

# Informer 2020

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Welcome to St John's! New students who commenced this week:  
L-R: Chloe (F), Daniel (Yr. 1), Jason (F), Ted (F)



## Foundation /Year One Class

Bethany (23 July)

Mitchell (24 July)

## Year Two/Three Class

India (30 July), Charli (4 Aug)

## Year Four/Five Class

Lilly (21 July)

## Staff

Pastor Josh (25 July)

## This week's devotion... *Submitted by Angela Dunstan*

### Side-splitting Laughter

*Job 8:21 "He will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy".*

Have you ever laughed so hard that your whole body starts to ache? There are times that I've spent amongst friends where the laughter has gone on for so long that my cheeks start to hurt, my chest aches and I actually get a stitch in my side. Who would think that so much discomfort would come from something so good? I guess that's why they call it 'side-splitting laughter' and when the laughing stops I will usually find myself saying something like, "I haven't laughed that hard in a long time". Though that may be true, I'll then start anticipating the moment when I will laugh that hard all over again.

There are times in our lives where it seems like we have a laughter drought. Life can get serious and times can be tough, but once that drought breaks you realise just how much you have been missing it.

When Job's friend gives him the hope that God will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy, he is truly giving him something to look forward to. Even when we are going through deep valleys; there is a true gift that we often don't play - The gift of laughter. If, despite our circumstances, we are able to find some humour, then life seems a little brighter.

We thank you Lord for the gift of laughter - how dreary life would be without it! Throughout life may we have the confidence to laugh at ourselves and the blessing of being able to laugh with others.

Amen



## IMPORTANT DATES

### JULY

#### Wednesday 22- Friday 24

- Year Four/Five Camp

#### Monday 27

- Year Six chapel - 9.00am in the school hall

#### Friday 31

- Year Four/Five Assembly 9.00am in the school hall

### AUGUST

#### Monday 3

- Year 6 Exhibition Parent Information Evening 7.00pm

#### Monday 10

- Year Two/Three Chapel & Bible Presentation at 9.00am in the school hall



## From the Principal... *Michael Bowmer*

Welcome back to St John's for an exciting term ahead. We are very excited to welcome 4 new students and their families to our school this term:

Starting in Foundation are Ted Plueckhahn - younger brother to Eloise in Year 4 and Charlotte in year 2 along with Chloe Rowett and her parents Nathan and Amy who are a new family to our school and the Connor family, Dad Matthew and Mum Sarah with children Jason in Foundation and Daniel in Year 1.



It was great to see a number of parents attend our opening chapel service, led by Pastor Josh on Monday, with special guest, Nikki Grosser. We heard Nikki speak about how she has grown over the years from her first day in Reception in 2007 until now. Nikki has grown not only physically and academically, but also spiritually. It is always great to see past students and find out how well they are doing.

### COVID Update

With restrictions easing, it is important that we do not become complacent but still keep practicing good hygiene - hand washing, sanitizing, coughing/sneezing into your elbows, as well as social distancing measures.

As previously advised, from Monday 29 June, the following activities are able to resume as long as government health advice and physical distancing requirements are strictly followed:

- parents, volunteers, support and other service providers can enter school grounds. All external service providers and volunteers need to complete a COVID-19 site access form on entry
- school assemblies (attendance register to be completed)
- class photos
- all intrastate camps and excursions
- all school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions (use of shower facilities is not permitted)
- inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities
- school formals, socials and discos
- playgroups and occasional care
- larger face-to-face professional learning activities.

From the beginning of Term 3, the following activities can also resume:

- interstate camps, (currently excluding Victoria, ACT, NSW). Due to recent changes to the border restrictions, it is recommended that schools consider postponing or cancelling any planned school camps or trips to Victoria, the ACT or NSW that have been scheduled prior to week 7 of Term 3.
  - visits to nursing homes and aged care facilities. (However, these facilities may not yet allow this activity.)
- As the recent experience in Victoria and New South Wales has demonstrated, the COVID-19 pandemic can be unpredictable and it is important that all South Australians remain well prepared. It is essential that all employees and adults on school sites continue to follow the density and physical distancing guidelines outlined by SA Health:

While there are no caps on the number of people in 1 room, physical distancing and room density requirements must be followed by adults (for example in Council/P&F meetings). Parents should also maintain the 1.5m physical distance between themselves and other adults (parents and teachers) at all times, including school drop off and pick up and the general public should not access school playgrounds or play equipment.



## From the Principal Cont...

### Professional Development

School is often so very busy it is difficult to find time to plan and review our programs. With corona virus this has been especially so. We thank you for your support in allowing teachers this much needed time during our PD Week (the last week of last term). Throughout the week, our staff were fortunate to have the time to participate in some much needed Professional Development, as well as have some time to review where we are at as a school.

On the Monday, all teachers participated in their mid-year performance management review, goals, teaching practices and professional responsibilities were discussed and affirmed. We also completed 5 hours of Microsoft Office training online, and a face to face workshop with Mrs Sue Kupke on 'Connect' This is a theological program for all teachers of the Lutheran Church. We looked at issues of Spirituality versus Christianity and Creation in today's world.

Throughout the week staff were also involved in looking at our Special Education and Support program, learning a little about autism and how strategies can be adapted for students, as well as developing Individual Learning Plans for our students. Finally we spent time re-organising our resources that support our Program of Inquiry across the grades.

### St John's School Bus Run

I would like to thank all families who provided feedback regarding our review of the St John's bus run. As you can imagine, many different opinions have been expressed and there were many factors involved in making this decision, it was difficult to please everyone. We will revisit this issue again towards the end of the year. All teachers were taken on a trial run at the end of last term, and it is great to see where our students live. I would like to thank Mrs Verrall and Daryl Schutz for filling in whilst we were trying to sort out alternative arrangements. Thank you to Steve Wegner for taking on the driving whilst Richard remains off work, and huge THANK YOU to Sonya's mum Val Duldig for giving the bus a much needed clean over the holidays!

### Lost Property

There is a large quantity of 'unnamed items' in the schools lost property box. If your child is missing something please make contact with the school. We ask that our families please remember to label their children's clothing, it makes it much easier to return items to their rightful owners when they go missing.

### Student Action

Mrs Ruediger's Year 2/3 class have been learning about plants and how plants have certain requirements in order to grow and stay healthy. As part of this learning some children chose to grow crops. Year Three student Marty had noticed that the birds had been eating the crop that had been planted earlier and he didn't want the birds to eat his seeds over the holidays. Marty showed action and helped his Dad make a bird feeder which was brought in to school to be put near their crop. So far the crop hasn't been touched by the birds and the birds have been using the feeder. Great actioning Marty!



### Lunch Orders

Information regarding changes to lunch orders was sent home to all families at the end of last term. A reminder that lunch orders will be available through B's Café on Mondays and on Fridays students can order through the Eudunda Bakery.

**KFC is set to  
resume**

Exciting News! KFC is resuming on **Friday 14 August**.

Further details available soon.

For enquiries please contact **Chris Doecke** on **0488 047 861**

# Foundation / Year One - Mrs Denholm

## Central Idea: Food goes through stages before it is consumed.

**Transdisciplinary Theme:** How we organise ourselves

**Concepts:** Connection ~ Causation ~ Function

**Lines of Inquiry:**

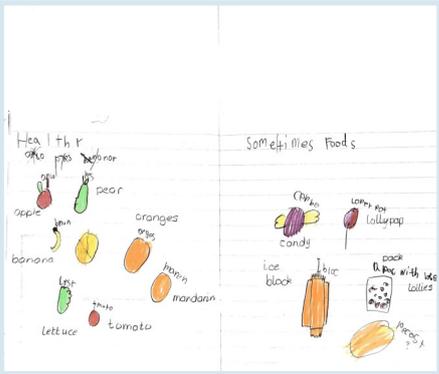
- The connection between the foods we eat and our health
- The effects of scientific processes on food
- How foods are produced

**Approaches to Learning:** Self-management skills

**Learner Profile Attributes:** Knowledgeable ~ Balanced

Our first line of inquiry looks at the connection between the foods we eat and our health. Students categorised foods into 'Healthy' and 'Sometimes Foods' using their own knowledge and understanding before we looked at the five food groups in the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating. Students then added foods to include foods from each food group.

**Before**

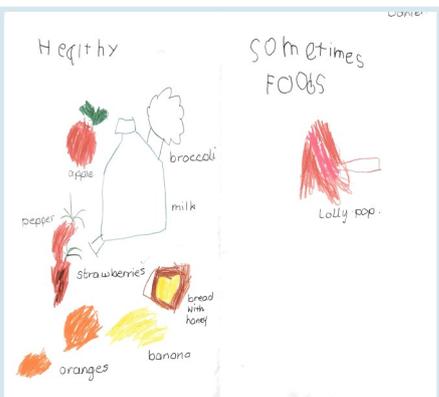
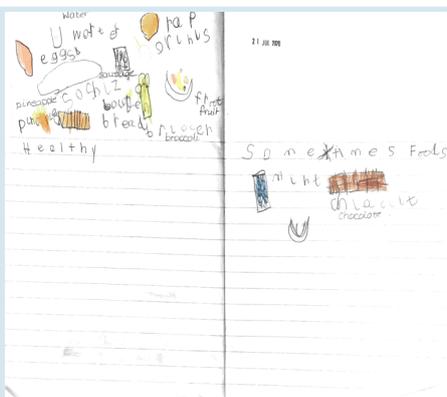
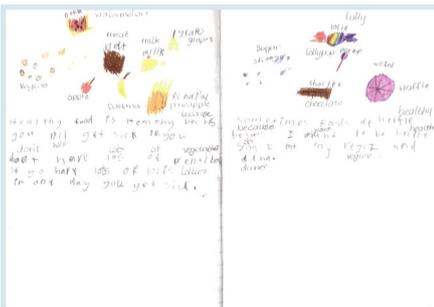


Eddy

Harriet

Lila

**After**



Jessica

Jonathan

Daniel

## School News...

### PJ/Onesie Day

Staff and students lit up the school with a wonderful display of 'colour and craziness' for Casual Day in Term 2 when we came to school dressed in our Pyjamas! Through the generosity of our families we raised just over \$100 which the SRC will put towards the purchase of large outdoor games for the students.

Foundation & Yr 1 Class



India & Regan



Mrs Cluse and Mrs Verco having a 'COW' of a time!



St John's Staff



Mrs Cluses' Yr. 6 Class



Mrs Verco's 4/5 Class



Lila, Maddy & Harriet

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

Staff	School families
Michael Bowmer	Matthew & Renae Plueckhahn
Sue Denholm	Nathan & Amy Rowett
	Matthew & Sarah Connor

We thank God for holidays and time spent with families

We ask that God is with our new students and their families as they start their schooling with us at St John's

We pray for a productive Term Three with lots of learning, fun and friendships

## Worship times...



### EUDUNDA-ROBERTSTOWN PARISH Sunday 26 July

Neales Flat	8.30am	Pastor Joshua Muller
Eudunda	8.30am	Pastor Ken Pfitzner
Robertstown	10.30am	Pastor Ken Pfitzner
Point Pass	10.30am	Pastor Joshua Muller

### EUDUNDA-ROBERTSTOWN PARISH Sunday 2 August

Geranium Plain	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Point Pass	8.30am	LR	
Neales Flat	8.30am	LR	
Robertstown	10.00am	LR	
Eudunda	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller



## From the Care Coordinator... *Lutheran Community Care*



### Have you been affected by COVID-19?

Our team at Lutheran Community Care provides support for households who are in immediate need.

#### Ask our Emergency Relief team about:

- Food vouchers, food parcels & Foodbank home delivery
- Payment of PBS chemist scripts
- Other assistance & referrals

#### Ask our qualified Financial Counselling team about:

- Impacts of reduced income & unmanageable debts
- Hardship on mortgages/credit cards/loans
- Utility debts & concessions
- Rent arrears & budgets

#### Our personal counsellor can talk with you about:

- Mental health & wellbeing
- Relationship concerns
- Domestic violence
- Grief & loss
- Trauma & parenting issues

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