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Important Dates

MAY

Friday 21

- Assembly 9.00am

Monday 24

- 9.00am Chapel in St John's Lutheran Church

Friday 28

- Assembly 9.00am

Monday 31

- Chapel 9.00am in the School Hall led by the Year Four Class
- SAPSASA Football & Netball

JUNE

Friday 4

- Assembly 9.00am
- F/1 Class

Monday 7

- Chapel led by 5/6 Class

Thursday 10

- State Cross Country

Friday 11

- EAS Pupil Free Day

No DECD buses

- Assembly 9.00
- P&F Meeting

Monday 14

Public Holiday

Devotion ~ Mini-beasts Submitted by Sue Denholm

Genesis 1:24-26

Then God said, "Let the earth be filled with animals. And let each produce more of its own kind. Let there be tame animals and small crawling animals and wild animals. And let each produce more of its kind." And it happened.

So God made the wild animals, the tame animals and all the small crawling animals to produce more of their own kind. God saw that this was good.

God is a Wise Creator / God is Life

God created mini-beasts after their own kind, on day 6 along with other land animals.

The instinctive habits of mini-beasts teach us valuable lessons in life. We see community insects, working together with cooperation, serving one another with willingness. We see the ant with its wisdom to store food during plentiful times. We see the spider with its unique ability to spin a web, with patience and perseverance.

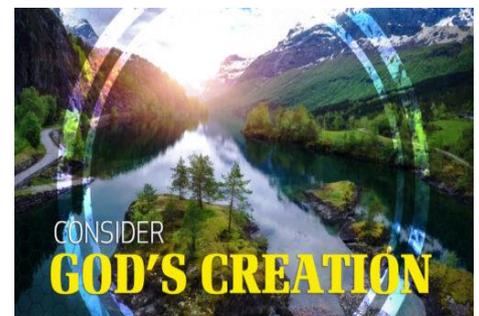
Through the creation, God shows us the wisdom of ordered communities. The community living of ants and bees are amazing examples to us. We see the implementation of rules, roles and patterns of ordered behaviour necessary for working together. We see the wisdom in distributing tasks, an illustration of how the body of Christ works together. The Bible says, 'Consider the wisdom of the ant.' We not only see wisdom in its social behaviour, but in the way it prepares for the future, storing food for the necessary time. This is an illustration of our need to plan ahead, preparing our lives for meeting Christ, as illustrated in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins.

Spiders teach us lessons in patience and diligence, in the intricate spinning of webs.

Our response to 'God is Wise Creator' because God is wise I will...

- Ask God what is the right thing to do, and do it.
- Listen to people who are wiser than me.
- Listen to my parents and teachers.
- Obey God's word.
- Do what Jesus would do.
- Ask Jesus to be the guide throughout my life.
- Treat God's Creation with wisdom.
- Learn from his creation.
- Be prepared for the future.

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MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FIRST AID COURSE

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 asap. 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.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Thank you to all who participated in last Monday's Strategic Planning exercise. The staff also provided their input on Friday and now we wait for the data to be collated and presented to our School Board. We look forward to some clear priorities being identified and also to developing appropriate strategies to keep St John's at the forefront of education in our community.

OPEN DAY

It was great seeing the community engaging in our Open Day on Tuesday. We have a great school, and I am sure our visitors were all impressed with our students and the quality programmes being offered here at St John's. If you, or anyone you know was unable to make it to our Open Day, but would like the opportunity to come and see what our school has to offer we invite you to phone the school office on 85 811 282 to make arrangements for a personal tour with our principal at a time that is convenient.



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 further information on commencing the enrolment process.

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

It is always nice to receive positive feedback about our school from the community. I'd like to share this snippet I received last week (Name withheld by request):

Hi Michael, Just wanted to give some feedback. I really love our school. The lovely friendly inclusive family community, the child centred learning and our more than fabulous teachers (incl. the principal in that too). But most importantly I love that the children that our school nurtures and produces are so kind, appreciative and friendly.

Seeing all those lovely smiling faces tucking into their Lasagne and enjoying it, during last week's special menu, was such a lovely sight to see, as well as all their lovely comments. They are a truly beautiful bunch of children. So thanks St John's staff for being a big part in creating this environment for our children to grow and learn in. You all do a top job!

Thanks for your Feedback – we appreciate it 😊

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Katie l'Anson who, through her role on the P&F committee has organised the signage for our entrances to the school to help improve the safety and security of our premises.

UNIFORM

We have now transitioned to full winter uniform and I have noticed are a few boys wearing the incorrect shirt. Please ensure you have the correct long sleeve shirt with the band at the bottom. These available from our school uniform shop.

NO BUSES

Due to the Eudunda Area School Pupil Free Day on Friday 11 June, please note that there will be no DECD buses on this day (this will include the Keller bus service into Robertstown Primary). This is a normal school day for St Johns, therefore, we ask that you please make alternative arrangements for your child to get to and from school on this day. The St Johns bus will still operate as normal.

Michael Bowmer
Principal

Class Awards ~ Week 2

Foundation/Year One	Jobe Ross & Harper Geister
Year Two/Year Three	Jessica Preston
Year Four	Julia l'Anson
Year Five/Year Six	Nicholas Mosey



Spotlight on the PYP ~ Submitted by Mrs Mandy Verco PYP Coordinator

Agency

Agency in the PYP is when students have voice, choice and ownership in their learning.

Voice — gives the students the power to question, guide and direct their learning

Choice — allows the construction of learning goals and using different *perspectives in their learning*

Ownership — because the students have voice and choice they have ownership of and responsibility of their learning.

Our staff deliberately plan for agency in our learning within our Units of Inquiry. This can be in the form of establishing our classroom essential agreements at the beginning of the school year, how the tables and chairs are set up in the classroom or the different types of learning that takes place.

Our students use agency in their learning regularly from choosing how to learn or present their learning, developing their learning goals and having a voice in our class and SRC meetings. The culmination of agency in the PYP is when our senior students undertake the Exhibition process each year.



Cross Country ~ Submitted by Kathy Cluse PE coordinator

On Wednesday 5th May, a squad of 24 runners competed in the Barossa and Light SAPSASA Cross Country event held at the Nuriootpa Town Oval. All of our runners who had been training prior to the event did very well and were a credit to our school.

Some outstanding results were achieved by the following students who made the top 20 in their groups, with many of these groups having 40+ students:

Sonny Geister	1st	8-Year-Old Boys
Julia I'Anson	1st	10-Year-Old Girls
Leni Geister	1st	11-Year-Old Girls
Eloise Plueckhahn	3rd	10-Year-Old Girls
Paddy Ross	6th	8-Year-Old Boys
Charlotte Nietschke	8th	12-Year-Old Girls
Bethany Jenke	9th	8-Year-Old Girls
Shayla Scholz	9th	11-Year-Old Girls
Rachel Schutz	11th	8-Year-Old Girls
Tyler Heidrich	11 th	8-Year-Old Boys
Marty Mosey	13th	10-Year-Old Boys
Maria I'Anson	17 th	8-Year-Old Girls
Demi Mosey	17 th	12-Year-Old Girls
Rubi Neumann	18 th	8-Year-Old Girls
George I'Anson	19th	12-Year-Old Boys
Dan Ross	20 th	10-Year-Old Boys

For each age group, the top 3 students are allocated points to go towards team placings. St Johns had the following team placings:

10 Year Old Girls 2nd Place
Julia I'Anson
Eloise Plueckhahn
India Cluse
8 Year Old Boys 3rd Place
Sonny Geister
Paddy Ross
Tyler Heidrich
8 Year Old Girls 3rd Place
Bethany Jenke
Rachel Schutz
Maria I'Anson

Congratulations to all the students who participated and well done to Julia, Leni and Eloise who will represent the Barossa and Light at the State Cross Country Event in Oakbank later in the term. Our thanks are extended to all parents who assisted by transporting children to and from the event and for marshalling or timekeeping on the day.



PYP Sharing ~ Mrs Denholm's F/1 Class

Transdisciplinary Theme:
Sharing the planet

Central Idea:
Mini-beasts play a role in the environment

Concepts: Form ~ Function ~ Responsibility

Lines of Inquiry:

- Different types of mini-beasts
- The role of mini-beasts in the environment
- Our responsibility to care for mini-beasts

Approaches to Learning: Research skills

Learner Profile Attributes: Caring ~ Knowledgeable

In this inquiry students have been developing their research skills to inquire into different types of mini-beasts and their role in the environment. We have been able to observe the Monarch butterfly life cycle in class and with Frau Zeller, who brought the caterpillars to school last term. Over the last couple of weeks three butterflies have emerged from their chrysalis with students being able to observe first hand the stages of development. Students have used QR codes to access information on a variety of mini-beasts which they have discussed and shared in class. Jonathan and Lewis also found caterpillars at home which they photographed and shared using the Seesaw app. We were able to email the Nature Education Centre and ask for information on the type of caterpillar they had found. Both caterpillars are day moths, meaning they are active in the daytime. The one on the left, that Jonathan found, is likely to be a Zodiac moth and the one on the right, which Lewis found is likely to be an Owlet or Heath moth.



PYP Sharing ~ Mrs Ruediger's 2/3 Class

Transdisciplinary Theme:
How we organise ourselves

Central Idea:
People transport themselves and goods in a variety of ways

Concepts: Causation ~ Connection

Lines of Inquiry:

How and why people use transport (Causation)
The factors that impact on transportation (Causation)
How transport connects communities (Connection)

Approaches to Learning: Thinking Skills

Learner Profile Attributes: Inquirer ~ Knowledgeable

To help with their inquiry into transporting goods, the 2/3 class had some incursions and an excursion. Lauren and Joe Ross talked about the different goods they have transported and the many places Joe has been. He talked about some factors he needs to consider when driving and students had a look at his logbook. Students added this information to an information report they were writing and found out how to reference Joe as a resource.

Paul and Austin Schutz came in to share about the goods that come to and from their farm and the different places they go to. It was interesting to hear the different places they go to from there. They shared the different trucks they have and the different items that each truck can transport.

The class went to Vicki and Darryl's farm. Darryl showed the class how to do a safety check of a plane before you fly. He talked about the different goods and people that he transported by plane and showed a map of the many places he has been. The class was very privileged to see Darryl take off and land the plane a



Eddy & Dougie looking inside the plane



The whole class standing under the wing of the plane & Mr Schutz explaining how to conduct a safety check of the plane

An excited group of students watching Mr Schutz land his plane



The Year 2/3 class standing next to the road train at the Schutz's farm



Mr Paul Schutz came to visit the class to talk about what types of things he transports in his truck



Ayla sharing with the class how on a recent trip to Kangaroo Island she was very lucky to be given the opportunity to drive the ferry to help transport people to the Island.

Church times

Sunday 23 May 2021 - Pentecost

Eudunda	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Point Pass	8.30am	LR	
Neales Flat	8.30am	LR	
Robertstown	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller

Sunday 30 May 2021 - Trinity Sunday

Geranium Plains	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Eudunda	8.30am	HC	Pastor Les Pfeiffer
Robertstown	10.00am	LR	
Peep Hill	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Point Pass	10.30am	HC	Pastor Les Pfeiffer

Prayer and Care ~ We continue to pray for our staff and school families

STAFF	SCHOOL FAMILIES
Kathy Cluse	Patrick & Karen Neal
Graeme Ruwoldt	Mark & Alinta Neumann
Mandy Verco	Aaron & Belinda Niemz
Sonya Mosey	Kym & Karen Nietschke

Happy Birthday

We celebrate the following birthdays this fortnight

F/1 Class: Lewis 20th May, Ted 24th May

5/6 Class: Demi 12th May, Zoe 12th May

Staff: Frau Zeller 17th May

Kids Praise

The next Kids Praise children's ministry will be held on Sunday 30th May during the 8.30 am service at the Eudunda Lutheran Church. All children welcome. Pre-schoolers may attend if accompanied by a parent. A consent form needs to be completed prior to attendance. For further details or to indicate that your children will be participating, please contact Chris Doecke on 0488 047861.

CASUAL DAY

Friday 18th of June (week 8)

Dress up as your favourite animal

Bring a gold coin donation

Money raised is to go towards seating in the yard



P&F COOKBOOK

The St John's Lutheran School Parents & Friends group look forward to being able to compile a fabulous resource for the community by way of their recipe book Fundraiser

We value your input so please keep your recipes coming in!



BAPTISM

Every now and again we have students or parents that quiz us about becoming baptized. This is a special occasion as the child becomes a part of God family and is witnessed and shared with our school community. We are excited that Mr Bowmer's son and daughter in law have asked that their daughter be baptized at one of our chapel services. We are very excited to celebrate the baptism of Alexandra (Allie) with the Bowmer family on Monday 24 May. This Chapel service will be held in the St John's Lutheran Church at 9.00am. All welcome.

Lutheran's believe that God offers his grace and forgiveness to all people, in the sacrament of baptism. Baptism is when God makes you his special child by: forgiving all your sins and giving you the gift of eternal life in Heaven.

God offers Baptism to all people: infants, teenagers and adults.

When a person is baptised God says, "This is now my son, my daughter". Baptism brings a person into the family of God's people, the church. It is the first step on a journey which continues throughout life and it is the beginning of a wonderful relationship with God.



We celebrate National Families Week - **'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'** - and the role families play by working together to support each other and provide care for those in the broader community.

It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life. Let's take the time to reflect on the critical role that families play in teaching, supporting and nurturing children, especially as they grow.

The central aim of National Families Week is to celebrate the vital role that families play and particularly to highlight the importance of giving every child a happy and healthy childhood.

Here are 10 tips for helping kids learn to grow and learn.

It is important as a school community to take the time to reflect on the critical role that families play in teaching, supporting and nurturing children especially as they grow, and in supporting community leaders.

Have a great week celebrating your family!



- 1 Take the time to play and have fun with your family.
- 2 Build connections with older relatives and community elders.
- 3 Appreciate your family and community – everyone matters!
- 4 Encourage each other and offer support.
- 5 Participate in local events and get to know your community.
- 6 Celebrate achievements, large and small.
- 7 Be generous with your time in your family and in your community.
- 8 Reduce your stress – remember you need time out too!
- 9 Do something with your family that helps others.
- 10 Take time out from technology and enjoy family time together.

