

Year 3/4 Class Newsletter Week 1 Term 1

Welcome

Welcome to the Year 3/4 class. I hope you all had a lovely break and raring to go for another exciting year at St John's Lutheran School.

I had a relaxing break, going for our annual trip to beautiful Lake Bonney at Barmera. I spent quality time with family and close friends on the lake knee boarding and going on the biscuit. Although my children were very brave, I was happy to relax in my chair and swimming when it got too hot. I also spent the majority of the holiday following my sons, Lachie and Rylee in their cricket pursuits.

Introductions

I look forward to getting to know you or reacquaint myself with you. I live in Hampden with my husband David and children Lachlan, who is 17, Rylee, 15 and India, 7. We also have a Maltese-Schitzu named Coco, cat called Cena and a bearded dragon, Rex.

I have been a teacher for over 20 years teaching in a range of different schools. I have also taught a range of different grades and specialist subjects including Physical Education, the Arts, History and Class room teaching. I am very excited to be teaching full time this year after a number of years part time. We have got an exciting year ahead of us, I am looking forward to working closely to both your child and your family.

I would also like to welcome the l'Anson family to St John's and in particular George who is in year 4. I am hoping you get to love this school as much as I do.

We are also excited to get to know our new Principal, Mr Tony Peters and welcome him to St John's.

Weekly Reminders

Monday	Visual Arts with Mrs Peters Sports Uniform
Thursday	German with Mr Peters
Friday	Physical Education Sports Uniform

***** Sports Uniform is to be worn on Mondays and Fridays each week. *****

Physical Education

Through out the week, I will be teaching Physical Education with the rest of the school in the afternoons. During this time Mr Peters will be teaching Christian Studies and Mrs Hambour will be teaching Unit of Inquiry, Grammar and Handwriting. This will mean Literacy and Numeracy times will not be impacted by my absence.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will be taking place in week 2 on Monday 4th February, Tuesday 5th February, Wednesday 6th February and Week 3 on Monday 11th February and Tuesday 12th February. These lessons will be taken by myself and Mrs Lara Hepner.

Our annual Swimming Carnival will be taking place in Week 3 on Friday 15th February. A nomination form has been sent home, please return these as soon as possible.

Camp

The year 3/4 camp will be taking place in Week 10 from Wednesday 3rd April to Friday 5th April. We will be travelling to Monarto Zoo as part of our Unit of Inquiry on Habitats. The cost of this camp will be approximately \$200. This can be paid in installments, if you have any concerns about this please speak to our finance manager, Mr Graeme Reiwolt or Mr Tony Peters as soon as possible. This is a fabulous camp with many learning experiences. The students will be sleeping in swags that will be provided by Monarto. More information will be coming home shortly.

Parent Information Night

On Tuesday 12th February our Parent Information Night will be held. This is a valuable session to meet you all face to face and to discuss the routines of the class. I encourage you all to attend as this will set us up for a wonderful year. If you are unable to attend please let me know. The night will begin at 7.00pm with 2 sessions running. I look forward to catching up with you all.

Unit Of Inquiry

Our first Unit of Inquiry for the year is on Role Models
Central Idea

Choices of role models affect the beliefs and values of individuals and society

Transdisciplinary Theme

Who We Are

Lines of Inquiry

- How and why role models are chosen
- The influence of role models on our choices and actions
- How our choices of role models can change
Learner Profile Attributes and Attitudes

Concepts

Perspective, Causation and Reflection

Important Dates

Sunday 3rd February

Staff installation service

Week 2

Monday – Wednesday 4th – 6th February

Swimming Lessons

Thursday 7th February

P and F Welcome BBQ

Week 3

Monday – Tuesday 11th – 12th February

Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 12th February

Parent Information Night

Friday 15th February

Swimming Carnival

Communication

Class Newsletters will be sent home each week outlining the happenings of the Year 3/4 class. This will be posted on SeeSaw. Please let me know if you would also like to receive this as a hard copy.

I will also be keeping you informed about your child's learning journey through SeeSaw, please ensure you have your notifications on as any last minute notifications will be through this. Students also enjoy sharing their work through this tool also.

All bus changes, appointments or illnesses are to be sent through to the front office through a phone call or email at your earliest convenience.

Communication is very important between home and school. Please do not hesitate in getting in contact at any time. Looking forward to a wonderful year.

Your in Christ

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