### Upcoming Dates

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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.

### Head of School Report

Dear St John’s School Community,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that your children have returned to School ready for another exciting term of learning and engaging experiences.

Thanks to all our parents and friends who were able to join us for our Opening Worship Service led by our interim Pastor at St John’s Church, Pastor Rob. This term our School will be looking at journeys in the Bible and in life.

This term is also a significant one for our Year 6 students as they complete their Primary School education. They will have the opportunity to reflect on their time here at St John’s and the values and skills they have developed over their journey.

Next week our Years 3 and 4 students will be heading off for a two day, overnight camp at Baanya Biami, near Anakie. School camps are a memory that most of us will cherish for many years to come. This camp offers a variety of experiences and opportunities to learn about working together, building relationships and enhancing adventure skills. Through learning and development using experiential activities, children grasp the key outcomes more quickly and hold onto them for a long time to come.

The Geelong Show begins next Thursday. I know many St John’s School families visit the show, especially on the Friday, so I encourage you all to visit the Educational Pavilion and look out for our School’s art display, “Australia”.

Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13

Comment:- Your life is too short to be hoarding bitterness.

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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St John’s Lutheran School & Kindergarten will be Closed on Friday 14th October for the Geelong Show.

St John’s School & Kindergarten will be Open on Geelong Cup Day and Melbourne Cup Day.
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.

Welcome

Welcome to Isabel (J1) and her family to St John’s.

We trust this will be the start of many happy memories for you.

Devotional Thought

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go out from your country, your relations, and your father’s household to the land that I will show you. Then I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you...” (Genesis 12:1-2a)

During school holidays many families decide to go camping. There is usually some kind of check list of what gear to take. The weather doesn’t always cooperate and things can go wrong. However, the journey is usually worth it, and even if things go wrong it still is a learning experience. “Why did we forget the extra tarp!”

Abram (Abraham) was told by God to leave his extended family and land to go on a journey to a destination then unknown. It was a faith journey where God would reveal his plans and purposes later. Such journeys can be frightening for some and exciting for others. There are people that love to have a precise itinerary or schedule, knowing exactly what they will visit and where they will stay. It might be a retired couple taking a trip to Europe and know that if it is Tuesday they must be in Belgium. However, there are others that don’t plan ahead and wander around wherever trusting that things will work out right. Perhaps Abram was like the second person. One thing however is he had faith that God had the itinerary and there was a plan.

This term our School will be looking at journeys in the Bible and in life. We hope that theme will help everyone realise that each of us are on a life journey of Faith. God bless each of you this fourth term at St John’s.

Pastor Robert Erickson, St John’s Lutheran Church

School Attendance

Please be reminded to SMS or ring the School Office if your student is going to be absent, or late due to appointments or family reasons.

Reminder that Classes start at 9am and students need to be at School ready to start class by 9am. If students arrive after 9am they need to come to the Office for a late pass.

Student Wellbeing News

Mental Health Week will run from Sunday 9th to Saturday October 15. Mental Health Week aims to activate, educate and engage Victorians about mental health, through a week of interactive events across the state. See the below website for more details


One of the aims of KIDSMATTER is mental health promotion and understanding. The School will discuss Mental Health over the next few weeks – focusing on the area of asking for help and knowing who is in our support team and how we support others. We hope you take the time to engage with your children about these topics through the home activities they will complete.

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 Co ordinator

School Concert DVDS

School Concert DVDs are still available for a short time to order online. Cost is $21.00.


DVDs will be delivered to School for distribution.

Scholastic Bookclub

Orders for this issue of Book Club will close at midnight on Wednesday 19th October 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.

Art Awards

The Art Awards for this week go to:
Lucille (S2), Luka (S1), Elia (S3), Harry (J3), Beth (J2) and Elsie (J1)

Robyn Kerdel, Art Teacher
**Sports News**

On Thursday 15th September, a small contingent of St John’s students went to Landy Field to compete in the Combined Bellarine and Geelong North Athletics. Congratulations to all who competed.

Amy-Rose has been selected to compete at the Western Metropolitan Region Track & Field Finals at Keilor Park Athletics Track in Long Jump. Congratulations Amy-Rose.

**Netball News**

**St John’s Swifts**

It was our first game back from holiday break and although the Swifts tried their best, we were out played by the Buccaneers White.

We look forward to the coming Summer Season and with a bit more practice and energy as the sun comes out, we are confident we will be enjoying better results.

Until next week, GO SWIFTS!

Rachel

**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

**Basketball**

**St John’s Bobcats**

Saturday 8/10 – 11.30am  
Saturday 15/10 – 11.30am  
Saturday 22/10 – 11.30am  

Leeanne

**Playgroup News**

We will recommence on Monday 10th October. Come along to the School Hall from 9am – 10.30am for some fun activities.

Vicky & Callie

**Parents and Friends News**

**AGM**

The P&F AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

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.

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

Sally

**Canteen**

Canteen will start again this week.

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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Welcome back to Term 4 with a special welcome to our new families joining us. I trust that all members of our College community are rested and now ready for the final leg of this academic year.

Congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 German students. Their short films, “Wenn ich groß bin” (When I grow up) and “Gelegenheit” (Opportunity) have been selected for the screening at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) as part of the German School Film Festival later this month. Well done!

Over the holiday break our Year 12 students sat their practice VCE examinations. They are now in the final few weeks of their formal schooling. I would like to wish them well in their preparations, urging them to have a strict study routine, which includes some “down” time for personal renewal.

I can now confirm the names of some of the new teachers joining our College next year; Les Seiffert from Good Shepherd College (Hamilton), Kristy Jackson from Good News Lutheran College (Tarneit), Justine Jemal will join us in the Primary School and Karl Mahr from Bellarine Secondary College will join us in the Middle and Senior Schools. There are several additional appointments yet to be finalised.

Shortly our teachers will begin placing students into their classes for next year. This placement of students takes into account factors such as friendship groupings, students’ emotional and learning needs, and gender balance, etc. We do believe that our teachers are in the best position to make these judgements on the basis of their knowledge of our children and previous discussions with parents. The allocation of Primary School teachers to their classes for 2017 will be available for the next newsletter.

Next week our Year 9 students will attend a four day camp at Cape Bridgewater as an important part of the Rite Journey program. This program is designed to support the development of self-aware, responsible, respectful and resilient adults by guiding them in the transition from childhood into adulthood. We pray that our Year 9s have a challenging but safe time, and that they all grow through their experiences.

As a reminder to our parents, next week is a 4-day week since we take the Geelong Show Day holiday instead of the Geelong Cup Day.

Barry Krueger

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**Geelong Lutheran College**

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**Community Noticeboard**

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

**Selwood Boys Book Signing – DYMOLDS Waurn Ponds**

Date: Friday 14 October 2016
Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Venue: Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre (outside Target), 173-199 Pioneer Road, Waurn Ponds VIC 3216
Cost: Free

Four future AFL stars under one roof!?
Go back to where it all began with The Selwood Boys ...
In the Selwood house, someone’s always up to no good!
One minute it’s the twins, Troy and Adam, pulling pranks and making mischief ...
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**Extend After School Care News**

**LET’S RAISE 100 BLOOD DONATIONS!**

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 Darren Stevenson will complete one of three possible dares if we reach 100 blood donations! Visit darrensdare.com to watch our launch video and see further information.

We encourage all families to make an appointment TODAY!
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Remember to book your child’s place in ASC sessions for Term 4 as bookings do not roll over from Term 3.
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Regards
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