A huge thank you to Kapunda/Eudunda Chemplus for the kind donation of six containers of sunscreen for our classrooms.

Submitted by Paula Skinner

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

AMEN

IMPORTANT 2017 DATES

FEVERARY
Thursday 2
• Swimming lessons
Friday 3
• Swimming lessons
• Pooled tea for staff and families from 7.00pm
• P & F Special Menu Orders DUE
Monday 6
• Chapel in St John’s Lutheran Church at 8.50am with the Chapel Committee
Tuesday 7
• Swimming trials for SAPSASA
Wednesday 8
• P & F Special Menu
Thursday 9
• Swimming lessons

Monday 13
• Chapel in St John’s Lutheran Church at 8.50am with Pastor Josh
Tuesday 14
• Parent Information Evening from 7.00pm to 8.15pm
Thursday 16
• Swimming lessons
Friday 17
• B & L SAPSASA Swimming at Nuriootpa
Monday 20
• Chapel in St John’s Lutheran Church at 8.50am with Pastor Josh
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
Monday 27
• Chapel in St John’s Lutheran Church at 8.50am with Pastor Josh
Monday 27
• Shrove Tuesday—pancakes provided by the P & F
Love is the Lutheran Schools’ value which I thought would be good to reflect on this week. This was an easy one to choose as Tuesday at our Opening Chapel Service, there was a lot of love that I felt and witnessed. It was lovely to see so many families and friends attend and I could see the love that many parents and grandparents had for their young ones as they formally began their school journey with us. It was also lovely to chat with a number of you as you shared the feelings you were experiencing that morning. Love is something that can and is freely given and it is a gift that we can always give each other unconditionally. It can be expressed in so many different ways. It has been an exciting week so far being part of a school community where staff, students and parents can experience love.

**Special Education Update**

Our Special Education team this year includes the following staff:

- Mrs Angela Dunstan
- Mrs Brenda Verrall
- Mrs Courtney Schutz
- Mrs Lisa Pfitzner
- Mrs Sonya Mosey

You may not see these ladies often, but they are always working diligently to provide the best possible support both in and outside the classrooms. These very talented ladies work closely with your child’s classroom teacher and I. Our intervention programmes will not begin formally until Week Five this term due to initial whole school testing and swimming lessons. This will include our Hickey Programme and Multilit. They will be working in each classroom, supporting the students and teachers as they deliver engaging and accommodating learning experiences.

**School Times**

Please note that school begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.10pm. Children should be at school by 8.40am to ensure a prompt 8.45am start. Teachers will be in classrooms from 8.35am. Morning duty commences at 8.30am so children should arrive after that time to be supervised. New times for recess and lunch are as follows:

- **Recess**—11.15am to 11.35am
- **Lunch**—1.05pm to 1.45pm

**Office Hours**

The office will be attended Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.00pm. Phone calls received before 8.30am will be redirected to the answering machine as staff devotion is held at 8.15am.
From the
Principal continued…..

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.

This Friday 3 February we invite all families to come along to a pooled tea that we will hold in the School 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. Please supply drinks and something to share for tea. This evening would begin at 7.00pm and finish at 8.30pm.

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 give you the opportunity to informally 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 will begin at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 8.15pm.

Please put the following dates and times in your diaries so that these events are not missed.

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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. More information will be sent out as it gets closer to 26 February 2017. Please keep this date free.

Bakery Lunch Orders

Bakery orders will be available every Monday and Friday for lunch only. Bakery orders will be available on a Tuesday after a Monday public holiday. When ordering, students will need to place money in a lunch bag (available from the front office at a cost of $2.00 for 50 bags) with their order, name, class level and teacher. Please ensure that there is only one item per bag and each bag states the student’s name etc. Orders will be collected by 9.00am and taken to the Eudunda Bakery for processing. Orders will be picked up and brought back to school by lunch time.
Welcome to Families and Students

A special welcome to the new St John’s families: Timothy and Elise Doering with Emma (Foundation), Jason and Emily Geister with Kennedy (Foundation), Tyson and Alison Mosey with Maddy (Year Three) and Max (Year One), Aaron and Belinda Niemz with Harry (Foundation), Joseph and Lauren Ross with Dan (Foundation), Amanda Schaefer with Brooke (Foundation) and Paul and Melinda Schutz with Caitlin (Foundation.)

A special welcome also to new students of existing families of our school: India Cluse (daughter of David and Kathy), Grace Jenke (daughter of Daniel and Louise), Marty Mosey (son of Jarred and Andrea), Eli Pfitzner (son of Jason and Jaime), Annabelle Preston (daughter of Trevor and Katie), Marissa Ross (daughter of Bradley and Bronwen) and Bridget Williams (daughter of Philip and Tania.)

We wish these students and their families well as they settle in to our school community. God bless you all.
From the

Principal continued…..

Term Dates

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Communication 2016

For the new families of St John's we have our own free Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help communicate more effectively with our parent/student community. We encourage parents to install the App onto their devices. To install, just search our school name ‘St John's Lutheran School Eudunda’ in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. School newsletters and other helpful resources can be viewed from this App. It is encouraged that families access newsletters via our Website or the Skoolbag App to avoid unnecessary printing by the school. If you have any relevant items that you wish to appear in the weekly newsletter, please ensure they are submitted to Fiona or Sonya by no later than Tuesday morning of each week. If you have any problems installing the Skoolbag App on your device, please contact Fiona or Sonya at the front office.

Have a lovely week.

Paula Skinner
The first day at school is very special in German speaking countries, where each child receives a large cone shaped packet of little presents. Traditionally these were always lollies, but in recent times stationery items and toys are also included.

This year each Foundation student will receive a small Schultüte template to look at and decorate, then at the end of the lesson they will be given some little items to seal inside and take home. The contents may vary slightly but will probably include:

1 - The Lord’s Prayer in German (the original Martin Luther translation, with English)
2 - An Easter themed lead pencil and eraser
3 - A small, soft ball with “Good Morning” on it in German
4 - A small toy animal
5 - A small stick of Kinder chocolate
6 - A small packet of gummy bears

The Schultüten will be sealed up at the end of the lesson, so you may open it together as a family after dinner. If possible, please return the template, prayer and lolly wrappers to school so we can do a follow-up activity in our German folders.

Vielen Dank!

Frau Westermann

**Cranes**

Last year all St John’s students either folded a crane or decorated a square of orange for our Harmony Day crane drive. The time has come to assemble the cranes and fold any extras needed in preparation for this year’s Harmony Day dedication and blessing, prior to final dispatch to the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima. A small group of volunteers has been sewing them together, with progress well on the way.

Arigatou!

Westermann sensei
From the

PE Coordinator…..

Swimming Dates for 2017

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Swimming Lessons

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

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

Kathy Cluse
PE Coordinator
Welcome to the new school year! It is great to be back, hopefully refreshed and ready to set the wheels in motion for a successful P & F year. You would have received a P & F information pamphlet and a membership form in your forms packages. Just a friendly reminder to send your membership forms in to the front office. Being a member does not mean that you have to attend every meeting, but it does provide us with a valuable list of contacts whom we can ask if we need a hand and also shows your preferences for being involved in P & F.

Another reminder is for all who are involved in any way with food handling at school to please complete the free online food handling course offered here [www.goyder.imalert.com.au](http://www.goyder.imalert.com.au). You will receive a certificate which you can present to the school.

Lastly we have a meeting scheduled for 28 February at 11.35am, where we will begin planning this year’s activities and will start a discussion on how P & F funds will be allocated to the school for this year. If you would like to have your say and be involved in decisions such as this, it is important to come along to meetings. All are most welcome to come along for a coffee and a friendly chat – no pressure!

If you have any questions about P & F please do not hesitate to contact me on 0408 828 196.

The Parents and Friends Committee for 2017 is as follows:

Chairperson—Nicole Milde
Vice Chair—Tania Williams
Secretary—Jo Mosey
Treasurer—Renae Sauer
Catering Coordinator—Linda Pfitzner
Special Menu Coordinators—Louise Jenke and Mandy Verco
School Council Rep—Nicole Milde
Uniform Rep—Louise Jenke
Pedal Prix Rep—Jayne Schulz
Promotions Rep—Chelsea Laucke

Nicole Milde, P & F Chairperson
From the
Care Coordinator.....

Introducing the
2017 Class Carers

Foundation - Tania Williams
Year 1/2 - Louise Jenke
Year 3 - Katie Preston
Year 4/5 - Fiona Traynor
Year 6/7 - Karen Nietschke
Staff Carer - Belinda McDonnell

Prayer and
Care .....

We pray for the new families and staff as our school community begins another year.
We pray for a wonderful year with lots of learning, fun, friendships, safety and good health.

Church Times

Sunday 5 February 2017.....

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Community

News and Events.....

St John’s Lutheran Church
Eudunda

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

10th Feb 2017 - 7pm

Everyone is welcome to attend our Informal Worship Service led by Pastor Joshua Muller