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This week's devotion... *Submitted by Edith Zeller*

Seeing through their eyes

"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3)

In her seventies my mother would sometimes say that she was still a little girl on the inside. Some of my teachers I could not imagine ever being young, but others had that wonderful capacity to come alongside me and to see the world through my eyes as a child or young person.

One of my favourite photos of my wife shows her with a little girl in her arms and they are watching a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis. Both look with total fascination at what is happening before their eyes, little Mady seeing it for the very first time, and my wife seeing it as if for the first time, as she draws Mady's attention to details of the unfolding scene.

In our verse today, Jesus is calling us to change and become like little children so that we will enter God's kingdom. Do we not, as teachers, also need to regain something of that childlike freshness, wonder and trust if we are to see things in the Father's world again as if for the first time, and help others to truly see them for the first time?

Poet William Blake wrote,

*"To see a world in a grain of sand,
And a heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand,
And eternity in an hour."*



Nor is this necessarily a matter of progression; it may also require change, an about-turn, a conversion, a conscious effort on our part to see things differently, to become like little children or the young people whom we seek to teach. What once was wonderful and new can sadly have become to us so ordinary and familiar. If we change, we may find the holy in the humdrum, the miraculous in the mundane and, as they look with us, so also may our students.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, the universe declares your majesty! Help me to see it with fresh eyes and to help others to do so too. Amen.

Source: Another Day - Biblical reflections for busy teachers, The Stapleford Centre

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Monday 17—Friday 21

- Science Week Activities

Friday 21

- School Council & Staff Dinner 7pm at Vine Inn

Monday 24

- Chapel in the school hall 9.00am led by Pastor Leon Rosenberg
- P&F Meeting after Chapel in the school hall

Friday 28

- Year 6 Assembly 9.00am in the school hall

Monday 31

- Chapel in the school hall 9.00am led by the Foundation/One class

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3

- Fathers Day Stall

Friday 4

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 15

Open Day - Principal's Tours

- Tours commencing at 9.00am and 10.00am



From the Principal... *Michael Bowmer*

Census was held last Friday. This is the day in the year where the Commonwealth looks at our enrolments and determines our annual funding. With increased enrolments giving us a healthier than anticipated budget, I have been able to review the amount of support we are able to offer our students who have learning needs. This has been increased from 10 hours/week to 15 hours/week, meaning more of our students are receiving either individual or small group support.

Due to Covid 19, Pedal Prix has officially been cancelled for this year. However, restrictions have eased enough for us to allow our school camps to proceed. Mrs Verco's 4/5 class enjoyed a very successful camp to Mylor at the beginning of this term and Mrs Cluse's Year 6 class, at this stage, will experience city life on their 2 night stay at *Warradale Urban Camp* scheduled for week 10.

Bible Presentation

Pastor Josh presented Bibles to our new first students and those in Year 3 at Chapel on Monday. Pictured below are the students with their bibles.



Open Day - 'Principal Tours'

An Open Day has been planned for Tuesday 15 September, 2020. Due to the Corona Virus, this will take the format of 'Principal's Tours'. There will be 2 tour times commencing at 9.00am and 10.00am. Numbers will be restricted for these tours, therefore it is essential that you book prior to the day. If you know of any parents that are interested in either just finding out about or possibly enrolling their children at our school, please encourage them to phone or email the school office and book a spot for one of these tours.

Year 7 at St Johns in 2021

If there are any families of our current year Six students who are considering keeping their children at St Johns to complete year seven in 2021, please contact me at the school at your earliest convenience to discuss.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that Friday 4 September is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be engaged in Professional Development training on this day.

Class Awards...Week 3

<p>Foundation/Year One Chloe Rowett & Ted Plueckhahn</p>
<p>Two/Three Ella Prosser, Dougie Mosey, Maria IÁnson & Eli Pfitzner</p>
<p>Four/Five Max Mosey</p>
<p>Year Six Bailey Scholz</p>



SRC News...

Up coming events from our SRC

Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 2 September & Thursday 3 September (Week 7) Students will have the opportunity to bring a small amount of money to school to purchase a special gift for their dad from our Fathers Day stall. Gifts ranging in price from 50c - \$5.

Hair-larious Casual Day

Friday 18 September (Week 9) For a gold coin donation students can come to school dressed in casual clothes with 'crazy hair'. Money raised will be donated to the Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation.

P & F MEETING
You are invited
MONDAY 24TH AUGUST
AFTER 9AM CHAPEL WITH
PASTOR LEON

COME ALONG TO THE RESCHEDULED MEETING
COFFEE ORDERS (FROM B'S CAFE)
TO TANIA AT START OF CHAPEL



Advance notice.....

School Photos

School Photos will take place in Week 2 of Term 4 on Monday October 19 2020.

Envelopes will be sent home to families later this term.

Year Four/Five - Mrs Verco

Central Idea: Stories help us to explain and understand the world

Transdisciplinary Theme: How we express ourselves

Concepts: Form ~ Function ~ Connection

Lines of Inquiry: An Inquiry into...

- The ways that stories are told and shared (Form)
- The features of stories (Function)
- How storytelling connects people to culture (Connection)

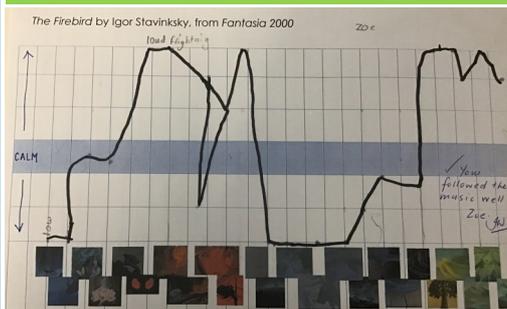
Approaches to Learning: Communication Skills

Learner Profile Attributes: Communicators ~ Reflective

We have been inquiring into this unit since the beginning of the year. Here is a snapshot of some of the tasks we have completed.

- ⇒ We have used pictures as inspiration to write stories and inquired in detail about the different ways that stories can be told and shared.
- ⇒ Listened and read along with a audio book of "Matilda "by Roald Dahl. Whilst reading, we have analyzed the book using a variety of reading comprehension strategies. Once we have completed the book, we will compare it to the movie. We were hoping to visit Faith and see the Musical but current world events put a stop to that!
- ⇒ In Arts lessons with Mrs Wundersitz, we have viewed Disney's "Fantasia" and "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev and plotted the story by listening to the music. We are currently writing and performing our own interpretation of different stories by using hand-made shadow puppets.

Zoe's story plot from listening to Disney's 'Fantasia'



Demi working on her project



George's hand shadow bird



Lachlan's hand shadow fox



George, Lachlan M and Nicholas' shadow puppet scene



Imogen and Amalie create a shadow puppet scene

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

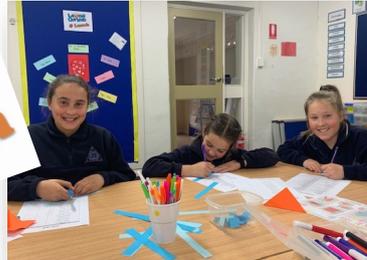
Staff	School families
Renaë Ruediger	Joe & Lauren Ross
Lynn Grosser	Amanda Schaefer
Angela Dunstan	Shane & Fiona Schiller
Lisa Pfitzner	Michael & Regina Scholz

Worship times...

EUDUNDA-ROBERTSTOWN PARISH				EUDUNDA-ROBERTSTOWN PARISH			
Sunday 23 August				Sunday 30th August			
Point Pass	8.30am	P	Pastor Les Pfeiffer	Eudunda	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Peep Hill	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller	Point Pass	8.30am	LR	
Eudunda	10.30am	P	Pastor Les Pfeiffer	Robertstown	10.00am	LR	
Robertstown	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller	Neales Flat	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller

From our Care Coordinator...

LOL@Lunch has continued each Tuesday for the Year 4-6 girls who wish to come and join me at lunchtimes. The girls have been helping me with a few little projects and learning more about filling each other's buckets with kindness. Stay tuned for more to come.....Lynn



Care Coordinator request...

As a school community, one way of showing that we care is by offering some meals to families when they are facing difficulties. I was just wondering if our school families would like to show some love in action by making a meal (that we can freeze) - so we can hand on when needed. Meals should be basic - casseroles/mornay, soup, pizza/quiche, cake etc. These should be placed in disposable containers so that we do not have to chase up dishes etc. If you feel like this is an area that you can help, I thank you in anticipation. We all have different gifts and talents, so I am not assuming you will all be able to help in this area - that is okay. Meals should be delivered to the front office or myself at school whenever it is suitable and will be placed into the school hall freezer. If a date could be written on the outside that would be appreciated. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Lynn Grosser

