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Devotion ~ Submitted by Michael Bowmer



The joy of Spring

In our back yard we have two rather substantial ornamental pear trees. After standing bare for months in the cold rain they are now starting to feel the gentle warmth of the sunshine. Bright white blossom and fresh green leaves are starting to appear. Soon the whole tree will be covered in blossom. While it looks stunning during the day, it looks even more spectacular at night under flood lights against the black sky.

Spring is such an encouraging time of year – after months of cold and rain the arrival of warmer days signs of new life and new hope are everywhere. Plants are bearing buds, windows that have been sealed shut for months can now be opened, more people are out for a walk, and for many the sun is now up when we commute to work and back. The warmer weather and longer days can literally put a spring in our step.

Life has seasons as well. Sometimes things are going really well and then suddenly it comes in hard and tough. That's normal. But it is during the wintery times of life that God can teach us to be more dependent on him, to be trusting of him more deeply and to be more sure of the hope he offers. Times of trial are like the cold rain, which in time can bring out the wonderful fruits of the spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

While the warm Spring weather might drive away the annoying mud puddles in my back yard, its not going to drive away the new trials we face each day. I believe the trick is though, to use the times of trial to grow closer to God so that the fruits of his Spirit may grow and shine all the more brightly through us.

So when you are tempted to complain, use it as a prompt to pray for patience. When someone annoys you, use it as a prompt to respond with kind word. When get that moment when you feel as though you are just so busy, use it as a prompt to recall a favourite Bible text and draw on the hope or promise it offers.

Who knows what trials are awaiting us today, tomorrow or next week? But we do know that as we take those trials to God, he can use them to make his 'fruit' bloom and grow through us.

By Stuart Traeger

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 8

- School Board Meeting

Friday 10

- Assembly – livestreamed
- P&F Meeting (via Zoom)
- Dance Lessons

Monday 13

- Chapel led by Year 4 – livestreamed
- SACA Cricket Clinic

Wednesday 15

- Nude Food Day

Wednesday 15 – Friday 17

- Year 2/3 Camp

Friday 17

- Assembly – livestreamed

Tuesday 21

- Concert Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 23

- Dance Concert

Friday 24

- Odd Sock Day
- Closing Chapel



Year Foundation/One
Harper Geister 13 Sept
Nellie Mepstead 19 Sept

Year Two/Three
Ayla Schutz 11 Sept



From the Principal ~ Mr Michael Bowmer

COVID UPDATE

Our advice remains that parents attendance onsite at the school should be limited. Unfortunately, this includes the continuation of not attending assemblies and chapel and only assisting in class where it is critical to a student's learning where the assistance cannot be undertaken in another way. Our next P and F meeting will be held this Friday via a Zoom conference. On the positive side, School concerts are recognized as a 'one off' event are able to go ahead. This means we may be able to have parents in attendance at our dance concert at the end of this term – if there is room. We will need to adhere to density limits and physical distancing measures, the use of QR codes to check in, and wearing of masks.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

When the anchor room was pulled down by the church, it left the north side of the school widely exposed. The new paving that we have recently had laid replaces the old, cracked and worn out bitumen that was there. In addition, we have moved the spoon drain away from the middle of the driveway and changed the approach to the Foundation/Year 1 classroom. This driveway is integral to our school as it is our wheelchair and emergency vehicle access.

Moving the spoon drain to the side has allowed us to also remove the old garbage bin area and make provision for a garden bed. Kylie from Manuka Nursery has visited the school and had a look at the site. She is helping with plant selection that will be appropriate to the school. In addition to this garden bed, we are also putting in a kiss and drop zone for our students in the carpark. This will also allow for more plants to be put in. A native edible plant garden for the netball court garden of the school will be established. These two areas will be the focus for our family trees, and if we still have more trees than area will put some screening natives by the green fence on the eastern boundary.

People may have noticed the state of the front of our school. Unfortunately this is still a work in progress. A lot of the natives that were there were old and dying and had to be removed. Currently we are in the process of applying for a masterplan grant that will include a landscape architect to come and consult with the school community about how best to develop both the existing structures and future structures. This will include the front (Ward St) of the school, our school entrance and of course our learning areas.

FACEBOOK POSTS

The St John's Lutheran School's Facebook Page is used as a platform to promote our school and share information on what has been happening at the school with the wider community, which often includes photos of our students. We would like to remind our school families to please respect others and their right to privacy and refrain from re sharing these posts on your personal facebook pages. If at any time any of our families wish to revoke their childs photo permissions which was given upon enrolment of your child at St Johns, please contact the front office.

Michael Bowmer - Principal

From the School Board

I am excited to announce that our new Strategic Plan has been finalised and approved by our School Board. This Strategic Plan is an important step in providing guidance and priorities for our future – maintaining our high standards and further developing our Learning, our Community and our Infrastructure. As a part of this plan, we have developed a Purpose Statement, clarified our Values as a school, developed our Vision and Mission and will focus on 3 Strategic Priorities for the next 4 years. I thank all of our school community for your involvement and input – our P&F, Staff, Students and fellow Board Members. We are now getting quotes from a number of architectural firms to develop a Master Plan for our school. A copy of our Strategic Plan will be sent home to all families in the coming weeks.

Regina Scholz

Chairperson – St Johns Lutheran School Board

Book Week 2021

Thank you to all students who did such a fabulous job dressing up for our annual Book Week. It was lovely to see so many characters come to life. What a fabulous celebration to end Week 6 and Book Week. Thank you also to all parents who worked extra hard on making costumes.



Congratulations to the following students who were awarded book prizes:

- Foundaton – Layla Rowett
- Year One – Addison Williams
- Year Two – Mitchell Schaefer
- Year Three – Charli Brown
- Year Four – Annabelle Preston
- Year Five – Zoe Neal
- Year Six – Demi Mosey



From the Care Coordinator ~ Mrs Lynn Grosser

R U OK? Day (Thursday 9 September, 2021) is a national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs.



Looking out for one another and lending support is a key life skill for any age group. God calls us as Christians, to provide people with support and somewhere to turn, to care for each other and those around us. Every one of us, at some point in our life, needs support, needs someone to talk to, needs someone to genuinely take an interest in how we are doing and that one simple question "Are you OK?" can change a life.

Each of us has a part to play in connecting with those around us. It is not our job to 'fix' people's problems or to counsel them, however it is our job to ask, listen and encourage the people around us to seek help or support as needed.

Our Heavenly Father loves us all so much! He wants to make sure we are okay. He wants us to lean on him during all the messes we experience. Lean on his strength and love. Look to God, to His word and find peace there as His promises are true. No matter what is going on around us, God is our strength and wants to make sure we feel loved, protected and at peace.

For more information on RU OK? Day go to - <https://www.ruok.org.au>



Class Awards ~ Week 6 & Week 7



Foundation/Year One	Layla Rowett
Year Two/Year Three	Mitchell Schaefer
Year Four	Bridget Williams
Year Five/Year Six	Bryce Heidrich

Foundation/Year One	Ted Plueckhahn
Year Two/Year Three	Sonny Geister & Ayla Schutz
Year Four	Brooke Schaefer
Year Five/Year Six	Eloura Mosey

Update on our Sponsor Child ~

As many of our school families would be aware the money received through chapel donations goes to World Families Australia to directly support our Phillipino sponsorship child *Jaqueline Vercillies*. We would like to share with you an update which we recently received.



Report from Philipines project officers, Bruce & Elaine Smith – April 2021

Manilla continues to be in running lockdowns, currently children under the age of 17 are not allowed outised their homes. Only one older member of a family can go out but there are still travel and area restrictions. Any breaking of these restrictions will place that person in prison. School has continued, with those that can, doing online lessons and others doing small assignments.



Teachers are doing an amazing job with all of the restrictions affecting them too. Local coordinators have been distributing food to our communities. They had difficulty at first but were then given permits to to distribute food to all of our students and their families, most of whom are subsistence workers, that work has been severely by all the ongoing lockdowns. A big thank you to all of our sponsors for your valued support of this project and the children, this work continues despite the severe restrictions of COVID19 and our communication with them remains open and regular.

Year 2/3 Class Visit the Eudunda Silo Art Project

On Tuesday, as part of their recent UOI about 'Where we are in place in time' and landmarks, the 2/3 class walked down to the silo in Eudunda to meet Sam Brooks, the artist painting the amazing 27m high mural. He spent time with us to tell us the story of his painting which reflects upon the history of the farming community and the Ngadjuri people. We were very interested in the way Sam creates his artwork using a grid, how he gets up to the high places and the ways he uses his paint. It was great to see the silo up close and get to meet Sam. We can't wait to see it finished!



Prayer and Care ~ We pray for the following staff and school families:

STAFF	FAMILY
Josie Wundersitz	Randall and Mandy Verco
Edith Zeller	Phillip and Tania Williams
Belinda Niemz	Kellie Dally-Watkins
Steve Wegener	Matthew and Renae Plueckhahn
Janine Falkenberg	
Pastor Joshua	



Church Times ~

Sunday 12 September

Point Pass	8.30am	HC	Pastor Freckelton
Geranium Plain	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua
Eudunda	9.00am	LR	
Robertstown	10.30am	HC	Pastor Freckelton
Neales Flat	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua

Sunday 19 September 2021

Robertstown	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua
Peep Hill	8.30am	LR	
Eudunda	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua

KIDS PRAISE - The next "Kids Praise" Sunday morning children's ministry will be held at the Eudunda Lutheran Church on Sunday 19th September during the 10.30 am service. All children of the parish and community are welcome. Pre-schoolers may participate if accompanied by a parent or grandparent. If your children will be attending, please get in touch with Chris Doecke (0488 047861) – it is helpful to know numbers in advance to aid planning.

Community News ~

Community Forums
 Join us for a conversation about community focused suicide prevention and the establishment of a
Suicide Prevention Network
 6:30pm-8:30pm
Monday 18 October 2021
 Eudunda Sporting Club | Morgan Road | Eudunda
 (a light supper will follow the forum)
 6:30pm-8:30pm
Tuesday 19 October 2021
 Burra Sports Club | Smelts Road | Burra
 (a light supper will follow the forum)

Please register for this event by visiting Eventbrite
 Eudunda : <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/eudunda-community-forum-to-establish-a-suicide-prevention-network-tickets-163141343149>
 Burra : <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/burra-community-forum-to-establish-a-suicide-prevention-network-tickets-163141343149>
 or by phoning
 Tanya Melins on 0466 544 593
 registrations close at 5:00pm on Friday 11 October 2021

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 & REUNION**

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER
 ROBERTSTOWN PEACE HALL

1pm - Registration
 2pm - Musical Entertainment
 3pm - Guest Speaker (Mr. Peter Goers OAM)
 Launch of Book/Cheese & Wine
 4.30pm - Musical Entertainment
 5.30-7pm - Tea
 7.30-10pm - Musical Entertainment (Caitlin Drew)
 & Reunion Supper

SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

10.30am - Local Church Services
 12.30pm - Sausage Sizzle at Community Centre
 2pm - Unveiling of 150 Mural, Reunion, Coffee & Chat

We will be launching a History Book covering the 35 years from 1986-2021 to document changes & celebrations since 'Emmaus to Worlds End' was printed. To assist with planning we would like an indication of book purchases. They will be \$25 each on the launch weekend and \$30 thereafter.

RSVP to Tracey Rodda
 Phone: 0409091770 Email: gatrodda@activ8.net.au
 Mail: 762 Geranium Plains Road, Robertstown, SA, 5381

1. How many books you would be likely to purchase (family & Friends who may not receive this invitation)
 2. Bookings for light tea Saturday Evening (\$15 per person)