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Claire Bowmer (aka Claire Richards) is an illustrator of children's books. On a recent visit to our school, Claire dropped into our F/1 class to read one of her books to the children.



Matthew 5:23-24 So then, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother and then come and present your gift.

A Reconciliation Week Poem – Submitted by Kathy Cluse

Respect our Truth, our Being, our Worth and each other.

Engage with each other in your workplaces, parishes, schools and ministries.

Christian faith and beliefs help heal us and move us forward together in harmony as one.

Open-mindedness...Be open-minded when learning or listening about First Nations peoples.

Network with community, businesses, organisations and corporations.

Consider each other's history, upbringing and feelings and learn and grow from this.

Inform family, friends and colleagues of Australia's spiritual ancient history, culture and peoples.

Look, Listen and Learn from each other.

Involve yourself in activities, programs and events during National Reconciliation Week.

Acknowledge and action the Anglican Communion's Marks of Mission.

Tolerance...We all need to be tolerant of each other's views, religions and practices.

Imagine what the world will look like if it didn't include ignorance, racism, intolerance and prejudice.

Organise an online event or activity to celebrate National Reconciliation Week.

Never too late to change perceptions for a united future as we are all #InThisTogether2020.

Written by Aunty Sandra King OAM, Quandamooka and Bundjalung woman and ACSQ Reconciliation Action Plan Coordinator

Important Dates

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 Bus Trip

Monday 14

Public Holiday

Wednesday 16

- School Board

- Mobile Dentist Visits

Friday 18

- Assembly

Monday 21

No Chapel

Friday 25

- Last Day of Term 4

- Closing Chapel in the school hall

HAPPY HOLIDAYS ☺

Mon 28 May-Friday 3 June

Staff PD Week

Monday 19 July

- Term 3 Commences



CO-VID PREPARATIONS

With Covid again making the headlines in Victoria, it is timely to re-publish what our school's Covid guidelines are. Many are saying its not a case of 'if' the next wave comes, but 'when'.

All visitors to the school must complete BOTH the Covid Check in and the manual sign in sheet at the front desk. This manual sign in sheet is needed for our schools records and evacuation requirements.

Please use the hand sanitiser that is available at the school entrances, in the foyer and in each classroom. Warm water and soap is a proven and effective way of killing the Covid virus as well as other germs. Hand washing facilities are available to our visitors in the staff bathroom, staff at the front desk can help guide you to this area.

If your child has cold like symptoms, we ask that you please keep them at home until their symptoms have subsided. If any member of your family or close contacts of your family have visited areas deemed as being 'high risk' by SA Health please follow the directives & get tested and do not come to the school until you have received a negative test result.

Our school now has a 1-1 device policy, and these devices will be made available for students in the event that school has to close. Our staff will make every effort to provide continuity of education through on-line learning.

We appreciate the support of our school community in ensuring that we are doing all we can helping to maintain a covid safe environment at our school.



ENROLMENTS

If your child is starting school at St John's in 2022 we ask that you please make contact with the office or pop in and see us to collect the necessary enrolment information forms.

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.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Maths in Focus

Maths is again our curriculum focus for this year. Our teachers have been looking at the implementation of the 'Early Insights' and 'Maths Pathway' program across our school. These two programs use online diagnostic testing to determine both the 'gaps' in our students' mathematical knowledge, as well as their areas of strength.

In addition, the 'Maths Pathway' program is used by Faith College across the college and it has proven to be very successful in raising maths standards.

MOBILE DENTIST

The mobile dentist will be at our school on Thursday 17 June to carry out dental check-ups for those that have registered with the programme. The school dentist will contact families directly to advise you of your childs appointment time. If this is your childs first visit to the dentist and you are unsure of how they might react to being seen by a dentist, please arrange to be present at the school to attend your childs appointment with them.

MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORTS

Staff are now preparing their marks and comments to get ready for this year's written, mid-year Progress Report which will be sent home at the end of the Semester.

This is a time-consuming process. Teachers need to collate their assessments and observations and make judgements for each student as well as reflect on where they excel or how they can improve. The ACARA Reporting guidelines show that across Australia, all students are to be assessed against the Achievement Standards using a 5 point grading system against their Year Level.

Our Semester 1 reports measure progress towards the end of year achievement standard. The Semester 2 Report is a Summative Report and so the grades will indicate the overall achievement each student has made. In addition, some students were on Individual Education Plans, and these will be indicated in that particular child's report.

In addition to the progress students are making, we believe that it is just as important to report on the effort each student is making. A student may be putting in little effort but making great progress or vice versa - putting in a lot of effort, but still progressing slowly.

Please note that written reports are only one of the many ways in which we report to parents. Three Way Conferences, Student-led Conferences, Unit of Inquiry Portfolios and Seesaw portfolios are all examples of reporting student progress. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's schooling with your teacher, we are happy to facilitate this by contacting the school to make a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's teacher.

LUNCH ORDERS

A reminder that our protocol is if a student forgets to submit their lunch order and only realises this at lunchtime, they will be given a basic sandwich by the front office staff. If there are instances where the same child continues to forget, front office staff will make contact with parents.

JUNIOR LANDCARE GRANT

We have been successful with our recent application for a Woolworths Landcare Grant. St John's is one of 1,609 primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia receiving this grant which is aimed at helping to grow our next generation of environmental champions. The children and teachers are looking forward to working and learning from this project and we will keep you all updated on the results!

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT

I am both sad and excited to inform you that Mrs. Mandy Verco has accepted a position at Faith Lutheran College as a Year 7 teacher. This position will begin at the commencement of the 2022 school year.

While it will be hard for her to leave our community at the end of this year, I am very excited for Mrs Verco and for the opportunities and challenges this will bring. I thank her for the many years of service here at St Johns. We have been richly blessed by having Mrs Verco on staff, and I know that what we lose, Faith will gain.

Michael Bowmer
Principal

SAPSASA NETBALL

Congratulations to Charlotte Nietschke who participated in the State Netball Carnival this week. She represented the Barossa and Light Year 6 team. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing about her week.



Happy Birthday

F/1 Class: Ella 8th June

Jonathan 12th June

Class Awards ~ Week 4 & Week 5



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| Foundation/Year One | Bailey Neumann |
| Year Two/Year Three | Maria l'Anson |
| Year Four | Marty Mosey |
| Year Five/Year Six | Eloise Plueckhahn |

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| Foundation/Year One | Layla Rowett |
| Year Two/Year Three | Jacob Schutz |
| Year Four | Harry Niemz |
| Year Five/Year Six | - |

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

PYP Spotlight—Action

Action in the PYP connects our students to their new learning and understandings from their Units of Inquiry. Through action, our students bring about positive change and make a difference in a variety of ways.

Our students are encouraged to:

Reflect - on the local and global consequences of their actions

Choose - make choices based on their reflections

Act - follow through with the choices that they make.

There are five different ways that we can take action.

WAYS to take action



- Participation
- Advocacy
- Social Justice
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Lifestyle Choices

BEING

Have you BEEN different or changed your behavior?

FEELING

Have you FELT different or empathized more?

DOING

Have you DONE something different?
Given? Helped?

SAYING

Have you SAID something different?
Asked? Explained? Discussed?

HAVING

Do you HAVE more of something?
Knowledge? Enthusiasm? Caring?

THINKING

Have you THOUGHT differently?
Changed your mind? Inquired more?

Many of our students are showing action without even realizing it. We would love to hear the different ways that your child/children are showing action. Be sure to share with your class teacher!

Library News... Submitted by Brenda Verrall Librarian

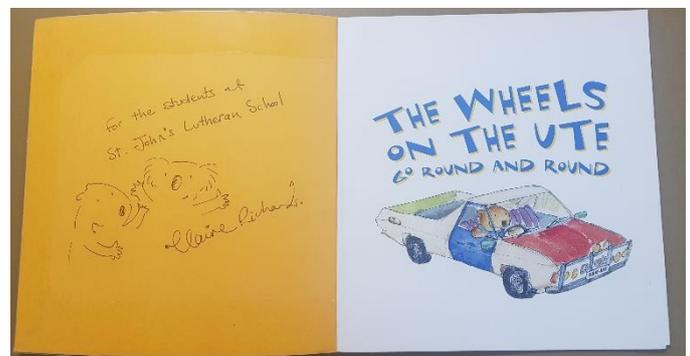
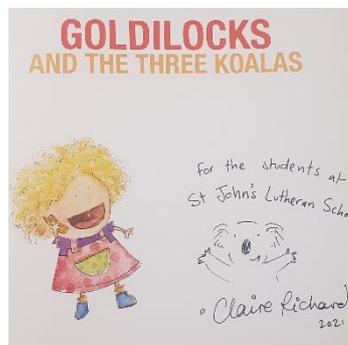
On Wednesday 19th May 2021, all students at St John's and throughout Australia/ New Zealand, listened to "Give me some Space! by Philip Bunting" which was read by a NASA astronaut, Dr Shannon Walker.

St John's was one of 25,500 locations that shared the reading at 10.30am EST with over 1 million students listening at the same time as a part of the National Simultaneous Storytime held annually.



SPECIAL VISITOR

we were lucky enough to have Claire Richards who is not only Mr Bowmers daughter-in-law but also a book illustrator come to visit our school on Monday. Whilst she was here Claire read to the F/1 Class and also signed 2 of the books from our library which she has illustrated. Scan the QR code below if you would like to hear Claire read the story 'Goldilocks and the three koalas' to our F/1 class.



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4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

ISSUE 4 Orders due back at school by
Thursday 10th June

SCHOLASTIC

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

| STAFF |
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| Renae Ruediger |
| Brenda Verrall |
| Josie Wundersitz |
| Edith Zeller |
| Richard Crouch |

| SCHOOL FAMILIES |
|--------------------------------|
| Nick and Rebecca Noack |
| Trevor and Katie Preston |
| Chris and Bethany Prosser |
| Rav Prasad and Jessica Quinlan |
| Pastor Joshua Muller |

Church times

Sunday 6 June 2021

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| Robertstown | 8.30am | HC | Pastor Joshua Muller |
| Peep Hill | 8.30am | LR | |
| Point Pass | 8.30am | LR | |
| Eudunda | 10.30am | HC | Pastor Joshua Muller |

Sunday 13 June 2021

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| Point Pass | 8.30am | HC | Pastor Joshua Muller |
| Eudunda | 9.00am | LR | |
| Robertstown | 10.00am | LR | |
| Neales Flat | 10.30am | HC | Pastor Joshua Muller |

CASUAL DAY

Friday 18th of June (week 8)



Dress up as your favourite animal

Bring a gold coin donation
Money raised will 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!

KIDS FOR CHRIST

The term 2 KFC will be held on Friday 11th June at the St John's school hall from 3.10 pm onward, for a 3.30 pm start, concluding at 5.30 pm. We will be resuming our 2020-2021 theme entitled "Bugs" – small creatures teaching us big lessons about God. All children are welcome to come along. Pre-schoolers may attend if accompanied by a parent. For enquiries and bookings (needed by Thursday 10th June), please contact Chris Doecke on 0488 047861 or via the KFC Facebook group.

ENROL NOW IN PRESCHOOL

Children who turn 4 before 1 May can start preschool at the beginning of that year.

Register your interest in enrolling your child by contacting your local preschool.

Register your interest by 30 June in the year before your child is due to start preschool.

Scan the QR code to download the registration of interest form.

For more information visit:
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