



# Informer

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## Important Dates

### FEBRUARY

#### Friday 19

- Assembly 9.00am in the School Hall
- Class Carer meeting after assembly

#### Monday 22

- Chapel led by 5/6 class

#### Friday 26

- Assembly 9.00am in the School Hall

#### Sunday 28

- Parish AGM

### MARCH

#### Monday 1

- Chapel with Pastor Josh 9.00am in the School Hall

#### Wednesday 3 – Friday 5

- Year 5/6 Camp
- Assembly

## Birthdays

### 2/3 class

- Charlie ~ 28 February

### Yr 4 Class

- Harry ~ 24 February



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## Devotion ~ Ash Wednesday Submitted by Sonya Mosey

*And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. Jonah 3:1-4:11*

Today we enter into the Season of Lent, as we pass through the threshold that is Ash Wednesday. While this is not a season or a festival that all Christians observe, the Orthodox in the East and those in the western catholic tradition join together in this time of repentance and renewal, in preparation for our celebration of the Great and Holy Week.

And do we truly understand Ash Wednesday and Lent?

Though many have their own ideas— which revolve around giving something up, taking something on, worshiping more, indulging less—the bottom line for Ash Wednesday and Lent is just this: that the people believe God and repent, from the greatest of them to the least of them. Fasting and putting on sackcloth and ashes were outward signs of repentance before God, and a return to God. That's what this day and this season are all about: believing that God is gracious and merciful, that He will forgive the sins of all who repent and return to Him.

Almighty God, help us to have a holy and devout Lent. Open our ears, drive us to our knees, and strengthen our belief in you, our faithful and trustworthy God who loves us and forgives us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taken from Wendel, David - From Ashes to Easter- Ashes Lenten Devotional Booklet

ASH  
WEDNESDAY



Remember that  
You are dust, and to  
dust you shall return.  
Ecclesiastes 3:20



# From the Principal

## Ensuring high standards

At St John's we aim to provide the best possible education to our students so we can achieve our mission statement: "St John's Lutheran School is a Christ centred school, nurturing the individual in a caring, inclusive, family environment, committed to quality, global education."

To help us reach this lofty goal, we utilize a number of measures and approaches to help us be the best school possible. This year, we are going to be 'evaluated' by the International Baccalaureate Organisation. This 'Evaluation' is exhaustive and thorough. It will ensure our school is meeting the International Baccalaureate's rigorous standards and practices; as well as its mission to "develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect." Evaluation is a rigorous process where our school's strengths are identified, as well as areas which may be developed in the future.

Over the past two weeks, all staff, parents, school board members and students in year 5 and year 6 have been asked to participate in our 'Wellness Survey'. This survey will help us develop our next strategic plan, but also give valuable feedback from our community on how well we are achieving our mission.

Our School Board has engaged Bleckly Consulting to help with developing our school strategic plan 2021-2024. This will involve all stakeholders and will be a major focus this year.

Finally, as a way of ensuring our curriculum meets the needs of our students, I have asked teachers to conduct 'standardised testing' in mathematics, reading and spelling. This will become an annual process so we can use data (not 'feelings' or 'gut instinct') to check our own teaching and help us identify areas that can be improved as well as those students who may need extra support.

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your attendance and support last Friday at our annual swimming carnival. Congratulations to Thiele for their success, but I know that Emmaus will be looking to even the score by winning this years Sports day on 12 March! A special thank you to our Parents and Friends for providing us with a special lunch, and also to Kathy Cluse and all staff for their work in preparing our students as well as organising such a fun and successful day.

## Walk my way

Did you know that it costs \$26 a year to educate a child in Kenya? Lutheran World Service are arranging a 26km walkathon from Angaston to Nuriootpa and St John's Staff are going to enter a team. Parents are invited to either join in or sponsor our team, and students this year will be involved in Term 4 through our 'Walk my way a thon'. Stay tuned for more information.



## Pedal Prix

Pedal Prix has been an important event at St John's for 25 years. Last year we were unable to participate due to COVID, this year the event has changed to better fit in with the new COVID environment. After surveying parents of Students in years 5 and 6 about their interest in being involved in the new format it has been decided that we will not be participating in Pedal Prix this year.

## Swimming Lessons

Over the last week students have been participating in swimming lessons with instructor Mrs Kathy Cluse. We were very lucky to have mainly warm weather, with only a couple of cooler days. Students are to be commended on their efforts and attitude throughout these lessons. All students worked hard to improve their skills in the water with water safety and stroke development. It has been wonderful to see the improvements the students have made during the lessons. Many were very courageous in trying things they weren't too sure of at first, but to see the delight in their eyes when they achieve success was a pleasure to watch.

Some of the skills the students worked on throughout the lessons included:

- Floating – with or without aids.
- Strokes including Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and survival strokes. For the younger students it may be focusing on kicking their feet and moving their hands with an aid to perfecting their skills for older students.
- Diving skills – these range from “Duck Dives” in the water to sitting and standing dives for the older students.
- Rescue skills – being rescued and using the correct signals when in trouble and rescuing other people.
- For some of our littlies it was just getting them to put their heads and faces under water and feeling confident.

## SWIMMING LESSONS



Foundation and Year One Students practising back floats during one of their lessons.

## School Captains Attend Leadership Day

submitted by Amalie & Imogen

On Friday, we went to Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Para Vista with other Lutheran schools from Clare, the Barossa, Gawler, Golden Grove and the Adelaide Hills to learn how to be a great leader.

We met lots of new people. We learnt about the 4 S's of leadership: spiritual, significant people, servant leadership and support. With different people in groups we did lots of leadership building activities. This included playing games, watching videos and asking questions for each of the 4 S's of leadership. This helped us to understand more about them.

It was a great experience, and we are looking forward to being your school captains this year.



**Spiritual**  
**Significant people**  
**Servant leadership**  
**Support**



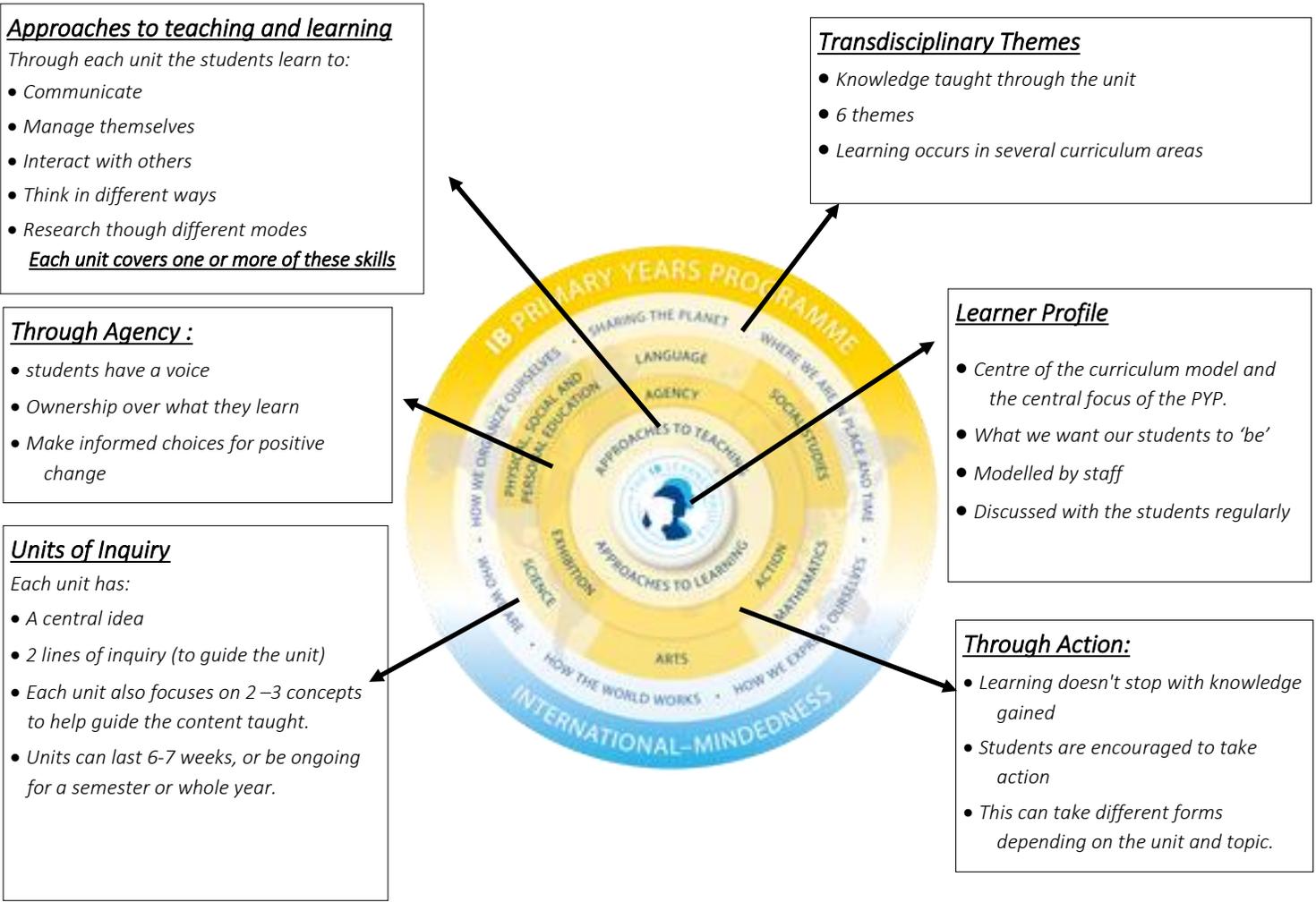
# Class Awards ~ Week 2



<b>Foundation/Year One</b>	Addison Williams
<b>Year Two/Three</b>	Ayla Schutz
<b>Year Four</b>	Dan Ross
<b>Year Five/Six</b>	Zoe Neal

## Spotlight on PYP submitted by Mandy Verco

At St John's we are very proud to be one of over 1000 schools around the world that offer the Primary Years Programme. As teachers, we often get the question "What is the PYP?" and "How does it work?" The diagram below shows the five main elements of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and gives you a picture of how learning and teaching takes place at St John's.



## Swimming Carnival ~ Mrs Kathy Cluse

Last Friday we held our annual Swimming Carnival at the Eudunda Swimming Pool. The day started with a welcome by Mrs Sue Denholm and each team singing their war cries.

The morning commenced with students 9-year-old and older participating in the freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and relays and the 8-year-old and under participating in the noodle, kickboard and swim event. It was wonderful to see the great sportsmanship displayed by all students when encouraging and cheering on students, not just from their house but also from the other houses.

The afternoon's tabloid events, which included students from Foundation to Year Six enjoying such activities as 'peg collect', 'tube race' and 'hoop relay', were very hotly contested.

The day's swimming events concluded with a House Relay consisting of students and parents.

At the end of the day's events the results were announced with Thiele on 388 points and Emmaus on 292 points.

It was terrific to see the exceptional turn out of parents who attended the Carnival, assisted with the events and supported their children. Mrs Coralee Hambour presented the St John's Swimming Shield to the Thiele House Captains Charlotte Nietschke and Imogen Noack and Vice-Captains George l'Anson and Lachlan Meinhardt. Both captains responded on behalf of their Houses, thanking the organisers, parent helpers and teachers.

Additional thanks go to all staff and parents who had assisted on the day, with a special mention to the Parents and Friends for providing us with Lunch as well as tea, coffee and sweet treats. also, I wish to comment on the terrific participation of the students who supported and encouraged each other throughout the day. Well done!

5 New Records were set by Year Five Student Leni Geister at this years Swimming Carnival



- Leni Geister – Emmaus – Open Butterfly – with a new record of 28.32 beating her own record set in 2019 of 29.52.
- Leni Geister – Emmaus – Open Freestyle – with a new record of 1.19.23, again beating her own record set in 2020 of 1.27.36
- Leni Geister – Emmaus – 11-year-old Girl's Freestyle – with a new record of 23.43 beating Jaz Williams from Thiele's 2020 record of 26.60
- Leni Geister – Emmaus – 11-year old Girl's Backstroke – with a new record of 30.15 beating Jaz Williams from Thiele's 2020 record of 30.74
- Leni Geister – Emmaus – 11-year-old Girls's Breaststroke – with a new record of 34.02 beating Matilda O'Brian from Ziersch's 2019 record of 38.40

**Congratulations Leni - This is a terrific achievement!**

# Snap Shots from the Swimming Carnival



**Captains & Vice-Captains of the winning Thiele House Team being presented with the swimming shield by Mrs Coralee Hambour**

# Church times

Sunday 21 February 2021

Peep Hill	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua
Point Pass	8.30am	LR	
Robertstown	10.00am	LR	
Eudunda	9.00am	HC	Pastor Joshua

*Come Worship With Us!*

Sunday 28 February 2021

Parish Service followed by Parish AGM

Eudunda	9.00am	HC	Pastor Joshua
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**Kids Praise** The Sunday morning children’s ministry “Kids Praise” is resuming on Sunday 28th February during the 9.00 am parish service at the Eudunda Lutheran Church. All children are welcome. Pre-schoolers may participate if accompanied by a parent or grandparent. A new 2021 consent form must be completed prior to attendance. This can be emailed to you or downloaded from the Kids Praise Facebook group. For further details, please contact Chris Doecke on 0488 047861.

## Prayer and Care

This fortnight we pray for the following Staff and School Families

STAFF	FAMILIES
Sue Denholm	David and Kathy Cluse
Renae Ruediger	Tim and Elise Doering
Brenda Verrall	Jason and Emily Geister
Kathy Cluse	Stephen and Jessica Geister
Lynn Grosser	

## Shrove Tuesday

This year classes celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes in class and incorporating it with their Unit Of Inquiry. Mrs Ruediger’s Year 2/3 class are doing a UOI on safety, so they identified the dangers, took photos of possible dangers and had tips on how to do things safely. Mrs Verco and Mrs Wundersitz Year 4 class UOI is on celebrations, so they looked at the history of Shrove Tuesday and why pancakes were made and how this ties in with the beginning of Lent. Mrs Cluse Year 6/7 class helped make pancakes for Mrs Denholm’s F/1 class. This was a good opportunity for our senior students to step up and show leadership to the younger students.



# Community News



**YOU'RE INVITED**

**EUDUNDA**

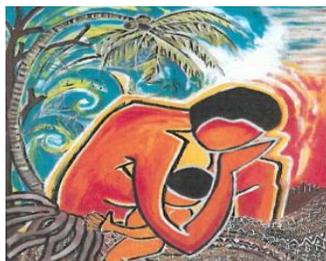
**EUDUNDA TOWN HALL  
THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2021  
DROP IN BETWEEN 1:30PM - 4PM**

Find out what support is available to help you and your family get through the longer-term effects of drought.

Due to COVID-19, some events may be cancelled at short notice. Please check our website prior to the event: [droughtandflood.gov.au/recovery-assistance/outreach](http://droughtandflood.gov.au/recovery-assistance/outreach)



An Australian Government Drought Initiative



## Pray for Vanuatu

### World Day of Prayer 2021

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Location:** St John's  
Lutheran Church  
Eudunda

**Contact Person:**  
Bronwyn 0407 306 654



## ROBERTSTOWN COMMUNITY MARKETS

**Sunday 14th March**

**Stalls: 10.30am till 3.00pm**

**Food: Sausages/ Steak Sandwiches  
Hot chips and Ice-cream s**

**FREE Rainbow Farm, Jumping Castle,  
Glitter Tattoos**

**Funded by Connecting Drought  
Communities Event Grant.**

**Proceeds to Robertstown Peace Hall**



**EUDUNDA ROBERTSTOWN  
NETBALL CLUB**

**\*\*Calling all NEW and CURRENT  
PLAYERS of ERNC\*\***

As you may be aware we are getting  
NEW Netball Dresses this season.

Ideally all Players need to be sized up  
and place an order.

Andrea Mosey will be available at  
**Eudunda Clubrooms**

**Thursday 18<sup>TH</sup> from 3:30pm – 4pm**

**And 6pm – 7pm**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 7pm**



## Eudunda Playgroup 2021

Who: Birth to School Age

When: Every Monday of School term (Except Public Holidays)

Starting Week 2, Monday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> with a special Sing & Grow Session with Sky

Where: Eudunda Preschool Centre- Morgan Road, Eudunda

Time: 9:30am- 11:30am

Bring: Drink, snack/lunch for yourselves, hats & sunscreen  
Cost: \$2 per family per session (Plus Playgroup annual membership)

Membership: Membership must be paid before 3<sup>rd</sup> visit. Please pay online at [playgroupsa.com.au](http://playgroupsa.com.au)

Fire Ban: For safety reasons Playgroup will be cancelled on "Fire Ban" days.  
No Nuts Policy, we are a nut free site, so please ensure all food is nut free.

Please note; we will continue to follow directive from Playgroup SA in regards to the current COVID-19 situation, Please understand Playgroup may be cancelled at any stage if the risk of infection is too high.

For more information please contact Eudunda Playgroup Coordinator,  
Gaynor Saegenschneider on 0417222381 or [Nathan.gaynor@outlook.com](mailto:Nathan.gaynor@outlook.com)