

# Miss Koch Year 4/5

## Classroom Newsletter Term 1 Week 1

### **Welcome to 2017!**

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break, along with a relaxing and enjoyable holidays spent with family and friends. It has been great to see all of the bright, smiling faces return to our Year 4/5 class and the children so enthusiastic to learn and achieve success.

I feel privileged to be welcomed into the St John's Lutheran School community, and am looking forward to working with you and your child to guide them through an exciting learning journey throughout 2017. Please feel welcome to come in to our classroom and introduce yourself.

God Bless,  
Ashleigh Koch

### **Important Dates**

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

Swimming Lessons 2pm – 2:45pm

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

Swimming Lessons 2pm – 2:45pm

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

Parent Social Evening 7pm–8:30pm

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

Swimming SAPSASA Trials

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Swimming Lessons 2pm – 2:45pm

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Parent Info Evening 7pm – 8:15pm

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Swimming Lessons 2pm – 2:45pm

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

SAPSASA Swimming at Nuriootpa Pool

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

Swimming Lessons 2pm – 2:45pm

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Swimming Carnival

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Bible Presentations & Staff Installation

### **Seesaw App**

Seesaw is a great app that empowers students to capture learning, with photos and videos of their work which can be shared with parents and caregivers. This year I will be using the seesaw app to post your child's work and achievements in the classroom so they can be celebrated at home. I will also use this as a tool to communicate/send reminders about upcoming event details.

You will all have received an introduction letter with logins as part of your book packs for this year. I encourage you to connect to our page as soon as possible to follow your child's learning journey.

As this is my first time using 'Seesaw' I would love to hear feedback as to ways I could better utilise this and make it more relevant to what you as parents would like to see.

## Parent Info Evenings

This year our school is trialling two Parent Information evenings by having a social evening on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 7pm to introduce staff, P&F and Governing Council which will be followed by a pooled tea.

Our second information night is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm which will begin in the hall as a whole school to share general expectations. Parents will then have the opportunity to visit classrooms and collect their information booklets.

## Specialist Teachers

LOTE (German) will be taken this year by Mrs Helen Westermann on Mondays.

Digital Technologies will be taken by Mrs Melissa Ryan on Wednesdays.

Mrs Kathy Cluse will be taking Physical Education on Wednesdays. Students are required to wear their PE uniform on this day.

Our browse and borrow day is Tuesday.

## Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin this week on Thursday. Year 4/5 swimming lessons are from 2-2:45pm. Students will have the opportunity to change into their bathers at school before leaving for the pool.

## Class Carer

Our Class Carer this year is Fiona Mosey (Campbell's mum). Thankyou to Fiona for taking on this role, your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to having Fiona work with our class.

## What are we learning this term?

**Writing:** Biographies & Book Study

**Maths:** Data & Number / Place Value

**Christian Studies:** Christianity in the World

**Unit of Inquiry:** Who we are

**Central Idea:** Children around the world have many similarities and differences

**Lines of Inquiry:**

- Why children's lives vary?
- The similarities and differences of children who live in different countries
- The responsibility of the world towards the rights of children

**Learner Profile:** Open-minded, Balanced

**Attitudes:** Respect, Empathy

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