**Classroom Dedication and Prayer for the New School Year**

Powerful and almighty God, You are so amazing! You’ve had a plan for these children since before time began, and You’ve always known that our lives would cross paths this year. Please give teachers the gift of discernment to understand their needs and how they can meet them. Show us everything we need to know to teach these little ones and develop the gifts that You’ve given them. Let our enthusiasm be evident every day, because our joy doesn’t come from having a perfect classroom, it comes from knowing You. Jesus, You are ever-faithful and unchanging, and we pray that You would fill us with Your strength and perfect peace each morning and carry us throughout each day. Put a genuine smile on our faces and help us to be as patient and loving with these children as You have been with us. Remind us that this job is a privilege and that we are fulfilling Your call on our lives by teaching in this classroom each day. Surround us with supportive, positive influences and help us to speak only truth and light so that colleagues and parents will consistently see You in us. We dedicate our classrooms to You: let Your name triumph over any negativity and may everything that happens here bring glory to Your name. We thank you for giving us Your holy Word so that we have a place to turn when We need to be uplifted. Thank You for filling us with the passion and enthusiasm that can only come from having ‘God within’. May Your name be glorified in everything that happens here as Your mercies are made new each morning.

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Submitted by Sue Denholm
Humility is a value for all Lutheran Schools across Australia that is often difficult for students to understand and put into action. Being selfless and thinking of others does not always come naturally for some of us. Again, it is certainly easier if we are friends with those around us, that we show humility to as we know they will probably show humility to us when we need it. But true humility is those moments when we reflect on the needs of others no matter who they are and respond to in a humble way no matter what. Sometimes we just want it to be known that we were right, that they were wrong or that we can do something better than them. Christ is a great role model for us all as he never boasted about himself and always put others first. Allowing ourselves to be humble or show humility in front of our friends and peers is not always easy to do but we certainly know that it is the right thing.

I would like to thank Mr Ben Schutz for laying our beautiful pathway out in the school carpark. It has been a real talking piece with the students as they love walking on such a white, straight path. This has certainly helped to keep our students safe in arriving and heading home each day.

Family and Staff Get Together

Thank you to our parents, staff and students for contributing to a great evening of fellowship as we shared a meal last Friday evening. It is such a pleasure when we can all come together informally and spend time getting to know each other. Thank you to the staff members who were able to come along and spend time getting to know everyone. Thank you also to our school council members and P & F members for introducing themselves to our families. It is great being able to put a face to a name when it comes to our parent bodies who actively support our school. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 14 February to explain in more detail school expectations and classroom information at our Parent Information Evening from 7.00pm to 8.15pm.

Installation/Redirection Service and Bible Presentation

On Sunday 26 February Pastor Josh will lead the St John’s service where our staff and School Council Members for 2017 will be installed. We will also be presenting bibles to students during this service.

All new Foundation students will receive a picture bible and Year Three students will receive a student bible. St John’s School is very grateful for such a generous gift and I know that our students will be very excited at the prospect of having their own bibles to refer to and use in class. This is a special school event and all students are expected to attend. A letter has been sent out today to families with children in Foundation and Year Three. Please return the slip at the bottom of that letter to school as soon as possible.
**Uniform**

Please see below some excerpts from our Uniform Policy regarding hair and jewellery. This Policy can be found on our website and on the Skoolbag App.

**HAIR:**
- Hair should be neatly styled and kept clean
- Hair which is below the collar MUST be completely tied back (eg Ponytail, braid or bun). Hair that falls into the eyes must be tied or clipped back
- **NO** artificial hair colour should be evident
- No student’s hair is to be cut shorter than 6mm (#2 clippers)
- Plain **navy blue** hair ties, clips, combs, bands or ribbons may be worn. (Decorative and fashion items are not acceptable).

Plain gold or silver clips and bobbie pins are also acceptable.

**JEWELLERY:**
- Wrist watches can be worn to school and the band colour must be plain brown, black, gold or silver and they can only be closed by a clasp or buckle fastener
- Children may wear no more than one pair of earrings of plain gold or silver round studs or sleepers for pierced ears - no more than one earring in each ear lobe
- A small, plain gold or silver cross no greater than 25mm in size can be worn on a fine gold or silver chain around the neck under the uniform as an optional extra
- No other jewellery or nail polish will be permitted, with the exception of a Medic Alert Indicator.

**Zooper Zooper Fridays**

The Parents and Friends are kindly providing Zooper Doopers on Fridays starting tomorrow for 50 cents each. These will be available at lunch time.
Responsible User Agreements

Please return ICT Responsible User Agreements as soon as possible to the front office so that students are able to use the computers. Those students who do not have signed consents are unable to use computers.

Have a lovely week.

Paula Skinner

BOOK CLUB

Twice a term during the school year Book Club catalogues with a different selection of books on offer will be sent home. There is no obligation to buy. The due date will be two weeks after the catalogues are sent home. Each order accrues points and coupons, which the library can redeem for items from which the whole school benefits.

Please consider placing an order this month so we can maximise our reward points and bonus free pick books for the Library.

All orders for Issue One are due back at school with payment on Friday 17 February.

GOLDEN TICKETS

Ten Golden Tickets are now hidden in our school library in various books. Any student lucky to find a ticket will receive a small reward.
Introducing

Our New Teachers.....

Ashleigh Koch

I graduated from the University of South Australia last year at the end of Term Three. In Term Four, I began my teaching journey doing TRT work at a variety of schools in the Barossa and Gawler area prior to accepting my position here at St John’s. I live in Moculta on our family owned and operated Dairy Farm with my parents (Andrew and Angela Koch) and twin sisters.

I look forward to getting to know each of you this year. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself. May 2017 be a year full of challenges, success and growth in each of our students learning.

Michael Blasche

I feel very privileged to be welcomed into the St John’s Lutheran School community, and am excited to work with the students in the Year One/Two classroom.

I have a Bachelor of Primary/Middle School Education (specialising in mathematics and science), and have previously worked as a classroom teacher at St Jakobi Lutheran School (in the Barossa Valley) and Glen Osmond Primary School (Adelaide metro area). Prior to becoming a teacher, I was employed as a firefighter and also studied software engineering.

As an educator I am proud to be a role model and have the opportunity to shape students intellectually, socially, spiritually, emotionally and morally. I believe that education is about more than reading, writing, and arithmetic; it is about providing a stable and inclusive environment in which to help young people build their capabilities and confidence, develop as a whole person, explore new ideas, be creative, connect with their local and global community, and enjoy the learning process.

Prayer and Care .....

This week we pray for the following members of our staff and school families:

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Swimming Lesson Snapshots

Foundation and Year Six/Seven.....
Parents and Friends

News.....

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<td>19 February From 8.00am</td>
<td>Rubbish Collection after Marrabel Bull Ride</td>
<td>12 people have kindly offered to help. Thank you.</td>
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<td>24 February</td>
<td>Swimming Carnival</td>
<td>Helpers will be required. More information will follow.</td>
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<td>28 February</td>
<td>Shrove Tuesday</td>
<td>Linda Pfitzner is organising the pancakes and will need helpers.</td>
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<td>28 February</td>
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<td>After pancake recess at 11.35am</td>
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Church Times

Sunday 12 February 2017.....

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<th>EUDUNDA ROBERTSTOWN PARISH</th>
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<td>Informal Friday Night Service at Eudunda (10 February)</td>
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