Upcoming Dates

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Head of School Report

Dear St John’s School Community,

Pastor Lester’s chapel address this week on Moses continued with the ‘Journey’ theme for our services this term. Next week we will focus on Jonah’s journey. It has been pleasing to see parents and friends joining us each Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. All welcome.

Our Years 3 and 4 students return today from their camp experience. As you are all aware, we offer an extensive range of extracurricular activities throughout each year. Next Monday we have entered four teams in a Milo Cricket T20 Competition for Years 5 & 6 girls and boys at Kardinia Park. I’m sure they will represent their school impeccably and have an enjoyable experience.

The Geelong Show began today. Hopefully you get an opportunity to visit the Educational Pavilion and look out for our School’s art display themed, ‘Australia.’ Thank you to Mrs Kerdel for setting up the display this year. See photos under the Art Awards notice in this newsletter.

This Saturday, our School Council and leadership team from the School and Kindergarten will meet to discuss the future Masterplanning opportunities in the short and longer term. Some points for discussion will include Kindergarten extended hours, maintenance, physical improvements and public visibility to name a few. We will be seeking further input at a later date from staff, parents and students.

We have commenced discussions regarding class structure options and staffing arrangements and will provide further information in the coming weeks.

Finally we would like to congratulate Amy-Rose (S1) on her participation in the Western Metropolitan Regionals Athletics on Tuesday at Kellor Park Athletics Track. Amy competed in the Long Jump event and came 4<sup>th</sup> with a jump of 4.06 metres. Well Done!

Each one, as a good manager of God’s different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God. 1 Peter 4:10

Comment -: You are unique and special to God. Ask Him to use you as a special blessing to others today.

God’s abundant blessings to you all.

Brian Schultz, Head of School

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.

St John’s Lutheran School & Kindergarten will be Closed Tomorrow 14<sup>th</sup> October for the Geelong Show.
St John’s School & Kindergarten will be Open on Geelong Cup Day and Melbourne Cup Day.
Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate in the coming week.

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### Devotional Thought

**Shoes Off, Shoes On**

Exodus 3:1-8

When we take our shoes off it is usually for purely practical reasons; to relax at the end of the day, to keep the floor clean indoors, or to tread quietly. However in some cultures “shoes off” is a mark of respect or reverence upon entering a house or a temple.

When God spoke to Moses from the burning bush he said, “Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground” (Exodus 3:5). Moses was in the presence of the one who said, “I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Exodus 3:6).” His shoes were to be off out of reverence for God.

When we put our shoes on it is usually also for practical reasons; to protect our feet, to do some work, to go for a walk or a run, or to play a game. Moses would soon need to put his shoes back on because God had some work for him to do. He was to lead is people on a long journey to the Promise Land where he would prepare them for the time when he would speak to them, not through a burning bush this time, but through his own Son Jesus.

For whatever reason we take our “shoes off” or put our “shoes on,” God still calls us to honour and revere him as our God and to walk the journey of faith with him, through his own Son Jesus Christ.

Pastor Lester Priebsenow, ‘Our Redeemer’, North Geelong

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### School Fee Statements

At the end of September, Term 4 Fee statements were emailed out to all St John’s families. If you haven’t noticed a statement in your inbox from St John’s Accounts, double check your spam folder as it may be in there.

If you have not received one, please contact the School Office and we will organise a statement to be sent home to you.

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### 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


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### 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.

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**What parents at St John’s would like to know more about??**

Building Resilience.

Building Resilience was the number one response in this year’s parent Kidsmatter survey. Next Tuesday October 18 at 6.30pm we have invited all new and current Kinder to Year 2 parents to an information session about *Building Resilience in the Early Years*. Kidsmatter also has some great information about resilience to help build your understanding and approach to parenting. I also came across the following article by Harvard Graduate School of Education.

The Science of Resilience: Why some Children Thrive Despite Adversity.

https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/15/03/science-resilience

Angela McLean, Student Wellbeing Co ordinator
Library News

The students have been having a great time in Library at the start of Term 4.

We have been looking at the series of books “Imagine A Day”, “Imagine A Place” and “Imagine A Night” written by Sarah L. Thomson with paintings by Rob Gonsalves.

These books are beautifully illustrated where the artworks are individual, three-dimensional paintings. The paintings invite you to look deeper. The more you look, the more you see. This ties in beautifully with the words written by the author.

Imagine a day...
...when a book swings open on silent hinges, and a place you've never seen before welcomes you home.
Imagine...today.

Lynn Lytzki, Librarian

Scholastic Book Club

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.

Chess Challenge

We are planning to run a Chess Challenge if there is sufficient interest from our students. The day will be organised by Alistair Anderson who is a professional chess teacher and has run chess lessons at our School over the past few years. Students entering the Challenge need to know the rules of chess as this is a competition, not a lesson.

The Challenge is planned to run on Monday 21st November from 9.30am – 2.45pm. The cost will be $18 per participant.

Please return the commitment form and payment by October 21st. Contact the Office if you require a form.

Kindergarten News

SIGNING IN AND OUT OF CHILDREN
A reminder that you child needs to be signed in and out of Kinder each day they attend. We have noticed of late that we are having to make these signatures on your behalf, which is not really appropriate.

LATE PICKUPS
Please ensure that you pick up your child at the end of the session on time. We have noticed lately that some children are being left at kinder 15 minutes after session has finished. Staff have commitments after session so we appreciate you keeping strictly to our session times.

TRANSITION STATEMENTS DUE
Thank you for returning the parent sections of the Transition Statement. It is a lengthy process and we do appreciate your help in assisting us get these out to the schools your child will be attending in 2017.

The next step is for the teachers to write their sections, have them proofread and then given to you for comments. When you receive this section please read them carefully and feel free to add comments. This section will also need to be returned.

GEELONG HOSPITAL EXCURSIONS
Both Red and Yellow Groups will be attending the Geelong Hospital Excursion on: Friday 21st October. Notes have been sent out last week.

KEY DATES: TERM 4

OCTOBER
Friday 14th– KINDER CLOSED SHOW DAY
Friday 21st– Geelong Hospital Excursion (Limited helpers)

NOVEMBER
Wednesday 2nd November– 2017 Kinder Information Night
Tuesday 8th November– KINDER CLOSED– 2017 Prep Orientation day @ St John’s Lutheran School & 2017 Kinder Orientation Interviews

Week of 14th (TBC) – Excursion to Retirement home for Christmas concert rehearsal
Wednesday 23rd – YELLOW GROUP CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Thursday 24th– RED GROUP CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER
Friday 9th– LAST DAY BOTH GROUPS– Party day

Raelene Roede

News from Years 3 & 4 Camp

After a very wet day of fun and exhausting activities yesterday, today has dawned bright and sunny. Peace and quiet reigned after 10:00pm last night and after a hearty breakfast we’re all off to our last activity before we hit the giant slide. Hope you like the Hut building picture!

Anna Burger, Carrie Veith & Hannah Huf
Art Awards this week go to:
Noah and Harrison (M3), Finn and Oliver (M2), Daisy and Alex (M1), Nyangath and Lyola (P2) and Jack (P1).

It’s that time of the year again—the Geelong Show has started. St John’s Lutheran School has a display of some student art work in the Education Pavilion at the Show. Please take time to have a look if you are visiting the Show over the weekend. There are some photos of our Show display and also of some of the clay work by P2.

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

Basketball

St John’s Bobcats
Saturday 15/10 – 11.30am
Saturday 22/10 – 11.30am

Leeanne Williams

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 to the AGM.

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

Sally

Playgroup News

Monday Mingle meets from 9am Monday mornings in the School Hall and welcomes any parents and small children to join us for a cuppa or a play. Mums and dads, you don’t have to have a small child in tow to join us - we welcome anyone looking for a warm drink or a chat. There will be a nautical theme in the coming couple of weeks as we make and float some little boats (Oct 17) and construct our own working lighthouses (Oct 24). Looking forward to seeing you there!

Vicky & Callie

Robyn Kerdel, Art teacher
Sports Awards

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<td>For always completing tasks with enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Josh</td>
<td>For displaying good coordination, agility and skill.</td>
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<td>Harriet</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic approach and working well with others.</td>
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<td>Jack</td>
<td>For his positive attitude and contributing well in PE.</td>
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<td>Thomas</td>
<td>For cooperating well and always trying to do the right thing.</td>
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<td>Maidie</td>
<td>For making very good progress this year.</td>
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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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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.

St David’s Lutheran Church
Freshwater Creek
150th Anniversary
of the laying of the Foundation Stone

SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER at 2.00pm
Anglesea Road, Freshwater Creek

A Worship Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to celebrate this milestone.

Light refreshments will follow the service

If you would like further details or to RSVP, please contact Samantha Bothe sbothe@iinet.net.au or 0413043161

Community Noticeboard

Please have a look at our School Noticeboard for any upcoming community events. The following have notices on there:

- Geelong High School Annual Music Evening – 15th Nov
- Geelong Concert Band 30 years of Reflection – 5th Nov
- Regional Parenting programs
- Belmont Library – Understanding and Identifying Dyslexia – 20th October

Selwood Boys Book Signing – DYMOCKS 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
Last week we welcomed the start of Term four with our RED25 week program. This week involved activities based around health, blood donations and general well-being. We took part in a variety of sports, science and arts and crafts activities, which the children all thoroughly enjoyed!

To start off we created our very own blood vans, which were made entirely out of recyclables. This activity helped in education the children on how blood is transported to hospitals after being donated by patients. The children put their creative caps on and produced some incredible designs. It was lovely to see them all sharing ideas and helping one another.

We then went on to make our own blood donor badges. This was a paper based craft and once the children had learned how to make them they were teaching others as well. A variety of badges were made and a new paper folding skill was learned! We decided to incorporate this activity as a way for the children to encourage the adults in their lives to donate blood.

Of course we had to have a bit of science fun. So, after making our very own playdough we tried out a method of ‘watching’ your pulse. The children were all very intrigued, as was I, and were very excited to share their new trick with their friends. We then decided to get messy and make our own slime! This was a lot of fun, and of course very messy which the children LOVED! We made lots of different colours, some decided on red as a celebration of blood donations.

Amongst the week’s activities we played a variety of skipping games and a blood type version of the game ‘Fruit Salad’. By Friday, they had definitely earned themselves a treat. In honour of the ‘World’s Greatest Biscuit’ – which is what the Australian Red Cross Blood Service have named the biscuit that is given to the people after the donate blood – we decided to watch a movie. A sweet treat, Charlie and the Chocolate factory!

Our Extend Superstar is...Davina for remembering to always use her manners and making all the children feel welcome every day!

**Monday 17 October:** Craft: Salt dough making  
Sport: Soccer and fruit salad  
**Tuesday 18 October:** Craft: Salt dough painting  
Games: Various activities/games available  
**Wednesday 19 October:** Science: Salt water experiments  
Sport: Ball Tiggy  
**Thursday 20 October:** Science/craft: Salt crystal sun catcher  
Games: Various activities/games available  
**Friday 21 October:** Science/craft: Salt dough volcano eruption  
Sport: Cricket/Rounders

If you would like to join our Extend-a-hand initiative to reach 100 donations by the end of October, please come see me, Sammy, for further details. If we reach 100 donations, Extend’s Director Darren Stevenson will complete one of three possible dares, which you can vote for! To vote, please visit darrensdare.com.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au  
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437