

Informer

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Important Dates

APRIL

Thursday 1

- P&F Special Menu - Hot Cross Buns at recess time
- Bakery Lunch Orders available
- Easter Chapel led by Year 4 Class at 2.30pm

Friday 2

- Good Friday

Monday 5

- Easter Monday

Tuesday 6

- Easter Chapel 9.00am

Wed 7- Fri 9

- Year Four Camp

Friday 9

- Last Day of Term 1
- Assembly 9.00am
- Early Dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 26

- ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 27

- Term two commences
- Chapel 9.00am

MAY

Monday 3

- Chapel 9.00am

Wednesday 5

- SAPSASA Cross Country

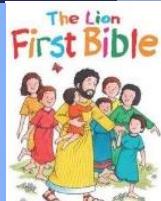
Birthdays

- Yr 4 class - Dan ~ 3 April
- Mrs Denholm – 9 April



Bible Presentations

Students in Foundation, Year Three and new students who commenced in 2021 received bibles from the St John's Lutheran Parish on Sunday



Devotion ~ Submitted by Michael Bowmer

Christmas or Easter

Which is a better holiday – Christmas or Easter? This was a question my brothers and sisters and I debated as we were growing up. Christmas was full of excitement, getting presents was the best part, but putting up the tree (chopping one down with dad was OK back then) all the Christmas food, the new clothes, the summer holidays all were very important. Don't get me wrong - Easter was good too – chocolate was involved and who doesn't like chocolate?



Easter also had Good Friday. Good Friday was sad and back then we weren't allowed to play with friends or watch TV. It was a pretty boring day. On the bright side, we always had fish and chips on Good Friday. We didn't get take away much – fast food shops like KFC, Pizza Hut and Maccas didn't exist way back then.

Today, as an adult, the argument is easily settled for me. Easter is the culmination of God's plans for our salvation. All Jesus did, from his miraculous birth at Christmas through his days of ministry and his miracles all the way up to the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday show me that without God's death and resurrection we would be forever lost.

Christmas is wonderful, but Easter is life-changing!



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From the Principal

UNIFORM POLICY CHANGE

The school policy surrounding the wearing of predominantly white sports shoes has now been relaxed to allow for the wearing of coloured sneakers. From the beginning of Term Two Children will have the option of being able to wear any (**non-flourescent**) coloured sports Shoes. The policy excerpt will now read as follows:

SHOES: Sports Shoes – General lace-up sports sneaker/cross trainer. Non-fluorescent with raised, treaded sole designed for outdoor sports activities (no skate or street shoes)

The other policy adjustment allows for the re-introduction of full-elastic waist shorts and trousers which are now available from the uniform shop. The excerpt from school policy will now read:

SHORTS: Grey formal flexi-fit or full elastic waist short

TROUSERS: Grey formal flexi-fit or full elastic waist trouser

THREE WAY CONFERENCES

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 3 way conferences. Hopefully this new format was able to provide you, your child and your teacher with valuable information and you were able to set important and meaningful goals for your child. All families will receive an email with a link to a quick 2 minute survey to provide feedback to the school on these conferences.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Thank you to our Eudunda-Robertstown Parish who presented Bibles to our Foundation, Year 3 and new students last Sunday. We are very grateful for your support and generosity. Also to all those in our school choir who sang at this service, you were fantastic!

YEAR FOUR CAMP

Our Year Four Class will be going on camp to West Beach next week. This camp is very closely linked to their current Unit of Inquiry and will give students first hand knowledge and experiences about water environments.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

We are hoping to hold a Mental Health First Aid Training course here at the school on 29-30 June, 2021. This 2 day course run by St John's Ambulance will teach adults (18 years and over) how to provide initial support to people who are developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health issue and provide practical support until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis is resolved. If you are interested in attending this course, please contact the office. The course will cost approximately \$200 per person but may vary depending on how many participants we have. Maximum capacity is 16, so places will be allocated on a first in first served basis.

NEW BAKERY PRICE LIST

A new Bakery Price List was sent home to families earlier this week. Please note the price changes with a few of the items and ensure that this is reflected when placing your child's lunch orders from the beginning of Term two.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS POLICY

Our school board has adopted a 'Suggestions and Complaints' policy. There are forms available on the front counter in the office and can also be made available on request; when completed forms can be emailed to me Michael.bowmer@sils.sa.edu.au or they can be deposited in the box available in the front office.

STRATEGIC PLANNING DATE

This year, our School Board is developing a new strategic plan to guide the school's development over the next three to five years. This is an exciting initiative that prompts us to take stock of where we are now and where we want to be in the future.

The Board wants to ensure the priorities developed through the planning process deliver an outstanding education and opportunities for students while continuing to build a nurturing, welcoming school community. We recognise that each of us has a unique insight into what works well now and what could be improved in the future, and we want you to share those insights with us so we can make the best possible decisions about the way forward.

We are asking parents to help by attending a workshop on Monday 10th May immediately after our Chapel Service.

Please make this a priority as the more input we can get from our community, the better our future planning will be.

LETTER FROM A PARENT

It is always great to receive positive feedback about our students. I shared this at our last P&F meeting and I would also like to share this with our school community:

"Good afternoon Michael, This morning myself and XXX attended the faith open day, we were given a guided tour around the campus and we were shown all their learning areas etc.

On this walk around we noticed some previous Saint Johns students in their classes. They were Ryan Milde, Bailey Scholz, Maddy Mosey, Charlie Ross, Lucy Mosey, Sienna Noack, Alicia Mosey, Makaya Sauer and Ella Milde. Some of which we hadn't seen in some time. Everyone of these children stopped, looked then gave a smile and a wave. I would like to commend Saint Johns for their part in educating such respectful, well mannered Children. I believe their good grounding and morals are due to family and primary education."

Thank you to the St Johns School Family that shared this with me.

Michael Bowmer
Principal

School News

HARMONY DAY It was great to celebrate Harmony Day and embrace the theme 'Everyone Belongs' on Monday 22 March as a school. It was fantastic to see staff and students wearing an array of orange accessories. Children participated in a variety of activities and contributed to a whole school display focussing on belonging. Thanks to Mrs Verco for putting this together.



LIFE MATTERS

The school community enjoyed the 'Light of the World' presentation recently. It was exciting for all present to be engaged as we heard the retelling of the Easter story whilst having some fun, creative interaction, games and sharing how we can all shine our light to others. This session was funded by the generous donation from the past members of the Stonefield Lutheran Church for our school's mission and ministry focus.

Class Awards ~ week 8

Foundation/Year One	Lewis Boxall
Year Two/Three	Paddy Ross, Tyler Heidrich
Year Four	Bridget Ross
Year Five/Six	Demi Mosey, Charlotte Nietschke, Edward Dally-Watkins, Eloura Mosey



Class Awards ~ week 9

Foundation/Year One	Landen Heidrich
Year Two/Three	Rubi Neumann
Year Four	Marissa Ross
Year Five/Six	George IAnson

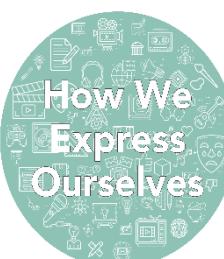
Spotlight on the PYP ~ By Mandy Verco PYP coordinator

Transdisciplinary Learning

Learning in the Primary Years Programme (PYP), is transdisciplinary.

This means that students learn across all curriculum/subject areas while investigating through their Units of Inquiry.

Each year, each class undertakes six Units of Inquiry, each one connecting to a different transdisciplinary theme. The six themes that guide our Units of Inquiry are:



Our Units of inquiry interweave subject areas such as Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities and Social Sciences. Several of our units also include our specialist subjects at St Johns—German, Arts and Personal, Social and Physical Education.

This approach encourages students to make their own connections between what they learn in core subject areas and how it relates to the world around them.

PYP Sharing ~ Year 4 ~ Submitted by Mrs Verco & Mrs Wundersitz

Transdisciplinary Theme:

Sharing the planet

Central Idea:

Changes are occurring in water environments

Concepts: Connection ~ Change ~ Responsibility

Lines of Inquiry: An Inquiry into...

- The characteristics of living and non-living things in water environments and their interdependence
- Threats to the sustainability of water environments
- Human responsibility for protecting the health of water environments

Approaches to Learning: Research skills & social skills

Learner Profile Attributes: Inquirer ~ Reflective

During this unit we have:

- * Looked at photos and videos of how different water environments have changed
- * Inquired into the characteristics of living and non-living things
- * Observed the daily changes in tadpoles and frogs collected from local farm dams.
- * Travelled to the North Para River at Rosedale to investigate the living things in the river environment
- * Become an expert in living and non-living things in different water environments and shared this knowledge with our classmates
- * Explored a "treasure hunt" activity and created a poster about a German pond
- * Made changes to watercolour paints using salt, rice, cling wrap and pasta to create effects in Arts

While we are on camp in Week 11, we will develop further our understanding of water environments by:

- * Visiting the St Kilda Mangrove environment—this environment is currently under threat due to human impact
- * Spending the day at the "Marine Discovery Centre" at Henley Beach
- Speaking to people who volunteer their time to protect and re-generate the Adelaide beach



The tadpole and frogs that Dan bought in from his farm dam are changing every day!



We had a great time exploring the North Para River at Rosedale



We all enjoyed inquiring into the living and non-living things in a river environment



SAPSASA Athletics – Submitted by Kathy Cluse

On Wednesday 24 March, 14 students represented our school at the Barossa and Light SAPSASA Athletics Carnival at Lyndoch Oval. Congratulations to the following students for their efforts and representing our school so well:

Dan Ross, Marty Mosey, Bridget Williams, Julia I'Anson, Marissa Ross, India Cluse, Bryce Heidrich, Eloise Plueckhahn, Leni Geister, Eloura Mosey, Nicholas Mosey, George I'Anson, Charlotte Nietschke and Demi Mosey.

All students put in their all and were very well behaved, they were a credit to our school. They should all be proud of themselves.

A huge thank you to parents who provided transport.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top five for their events:

- Marissa Ross – 1st Discus, 3rd Shot Put
- Leni Geister – 2nd 200m, 2nd Shot Put, 3rd 100m, 3rd Long Jump, 5th – High Jump
- Julia I'Anson – 4th 800m
- Eloise Plueckhahn – 5th 800m

A further congratulations to Marissa Ross and Leni Geister who have been selected to represent the Barossa and Light team at Santos on Monday 20 September 2021. Marissa will be participating in Discus while Leni will be participating in the Relay Team. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their experience.



SAPSASA Swimming – by Leni Geister & Bridget Williams

Last Friday we travelled to Marion for the State Swimming Championships. We represented the Barossa and Light team. Bridget swam in the 10 year old girl Freestyle relay while Leni swam in the 11 year old Freestyle, Backstroke and relay team. We enjoyed the experience although it was overwhelming with the large crowd and venue being a lot more professional. Bridget's team came 6th overall while Leni won a Gold medal for Backstroke and relay and won a Silver medal for her individual Freestyle event. We had a great time and were proud to represent the Barossa and Light on behalf of our school.



SRC News

CASUAL DAY

On Friday 19 March, the students all dressed up in their favourite sport or sporting team. We had a mixture of sports including football, netball, cricket and tennis. Thank you for your gold coin donation with the total amount raised was \$86.00. This money will go to the Eudunda Hostel as our way of service as we are currently unable to visit them.



BESTIES BENCH

The SRC has noticed there are a few students who have been sad and don't have anyone to play with. To help with this the SRC has introduced the "Besties Bench". This bench is for anyone to sit on who is wanting someone to play with or is feeling sad. If students notice someone on this bench, they are asked to go talk to them and see if they would like to join in with them.



CHICKEN SALAD CLUB

This year, the SRC have taken over for Mrs Ruediger's class from last year to look after the chickens and the vegetable garden. Amalie and Imogen, our school captains, have organised a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to give up some of their time during Recess and Lunch to feed the chickens, ensure they have enough water, tidy their pen, and collect the eggs and to help organise the vegetable garden ready for seeding next term. We will be selling eggs and vegetables once they are harvested at the front office, this money will go towards looking after the chickens and maintaining the crop. We are asking for some donations of pea straw for the chicken coop as well as winter seeds to plant for next term. We would appreciate any offers. Thank you.



Library News

NEW Book
Boxes for the
Library!



SRC from last year decided that all the funds from last years Colour Explosion would go towards library furniture. It was decided that we would go ahead and purchase x 2 Book Boxes for our easy fiction books.

Students can now easily flick through all of the picture books with ease.

Thank you all for your donations/sponsorship to enable our library to be more user friendly for all of our students.

Church times

Thursday 1 April 2021- Maundy Thursday

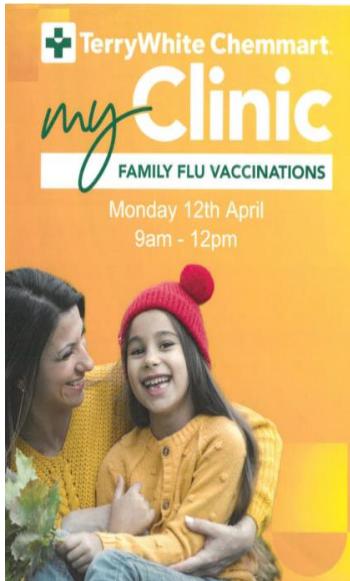
Eudunda	7.30pm	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Robertstown	7.30pm	HC	Pastor Ken Pfitzner

Friday 2 April 2021- Good Friday

Peep Hill	8.30am	P	Pastor Joshua Muller
Robertstown	10.00am	LR	
Eudunda	10.30am	P	Pastor Joshua Muller

Sunday 4 April 2021- Easter Sunday

Geranium Plains	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Eudunda	9.00am	LR	
Robertstown	10.00am	LR	
Point Pass	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller



Flu Vaccinations for your family

This year we are offering a Family Flu Vaccination Clinic on Monday 12th April 2021 between 9am and 12pm with our nurse able to vaccinate for 3 years of age, no script necessary for only \$19.95.

Without the vaccination infected people may become unwell for up to a week. Most patients take up to two weeks to recover from influenza. The best defence against the flu is to receive a dose of the influenza vaccine on an annual basis.

The flu vaccine can help to prevent a person from acquiring the flu, or to reduce symptoms. More importantly, broad uptake of the flu vaccine by a population can significantly reduce the risk of virus transmission.

If you are unable to attend this clinic our pharmacists are able to vaccinate from 10 years of age.

Our Pharmacists can also offer this vaccination in store without the need of an appointment or prescription for \$19.95.

For any more details please speak to our pharmacists in store.

Thank you

The team at Tim Siv's TWCM Eudunda



For worship service times during the school holidays, please refer to the Eudunda Robertstown Parish Website or Facebook page.
<https://www.erlp.org.au/>

KIDS PRAISE

The next Kids Praise children's ministry will be held on Sunday 11th April at the "Blessing of the Seed and Soil" Parish Service at John and Nicole Milde's shed, near Eudunda. The worship service is at 10.30 am and the children will be involved during the service and afterwards. A 2021 consent form needs to be completed before attending. Preschoolers are welcome too, if they are accompanied by a parent or grandparent. For further details, for a consent form or to indicate that your children will be participating, please contact Chris Doecke on 0488 047861

Eudunda Robertstown Cricket Club

Presentation Evening

Friday 9 April at the Sporting Clubrooms

5.30pm for 6.00pm start.

Schnitznels/Snags & Salad \$10 per head



Family Recipes
Memories of Family, Food and Fun



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