

Informer

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The Year 5/6 class in front of Government house during their recent excursion to Adelaide

Important Dates

JUNE

Wednesday 16

- School Board

Thursday 17

- Special Menu - Soup

Friday 18

- Assembly

Monday 21

No Chapel

Friday 25

- Last Day of Term 4
- Closing Chapel in the school hall 2.30pm

HAPPY HOLIDAYS 🎉

Mon 28 May - Fri 3 June

Staff PD Week

Office CLOSED Tues 29 &
Wed 30 for training

Monday 19 July

- Term 3 Commences
- Opening Chapel 9.00am in the School Hall



Foundation/Year One

Zeth - 25th June
Chloe - 26th June

Two/Three Class

Sonny - 25th June
Eddy - 10th July

Staff

Mr Bowmer - 16th June
Mrs Verrall - 19th June

Devotion – Submitted by Renae Ruediger

Have you forgotten something?

Psalms 111:4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

A farmer was showing his visiting city-dwelling friend around his farm. "Watch this!" he said. He gave a whistle and his little dog came running from the house, herded the cattle into the corral, then latched the gate with her paw. "Wow, that's some dog -- what's her name?" The forgetful farmer thought for a minute and then asked, "What do you call that red flower that smells good and has thorns on the stem?" "A rose?" "That's it!" The farmer turned to his wife. "Hey Rose, what do we call this dog?"

Funny how we forget things, isn't it? But I'm not so sure God finds it all that funny! When we read about the children of Israel and their journeys through the wilderness for forty years, we see how God provided wonderful miracles for them, feeding them daily with manna, guiding them by a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day, parting the Red Sea!

How is it, then, that they became so very hard hearted toward Him? Over time, I think those miracles just became commonplace and they began to take them for granted.

But then again when I look back on my life, I can't really blame them. It happens to the best of us. God has done miracles in our lives and I'm sure he's done many in yours as well! But we still get anxious when things aren't going quite the way we hoped, don't we?

Recall a miracle of God in your life. Remember the joy you felt? We need to relive that joy today! The miracle of God's new birth in us and the many other miracles God has done are not ones to be quickly forgotten. We need to relive them daily.

We never want to become cold toward God. Let's spend some time remembering the miracles He has done in our lives and strive to trust Him for the trials we face today!

Have you forgotten something? - Worthy Christian Devotions - Daily Devotional (worthydevotions.com)



From the Principal ~ Mr Michael Bowmer

ST JOHN'S IS A 'Nut Aware' SCHOOL

As a reminder, I bring to the school community's attention that we are a 'Nut Aware' school. This means that we currently allow nuts (peanut butter, Nutella, etc) to be brought into school, but this can and will change if we have any student enrolled with a nut allergy.

Our policy states: *"At St John's we are committed to working towards the provision of a safe environment for all members of its community. We recognise that for a growing number of our students, exposure to peanuts and/or tree nuts, presents as a potential hazard and in some cases can be life threatening. Whilst it is primarily the responsibility of the parent to teach a child protective behaviours, the school also has a role to play in implementing appropriate strategies and reasonable guidelines in order to minimise the hazard of contact with peanuts or tree nuts for students at risk of an anaphylactic reaction. Parents of students who have been identified as having an allergic reaction to peanuts and/or tree nuts, must provide the school with a written diagnosis, an individual management plan from the treating doctor and any necessary medication (such as an epi-pen) which is to be updated each year."*

READING

Reading is an important part of learning. As such, we encourage students to read each day in class, borrow from our library and read at home each night. We are a 'Dyslexia Aware School' which means we follow best practice for students with dyslexia, however this approach also works for every student.

Our school follows a 'Lexile' reading program and students from Grade 3 onwards are placed on our Lexile Reading Program. We expect each student on the program to read two books a semester at their level. These are read in class and at home, and allow us to determine when a child reads at a higher (more difficult) level. To progress, students are asked to answer some comprehension questions online. These are to be completed in class. For students struggling with reading we offer support both in the classroom and with one-on-one support in our Playberry program. To find out more about what we do to encourage reading, please have a chat with your teacher.

NUMERACY

Numeracy is our second major curriculum focus. The school has recently purchased site licenses for 'Early Insights' a program for Foundation to Year 4 students that identifies and evaluates where each child is at with mathematics – their strengths, their weaknesses and what level they are at. In addition, our year 5/6 class will be trialling a new program called 'Maths Pathways' next Semester. This follows on and elaborates on the information that Early Insights offers. Both Mrs Cluse and I are being trained in this program, with the added benefit that Faith College also uses this in the Year 7 class.

FAREWELL

With the end of the Semester rapidly approaching, I would like to wish our Business Manager, Mr. Graeme Ruwoldt farewell. 'Roo' has been here for a number of years and has been more than just our Business Manager.

He has helped our school immeasurably with his knowledge of finances, country living and all things mechanical. Even though Graeme is leaving us, he will still be around helping our new Finance Manager settle in. I thank Graeme for his hard work, professionalism and dedication to our school, and on behalf of all of us, I say 'hoo-roo' to the guru!

Michael Bowmer
Principal



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

Our staff are currently working hard preparing for our IBPYP Evaluation Visit.

This is a visit that takes place every five years and is an important part in maintaining our accreditation for teaching the Primary Years Programme.



Since our last visit in 2015, we have used staff meetings, pupil free days and our professional development time to continually reflect on how we deliver the PYP at St John's, ensuring that we are teaching the programme effectively and meeting the needs of curriculum and our students.

Our evaluation visit will take place during Week 2 of Term 4 – October 18-20.

This year will be like no other, with the visit happening 'virtually', using digital platforms such as 'Zoom' as well as photos and videos to share how we address the 'IB Standards and Practices'.

During the visit, the evaluation team will meet with representatives from all parts of our school community – Staff, Students, School Board and Parents and this is where we may need your help

We may need your assistance in the lead up and during the visit and hope that you can assist us if we call on you.

More details about the upcoming visit will be given during Term 3.

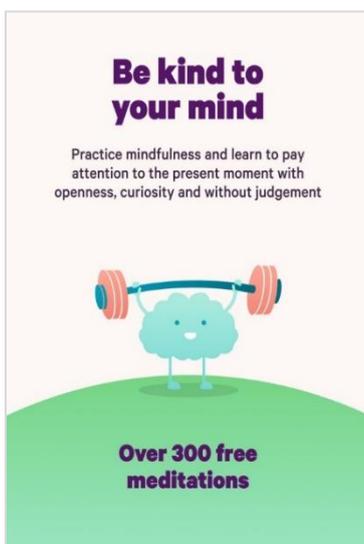
Smiling Minds ~ from the Care Coordinator



St John's was successful in registering for a six week mindfulness and wellbeing course as part of the Smiling Mind Schools Program, which was funded by the Australian Government Department of Health.

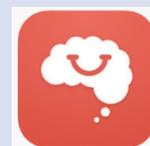
Lynn Grosser has recently completed the Mindful Champion course delivered through a blended approach of self-paced digital learning, and live-online workshop sessions, spread across the last six weeks of this term. The mission and vision of Smiling Mind is to help every mind thrive and to provide accessible, lifelong tools to support healthy minds.

Smiling Mind offers a range of programs and resources designed to make mindfulness accessible, easy to practice, and something our whole school community can benefit from.



The Smiling Mind app provides free mindfulness-based programs for any age. Mindfulness can be beneficial for learning. It can reduce emotional distress, settle and calm students and reduce behavioural challenges. It enhances and strengthens the areas of the brain that are involved in learning, thinking and memory. Many schools are now using the Smiling Mind app to bring mindfulness into the classrooms.

We encourage you to download the free app which is available through the App Store or Google Play and can be downloaded on your phone, iPad or computer for personal use.



Class Awards ~ Week 6 & Week 7



Foundation/Year One	Mitchell Saegenschnitter
Year Two/Year Three	Bethany Jenke
Year Four	Brooke Schaefer
Year Five/Year Six	Lilly Verco & Nicholas Mosey



Foundation/Year One	Ted Plueckhahn
Year Two/Year Three	Charli Brown
Year Four	Kennedy Geister
Year Five/Year Six	Amalie Jenke



SAPSASA Netball

On Monday 31st till Wednesday 2nd June, I represented Barossa and Light SAPSASA Netball team in division 2. We played at Priceline stadium. I played GA and GS and our team was undefeated throughout the whole carnival and won a gold medal. SAPSASA was a fun experience and was a good opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills.

Charlotte Nietschke – Year 6



State Cross Country

Last Thursday, Leni Geister, Julia l'Anson and Eloise Plueckhahn went to Oakbank to represent the Barossa and Light at the State Cross-Country carnival. It was a very chilly, damp day making the conditions difficult to run in. All girls did our school proud with Leni coming 36th, Julia 48th and Eloise 92nd. The pace was very fast from the start with over 200 competitors for each event.

Great job girls!

Kathy Cluse – PE Coordinator



Cross Country OAKBANK SA 2021

PYP Sharing ~ Year 5/6 Mrs Cluse & Mr Bowmer

Transdisciplinary Theme:
How we organise ourselves

Central Idea:

Communities establish systems in order to manage themselves

Concepts: Form ~ Function ~ Causation

Lines of Inquiry: An inquiry into...

- The history of Government in Australia
- The three levels of Government
- The process involved in Governance

Approaches to Learning: Thinking skills

Learner Profile Attributes: Principled ~ Caring

During this unit, we have looked at how Federation came about, how our constitution was developed, the different styles of government around the world such as democracy, dictatorship, revolt, oppression and anarchy, the three levels of government which are local, state and federal and how laws and bills are passed in government.

On Friday 28th May, the Year 5/6 class travelled to Adelaide to visit the Centre of Democracy and Government House.

The visit to the Centre of Democracy was a great place to visit to show students how we can use our voice for change and how democracy works in Australia. The students enjoyed the interactive boards and reading about the history of democracy in Australia.

Government House was a very special place to visit and to understand the importance of the Governor in our state and federal governments. The students as well as the adults were fascinated in the décor of the house and to know the Queen and other people of royalty had stayed in the house.



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

STAFF

Lisa Pfitzner
Angela Dunstan
Lynn Grosser
Steve Wegner

SCHOOL FAMILIES

Bradley & Bronwen Ross
Jo & Lauren Ross

This week we also give thanks for..

Those who volunteer and serve in the community

Our Class Carers

Our School Board

Our Parents & Friends Committee

Church times

Sunday 20 June 2021

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

Sunday 27 June 2021

Peep Hill	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Eudunda	9.00am	LR	
Robertstown	10.00am	LR	
Geranium Plain	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller

For worship times during the school holidays please refer to the Eudunda Robertstown Lutheran Parish Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/eudundarobertstownlutheranparish>

CASUAL DAY

This Friday 18th of June



Dress up as your favourite animal

Bring a gold coin donation
Money raised will go towards seating in the yard

Parents & Friends

RECIPE BOOK

WE WANT YOUR FAVOURITE
RECIPE!

Its not too late to contribute

Write out your recipe and send it in to school with your child or email to office@sjls.sa.edu.au

Thank you to the many families who have already sent in there recipies.



SANFL School holiday clinics are returning, providing a fun, safe and inclusive environment for children at any ability aged 5 – 12.

In small groups (less than 20), kids will participate in activities designed for fun, whilst developing skills and fitness appropriate to their age.

SANFL's priority is the safety of our participants and wider community, therefore all clinics will abide by COVID safe protocols.

VENUES AND DATES

Time: 10am-12:00pm

- 5th July - Glenelg FC
- 5th July - Lameroo Oval
- 7th July - Woodville West Torrens FC
- 8th July - Crystal Brook Oval
- 8th July - Victor Harbor Oval
- 13th July - Hectorville FC (Daly Oval)
- 14th July - West Adelaide FC
- 15th July - Mt Gambier, Frew Park

REGISTER NOW | PLACES ARE LIMITED

\$40
Participants will receive a football, SANFL tickets & more!

