A big welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and a relaxing holiday time spent with family and friends. It has been great to see all of the bright, smiling faces in our class and the children are enthusiastic to learn. I look forward to getting to know you all more through the year. I am excited about the year ahead and being a part of your child’s learning journey and working together with you in this important role.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns either through the school office or by email hschutz@stjohns-eudunda.sa.edu.au

Welcome
I would like to welcome a new student to our school and our class, Paige Richardson and her mum Karrissa Cole. I wish Paige and her mum all the very best as they settle into our school environment and we are blessed to have them join our community here at St John’s Lutheran School.

Parent Information Evening
Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 11th of February (Week 3). This is an important opportunity for parents and teachers to build sound communication links and for parents to gain an insight into their child’s learning journey for the year and the expectations within this class.

Times and more information will be found in the School Newsletter in the coming weeks. If you are unable to attend, can you please let me know and I will arrange for information from the evening to be sent home. I look forward to seeing you all.

Swimming Lessons
Next week (Week 2) we will be having swimming lessons. Our swimming lessons will be taking place from 10:30a.m to 11:15a.m. Students may come to school with their bathers under their Sports Uniform. Please make sure that your child has a towel, their bathers, a rashi or top to wear in the pool, thongs (for travelling to and from the pool), underwear, goggles if required and a plastic or swimming bag for wet bathers. Students will need to wear Sports Uniform all of next week.
Class Carer

Our Class Carer this year is Chelsea Laucke (Savanna’s mum). Thank you to Chelsea for taking on this role. Your support already this week has been greatly appreciated. We look forward to having Chelsea working with our class.

Student Routine Changes

Can you please inform me of any changes that your child may have in regards to travel arrangements and attendance at school, through a note in your child’s Chat Book. If your child has a regular change to pick-up after school, such as with a sporting commitment can you please state in the Chat Book note, so that I can inform Fiona in the front office and so that I am aware.

It is important that we have this information in writing for all of these routine changes so that there is no confusion and for duty of care reasons.

Please also inform me in writing if your child is going to be away or on return of school the reason why your child was absent. This helps with our school records and attendance information.

Specialist Areas

This year Mrs Emma Kleinig will be taking Art. The Year 1 and 2 class will have art on Tuesdays.

Japanese with Miss Fiona Zhang will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This year Mrs Nerina Kirkman will be taking Science on Wednesdays.

Important Information

- Browse and Borrow (Library Book Borrowing) will be on Wednesdays. Please assist your child with returning their library books each week. Students should have their blue library bag that they bring to borrow books.
- School Banking (Bank SA and LLL) is on Tuesdays.
- Canteen / Lunch Ordering days are on Mondays and Fridays. Please make sure that your child’s name is clearly written on the ordering bag.
Swimming Carnival

Our School Swimming Carnival will be taking place at the Eudunda Swimming Pool on Friday 21st February. More information will be provided in the School Newsletter.

Newsbook and Chat Book

Your child has a Newsbook for Class Newsletters and larger class notes. Please read these notes when your child’s book is sent home, initial and return to school as soon as possible. Chat Books are used for day to day communication and smaller notes in regards to your child or any changes to your child’s routines. Please check your child’s Chat Book each night.

Unit of Inquiry

Our first Unit of Inquiry for this year is 'Keeping Safe'.

Transdisciplinary Theme: Who We Are

Central Idea: Safe practices influence our lives

Lines of Inquiry:
- The importance of safety and rules
- The people who care for our safety
- Ways we keep ourselves safe

Learner Profile: Reflective and Thinker

Attitudes: Cooperation and Integrity

Concepts: Function, Connection and Responsibility

Please don’t hesitate to contact me. I look forward to an enjoyable and productive year with your child.

With Christian greetings.

Hayley Schutz 😊

Parent Signature: ...........................................................................................................