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Welcome to a New School Year

How can it be time to go back to school already? The sale flyers in the shops and newspapers say "Back to School". School supplies are purchased, backpacks are loaded, school uniforms are ironed, parents are awaiting to get back into a school routine, bed times are earlier and so on. Some of the children are incredibly excited, some are apprehensive, some are dreading the start of the school year. So, what can you do that will make a difference to your child, to their learning, to their school experience this year?

Here are some ideas for parents and other adults who care about children and youth:

- **Model a love of learning.** Let them catch you reading, tackling a new topic or interest. Share delight in something new you've learned.
- **Be curious together.** Learn together.
- **Have reference books or computer tools available,** like a dictionary, encyclopaedia, thesaurus, and others and use them often.
- **Listen, listen, listen** when they share something new they have learned and are passionate about with you.
- **Give each child the opportunity to explore an interest,** whether that is at the library, visiting someone who does professionally what they are interested in, taking a class, or visiting a museum.
- **Provide support for their learning by creating a space and time that is conducive to learning.**
- **Make learning fun and playful,** not always deadly serious or filled with threats or negative comparisons to other kids.
- **Affirm improvement, effort, and persistence,** not just perfection.
- **Create a refrigerator display or scrapbook to feature interests, learning and accomplishments.**
- **Learn how your child learns.** Some learn primarily from what they see, some from what they hear, some from what they do. Share your insights with your child's teachers. Also share the things that are intimidating and defeating to your child.
- **If your child is struggling, get help.**

The most important thing that you can do for your children is to love them unconditionally and uniquely ... and assure them that God loves them, too.

May the feet of God walk with you and His hand hold you tight as we all begin the 2017 School Year.

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IMPORTANT 2016 DATES

JANUARY

Monday 30

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 31

- Term One begins
- Opening Service in St John's Lutheran Church with Pastor Josh, followed by morning tea provided by the Parents and Friends Committee
- Swimming practice for trials

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2

- Swimming lessons

Friday 3

- Swimming lessons
- Pooled tea for staff and families from 7.00pm

Tuesday 7

- Swimming trials for SAPSASA

Wednesday 8

- P & F Special Menu

Thursday 9

- Swimming lessons

Tuesday 14

- Parent Information Evening from 7.00pm to 8.15pm

Thursday 16

- Swimming lessons

Friday 17

- SAPSASA Swimming at Nuriootpa

Thursday 23

- Swimming lessons

Friday 24

- Swimming Carnival

Sunday 26

- Staff and School Council Installation and Bible Presentation at 9.00am in St John's Lutheran Church



From the

Principal.....

Well, it is now 2017 and your child/children are about to begin or continue the journey of being students at St John's. It is going to be another exciting year where we will continue to seek out exciting and engaging ways for all our students to grow, not only as learners of education but also as young people who will develop their own unique character, gifts and strengths as a special child of God.

This term I am going to share with you my thoughts and ramblings based on our Lutheran School Values.



Compassion—This week I thought Compassion would be a good place to begin. Showing compassion to others is at times an easy thing to do especially if they are someone you know or they are a friend or family member. It is also easy to show compassion if it doesn't require much effort. But what about those times when you feel called to be compassionate to others who you maybe don't know, you don't agree with their way of life, you don't have the same values or interests as them. That can be a challenge. These moments in time are the ones we all need to focus on and be challenged by. Being a compassionate Christian with **everyone** we come across is something I know I need to continue to work on. Our actions as adults greatly influence how our children respond to challenges. Having young children grow up to be compassionate members of our society is something that I know we all value. Of course, we will be challenged and of course there are going to be situations where we may not be popular but we must keep God's love and His grace central to all that we say and do. As our school year begins I pray that we all grow and act as compassionate members of our school community and even our wider community.

Have a compassionate week everyone.

Farewell to Jack and Isabella

I was advised this week that Jack and Isabella Schiller will not be returning to St John's this year. They will continue their education at the Eudunda Area School. We wish them all the best for their future learning and thank Anton and Tonia for their contribution to St John's over the years.

From the

Principal continued.....

2017 Form Packages

All forms were due back at school on **Monday 12 December**. If you have not already done so, please return to school AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that our databases can be updated.

Parent Information Sessions 2017

This year we will be changing a few things to provide the opportunity for informal fellowship and facilitate the sharing of important information.

On Friday of Week One (3 February) we would like to invite all families to come along to a pooled tea that we will hold in the Hall and shelter area. We would like to use this time to introduce all our school staff, P&F and school council members and then spend the rest of the evening in fellowship as we share a meal. BYO drinks and something to share for tea. This evening would begin at 7pm and finish at 8.30.

On Tuesday of Week Three (14 February) we will be holding a more formal evening where we ask that just our parents attend. It will begin at 7.00pm in the School Hall where we will formally share general school expectations for the year and then give you the opportunity to informally go and visit your child's/children's teacher/s in their classroom, receive a booklet about classroom expectations and have a look around and a chat before you head home. This evening would begin at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 8.15pm.

Please put the following dates and times in your diaries so that you don't miss out on anything:

Friday Week One	3 February	Pooled Tea from 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday Week Three	14 February	Information Evening 7.00pm to 8.15pm

Blessings,

Paula Skinner

From the

PE Coordinator.....

Swimming Dates for 2017

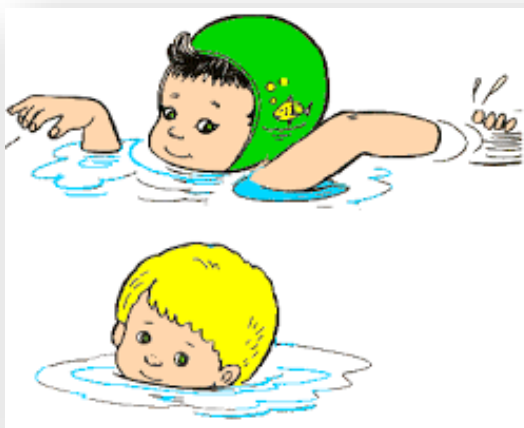
Week	Date	Reason	Students Involved
1	Tuesday 31 January	Swimming practice for trials	Students who turn 10 in 2017
	Thursday 2 February	Swimming lessons	Foundation to Year Seven
	Friday 3 February	Swimming lessons	Foundation to Year Seven
2	Tuesday 7 February	Swimming trials for SAPSASA	Students who turn 10 in 2017
	Thursday 9 February	Swimming lessons	Foundation to Year Seven
3	Thursday 16 February	Swimming lessons	Foundation to Year Seven
	Friday 17 February	SAPSASA Swimming at Nuriootpa	Selected team from trials
4	Thursday 23 February	Swimming lessons	Foundation to Year Seven
	Friday 24 February	Swimming Carnival	Whole school

Swimming Lessons

The times for swimming lessons on the above days are as follows:

10.00am to 10.45am	Year Six/Seven
10.50am to 11.35am	Year One/Two
11.40pm to 12.25pm	Foundation
1.10pm to 1.55pm	Year Three
2.00pm to 2.45pm	Year Four/Five

Students are required to wear sports uniforms on the days that swimming lessons take place.



Kathy Cluse

From the

Care Coordinator.....



Welcome to the new school year

You are invited to come along to our Opening Chapel Service which commences at 9.00am on Monday, 30th January in the St John's Lutheran Church. Stay afterwards to enjoy a chance to mix and meet other parents of our school over a cuppa and morning tea kindly provided by the Parents & Friends Committee.

I hope to see you there,

Lynn Grosser - Care Coordinator

Church Times

Sunday 29 January 2017.....

EUDUNDA ROBERTSTOWN PARISH			KAPUNDA PARISH		
Robertstown	8.30am	HC	Kapunda—Harvest Thanksgiving	9.00am	P
Point Pass	8.30am	LR	Bethel	9.00am	P
Neales Flat	8.30am	LR	Allen's Creek	7.30pm	P
Eudunda	10.30am	HC			