

Term 3 Issue 1

## Foundation & Year One Newsletter

### Welcome

A warm welcome to our new Foundation students; Josseline Cavanagh, Charlotte Crowther, Sonny Geister, Bethany Jenke and Eddy Verco. I am excited to have you in my class and am looking forward to getting to know you better. We also welcome Robert and Tanya, Scott and Sally, Stephen and Jessica, Randall and Mandy to our class parents.

It has been a busy start to the term with the passing of my father requiring me to take leave. I appreciate the prayers, cards and messages of sympathy I have received. They mean a lot to me. I would also like to thank Nerina Kirkman, Lara Hepner, Shelley Schild and Mandy Verco for teaching our class during my absence.

### Playing in the Yard

At the beginning of term we reminded ourselves of our agreed expectations for playing in the yard at Recess and Lunch. When playing in the yard we need to consider the safety of ourselves and others. We also need to remember to show respect to others and to our play spaces.

Trees can be climbed if students are able to do this unaided and feel confident to climb up and down by themselves. No trees are climbed beyond the bottom limbs for the safety of our students and to protect the tree from damage.



Students are reminded to bring a pair of gum boots or old shoes to wear when playing in the scrub as this area can be muddy. This protects school shoes and our school carpets. There is a tub in the passage for boots. Please remember to name your child's boots before sending them to school.

### **School Bibles**

St John's Lutheran Church provides Bibles for all students attending our school to support their Christian education and to be used in Christian Studies lessons. Bibles are presented at the beginning of each school year. Our new Foundation students will receive their Bibles at the beginning of the 2019 school year. We have spare Bibles in class to use when required for the remainder of this year.

### **Unit of Inquiry**

Our third inquiry, under the Transdisciplinary Theme: How we express ourselves, is now complete and books will be travelling home shortly.

Our Unit of Inquiry books are an important part of our reporting policy here at St John's. Unit of Inquiry books are taken home at the completion of each of the six Units of Inquiry. They contain an assessment of each unit and show the learning journey of each student.

The Parent Reflection page provides an opportunity for parents to comment on their child's learning after they have read and discussed the contents of their child's book.

Some information for parents about the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) is included with this newsletter. If you have any questions about the programme, please contact Coralee Hambour, our PYP coordinator, or me.



Student-led Conferences are another aspect of reporting in a PYP school. Later this term you will be invited to attend your child's Student-led Conference. In this conference your child will be responsible for leading a discussion of their learning in our next inquiry and sharing their work and understandings. Information about Student-led Conferences will be sent home shortly.

Our next inquiry is under the Transdisciplinary Theme: Where we are in place and time. Our Central Idea is Human need for shelter depends on where people are in the world. We will be inquiring into the need for shelter, the types of houses built to meet needs in different environments and how houses have changed over time. This inquiry covers the areas of Social Studies, (including History), English, German and Mathematics in the Australian Curriculum.

This inquiry has been collaboratively planned with Mrs Melissa Emmett from Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Angaston. We are currently planning an excursion to visit their school as part of our inquiry and to explore their outdoor playspace, Eden.

### **Family Fun Night**

This term we will host our annual Family Fun Night. This evening begins at 5.30pm with families returning to school for a BBQ and activities. Parents and Foundation students will head off at the end of the activities while Year One and Two students will stay in the School Hall for a Sleepover. Information about this evening will be sent home shortly.

Yours in Christ,  
Sue Denholm

