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Important Dates

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 3

- Swimming lessons
(all year levels)

Thursday 4

- Swimming lessons
(all year levels)
- Parent Info night &
welcome BBQ 5.00pm

Friday 5

- Assembly 9.00am

Sunday 7

- Staff & School Council
Installation/rededication
Service. 9.00am in St
John's Luthearn Church.

Monday 8

- Chapel 9.00am

Friday 12

- Swimming Carnival
No Assembly

Birthdays

Charlotte.P ~ 3 Feb
Mrs Verco ~ 12 Feb



Welcome to St Johns – New Foudation Students Back row L-R: Harper, Layla, Marlee.
Front row L-R: Bailey, Mitchell, Landen, Jobe and Year Two Student Rubi

Just Keep Swimming Submitted by Lynn Grosser

I'm sure you have all seen the movies "Finding Nemo" or "Finding Dory"? You are more than likely to remember the little song that Dory (a fish with short term memory loss) uses to remind herself not to give up when things get hard. She repeats over and over again "just keep swimming, just keep swimming, just keep swimming...."

Sometimes life is hard with friends or family who are going through hardships. Some have lost loved ones, some are going through financial trouble, some are lonely or feel like they aren't good enough because of mistakes they've made...but no matter the reason, it is tempting to give up when the going gets tough.

I encourage you to think of Dory and her words to "just keep swimming" or even better to reflect on the words of scripture that share a similar idea. Galatians 6:9 says "let us not become weary of doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

This year our students will once again receive a small token from myself when they are listed in our school newsletter prayer and care section. The little fish key-ring encourages them to "Just keep swimming".

Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Phillipians 4:6.

So don't give up, go to God in prayer. God's got you. Just keep swimming!



From the Principal

St John's staff and students have had an exciting start to this year's School Year. We have had 8 new students and 4 new Families starting at St John's and I welcome each one to our school family. Students of existing families starting in Foundation this year are Harper Geister, Jobe Ross and Landen Heidrich. The following Students and families new to our school in 2021 are: Layla Rowett (Daniel Rowett & Rebekkah Richards), Marlee Kotz (Jordan Kotz & Kristen Winders), Mitchell Saegenschnitter (Andrew & Rachel Saegenschnitter), Bailey and Rubi Neumann (Mark and Alinta Neumann). Being a community and having parents and grandparents visit is important to us. As a school, we hope to meet all of you at tomorrow's Parent Information Evening, starting at 5.00pm.

The latest health advice on COVID for Schools from AISSA

The following activities can resume/continue providing physical distancing requirements (

- parents, volunteers, and service providers may enter school and preschool grounds to continue to physically distance wherever possible, including at school pick up and assemblies and concerts.
- school assemblies and concerts
- all intrastate camps and excursions (SA Health approval is not currently required)
- all school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions
- inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities
- school formals, socials and discos
- playgroups and occasional care
- professional learning activities

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For events held both on and off site, food and beverages must not be served using shared utensils and there should be no communal food or beverage service, for example buffets, salad bars or sauce dispensers.

In addition:

- It is important that students and staff stay home if they are unwell.
- All overseas travel remains on hold.
- Schools are advised against booking interstate camps due to the changing nature of border restrictions.
- Additional cleaning of high use areas should continue.
- Records enabling contact tracing of all adults attending the campus should be maintained.

The Department for Education has advised their schools to remain prepared to respond to the fast changing nature of the pandemic.

As was the case at the end of last year, all families are most welcome to be on site, but we do ask that we ensure that we remain Covid safe by:

- Signing in with the QR code provided at entry points to the school
- Practising good hand hygiene
- Staying home if we are unwell
- Adhering to social distancing regulations

**COVID Safe
Check-In**



Download the mySA GOV app

Recent Fruit Fly Outbreak in South Australia

You may be aware that there has been a recent fruit fly outbreak in South Australia. Information from The Department of Primary Industries and Regions was emailed to our school families last week. The recent outbreak has led to restrictions on certain fruits being brought to schools in certain areas of Adelaide and the Riverland. St John's is not in one of the restricted areas and therefore children are encouraged to bring fruit to school in their lunch box as per normal. Further information on the Fruit Fly Outbreak can be found at www.pir.sa.gov.au.

Assembly on Fridays

One change to our routines this year is that our assemblies will be held every Friday starting at 09:00am. Our assembly time is an opportunity for our community to:

- welcome new students from Year 1 to Year 7
- Celebrate recent birthdays
- Share work being completed by our students
- Present students with awards for their achievements
- Share news of upcoming events

Classes will be rostered on to present work once a semester. Teachers will notify parents in advance of when their class is presenting and parents are of course welcome to attend.

Afternoon Snack

Another change to our routines this year will be that children (especially those those students who travel home on a bus) will be encouraged to bring in a healthy afternoon snack to eat at around 3pm.

Michael Bowmer

Principal

Primary Years Programme

Next time you pop into the school, make sure you take the time to have a look at our 'Programme of Inquiry' which is displayed on the wall between the office and library.



This board outlines everything you need to know about the Units of Inquiry each class will be undertaking this year.

The unit that each class is currently undertaking is identified with a star, as well as any units that are ongoing for a term or whole year. This display will change throughout the year as the children progress with their learning.

The board also displays the important elements of the IB PYP Programme – Knowledge, Skills, Concepts, Action and Agency.

In the coming weeks, I plan to share more information with you about each of these elements and how they are planned for and taught and in our classrooms.

In the weeks leading up to the beginning of this school year, our staff have begun busily preparing for our 5 yearly PYP evaluation. This will take place in October this year. More details about how you can become involved in this will be made available in the coming weeks.

Mandy Verco

PYP Coordinator

School News

Working with Children Checks

Parents and caregivers are reminded that all persons volunteering or working with children must now have a valid WWCC. These checks are free for volunteers. Individuals are able to apply for these online through the Department of Human Services www.screening.sa.gov.au. All parent helpers who volunteer their valuable time here at the school will require one of these checks. As these checks are transferrable across jurisdictions you may already have yours. If that is the case just send through your reference number so that we can add it to our database. We encourage all Parents, if you haven't already done so, to apply for yours now.

House Captains



Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as House Captains for the 2021 school year.

Thiele Captains: Charlotte Nietschke and Imogen Noack

Vice-Captains: George l'Anson and Lachlan Meinhardt

Emmaus Captains: Amalie Jenke and Demi Mosey

Vice-Captains: Nicholas Mosey and Leni Geister



Swimming lessons and carnival

Swimming lessons for all students started today and will also be held tomorrow as well as Wednesday and Friday of next week. Our Annual Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday 12 February at the Eudunda Swimming Pool. Please refer to your child's class seesaw app along with notes that were sent home previously for further details. We look forward to having Parents join us on this day.

School Wellness Survey

A reminder to families to please log on to the link that was sent out last week and complete the school wellness survey by Friday 5 February. Information gained from this will assist in future planning for our school.

Announcement from the School Chairperson

The St John's school board interview panel have now completed the process of interviewing all applicants that met the board's constitutional requirements. I would like to announce the successful applicants are: Daniel Jenke, Carly Boxall, Amanda Schaefer and Jo Mosey. Members also serving the remainder of their term are Paul Schutz, Nicole Milde and Regina Scholz.

Regina Scholz

Chairperson

PYP Spotlight ~ Foundation/Year One – Mrs Denholm

Transdisciplinary Theme:

Who we are

Central Idea:

We learn about ourselves through others

Concepts: Form ~ Function ~ Responsibility

Lines of Inquiry:

- ~What makes me unique
- ~How our families influence who we are
- ~Working with others

Approaches to Learning: Self-management skills

Learner Profile Attributes: Open-minded ~ Balanced

To start this inquiry we spent time exploring the Approaches to Learning and Learner Profile. We read the book 'I Would Never NOT EVER Eat a Tomato' by Lauren Child to explore the attribute of the Learner Profile, Balanced.

In this story the child is a fussy eater and won't try new things. Students chose a food they don't like and explained why. Then they gave it a new, more appealing name that might convince them to give it a try.

Christian Studies aligns with our Line of Inquiry: Working with others. We have investigated ways people in the Bible express their relationship with God and others through the stories of Jonathan and David (1 Samuel 20) and God and Abraham (Genesis 22). Students shared what these stories show us about friendship.

Bailey 28 JAN 2021

Jonathan and David were friends. Friends like to play together. Each has their own things. Good job Bailey

29 JAN 2021

God and Abraham one wunday God sent a baby to Abraham and God told Abraham that he his wunday have more babbys than the stars. Fantastic

Tarkyn

Marlee 29 JAN 2021

God and Abraham were friends. Friends keep promises and trust each other

Zeth

Abraham had no kids God kept a promise and he still didnt have any kids but he tried to count the stars but god said theres to much stars to count. And then He said I will give you or fam

28 JAN 2021

taste yucky smells rock and roll sprouts

Jonathan

Addison

Wanted to kill. The king wanted to kill David he hid behind a rock Jonathan went to the feast. Jonathan and David were friends.

Church times

Sunday 7 February 2021

Eudunda	9.00am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
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Parish Service - Installation and rededication of of St John's School Staff & Board member's

Sunday 14 January 2021

Robertstown – Harvest Thanksgiving	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Neales Flat	8.30am	HC	Pastor Les Pfeiffer
Eudunda	9.00am	LR	
Point Pass – Harvest Thanksgiving + AGM after the service	10.00am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Geranium	10.30am	HC	Pastor Les Pfeiffer

Prayer and Care

We Pray for our new students and their families

Marlee Kotz	Landen Heidrich
Rubi & Bailey Neumann	Jobe Ross
Layla Rowett	Harper Geister
Mitchell Saegenschnitter	



We Pray for the following staff & school families

STAFF	FAMILIES
Michael Bowmer	Jason & Carly Boxall
Mandy Verco	Terry & Peta Brown
Sonya Mosey	

Parent Info Night & Welcome BBQ

The school will hold a Welcome BBQ and Parent Information Night on Thursday 4 February 2021. This is a great way to meet with other people in our school community and to learn more about classroom routines from your child's teacher. We welcome the attendance of all school families to this event. Please gather on the bottom oval (behind the school hall) from 5.00pm



The Book Club Experience

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Issue 1 of the Scholastic Book Club has been released. Brochures were sent home with your child on Monday.

The Due Date for Issue 1 Orders are to be placed by Monday 15th February.

For more information or queries, please speak to **Mrs Brenda Verrall, Librarian**



Book Club