



Term 1 Week 4 23rd February 2017

Upcoming Dates

2017		
FEB	FRI 24 th	School Cross Country
	SAT 25 th	Pako Festa
	THURS 2 nd	Kitchen Garden Volunteer Info Session - 9am
MAR	MON 6 th	Swimming lessons start. Years 1 – 6 Students only
	THURS 9 th	Swimming lessons
	THURS 9 th	Cybersafety Sessions
	FRI 10 th	Swimming lessons
	MON 13 th	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	WED 15 th	Preps begin Wednesday classes
	WED 15 th	Swimming lessons
	WED 15 th	Division Swimming
	THURS 16 th	Swimming lessons
	FRI 17 th	Swimming lessons
	FRI 17 th	National Day of Action against Bullying
	MON 20 th	P & F Meeting 7pm
	Tues 21 st	Years 5 & 6 Excursion
	FRI 24 th	Athletics Carnival
	MON 27 th	Years 3 & 4 Serendip Sanctuary Excursion
	THURS 30 TH	Bravehearts Presentation for Prep – Year 2
FRI 31 st	End of Term 1	
APR	MON 17 th	Easter Monday
	TUE 18 th	Curriculum Day - No School, Kindergarten open as usual
	WED 19 th	Term 2 commences

PLEASE NOTE: The School Newsletter will be published every fortnight and emailed out to families. On the alternate weeks you will receive an email listing upcoming dates.

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

Greetings to you all.

Some of my **observations** from the first 4 weeks of St John's Lutheran School and Kinder –

...energetic and engaged students, mass participation in activities at playtime, happy children, a wide range of classroom activities supported well by specialist classes (the choir was magnificent this morning), committed and hardworking staff, stimulating curriculum, inspiring chapels, a supportive/creative and active P & F, friendly and inclusive children, parents and grandparents who care and who embrace the 'openness' of St John's.....and the parking around SJLS in the morning and after school is minimal!

For the safety of children and prompt pickup, please ensure both driver and child know the pickup time. Children should not be playing in the grounds of the school while waiting for the driver.

I was also impressed by the **School Breakfast**, where SJLS members networked and built relationships while meeting and greeting staff. This is your school, so I encourage the active involvement of parents, caregivers and families.

Congratulations to the staff who participated in the Prep and Years 1-6 Information Evenings. This was another opportunity for open dialogue about student programs.

Last Thursday and Friday (16 and 17 February), 6 staff met with 6 GLC staff for 2 days of workshops focusing on **School Improvement**. GLC is a relatively new school compared to St John's distinguished 54 years. The time is right for both schools to reflect on their cultures, goals and educational directions. What a powerful message we will send to the broader community – that Lutheran Education in the Geelong region is committed to continuous improvement and student outcomes!

Mr Roger Dingle is our consultant and he is training the 2 local teams to work with their respective staff groups. More information as it comes to hand!

Please make sure you read the attached letter from the P & F regarding their Sunscreen Initiative.

I look forward to the **Cross Country** tomorrow and the student involvement in **Pako Festa** this Saturday.

Wishing you God's blessings in the days ahead.

Gavan Cramer
Head of School

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students who will celebrate in the coming weeks.



Georgia	Feb 26 th	J5
Benjamin	Feb 27 th	S1
Liam	Feb 28 th	J5
Luke	Mar 2 nd	RED
Isabelle	Mar 2 nd	J2
Joel	Mar 5 th	S3

Devotional Thought

The start of a new school year is often a time when we go and buy new shoes ready for another year. Over the summer holidays I spent most of my time getting around in thongs and it took a while to get used to wearing my work shoes again. We all have a range of footwear for different occasions; Runners for the gym, slippers for lounging at home, work boots for the garden or shed. But shoes are not just something to put on your feet, they can also make a statement. Celebrities are often asked to endorse certain brands to capitalize on their status and influence. Take Michael Jordan for example. He's so famous Nike named a line after him-Air Jordan's.

Have you ever wondered what shoes Jesus wore? People in Jesus' day walked pretty much everywhere in sandals made of leather, rope and wood. You can imagine walking around in sandals all day on dusty roads and tracks, your feet would get really grotty and smelly. It was really important that before going inside a house, especially when visiting someone, that you would wash feet to make them clean and it was the job of a servant to wash the feet of guests as they entered the house.

One time, Jesus' disciples had been arguing about who was most important in their group. Sometimes people think that being a leader means that you don't do the yucky jobs, instead you expect others to do things for you. But Jesus wanted to show them a better way, the way to true greatness. So Jesus the Lord, took a towel, bent down and washed his disciples' feet. Jesus modeled servant-leadership, that true greatness is through serving others. Truly great leaders invest themselves in the lives of others so they can be the best they can be. In fact, Jesus was so willing to give himself for our sake that he was prepared to die on the cross for us-that's the ultimate act of service.

But it's not just our leaders that are called to serve others. All of us are called to serve and in doing so, we help each other be who God calls us to be. Sometimes, when you put new shoes on, they are not as comfortable as the old ones. But like new shoes, the more we practice and train, the more comfortable and at well-fitting those new ways of living and caring for each other will feel and the more easily we will follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Pastor David Spike
(GLC Pastor)

2017 Dates

The following are important dates in 2017:

Term 1: Thursday February 2nd – Friday March 31st
Monday 13th March – Labour Day Holiday



Term 2: Wednesday 19th April – Friday 30th June

Monday 17th April – Easter Monday
Tuesday 18th April – Curriculum Day, (No Students)
Tuesday 25th April – ANZAC Day
Friday 2nd June – Report Writing Day (No Students)
Monday 12th June – Queen's Birthday

Term 3: Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th August – Curriculum Days (No Students)

Term 4: Monday 9th October – Wednesday 13th December

Friday 20th October – Geelong Show Day
Friday 17th November – Report Writing Day (No Students)

These dates are correct at the time of printing.

Art Awards

This week's Art Awards go to:

Isobel (J1), Eliana (J2), Ruby (J3), Viktoria (S1), Lucille (S2) and Elizabeth (S3).

Art News

The Art Room needs clean washed soft drink cans. If you can assist please bring the cans to the Office or Art room. Thank you.

Robyn Kerdel
Art Teacher

Pako Festa

This year's Pako Festa Parade is on Saturday February 25th with the theme being 'Food'.

We look forward to walking with students in the Parade.

Just a reminder that all students will be required to be in full Summer Uniform, including blazer.

Lynn Lytzki, Librarian



Conveyance Allowance & CSEF (Camps, Sports Excursion Fund)

Some families may be eligible for a Conveyance Allowance in 2017. Please contact the School Office for a form, if you have a current Health Care Card.

Fete News

Once again we are busy in the planning stages for our Mothers' Day Fete. For those new to St John's the Fete is the Parents and Friends biggest fundraising event for the year. In 2016 we raised just under \$20 thousand dollars. This year the Fete will be held on Saturday May the 13th. It seems like a long way away but we know time will fly so it's time to get to work.

Sponsorship

This year we are introducing a 3 tiered sponsorship system which will be a great way to increase our opportunity for fundraising. We have secured our gold sponsor in Hodges Real Estate, Geelong West. Hodges Real Estate have agreed to supply our advertising billboards as well as donate \$1000 and as our gold sponsor they will be promoted on the billboards as well as on flyers and by the MC on the day. We are also seeking 2 silver sponsors at \$500 each and 4 bronze sponsors at \$250 each. Silver and Bronze sponsors will be promoted on Flyers and by the MC on the day. If you have connections with local business that might be interested in sponsoring our Mothers' Day Fete please contact us on the below numbers.

Stall Holders

Several stall holder positions have become vacant this year due to families moving on from St John's to high school etc. We need these roles filled ASAP. If you are keen to get involved, get together with 1 or 2 friends and become stall holders. The following Stalls need a Team Leader: Cake Stall, Produce Stall, Silent Auction and Plant Stall.

From now until Fete Day you will see [something from us in most newsletters giving you updates and letting you know how you can help.](#)

Sally, Sarah and Carrie

Fete Coordinators

Meals for Families in Need

From time to time families in our School and Kindergarten community require meals to help them through some difficult events – be it illness, death or other trauma. We currently have a group of families who help out during these times. Sometimes it is just a one off meal that is required and other times it is ongoing meals across the school year via a roster. If you are willing to help out and join the meal roster, could you please forward your name and email address to Michelle

There are disposable containers available for meals as well as a freezer for storage in Angela McLean's office so that we can store a small bank of ready available meals. If you know of a School or Kindergarten family in need could you please contact Angela or email angela.mclean@stjohns.vic.edu.au so that the meals can be arranged.

Volunteering at School or Kindergarten

This is for all parents wishing to volunteer at St John's School or Kindergarten to help in the classroom, on camps or with other student activities this year. In order to volunteer, parents must bring the following to the School Office:

- 1) a current *Working with Children Check* and;
- 2) a certificate of completion of *Valuing Safe Communities* training session within the past three years.

As schools of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA), school staff and volunteers are obliged to meet the requirements of the LCA Safe Place Policy. *Valuing Safe Communities* (VSC) is a program to comply with this expectation. This training is valid for three years. If your three years has expired or you are new to St John's School and Kindergarten, you will be required to complete this session to enable you to assist in events organised by the School or Kindergarten.

ON-LINE TRAINING IINSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to <http://vscvolandrs.lutheran.edu.au/>
2. Follow the instructions. You will need to create an account.
3. Use the **Enrolment Key**: VSC3_Volunt33r to gain access to the training.

On-line training takes about 1 hour. Certificates of completion will be generated at the end of the session. Please give a copy of your certificate to the school officer for our records.

Canteen

PLEASE NOTE: Canteen Day is on Wednesday but orders need to be received on the Tuesday before.

Please write detailed orders on the front of an envelope, along with your child's name and class and place the correct money in the envelope. Students are to place their envelopes in the Classroom Tub in their classroom on Tuesday.

Lunches will be delivered to the classrooms on Wednesdays. Frozen items may need to be collected from the Canteen.

The Canteen will be offering pre-ordered lunches.

Special: Quelch Fruit Stick Ice Blocks have been reduced to 50 cents each.

Sorry, no late orders can be accepted.

Canteen Volunteers

Expressions of interest for volunteers are being sought. The Canteen can only operate with the generosity of volunteer helpers. Please consider if you are able to help for a few hours. Please leave your name at the School Office.

Date	Volunteer
1/03	Helper needed
8/03	Helper needed
15/03	Helper needed
22/03	Helper needed
29/03	Helper needed

Playgroup News

Monday Mingle is a relaxed, informal playgroup for any babies/ toddlers/ preschoolers and their parents/carers and a lovely way to start the week after school drop off. Each week there are things to make and do, lots of free play, a fruit snack, songs and stories and plenty of friendly faces.



Come for the whole session or even just a part. Monday Mingle is supported by St John's Lutheran Church. You don't need to bring anything, just come as you are. If you don't have a small child to bring, you are still most welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat. Monday Mingle is also open to families who are not associated with St John's School, so if you have a friend or neighbour that might be interested, please spread the word.

For further information, contact Callie & Johanna

Basketball

St John's Thursday U/9 Basketball team.

I would like to welcome our new St John's basketball team with players including Eli, Indiana, Luke, Jack, Robert, Henry and Lucas. The coaches for the team in a shared coaching role are Lee and Tiff. With much excitement and a few nerves, the team took the court last Thursday night for their first game. All players improved their dribbling skills during the course of the game and their understanding of the rules. I look forward to their continued improvement over the coming weeks.



St John's Bobcats – Saturday U/12.

In the last two weeks the boys have recorded 2 wins to start off the year in a very positive fashion. They played South Geelong Kings Titans last week recording a 12 to 3 win. The boys played very tight in defence and had multiple goal scorers to record the win. The previous week the boys played Pistons Thunder and recorded a 10 to 2 win. The team had limited players and thanks to their efforts and fill in players of Xavier and Brayden, were able to record a win. Keep up the intensity and good defensive work that you have commenced the season with.

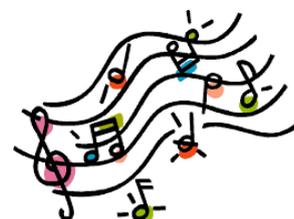
Leeanne

Music

Music Awards are awarded to students that have worked exceptionally hard and/or have demonstrated outstanding skills in in our weekly music class. Congratulations to the following students:

Prep	Matteo
Yr 1/2	Ruby
Yr 3/4	Tom
Yr 5/6	Tom

Debbie Howard
Music Teacher



Netball News

St John's Lollipops

Coming off a loss last week, the Lollipops pulled together and showed their skills last night against the Shooting Stars and came out with a win – 12 goals to 3. Daisy played a fantastic game, Sarah successfully tried out some new defensive moves and Charlette was on fire in the goals. Everyone put in their best effort and made it a great game to watch. Well done girls.

The St John's Lollipops will be looking for a coach and some more team members to start the winter season in Term 2 as the current year 5 girls have to move up a division. There are 6 girls from the current team moving up a division which leaves 6 positions to fill. If we cannot fill those 6 positions, the Lollipops team will unfortunately no longer exist.

This competition is played on Wednesday afternoons at 4pm, 4.40pm or 5.20pm at GBNC (Crown St, South Geelong).

If you have a daughter (or son!) in Year 3 or 4 who is interested in playing netball, or you are interested in coaching the team, please contact me by the **16th of March** as the team needs to register. Please note that I will not be coaching but I am happy to collect names and pass them on to the new coach so they can register the team.

Thanks

Jeanette
(mum of Leah in Year 5)

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will begin on Monday 6th March for students in Years 1-6. If parents are able to assist students at the pool before and after the lessons, please contact the Office to add your name to the roster. Volunteers are required to have a *Working with Children Check* and have completed the *Valuing Safe Communities* training.

Sport

1. **'Team Vic' registrations** – Parents wishing to nominate their child **from Years 5 & 6** for the opportunity to trial for a VIC state team in a particular sporting area now have the opportunity to register. These students should be playing at an excellent standard within their sport, and where applicable, would be competing at a 'representative' level. To register, you may visit <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>.
 - a. If you are wishing to register your child in the sports of Basketball, Netball, Soccer or Aussie Rules, **you MUST register** your interest with Steven Tkaczuk (Mr T) **PRIOR** to registering online. There is a **MAXIMUM** of 3 students per school that are allowed to be registered in each of these sports.
 - b. Please note that the closing date for Australian Football, Netball, Football (Soccer) and Basketball is 10th March. Students will need to check the closing dates for all the other sports.
 - c. In order to register for a team, your form must be completed correctly and by the due date, and where applicable, **this form MUST** be signed off by Steven Tkaczuk.
 - e. It must be stressed that this is **NOT** a forum to trial for a team **unless your child competed at a very high standard in their sporting field.**
2. **Swimming** – The '2017 Bellarine and North Geelong Divisions Primary Schools Swimming Championships' will be held on **Wednesday 15th March 2017** this year. Should your child be interested in competing in this competition, please inform Steven Tkaczuk (Mr T). Notes will **be sent home** with students interested in competing.
3. **Swimming** – The **Bay City All Schools Swimming Competition'** date is now on Sunday 26 March 2017, not the 19th February as previously noted. If you would like your child to compete in this competition, **parents must** register them at the following link <http://i.swimming.org.au/visageimages/clubs/bswsa/2017%20ALL%20SCHOOLS%20FLYER%20FINAL.pdf> or collect a registration form from our School Office.

Please see Mr T if you have not yet given him your times for the swimming competition. If you are interested in the cricket competition, please see Mr T tomorrow.

If you have any queries about any of the above information, please speak with Steven Tkaczuk.

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 Paul's Lutheran Church, 307 Torquay Rd, Grovedale. Rev Colin Simpkin. Sunday worship with Holy Communion 9.30am. Office: 5241 5141.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 60 Ballarat Rd, North Geelong.. Office: 5278 2443. Sunday worship at 9.30 am with Holy Communion on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mollers Lane, Leopold. Worship, 11am Every Sunday with Holy Communion

Sports Awards

Sports Awards for Week 2, February 6th -10th

BARTON	Brayden	For working at a high standard and following directions
	Caitlyn	For fantastic listening skills
DEAKIN	Damien	For starting the sports year with enthusiasm and being eager to do his best
	Gretel	For always working co-operatively and at a high standard
HIGGINS	Thomas	For starting the year with a joyful attitude
	Leni	For starting her first week in sport with enthusiasm
PARKES	Nicholas	For starting physical education with a positive attitude
	Jacqueline	For starting physical education with always paying attention and having a wonderful listening attitude

Sports Awards for Week 4, February 20th-24th

BARTON	Henry	For performing and working very hard during every sports lesson
	Ruby	For participating at a very high level and always doing her best
DEAKIN	Oliver	For actively participating and tying his best
	Luca	For demonstrating a high level of skills and working very hard
HIGGINS	Hugo	For consistently displaying good sportsmanship and working at a high standard
	Will	For being very attentive and always trying his best
PARKES	Sam	For always showing a readiness to participate and improve his skills
	Rebekah	For using all locomotion and traveling skills competently



Extend After School Care

Extend After School Care at
St John Lutheran Primary School

Our Weekly Update Summer
HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS
ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR
YOU!



Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful break over the summer. Please see important information below to ensure you are ready and organised to use Extend's service this year.

NEW FAMILIES – ENROL TODAY

Enrolling is simple and can be done online via our Parent Portal. The annual enrolment fee will not be charged until you use the service, so it's a great way to ensure you can have emergency access if the need arises. See information on operating hours, fees, and how to enrol & book at extend.com.au.

HAVE YOU SECURED YOUR 2017 BOOKINGS?

If you have used our services before, we look forward to seeing you again throughout Term 1. Please ensure you have made your 2017 bookings on the Parent Portal in advance.

QUESTIONS?

Check out the FAQs on our website which contains useful information for new parents.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

HELLO AND WELCOME BACK! I hope everyone enjoyed their lovely holiday break and got to spend a lot of quality time with their loved ones. The past two weeks have really flown by at After School Care. We welcomed in the new school year with lots of fun, laughter, colour and games galore. A serious crowd pleaser was the DIY snack necklaces we made which consisted of popcorn, cheerios, pretzels, dried apricots and a treat in the form of a marshmallow. The kids had a lot of fun making these. Some chose to focus on symmetry and aesthetics, whilst others couldn't wait long enough to devour it! Another favourite was our milk experiment. Everyone got to conduct their own mini experiment using milk, dish washing liquid and food colouring. We all watched each others milk "dancing" with the colours and mixing together. Our experiment with tealight candles and water colour paints was very interesting to try out. This experiment and craft is better known as ghost painting. Water and oil don't mix very well so when we painted over our wax tealight candle drawing with the water colour our drawings became visible.

Free play has helped encourage a lot of teamwork and cooperation, with inclusion being our main focus. Building card towers and marble mazes out of Jenga blocks have become a popular choice of games over the past fortnight. Also, plenty of games of SPUD and licket split have been enjoyed.

I hope you are all enjoying being back at school and after school care! I can't wait for all the fun and exciting things we have in store for you all over the coming term! YAY!

Sammy

Team Leader

Our Extend Superstar is...

Holly ... for your continued helpful and positive attitude.

What's on next week?

Monday 27 February:

Craft: Bubble Painting

Tuesday 28 February:

Craft: Bird Feeders

Wednesday 1 March:

Science: Exploding Milk Experiment

Thursday 2 March:

Cooking: Weetabix Slice

Friday 3 March:

Craft: Parachute Pals

Are you a Proud Parent?

Post your proud parent moment on Extend's Facebook page with a short caption and hashtag #ProudParent to win a GoPro Hero5 plus more prizes worth over \$1000. Winner announced on Facebook on Monday 27 February. For terms visit extend.com.au/proudparents

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au

CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

To check out what's on and where your local program is visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal