



# Informer

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## Important Dates

### MAY

#### Wednesday 5

- SAPSASA Cross Country

#### Thursday 6

- Mothers Day Stall

#### Friday 7

- Mothers Day Stall
- Year 4 Assembly

#### Monday 10

- Chapel 9.00am led by the Year 2/3 class
- P&F Meeting & Strategic Planning Workshop

#### Tuesday 11

- NAPLAN commences

#### Wednesday 12

- School Board Meeting

#### Thursday 13

- Special Menu - Lasagne

#### Friday 14

- **Pupil Free Day**

#### Monday 17

- Chapel led by F/1 Class  
9.00am

#### Tuesday 18

- Open Day Principal's Tours  
9.00am & 10.00am

#### Friday 21

- Parents & Friends Bus Trip



**Anzac Day Service** – Our School Captains Amalie Jenke & Imogen Noack attended both the dawn service at Eudunda and the 9.00am service at Robertstown to lay wreaths at the Warm Memorials on behalf of our school.

## Every day is remembrance day for Christians ~ Submitted by Mandy Verco

On ANZAC Day, people from Australia & New Zealand are asked to stop and remember military men and women who fought, and especially those who died, for our countries in war. It seems to me that this is a good thing to do, because for most of the other 364 days in the year, I am probably not that mindful of these men and women.

The way we usually remember is by taking some time out; whether it is a minute in silence, or an hour or two watching the ANZAC Day march, or even some time in prayer. But it seems to me that the affect of this remembering is often short lived. Come the next day, most people are not consciously mindful of the ANZACs. Remembering is a once a year event.

In 2 Timothy 2:8 Paul commands Timothy (and all Christians) to; "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David."

What does Paul mean here by the word "remember"? Does Paul want Timothy and us to stop once in a while (maybe once a year) and have a minute silence? No. Does Paul want us merely to recall Jesus in our minds? No.

To remember Jesus Christ involves thinking about Jesus, but it to goes beyond that. Remembering Jesus means a continuous, conscious orientation of your life. In other words, we are not just to remember Jesus once in a while, but continuously. He should always be at the forefront of our minds. And our lives should reflect our remembering as we strive to live lives of obedience to Jesus. Remembering implies living the way Jesus taught us to live. So how are you going at remembering Jesus?

Do you remember him every now and then, without Him impacting your life? Or do you strive to remember Jesus often, with the desire to love Him, imitate Him, obey Him, serve Him and submit to Him? This is a major challenge, isn't it. Life is so busy. We are all time poor. There is so much to see and do. And when it comes to living out my faith, I can be pretty lazy.

But it seems to me that remembering Jesus Christ may just about be the most important key to living the Christian life well. And the best way to do this is by opening up your Bible and prayerfully reading it.

So remember Jesus: Lest We Forget.

Written by Mike Everett - <https://fervr.net/bible/jesus-lest-we-forget>



# From the Principal

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

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.

Our School Board met during the holidays and participated in a workshop that gathered their thoughts and wishes about our future, and now we want you to share your thought, wishes and insights so we can make the best possible decisions about the way forward.

We are asking parents to help by attending a workshop next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 immediately after our Chapel Service. Students will be participating in their classes and through our SRC too.

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

## BUILDING UPGRADE NEWS

St John's has been successful in receiving a grant to upgrade the northern (carpark) side of the school. We plan to add gardens, pave and provide a safe 'drop off' zone for students. If funds permit we will also add a 'kitchen garden' to this area. We also thank Mr Greg Meinhardt for his efforts in upgrading our girls toilets over the holidays and first week of this term.

Finally, our plan on providing up to date ICT Infrastructure is complete with the school purchasing enough iPads and laptops to allow all students at St John's a 1-1 device. We have also updated the Smart TV's in each classroom to Touch Screen TV's; and repaired the air conditioners in the office area of the school. Lino flooring and a new fridge has been purchased and installed in the Hall Kitchen.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW FINANCE MANAGER

As you are aware, Mr. Graeme Ruwoldt has decided to leave St Johns and we have been searching for some time for a new Finance Manager to take his place. I am pleased to announce that after a thorough search and many interviews that Mrs. Belinda Niemz has been appointed as our new Finance Manager. Belinda will be starting late May, and I welcome her and look forward to working with her as one of our staff here at St John's.

## WALK MY WAY

Last Saturday a team from St John's Lutheran School and I walked from Redeemer Lutheran School, Nuriootpa to St Jakobi Lutheran School, Lyndoch – a total of 26 km – to raise money for Lutheran World Service. Our St John's team raised over \$5000 which will support students in East Africa attend to school. It costs \$26 for a student in Kenya to attend a school for a year, hence the 26km distance. A HUGE Thank You to all who supported our team. For our St John's students, you will have an opportunity to participate in the 'Walk My Way' event in 4th term. More details will be coming out closer to the event.

## THANKYOU

Thank you to the members of the School Board who helped with our working bee at the end of last term. We removed many overgrown plants & shrubs, trimmed and tidied up the front of the school and are planning for the next stage.

## ANZAC DAY

Thank you to our school captains – Imogen and Amalie for representing our school at this years ANZAC Day ceremonies at both Eudunda and Robertstown. It was great having you represent all of our staff, students and families in this way.

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

St John's Lutheran School will hold a Mental Health First Aid course 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 but may vary depending on how many participants we have. Maximum capacity is 18, so places will be allocated on a first in first served basis.

## NAPLAN

Next week, we begin NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. NAPLAN provides information to the Government, the school and most importantly to you the parent. It shows how your child is performing against their peers across Australia. At St John's, we use this data to measure our performance as a school, where our priorities in curriculum lie, and how to better improve our programmes for all students. Please ensure that your child is well rested next week, and it is not a pass or fail test – just to do the best they can. If your child is sick and unable to participate on the day, let us know so we can reschedule.

## ENROLMENTS

Expressions of interest are now being sought from families with children who are eligible to start school Mid-Year 2021 and at the commencement of 2022. If this is you, we invite you to please contact the school office for a prospectus package and enrolment information.

## MOBILE DENTIST

If you are interested in having your child seen by the 'Healthy Smiles, Bright Futures' Mobile dentist. Please return registration forms to school by **Friday 14 May 2021**. The Mobile dentist will be on site at the school to conduct check ups for those who have registered to attend on Thursday 17 June 2021.

## PUPIL FREE DAY

Next Friday 14 May is a Pupil Free Day at St John's. Staff will be undertaking work in readiness for the IB review which is scheduled to take place in July this this year.

## OPEN DAY

On Tuesday 18 May we will hold an opening morning at the school. I will be conducting tours of the school for prospective families who would be interested in learning about what we offer here at St Johns. Please share this information with anyone who you feel may be interested in attending. Tours will be offered at 9.00am and 10.00am. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the school office on 85 811 282 or email [office@sjls.sa.edu.au](mailto:office@sjls.sa.edu.au).

## MOTHERS DAY STALL

The SRC will be holding a Mothers Day Stall this Thursday and Friday. Children from each class will have an opportunity to visit the stall to choose something special for their Mum. Gifts range in price from .50c to \$5.00.



## Class Awards ~ Week 11 (Term 1)

<b>Foundation/Year One</b>	Marlee Kotz (Foundation) Jason Connor (Yr One)
<b>Year Two/Year Three</b>	Harriet Mosey (Year Two)
<b>Year Four</b>	On Camp
<b>Year Five/Year Six</b>	Leni Geister (Year Five) Imogen Noack (Year Six)



## Week 1 (Term 2)

<b>Foundation/Year One</b>	Nellie Mepstead (Foundation) Chloe Rowett (Foundation)
<b>Year Two/Year Three</b>	Charlotte Plueckhahn (Year Two)
<b>Year Four</b>	India Cluse
<b>Year Five/Year Six</b>	Shayla Scholz (Year Five) Bryce Heidrich (Year Five)



## Spotlight on the PYP ~ By Mandy Verco PYP coordinator

### Approaches to Learning

At SJLS, we don't just learn—we also learn how to learn! The IB PYP Approaches to Learning are skills or abilities that help the children in their inquiries. The children focus on and develop during their time at St John's. These skills help them to become independent, life-long learners. A more detailed explanation of the Approaches to Learning and the elements that are included in each skill is below:

### Social Skills

- Being fair and respecting others
- Supporting others
- Resolving conflict
- Having self-control
- Showing empathy
- Making wise choices



### Thinking Skills

- Thinking critically
- Thinking creatively
- Thinking flexibly
- Thinking of questions
- Making connections
- Reflecting & being metacognitive



### Communication Skills

- Listening & speaking
- Reading & writing
- Non-verbal communication
- Using technology/internet to exchange information responsibly



### Research Skills

- Asking questions
- Planning & observing
- Collecting data
- Organizing data
- Analyzing data
- Sharing findings



### Self-Management Skills

- Organization
- Time management
- Mindfulness
- Perseverance
- Healthy choices
- Safety



Each unit of inquiry that is taught in our school has a focus on one of the Approaches to Learning. Some skills are explicitly taught and are assessed at the end of each unit.

# Year 4 Camp ~ Submitted by Mrs Verco & Mrs Wundersitz

## Year 4 Camp to West Beach

As part of their Unit of Inquiry about how changes are occurring in water environments, the Year 4 class enjoyed three jam-packed, fun-filled and educational days at West Beach at the end of Term 1. We visited the Maritime Museum and enjoyed a great day at the Marine Discovery Centre. We visited the beach, to learn about seagrass, have a swim, dig in the sand and take a night walk. On our last day we enjoyed time at The Beachouse. The students were enthusiastic, inquisitive, courageous and very caring towards each other. We had a wonderful time!

**Here is what some of the children had to say about their time on camp:**

I really liked making the pasta marshmallow tower—*Dan*

I liked the hamburgers for tea! - *Kennedy*

I really liked going down the pitch black slide with Grace—*Caitlin*

I thought the live mangroves were beautiful—*Emma*

50, 000 sea grass bags are going to be dropped into the sea in May —  
*Grace and Bridget*

Going on the raft with my Dad was great  
— *Marty*



## Church times

Sunday 9 May 2021

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

Sunday 16 May 2021

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

## Prayer and Care

We thank God for holidays and time spent with family during the recent holiday break

We thank God for those who lead our country and strive to bring peace, security & advances in controlling the spread of Covid19

We pray for a productive Term Two

We continue to pray for our Staff and School Families

Michael Bowmer	Jordan Kotz & Kristen Winders
Sue Denholm	Richard & Jodie Mosey

# Happy Birthday

We celebrate the following birthdays this fortnight

**2/3 Class: Dougie** 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Year 4 Class: Emma** 21st April, Kennedy  
22nd April, **Marty** 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Staff: Mr Crouch** 24<sup>th</sup> April

## From the Parents & Friends

### P & F Bus Trip

*You are invited*

It's an ideal outing - morning tea, soap, chocolate, lunch, gardening and giftware

Date - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Meeting at 9.00am at St John's School

Arrival back at school by 3.00pm



RSVP by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May to the front office, Facebook event, Tania Williams or Belinda Niemz

*Soap*



*Morning Tea*



*Chocolate*



*Lunch*



*Garden*



*Friendship*



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Family Recipes  
Memories of Family, Food and Fun



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MONDAY 10TH MAY

# P&F Meeting

Come along to Chapel led by the Year 2/3 class at 9.00am. Stay for the P&F Meeting and Strategic Planning workshop being held for parents to have input into helping to plan for the future of our wonderful school.

Special Menu **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021** – LASAGNE served at Lunchtime. Please return orders to school by this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 😊