other people’s privacy if you intend posting images on social media.

Last night we had two teams representing our School. Firstly, our interschool debating team participated in a close and exciting debate at our School. The audience included staff, students and parents and we were all on the edge of our seats as the adjudicator made her decision. Although our team missed out by only one point they continue to enhance the debating skills and processes required. Congratulations to all involved.

Secondly, our St John’s Lollipops team played in their netball grand final. After last week’s exciting finish the team continued to impress and showcase the skills they have developed throughout the season. The atmosphere was intense and exciting and the team never gave up. Although they weren’t successful it was best performance for the year against their opposition. Thank you to all the coaches and parents for the work and encouragement that is required throughout the season.

Mrs Foott will be on leave for the first 3 weeks of next term. Mr Punton will return in Mrs Foott’s absence.

School recommences on Monday, 3rd October. Parents and friends are invited to join our staff and students in the Hall from 9:00 am for an Opening Service.

I would like to extend my best wishes to our dedicated staff and to our School families for the coming break. Safe travel and a safe return to us next term.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord be happy with what he has made! - Psalm 104:31

Comment -: Have you ever been touched by the hand of God? Then you know He has started a good work in you and will continue until it is finished.

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 and over the School holidays.

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Summer Uniform – Term 4

Summer Uniform and hats are to be worn from the beginning of Term 4. Please ensure that your child’s uniform is clean, in good condition, well-fitting and all repairs have been made. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. Our uniform is worn with pride and is a representation of our wonderful School.

Lost Property

There are lots of unnamed plastic food containers and drink bottles and a couple of unnamed jumpers sitting on the Lost Property table. If you are missing anything, please collect before the end of term as they will be cleared away.

Can Anyone Help?

Request for help from any creative parent or student who could make an advent wreath for the altar in Term 4. Thanks.

Angela McLean

Devotional Thought

If My Brother Keeps on Sinning

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus had just taught his disciples to pray in the Lord’s Prayer: “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.” That last part worried Peter - the part about forgiving those who sin against us. Peter asked: “Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times I have to forgive him? Seven times?” Jesus answered, “No, not seven times, but seventy times seven.” If we do the maths that is 490 times, but Jesus’ point is that we should forgive other people again and again and again, just like he forgives us.

Jesus told a story (parable) about a man who owed his master about 10 million dollars. He couldn’t pay it so he begged his master for more time. Instead, his master felt sorry for him and forgave everything he owed. Then that same man went up to his friend who owed him only 20 dollars. When his friend asked for more time, he wouldn’t listen. He had his friend put in jail for not paying. When his master heard about it he was very angry. He said, “I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to. You should have had mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you.”

The point of Jesus’ story is this: Whenever we think of not forgiving someone, we should think about how much Jesus has forgiven us – and how he forgives us again and again and again. The close of this school term may be a good time for us to remember how much Jesus forgives us so that we may also forgive those who have done wrong to us.

Prayer: Jesus, we thank you that you forgive us again and again and again. Teach us to be just as forgiving to those who have done wrong to us. Amen.

Pastor Lester Priebeenow, ‘Our Redeemer’, North Geelong

Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sports

Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport tomorrow, is against Nazareth Primary School. The games will be played at Elderslie Reserve, Cnr Raith Terrace and Read Street, Newtown. The games will commence at 9.30am, concluding around 11.00am.

Steve Tkaczuk

School Concert Tonight

Reminder

The Concert starts at 7pm tonight.

Students to arrive at The Arena at 6.30pm
**School Concert Tickets**

**Night of Nights - No tickets will be sold on Concert Night**

Tickets are available online by going to [http://www.eventopia.co/event/Night-of-Nights/333868](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:
- 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.
- If you do not have internet access for ticket or DVD purchases, please contact the School Office for assistance.

**School Concert DVDs**

DVDs of the Concert will be available at a cost of $21. They will need to be pre-ordered and paid for online by Friday 16th September 2016. Please go to [www.aperturefilms.com.au/order](http://www.aperturefilms.com.au/order) and enter the performance ID: stjohns2016. DVDs will be distributed at School in early Term 4.

**Sports Awards**

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**Netball News**

**St John’s Lollipops**

Congratulations to the Lollipops on playing a great game in the grand final last night. Unfortunately we lost to the Highton Opals but we scored the most goals against them that we ever have so it was a great effort.

A huge thank you to all the family support and especially the St John’s staff who made a special effort to come and cheer the girls on. The girls were so excited every time they saw someone else from the school arrive and I know the parents also appreciated the support.

A very special congratulations to Amali on winning the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for the game. Well done Amali!

Until next term…….Go Lollipops!

**Jeanette**

**St John’s Swifts Netball Team (Years 5 & 6) – Expression of Interest**

The Summer Season of netball is to commence at the beginning of Term 4. The Swifts netball team participate in their training session at St John’s on a **Tuesday** afternoon at 3:30 pm, whilst their netball games are on a **Wednesday** afternoon (times do vary) at the Geelong Basketball & Netball Centre, located at 1 Crown Street, South Geelong. We have 2 positions to be filled.

Should any Years 5 & 6 students be interested, please make contact with Rachel (mum of Lucille in Year 5) (GO SWIFTS!)

Rachel

**Playgroup News**

There will be no Monday Mingle on the first week back in Term 4. We will recommence on Monday 10th October. Come along to the School Hall from 9am – 10.30am for some fun activities.

Vicky & Callie
AGM

The P&F AGM will be held in November (Date to be confirmed). I will be stepping down as President at the AGM.

It’s now time for a new group of faces to take on the P&F. If you are interested in getting involved please feel free to chat to me about it and come along the the AGM. A flyer will go home early next term with more info regarding date.

Myself, Sarah and Carrie will continue on as Fete coordinators in 2017.

Donation to Bethany Community Support

Last week the P&F on behalf of the whole St John’s community had the pleasure of presenting a donation of $1962 to Bethany Community Support. Bethany have wonderful programs supporting local children and families in need and at risk.

Sue and Shandele from their Early Childhood programs came to accept our cheque and assured us the money will go towards providing a weekly playgroup for at risk families and to help ensure children from families in need have the basic requirements for school attendance.

Sally

SHOPPING TRIP FUNDRAISER

We are looking for a few more people to join the trip, so this can go ahead. Please invite any friends or family you think may be interested.

Please contact the School Office tomorrow if you’d like to go.

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.

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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
“Dinner for Zara” Fundraiser
Thank you

Last night a fundraising dinner was held for a St John’s family, whose daughter Zara is currently undergoing treatment for Leukaemia. They currently have Eli in P1 and Zara will commence Kindergarten in 2017 at St John’s Lutheran School.

The extremely kind hearted and selfless team at Eastern Spice Geelong have blown us away with their generosity by donating 100% of ticket sales to “Dinner for Zara”.

They have also kindly covered all costs associated with this night including the food, beverages, staff and venue. We are all so appreciative of Manjinder and Manpreet, who are current parents at St John’s Lutheran School and owners of Eastern Spice Geelong. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

If you are in a position to support Eastern Spice Geelong, by considering their establishment for your next dining experience, then please do so.

Alissia, Suzanne Virginia, Melanie, Mel, Andrea & Team

Extend After School Care News

A very big hello to everyone at St John Lutheran Primary School! My name is Samanda, better known as Sammy, and I will be your new Extend Team Leader. I have already had the privilege of meeting so many little faces and lovely parents that are a part of our St John’s Lutheran family. I cannot wait to get to know you all a little better next term.

I was previously working with Extend at St Therese Primary in Torquay and, as most of you may have already heard, I also do work as a face painter and balloon twisting. I love arts and crafts and I especially love cooking! We might even find a budding young chef amongst us! I am the proud owner of three bunny rabbits (one may make a surprise appearance) and one day I’d love to have a beautiful German Sheppard!

Last week we had to say farewell to the lovely Tracie. During her last couple days we built a few comfy couches made from all of our recyclables! The pillows were stuffed with newspaper and plastic shopping bags. With a lick of paint they’re as good as and as comfy as any other couch, ready to use in our chill out/book area.

This week we have had fun learning how to make origami corner bookmarks, which evolved Alice into our little creative genius! We saw many fun and interesting creations! This was also the week we got to turn our couches into pieces of art! We used potato stamps to make patterns and let our imaginations run wild! We’ve already started making yummy food creations from dampers to smoothies (AKA fruit blitz). They were both real winners!

I hope everyone has a lovely break and that endless fun is have over the holiday period. If you’re going to VAC at GLC you might even see me there! And if you’re at the shops or seeing a movie and you happen to see me out and about, please come and say a BIG hello! I’d love to hear about all the fun you’ve got planned. Parents, it’s only two weeks. You can do it, I believe in you! We hope to see you all, plus more, in Term 4!

Our Extend Superstar last week was…

Rachael for being the best helper I could have ever asked for! Such a responsible and well-mannered young lady!

Remember to book your child’s place in ASC sessions for Term 4 as bookings do not roll over from Term 3. Book via the Parent Portal – Online Bookings: extend.com.au or call 1300 366 437

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

Regards
Extend ASC staff @ SJLPS
0449 252 085

Community Noticeboard

Please have a look at our School Noticeboard for any upcoming community events and School Holiday programs

- After School Clubs – Coding Club
- Geelong Baycats Baseball
- Manifold Little Athletics Club
- School Holiday Programs –
  - 3D printing & design Camp
  - Game coding Camp
  - Camp Wyuna YMCA Camp
  - Moore Grace Acting Classes
  - Geelong Indoor Tennis
  - Kelly Sports
  - Sailing

TERM 4 LAUNCH: COME ALONG TO RED25 WEEK AT EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A week filled with exciting science, craft, cooking, and sport activities based around giving blood, and general health and well-being.

Extend is coming together as a community with a goal to raise 100 blood donations by the end of October this year. To encourage everyone to get on board, Extend Director Stevenson will complete one of three possible dares if we reach 100 blood donations! Visit darrens dare.com to watch our launch video and see further information.

Your child can get involved by coming to Red25 Week in Term 4! Discover what blood is made of by creating a sensory model, learn about the different blood types and which are compatible during a fun science experiment, put your chef's hat on and join us in making the World’s Greatest Biscuit...and much more! Speak to your Team Leader to find out when Red25 Week begins.

Attention families and teachers: Be part of our goal to reach 100 Blood Donations!

Visit darrens dare.com for further info.