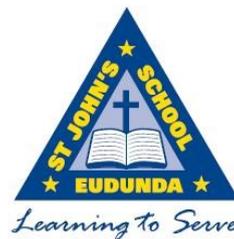


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Back to School

How can it be time to go back to school already? Summer flew by. Kids would choose another six months of summer. So would we ...

Or would we? Many parents and kids are ready to pull on a uniform, have a schedule, see friends they haven't connected with over the summer, and get back at it.

The "it" for our children is school and studying. The "it" for parents might be engendering a lifelong love of learning.

Outstanding schools and excellent teachers will have impact on this, but it is parents who set the tone, model a love of learning, and invite all children to see themselves as competent learners. We need to encourage our children, give them courage to try new and hard things.

Instill a love of learning by making it a joyful thing. Model a love of learning. Share delight in something new we have learned.

Create a place that is well lighted and quiet for studying. Make opportunities for kids to pursue an interest or passion. Let them slow down, explore lots of things, and be curious. Make education a priority.

Celebrate learning, not just grades.

When children struggle, celebrate effort, hard work, improvement, and little accomplishments. Remind them of past successes, accomplishments, and mastery. Share with them times you have been challenged.

In the end, we will help our children to be all God has created them to be. That is what we are called as parents to do.

(Adapted from The Youth & Family Institute website)



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IMPORTANT 2018 DATES

JANUARY

Tuesday 30

- First day of Term One
- Opening Chapel Service in St John's Lutheran Church at 9.00am with Pastor Josh followed by morning tea

Wednesday 31

- SAPSASA swimming practice for trials

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 2

- Zooper Doopers—50 cents each

Monday 5

- Swimming lessons

Tuesday 6

- Swimming lessons

Wednesday 7

- SAPSASA trials

Monday 12

- Swimming lessons

Tuesday 13

- Swimming lessons

Wednesday 14

- Swimming lessons

Friday 23

- Barossa and Light SAPSASA Swimming Carnival

Sunday 25

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

MARCH

Friday 2

- St John's Swimming Carnival



From the

Principal.....

Welcome back! I look forward to seeing fresh faced staff, students and families as we begin the 2018 school year next week. School commences at 8.45am on Tuesday 30 January with a Whole School Chapel Service at 9.00am in St John's Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend the Service and morning tea afterwards which will be provided by our wonderful Parents and Friends Committee.

This week our teaching staff have been working on Professional Development in the area of Numeracy with a number of other Lutheran Schools at Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School. This was both a challenging and

engaging learning day for everyone. We also travelled to Clare to again meet with our peers from both Angaston and Clare to continue our inquiry-STEM journey together. A day was also spent on site planning together with specialist teachers the units of work your children will be engaging with in the coming weeks.



Welcome

I would like to welcome our new Foundation families to St John's—Jason, Carly and **Charlie Boxall**; Michael Tatham, Sarah Evans and **Jacob Lawson**; Terry, Peta and **Charli Brown**; Chris, Bethany and **Ella Prosser**; Kym, Louise and **Ayla Schutz** and our new Year Seven family—Dion, Kerrie and **Kyla Dellar**.

I would like to also welcome our new Year One/Two classroom teacher, Ms Lucy O'Driscoll.

Staff Update

Our bus driver/maintenance and grounds person, Mr Jason Stewart, successfully won a position at Faith Lutheran College commencing this year. His travel time to and from work will be halved which will be of great benefit to him and his family. I thank Mr Stewart for his contribution to St John's over the past few years and wish him all the best for his new position. Mr Richard Crouch, who was on staff last year as our relief bus and grounds staff member, will take on the role of bus driver five days per week and maintenance/grounds person two days per week. I welcome Mr Crouch and look forward to working with him again.

From the

Principal continued.....

Farewell to Chase

I was advised this week that Chase Booth will not be returning to St John's this year. He will continue his education at the Eudunda Area School. We wish him all the best for his future learning.

Parent information Evening 2018

All school families are invited to our Parent Information Evening and pooled dinner event on **Sunday 11 February 2018 at 5.00pm** in the School Hall. We will begin the evening together where I will share school expectations and then give you the opportunity to visit your child's classroom where two 15-minute sessions will be offered for you to gain insight into your child's learning for 2018. We will then have a pooled dinner together out in the courtyard to continue conversations, meet and chat.

Please consider bringing along something to share for dinner that evening and if it needs refrigeration, please place in the hall kitchen beforehand. Our staff members are looking forward to meeting with you and spending time getting to know you and your family.

2018 Form Packages

All forms were due back at school on Monday 11 December 2017. If you have not already done so, please return to school **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so that our database can be updated.

Keep safe and cool.

Paula Skinner—Principal



Zooper Doopers
will be available at lunch
time on Friday's

50 cents



Sold by the Year 6/7 Class for the P&F

*From the**Sports Coordinator.....***Swimming Dates for 2018**

| Week | Date | Reason | Students Involved |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| One | Wednesday 31 January | Swimming practice for trials | Students who turn 10 in 2018 |
| Two | Monday 5 February | Swimming lessons | Foundation to Year Seven |
| | Tuesday 6 February | Swimming lessons | Foundation to Year Seven |
| | Wednesday 7 February | Swimming trials for SAPSASA | Students who turn 10 in 2018 |
| Three | Monday 12 February | Swimming lessons | Foundation to Year Seven |
| | Tuesday 13 February | Swimming lessons | Foundation to Year Seven |
| | Wednesday 14 February | Swimming lessons | Foundation to Year Seven |
| Four | Friday 23 February | SAPSASA Swimming | Selected team from trials |
| Five | Friday 2 March | Swimming Carnival | Whole School |

Swimming Lessons

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

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 10.30am to 11.15am | Year Six/Seven |
| 11.25am to 11.55am | Year One/Two |
| 12.05pm to 12.35pm | Foundation/Year One |
| 1.05pm to 1.50pm | Year Three/Four |
| 2.00pm to 2.45pm | Year Four/Five |

Swimming lesson times for Wednesday 14 February are as follows:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 9.00am to 10.00am | Year Six/Seven |
| 10.00am to 11.00am | Year One/Two |
| 11.15am to 12.15pm | Foundation/Year One |
| 12.15pm to 1.15pm | Year Three/Four |
| 1.45pm 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 Tuesday, 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

50 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile?
What made her frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?

● See full list at HerViewFromHome.com