A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

Back to School: Prayer for the Start of the School Year

Loving God, our creator, our saviour, our companion, bless this journey of a new school year that we undertake today.

Refresh our souls and renew our spirits as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called us to.

We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them.

Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of students to this school, and may you guide them to return with open hearts and minds eager to learn.

We ask this in Your name, Amen

Submitted by Paula Skinner
“May the Lord continually bless you with heaven's blessings as well as with human joys.” Psalm 128:5

**Lutheran School Values**—Courage, Resilience, Love, Justice, Compassion, Forgiveness, Service, Humility, Hope, Quality and Appreciation

These 11 core values are at the heart of every Lutheran school’s practice and philosophy. As an IB Lutheran School we encourage opportunities for genuine learning to take place through the promotion of our Learner Profile and PYP Attributes including:

- Being Principled
- Open Minded
- Caring
- Courageous
- Principled
- Reflective

It is no surprise that our values as a Christian school match so beautifully with IB’s values. This year is going to be an amazing year for us as we go through the process of reflecting and reviewing our approach as an IB school of inquiry.

We have a number of new staff, students and families beginning their partnership with us here at St John’s and I would like to welcome them to our community. The first day back is always a big day for those who are attending for the first time and for those returning with excitement and anticipation of what will take place. This year I took my youngest daughter to high school for the first time and so now have two daughters attending high school. I’m not sure how to feel as I reflect on where the past 13 to 15 years went. Our children grow up so quickly and in their primary school years there are so many memories and experiences that they will always cherish and look back on with fondness. If you are a new parent to our school or a parent who has a child moving into their next grade of schooling I know you will have many mixed feelings of joy, blessings and hesitation.

I’ve included an article which I found useful and hope you do too (see page four of this newsletter)

**Welcome to New Staff**

We welcome the following people to our staff:

- **Mrs Mandy Verco**—Classroom teacher in Year 3/4 class (Monday to Wednesday)
- **Mr Jason Stewart**—Bus driver and grounds and maintenance person (Monday to Thursday)
- **Mrs Julie Schulz**—Learning support (Monday)
- **Mrs Sonya Mosey**—Front office (Monday)
- **Ms Janine Falkenberg**—Cleaner
From the Principal continued…..

Thank You
A big ‘thank you’ to Mr Richard Crouch who helped our school at the end of last term and over the holidays by taking on the role of Bus Driver/Grounds and Maintenance. All staff including myself gratefully appreciated his time and commitment to our school and community. Thank you Richard.

Installation/Redirection Service and Year Four Bible Presentation
St John’s Lutheran School will be holding the Installation Service for our new teachers and the rededication of Staff and School Council on Sunday 1st February 2015. The Bible Presentations for the Year Fours will be held on Sunday 1st March 2015.

Swimming Lessons
Swimming lessons will be held during the second week of Term One, Monday 2nd—Friday 6th February 2015. Times are as follows:

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The Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 20th February 2015 at the Eudunda Pool.

Uniforms
The uniform shop will be open on Monday and Friday mornings from 8.30am ONLY. For any orders outside of these times, please fill out a uniform order form (attached to this newsletter) and forward with payment to Fiona at the front office.

Care Coordinator Role
Lynn Grosser will be reducing her hours per week this year due to Government funding. She will now work 12 hours per week on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Have a blessed week.

Paula Skinner
Top 20 Questions to ask your primary school child before they return to school next week

In two short days the school year starts again. Yes, we are a very two short days away from lunch box packing, school drop offs and misplacing school uniform items. If you are a parent of a school aged child then you possibly have been covering books (top tip: schoolbook covers BEST THING EVER. Rolls of contact - never need to see you again in my life) and fishing out bananas from December school bags. Or perhaps like me, you’ll leave that till the night before.

But there’s a more important thing to do before school goes back. And that’s to have a conversation with our kids about how they feel about the school year, what their goals are, their worries, what they are looking forward to and how we can support them this year.

If you haven’t done this yet - make the time. It doesn’t have to be a lengthy conversation or a serious and meaningful one. But a short chat often alerts us to helpful info, gets children thinking and reminds them that we are interested in their lives.

Can’t think of what to ask? Here are some question ideas to get you thinking. Don’t feel the need to cover all of these, and don’t make it an interrogation. But asking just a few of these might really help your child - even more than not having a squished banana in their bag.

What are you looking forward to about being in year X?
What 3 friends are you most looking forward to catching up with in the first week?
What kinds of books would you like to read this year?
Is there anyone in your class this year you are worried about getting along with this year?
How could you be even kinder to other kids at school this year?
What 3 things you most like to pack in your lunch box this year?
What can you do if you feel worried or upset about something at school this year?
What’s one thing I can do differently as your mum/dad this year to help you have a great school year? Is there anything else?
Are there any subjects you are worried about this year?
What are three things you’d like to learn about this year?
How do you think being in year X will be different from being in year Y?
What’s one thing from last year that you did that you’d like to change this year?
Do you have any worries about your teacher this year?
What do you think will be the best thing about your teacher this year?
What’s something you think you did well at school last year you’d like to do again this year?
Is there anything I can do this year to help make homework more fun or easier for you

Good luck with the coming week!

Article from Developing Minds Philosophy and Education Website
ST JOHN’S LUTHERAN SCHOOL, EUDUNDA INC.

From the

Finance Officer…..

Fees and Policy St John’s Lutheran School

School Card
Applications for School Card must be renewed every year as eligibility is not automatically renewed from one year to the next. Application forms are now available from the Front Office. Form ‘A’ is to be completed and returned to St John’s by Friday 13th February 2015.

2015 Fee Accounts
All accounts have been posted to families this week. If you elected on your ‘2015 Payment Terms & Financial Agreement’ form to pay either termly or annually your account will reflect this.

Please note that if you are paying your annual account prior to Monday 2nd March 2015 you will receive a 3% discount. The discount is only applicable to the BASE TUITION FEE and not any additional fees.

Direct Deposits
Please ensure that you use your family code eg SMITH01 as your reference so we can ensure that your payment is receipted off of the correct account.

There have been several payments made over the last few months with no family reference therefore we have NOT been able to receipt this money. If you have made a direct payment and your account does not reflect your payment please contact Lisa Bawden as soon as possible.

School Camps
All fees MUST be paid in full prior to the camp departure date.

Are you experiencing financial difficulty and/or finding it hard to pay your school fees? Please make an appointment with either our Finance Officer Lisa Bawden (Tuesdays or Thursdays) or our Principal Paula Skinner to discuss your needs.

Prayer and Care…..

We pray for the new families, students and staff (Mrs Verco, Mr Stewart, Mrs Mosey, Mrs Schulz and Ms Falkenberg) as our school community begins another school year.

We pray for a wonderful Term One with lots of learning, fun friendships, safety and good health.
Community

News and Events.....

Eudunda Playgroup’s Open Day

Time: 11am—1pm
Date: Monday 9/2/15
FREE
Sausage Sizzle
Face Painting
Glitter Tattoos
Craft Activities
Playground

Birth to School aged children and their Parents/ Caregivers are all welcome. Please come along and join in the fun.

Contact person: Louise Schut 0411952870
Eudunda Playgroup
Is located at the Eudunda Community Pre-School Centre
Morgan Rd Eudunda.

Kids’ Praise Session
The first Kids’ Praise session will be held on Sunday 1st February 2015 during the 9.00am Eudunda Parish service at St John’s Church, Eudunda. All school aged children are welcome to attend, Pre-school children are able to attend with a supervising adult. Cost is free. 2015 registration forms will be available to complete on the day.

I look forward to seeing you there!
Fiona Schiller

GUITAR LESSONS 2015
I will be in contact with all 2014 guitar students’ parents at the beginning of school. If any changes, please let me know. Guitar lessons usually commence after Swimming Carnival. Thank you. Jo Bruhn (Ph 8581 1006)

Church Times

Sunday 1st February 2015

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You are invited to......

Join a Toolbox Parenting Group

The Middle Years (6-12 years)

When: 6 Tuesday mornings in Term 1, 2015
Dates: 17th, 24th Feb; 10th,17th,24th, 31st March
Where: Hand in Hand Family Centre
24 Second Street, Nuriootpa (Gersch House)
Time: 9:30 –11:30am (crèche available)
(NB: If interested in an evening course let Anne know)
Cost: $50 or $80 per couple (concession holder discounts)
Facilitator: Anne Roennfeldt, Lutheran Community Care
To Book: Ring Lutheran Community Care on 8562 2688
or email Anne at aroennfeldt@lcare.org.au
by Thursday 12th February (places are limited)

Topics include: Building character, self-esteem & emotional resilience; Teaching skills & building memories; Blending love with discipline; Building trust & increasing responsibility; Understanding personality types & challenging behaviours
Making the most of the “tween-age” years

www.theparentingplace.com

Eudunda Robertstown Netball Club

PRE-SEASON TRAINING FOR SENIORS AND U15
Begins Tuesday 3rd February 6:30pm at Eudunda and will run each Tuesday and Thursday night.
Bring your bathers for pool sessions.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION EVENING
Friday 20th February at Eudunda Clubrooms
Between 6pm and 7:30pm
Subs to be paid at registration
New players welcome

COACHES REQUIRED FOR ALL SENIOR AND JUNIOR GRADES
Applications and expressions of interest to
ERNC Secretary, Ashlee Prior
PO Box 113, Eudunda, SA 5374 Ph: 0439497182
Applications Close 18th February

Shedmen

Friday 20th February 2015 from 6.00pm at the Eudunda Heritage Gallery. The BBQ will be at the back of the shed. Entry will be from Barwell Street. Marcus Reseigh will share some stories. BYO chairs, drinks and $7.00 for tucker.

Performance at Eudunda Institute

Craig Giles with special guests Nathan Bruhn and John Ramke will perform at the Eudunda Institute on Wednesday 11th February 2015 from 8.00pm to 11.00pm
$18.00 (includes supper)

Come along and enjoy a wonderful night of fun & first class entertainment. You will be treated to a mix of songs and tunes from all styles of Country, Evergreen Classics and some good ‘ole 50’s & 60’s Rock ’n Roll.

Enquiries & Tickets phone Dot 8581
1218 or 0407 004469 or email Irene
ithall@bigpond.com

Craig has supported Glen Campbell, Slim Dusty, Lee Kernaghan, young Keith Urban just to name a few.