

# Foundation Newsletter

Week 5, Monday 27 May 2019



## National Day of Thanksgiving

Saturday 25 May 2019 is National Day of Thanksgiving. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the many ways you support your child on their learning journey here at St John's.

Many of you also participate in voluntary work in our community. We give thanks to God and to each other for those many things we often take for granted, those things that really make our lives worth living.

## Pupil Free Day

On Friday 7 June 2019 there will be a pupil free day at the Eudunda Area School. The Keller/Robbie bus and DECD buses will NOT be running on that day. Please make alternative arrangements for your children to be at school. The Kapunda bus will run as normal.

## Lost Property

There are many unclaimed items of clothing etc. in lost property which have been there since Term One. If these items are not claimed before the end of Term Two, they will be donated to a charity.

## Great Explorations

The first session of this free program for pre-schoolers is on Monday 27 May between 9.30 and 10.30am. The program introduces pre-schoolers to some wonderful learning while developing their social, emotional, academic and physical capacities. Great Explorations also provides an opportunity for parents with similar aged children to make connections.

## Mum's The Word - Looking after Yourself

This free parent workshop is designed for busy mums in our school community will be held in our School Hall on Friday 31 May between 9.00am and 2.00pm. RSVP to Lynn Grosser if you would like to attend.

## Upcoming Events

### May

- Monday 27 Great Explorations  
9.30am - 10.30am
- Friday 31 Half Day Foundation  
Transition **Please  
note the change of  
date**
- Chapel in the school  
hall at 9.00am led  
by Year 5 followed  
by a cuppa
- P & F Self Care  
Workshop

### June

- Monday 3 Half Day  
Foundation  
Transition
- Tuesday 4 Open Day
- Wednesday 5 Nude Food Day
- Friday 7 Chapel in the school  
hall at 9.00am led  
by Pastor Josh  
followed by a cuppa
- Eudunda Area  
School Pupil Free  
Day. NO DECD  
buses
- Monday 10 Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday
- Friday 14 Chapel in the School  
Hall at 9.00am led  
by the Year One/  
Two class
- SRC Casual Day
- Monday 17 Full Day Foundation  
Transition
- Wednesday 19 SRC Nude Food Day
- School Council  
Meeting
- Friday 21 Chapel in the School  
Hall at 9.00am led  
by Mr Peters

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## English

This week we will focus on /y/ as an alternative spelling for the /ee/ sound at the end of a word as in sunny, funny and daisy. We will also explore how consonant letters are often doubled after a short vowel sound. We will begin our dictation program using phonetically regular words and continue to focus on writing stories in our writing tasks.

## Mathematics

This week we will continue to work on addition strategies including the 'count on' strategy and the 'turnaround' idea for number facts as these basic number fact strategies are important building blocks for mental computation. We will also be exploring 3D objects and their characteristics such as whether they can roll or stack, whether they have curved or flat surfaces and their proper mathematical names.

## Unit of Inquiry

This week our focus will be on our local area and its services. We will explore the information we gathered on our community walk and record the services we have in Eudunda and discuss services that we have to travel outside our local area for.

## Christian Studies

This week we will explore the question, "What is 'Church?'" we will visit St John's church and look at the different parts of the church so that we can draw and label a diagram. We will also explore what people do at church.

## Science

This week we will explore what animals do when seasons change. We will revisit the eBook, 'A Journey Through the Seasons,' and find the animals migrating or hibernating. We will also consider what would happen to animals who cannot adapt to the change of seasons.



Congratulations Lila for receiving our class award this week for being Reflective. Lila has been using addition strategies and practising them to improve in Mathematics.



Wednesday 5 June is our next Nude Food



## Semester Two Transition

Next week we begin the transition program for students starting school in Term Three. They will be joining our class for two half days and two full days this term.

## Open Morning

Our second Open Morning will take place next Tuesday. This is a great opportunity to see our classes in action. Please let families who may be interested in enrolling students in our school know so they can come and see what St John's is all about.