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Year four, five and six students give the 'Thumbs Up' to stage one of the Nature Play Space



Foundation /One Class

Ella Doering - 8 June

Year Six Class

Brett Schiller - 10 June

This week's devotion... *Submitted by Brenda Verrall*

It's Time to Warm Up

Do you ever have that moment when you suddenly realize you're cold? Perhaps you've been sitting in front of a heater enjoying the warmth and coziness, and then start to get busy. You strike up a conversation with a friend or begin to do some task and then you reach a moment in time where you have an immediate awareness that something has changed and that you are no longer warm; in fact, you're quite cold! After a few moments of investigation you discover the heater got unplugged, and it is no longer providing the heat that was once keeping you warm. What do you do in that moment of coldness? You plug in the heater and get that heat flowing again, of course!



In John 15:5 Jesus tells us, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

This is God's reminder to us to know how best to thrive. It is through living a Christ centered life that is constantly being attended to through studying His Word and connecting to God with constant communication (prayer). Giving priority to this most important and sustaining relationship with our Heavenly Father is life-giving. It occurs to me that when I've spent a few days forgetting to read my bible or fail to spend some serious time in prayer seeking after God and I begin to feel that something's not quite right. Fortunately for me, God's first nudge to get me back on track is simply to let me stay chilled for just long enough that I decide I liked being warm better and seek out the ultimate heat source.

No matter where you find yourself in the chaos of life, it's never too late to stop, breathe, and turn your full attention to God. If you find an arctic air has descended on you, plug yourself back into the one who made you. Let His warmth bring your frozen limbs back to life. You might just find the heat of the Lord is enough not only to sustain you, but to bring new fruit to your life that you had not anticipated.

<https://dailydevotion.tv/its-time-to-warm-up/>

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Wednesday 27

- Simultaneous story time

JUNE

Monday 1

- Mid-Year Foundation transition (half day)

- Chapel led by Year 4/5 Class

Thursday 4

- Whole school virtual Cross-Country Event

Friday 5

- EAS Student Free Day. No DECD buses

Monday 8

- Public Holiday

Friday 12

- Mid-Year Foundation transition (half day)

Monday 15

- Mid-Year Foundation transition (full day)

Friday 19

- Pyjama/Onsie Casual Day



From the Principal...

Easing of restrictions due to Covid_19

As Government and Health Authorities begin easing restrictions surrounding Covid-19 please have a read of the following information provide to us by AISSA for the education sector.

The following frequently asked questions have been prepared for the education sector. This Information is accurate as of 19 May 2020

What is the position on children who stay home because they live with vulnerable/at-risk individuals (i.e. grandparents living with parents and grandchildren, immunocompromised parent, etc)?

At-risk members of a child's household should seek individual advice from their medical practitioner prior to returning to school. This applies to staff, children and members of their household. Medical practitioners can refer to guidance available from Australian Department of Health.

Can schools let therapists, support services and contractors back on site?

This depends on the individual circumstances. Schools should make an assessment of the risk, necessity for continuity of learning and mitigation measures before deciding. Volunteering (e.g. parent reading groups) and non-essential services (i.e. elective, non-therapeutic music classes) should still be postponed.

Can school camps and excursions recommence?

Small group excursions, camps and outdoor education can resume where it's a necessary part of a student's education program, such as relevant SACE components. Appropriate hygiene measures should be followed and adults must continue to maintain physical distance (1.5m) and density (4sqm) requirements. Students must not attend if they are unwell.

Can we take groups of 10 to national parks?

No. While this is not prohibited, it is still advised against for schools due to the transport and logistics involved, the requirement of extra supervisors and/or parent involvement and the sharing of equipment presents unnecessary risk.

What is the position on home visits?

This advice has not changed. Where possible, alternative service delivery models should be used (phone or video call, postponing, visit without entering the home, etc.). Where postponing is not possible, call ahead first to ascertain if the child or family is a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.

School sport

From Monday 1 June restrictions for school related sport will be eased to allow:

- Non-contact sport competition can commence from 1 June 2020 (indoor and outdoor).
- Contact sport training activities can commence from 1 June 2020 (indoor and outdoor).
- Contact competition activities can commence from 25 June 2020 (indoor and outdoor).

Are there any specific precautions pregnant staff should take?

No, this advice has not changed. There are no specific or elevated risk factors for pregnant people. Pregnant staff should seek advice from their medical practitioner if they have any concerns.

Do schools still have to close if a positive case is identified at the school?

Yes, the same protocol that has been used to date continues to apply. SA Health encourages promoting the protocol through the education system to ensure staff are familiar with the procedure, and for reassurance purposes.

Do schools need to maintain readiness to switch back to remote learning?

Schools are not encouraged to switch back to remote learning, even if a positive case is identified at the school. If this happens, the regular closure and cleaning protocol should be followed. Only if an actual cluster emerges at a school are schools encouraged to switch back to remote learning models. As such, schools should maintain baseline levels of readiness to switch back.

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From the Principal Cont....

Can school sports competitions recommence at Step 2?

Yes, but only for non-and low-contact sports, and only for localized rather than state-wide or interregional competitions. At Step 2, preparations to return to competitions should commence gradually, rather than a comprehensive and simultaneous recommencement of most competitions. Sports days/carnivals should continue to be postponed in Step 2.

Can cooking/kitchen and gardening programme's recommence?

Garden activities outside and in groups of 10 can recommence. Cooking activities can recommence if undertaken individually, with each child's own utensils/equipment. Where this is impossible, postponing may be advisable

School News...

EAS Pupil Free Day

Friday 5 June is a pupil Free Day for the Eudunda Area School and as such there will be No DECD buses running, this includes the Keller bus. This is a normal school day for St Johns therefore Parents are reminded that they will need to find alternative transport for their children to and from school on this day. The St Johns bus will operate as normal.

Working with Children Checks

People who work or volunteer with children in South Australia need a Working with Children Check

Children's residential or protection services, Religious organisations, Child minding services, Clubs and associations, Education and training, Party entertainers, Health and allied services, Emergency services, Transport services, Coaching and tuition

What sort of check do you have?

- I have a current DHS/DCSI child-related employment screening. You can keep using it until it expires; then you must get a Working with Children Check.
- I have a current National Police Certificate assessed by my organisation. Under the new law, you can use it until 1 July 2020; then you must get a Working with Children Check.
- I have a current professional registration. Teachers, health service, and transport service workers who work with children must get a Working with Children Check before they renew their current professional registration.
- I don't have a current check. Under the law, you can't work or volunteer with children unless you have a valid check. You must get a Working with Children Check.

What's the difference?

DHS child-related employment screening (before 1 July 2020)	Working with Children Check (after 1 July 2020)	National Police Certificate (after 1 July 2020)
Valid for 3 years	Valid for 5 years	Not valid for working or volunteering with children
Organisation starts the application	Do your own application	

The law

Screening Unit
The Department of Human Services Screening Unit is the only service that can conduct Working with Children Checks in South Australia.

It is illegal to:

- Work or volunteer with children without a valid Working with Children Check
- Employ a person or volunteer who doesn't have a Working with Children Check, or is prohibited from working with children

Get ready

Don't leave it to the last minute – allow at least six weeks to process your application. If you are renewing a current DHS screening, you can submit a new application up to six months before your current one expires.

Talk to your employer about getting a Working with Children Check or apply for a check directly.
Go to: www.screening.sa.gov.au

Working with Children Checks

All South Australians working or volunteering with children who are currently using a National Police Check **must hold a WWCC on or before 1 July 2020** to enable them to continue to work with children. Please see the infographic pictured from the Dept of Human Services summarizing this Information. For further information or to apply for a WWCC visit <http://screening.sa.gov.au>



Virtual Cross Country

All students have been busy training for the School Sports SA Virtual Cross Country Event which students will participate in next Thursday 4 June. Mrs Cluse and the year Six Class were busy down at the golf course this week mapping, measuring and marking distances for each of the age groups. Unfortunately, Due to the current restrictions we will not be able to have any spectators at the event. We look forward to being able to share some photos and short videos of the day with families where possible.

Our P & F have purchased Fruit Boxes which will be available to students on the day for a cost of \$1 each. Envelopes will be sent home this Friday if you would like to pre purchase one for your child.



Stage One.....Nature Play Space

It is with great excitement that we announce the first stage of the new nature play area at the school has begun!

The committee have been working hard since last year at planning this exciting outdoor play area for our students with support through the P&F Fundraising Levy. Thanks Katie and Kym l'Anson who have been instrumental in not only getting this project off the ground, but for the many hours of physical labour they have put into planning, sourcing and preparing the logs and branches that have been used to create this amazing play space for the children. We are truly grateful for the marvellous support received from a number of school families (including children), community members and staff who attended over the weekend. Along with the l'Anson family and Mrs Verco we thank Stephen and Jess Geister, Phil and Tania Williams, Steph Heidrich, Paul and Bruce Schutz and the extended Schutz family for all their hard work over the weekend.



Class Awards - From Week Four ...

Foundation/Year One
Addison Williams and Eddy Verco

Two/Three
India Cluse and Brooke Schaefer

Four/Five
Shayla Scholz and George l'Anson

Year Six
Bailey Scholz



News from the school yard...

Seeding time...

No doubt inspired by what has been happening at home on the family farm, some of our students have been spotted planting crops in the top scrub. many lunch times have been spent ploughing and preparing the soil, planning crop selections & planting seed; and now, with the recent rains we have had the crops are sprouting! A great reward for the work put in boys —well done!



Nature Play ...

The children were very excited to arrive at school on Monday morning and see what wonderful things had been achieved in the top scrub over the weekend! After a quick guided tour by the teachers to talk to the children about the safe use of the equipment and areas available to them they couldn't wait to enter the scrub and explore - the delight on their faces said it all!

Stay tuned as we eagerly await the next stage of the transformation.....



Year Four/Five- Mrs Verco

Central Idea: Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around the sun

Transdisciplinary Theme: How the world works

Concepts: Form ~ Function

Lines of Inquiry: An inquiry into.....Characteristics of the Solar System ~ The role of the moon and stars

Approaches to Learning: Research skills

Learner Profile Attributes: Inquirers ~ Knowledgeable

What an amazing universe we live in!

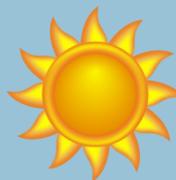
We have only just begun this unit, but we are already amazed about the universe that God created. We listened to Pastor Louis Giglio tell us that there are so many stars that are larger than the Sun. Stars seem small to us because they are so far away. The largest star that we have discovered so far is called *VY Canis Majoris*.



We read through our bibles to look for verses about how the universe was created. We chose one of the verses we read to create a star artwork.



We have begun to inquire into the Sun. We conducted experiments into the movement of the Earth around the Sun by tracing our shadows at different times of the day. Unfortunately the day we went out to do this the sun decided to mostly stay behind the clouds! we still gathered enough data to work out that the shadows change due to our movement around the Sun.



We also recorded the temperature of a cup of water that sat in the Sun for a period of time. Overall the temperature of the water rose, showing the Sun's energy in the form of heat is very powerful!

Prayers... We continue to pray for our staff & school families

Staff	School families
Mandy Verco	Tyson and Alison Mosey
Graeme Ruwoldt	John and Sonya Mosey
Renaë Ruediger	Patrick and Karen Neal
Brenda Verrall	Aaron and Belinda Niemz



For online worship opportunities go to lca.org.au or see the Eudunda /Robertstown Lutheran Parish Facebook site or website <http://erlp.org.au>

From the Care Coordinator...



Australia's National Day of Thanksgiving is on Saturday 30 May 2020. This day is a unique opportunity for Australians to celebrate and give thanks for our God given heritage as a nation, and to demonstrate the values of honor, respect, thankfulness and gratitude towards our fellow man. It is a day for Australians to pause as a nation and say thank you to God and to each other for those many things we often take for granted, those things that really make our lives worth living. Let us use this National Day each year to be a blessing to those who have been a blessing to us.



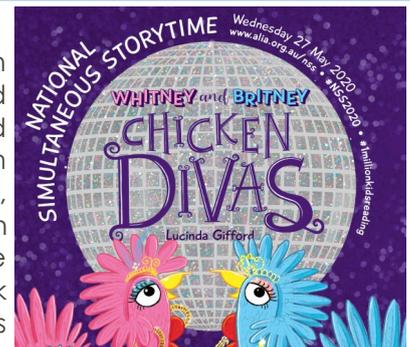
This is an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to people who have been helpful in big and small ways within the community. It is important to make a difference in someone's life by letting them know you appreciate them. Say thank you, tell someone they're special, make someone's day.

St John's Lutheran School appreciates and thanks you for what you do for our school community.

Library News...

Simultaneous story time

This morning all classes joined in the National Simultaneous Storytime an event which is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 20th successful year, it is a colorful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.



Book Club

There has been a slight delay with the Issue 3 online orders. They should arrive at school by the end of this week. Book Club catalogues are once again being distributed. Orders from the issue 4 catalogue, which went home on Monday, are due back at school by **Friday 5 June**.

Free Parenting SA webinar

Handling sibling conflict proactively so they fight less and stay connected



Free parenting webinar

Are you tired of sorting out sibling conflict? Want better relationships and less stress in your family?

Register to hear Madhavi Nawana Parker talk about:

- why it is normal for siblings to fight
- how to reduce conflict by being proactive
- how conflict can be a chance to build children's skills and strengthen relationships
- keeping yourself calm and positive.

Register at <https://handling-sibling-rivalry.eventbrite.com>

You will also receive a link to view the webinar recording after the event. This session is designed for parent/carers of children 4-12 years.



Madhavi Nawana Parker, author, counsellor and Director of Positive Minds Australia
www.positivemindsaustralia.com

Tuesday 16 June

When: 7.00pm – SA, NT
7.30pm – Qld, NSW, Vic, ACT, Tas
6.15pm – Eucla
5.30pm – WA

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