

Informer

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Important Dates

December

Friday 3

- Whole school Fun Day

Monday 6

- Students delivering Christmas tracts

Thursday 9

- Last day of Term Four
- Lunches provided by P&F
- End of Year Service 7.30pm in St John's Luthern Church

Friday 10

- Pupil Free Day



JANUARY 2022

Monday 24

- School office opens

Wednesday 26

Australia Day (office CLOSED)

Thursday 27 January

Book Pick up Day 10am-2pm

Monday 31 January

- Term One begins
- Opening Chapel 9.00am

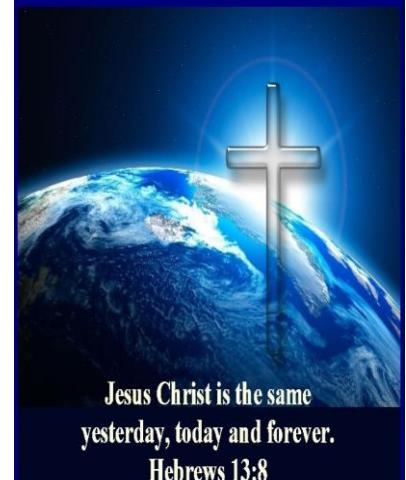
Devotion ~ Submitted by Mandy Verco

Everything Changesbut God!

Change isn't easy....Schools are full of change and it can happen every second, minute, day, week, term and year.

In the seven years I have been a part of the St John's community, I have seen a lot of change – some has been very exciting, but some has been very hard, especially when we don't want it, or it isn't planned.

Our family is talking a lot about change too as we move on to new roles and challenges next year.



Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8

In the same way that we can be challenged by change, it is also important to take on opportunities that bring change when they arise, even if we feel we may not be ready. Change doesn't seem so hard when we view it as an opportunity to grow.

Whether we like it or not, the living of our life involves change. Relationships change. Locations change. Jobs change. Our bodies change. We change.

The truth be known, everything changes but God. God is always the same. He is never changing. We can trust in Him and His faithfulness. We can believe in His promises in scripture. He is trustworthy, all knowing and Holy.

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So in this constantly changing world we live in, we can rest assured that God is unchanging. He is our anchor in the storm, our rock on which we build our lives. Although the world changes moment by moment, God does not and that is comforting!

Devotion content inspired by reading from <https://www.gcu.edu/> and <https://stevesdevotions.blogspot.com/>



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From the Principal ~ Mr Michael Bowmer

COVID - 19 UPDATE

As you are probably aware, the Commissioner of Police, acting in his role as the State Coordinator responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, has announced the Emergency Management (Education and Early Childhood Settings Vaccination) (COVID-19) Direction 2021. This Direction requires all individuals to receive at least 1 dose of a Therapeutic Goods Association approved COVID-19 vaccination and a booking to receive a second dose by 10 December 2021, except those who have a medical exemption endorsed by the Chief Public Health Officer.

The Direction applies to all employees, volunteers, parent helpers, contractors and service providers either engaged by the school or contracted to provided services to the school.

We would like our staff, students and parent community to rest assured that we have implemented measures to ensure compliance with the Direction by 10 December 2021.

I appreciate that this will be difficult news for some but the school has always been fully committed to implementing the best available health advice.

I trust that we can all work together respectfully to ensure the safety of our school community and in doing so I respectfully remind parents and visitors to our school, that masks must be worn when you are inside any of the school buildings. *The only exception to this is where a medical exemption is presented.

CLASSES IN 2022

Plans for next year have been finalised and our teacher appointments for 2022 will be:

Foundation: Mrs Sue Denholm, **Year One/Year Two:** Mrs Renae Ruediger, **Year Three/Year Four:** Mrs Chris Schmaal, **Year Five/Year Six:** Mrs Kathy Cluse.

Mrs Edith Zeller will continue on in 2022 as our LOTE (german) teacher and Mrs Josie Wundersitz will take on the role of PYP coordinator 2 days per week as well as continuing on as our ARTS teacher 1 day per week.

FAREWELL

I would like to wish our Graduating Year Six students God's richest blessings for their future education as they leave St John's and move into high school. Our Graduating class of 2021 are; George l'Anson, Amalie Jenke, Lachlan Meinhardt, Demi Mosey, Nicholas Mosey, Charlotte Nietschke and Imogen Noack. We know that you are going to be great ambassadors for St John's in the years ahead of you. I will have a lot more to say to these students at our End of Year Closing/Graduation service next week. A reminder that this is a compulsory event for all school families, and as such it will revert to our pre-covid format.

There are also a number of 'long standing' families who will be finishing their time here with us at St John's at the end of this year. We bid a fond farewell to the following families and thank them for their contributions to St John's – Kym & Karen Nietschke, Greg & Rachel Meinhardt, Nick and Rebecca Noack and Richard & Jodie Mosey.

We also farewell Paul Schutz and Nicole Milde from our School Board. Thank you for your service to the school these past years and you are leaving our school a much richer place than when you started.

Finally, as the 2021 school year draws to a close, so does the time of some of our staff members and families. Mrs Mandy Verco has been a long standing and highly respected teacher here at St Johns for the past 6 years. During this time Mandy has done an outstanding job not only in her role as class teacher but also as a Choir Leader and PYP Coordinator. Mandy has been more than just a staff member we all have valued her sense of humour, her steady diligence and the way she gets things done without fuss. We are going to miss you terribly Mrs Verco, but know that Faith is going to be so much richer for selecting you as one of their Year 7 teacher's.

*Have a safe and Blessed Christmas, I look forward to welcoming you back in 2022.
Michael Bowmer - Principal*

School Notices

SCHOOLS BUSHFIRE PLAN/POLICY

As the warmer days increase so does our threat of bushfires. St John's school families should be aware that SA CFS *Bushfire Management Plan – Risk Register March 2018* has determined the site and surrounding landscape of St John's Lutheran School to be high risk. We remind families that as a result, St John's will be closed on days declared as catastrophic. For more information see the schools Bush Fire Plan available on our website <https://www.stjohns-eudunda.sa.edu.au/about-st-johns-school>.

UNIFORM UPDATE

The school board have recently approved an extension to the changeover period from summer to winter and winter to summer uniform. This changeover period will now be 2 weeks either side of Terms Two and Four. The uniform committee have recently been investigating a new sports jumper design. The School Board have approved a trial of a new jumper design which will be offered initially as the Year 6 jumper in 2022.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS

We have had some requests for second hand uniform items. If you have any St Johns school uniform pieces in good used condition that you are looking to pass on to someone we would be happy to take them.

P&F RECIPE BOOK

The Parents and Friends Committee have recently launched their Recipe Book fundraiser. For those that have placed an order these books will be available for collection from the school before the end of the term. There will be some extra books printed and these will be available to purchase from the school in 2022 for \$20 each.

2022 STUDENT STATIONERY PACKS

St John's will once again engage in the service of Office National Barossa for our 2022 Student Book & Stationery requirements. Information on how to order these packs will be distributed to families at the beginning of Week 9.

FROM THE FINANCE MANAGER

A reminder to all families that account payments need to be paid in full by the end of December. Term 4 bus payments will be processed after the end of term and reflected in December Statements. Please contact Belinda at the school or via email belinda.niemz@sjls.sa.edu.au if you have any queries in relation to the above. 2022 Fee Information and financial agreements will be forwarded to families prior to the end of term. Please ensure these forms are signed and returned by the end of Week 1, Term 1 2022.

FOR SALE

The schools old ride on mower is FOR SALE. As it has not been used for a number of years, it will be sold, 'As Is' for \$750. If you are interested please contact the front office.

FRIDAY FUN DAY

On **Friday 3 December** each class will be involved in a 'Fun Day' with their teachers and class carers. This day has traditionally been planned as a fun event for teachers and their students to celebrate the end of a school year and the learning journey they have taken together. Information about each classes activities on this day will have been communicated to families via class teachers.

BAKERY LUNCH ORDERS

Please note there will be no Bakery Orders this Friday 3 December due to students being involved in Fun Day activities and special lunches.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday's in December!

F/1 Class: Jason Connor – 9th December

2/3 Class: Paddy Ross – 10th December, Rachel Schutz – 17th December, Rubi Neumann – 24th December

London the therapy dog turns 3 on January 25th! ☺

SHARING OF CHRISTMAS GREETINGS (CHRISTMAS CARDS/CANDY CANES)

While we appreciate that students like to exchange Christmas cards and holiday greetings at this time of year we ask that parents refrain from sending in candy canes or Christmas lollies with students to pass on to friends. In the past these 'special treats' have been exchanged and consumed at recess and lunch by the children and this can bring about envy from others who have not received them along with creating a 'sticky mess'. If children wish to pass on a gift of a candy cane or Christmas lolly, we ask that this be done on weekends or out of school hours.

PARENTS & FRIENDS SPECIAL LUNCH

On **Thursday 9 December 2021** (last day of school) the Parents & Friends will be providing a FREE sausage sizzle, drink and ice-block at lunchtime for all students and staff. We thank the P&F for providing and preparing this special lunch for all the staff and students to enjoy ☺

END OF YEAR SERVICE

Our End of Year Service will take place in St John's Lutheran Church Eudunda on Thursday 9th December 2021 from 7.30pm. All students are to meet in the School Hall at 7.15pm dressed in official summer uniform. This official close to the school year is a compulsory school function and as such is expected that all students will be in attendance. If extreme circumstances dictate that you are unable to attend please notify your class teacher as soon as possible. We once again remind our school families of the need to wear masks, QR Code Check In and maintain social distancing where practicable.

Message from the School Board ~

As the school year comes to an end, we farewell two of our Board members, Nicole Milde and Paul Schutz. Both will be stepping down from the School Board after many years of hard work and commitment, not only to the Board, but also to the wider school community.

On behalf of the St Johns School Board, I sincerely thank both Nicole and Paul for their positive influence and contributions to the Board.

In 2022 the School Board will be welcoming two new members, Alison Schutz and Katie l'Anson along with myself, Regina Scholz, who was re-elected. These members will be joining Jo Mosey, Amanda Schaefer, Carly Boxall and Daniel Jenke as our 2022 School Board.

The Board has had a very positive and productive year and we are looking forward to seeing what 2022 brings.

On behalf of the School Board we wish you all a safe and blessed break.

Regina Scholz - Chairperson



Week 6 ~ Class Award Recipients

Foundation/Year One: Mitchell Saegenschnitter
Year Two/Year Three: Eddy Verco, Jessica Preston
Year Four: Kennedy Geister (Absent)
Year Five/Year Six: Lilly Verco



Week 7 ~ Class Award Recipients

Foundation/Year One: Spencer Buck
Year Two/Year Three: Harriet Mosey, Paddy Ross, Rubi Neumann, Maria l'Anson, Rachel Schutz
Year Four: Ella Doering, Kennedy Geister (wk 6)
Year Five/Year Six: Charlotte Nietschke, Eloise Plueckhahn

PYP Sharing ~ Year 5 and Year 6 Mrs Cluse

Transdisciplinary Theme:

Sharing the Planet

Central Idea:

Energy sources have sustainable futures

Concepts: Function ~ Connection ~ Responsibility

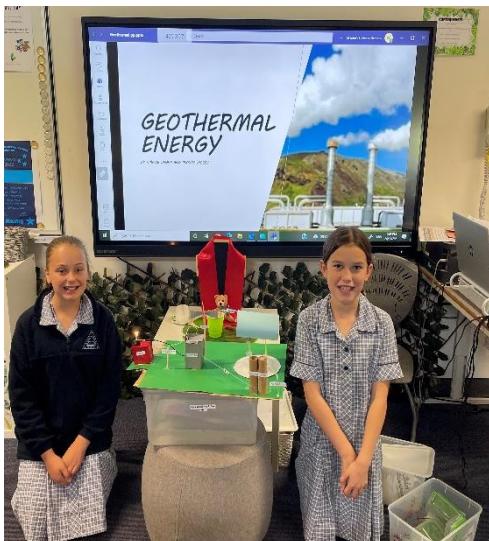
Lines of Inquiry:

- The different forms of energy
- The consequences of energy production
- Renewable & sustainable energy sources

Approaches to Learning: Self-management skills

Learner Profile Attributes: Balanced ~ Reflective

Students have been learning about the different types of energy sources. For the Summative Assessment Task students worked in groups to inquire into a renewable energy source. They needed to produce an information report that addressed: How their form of energy is used, how this form of energy works and the positives and negatives of using this type of energy. They also needed to plan, design, evaluate and label a model of their form of energy.



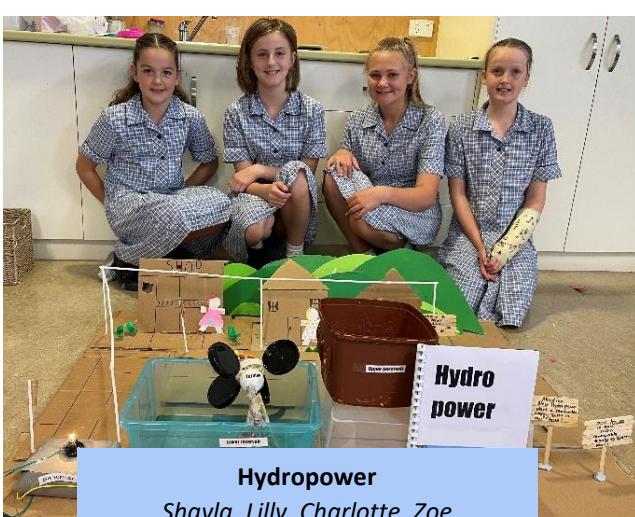
Geothermal Power
Amalie and Eloura



Hydropower
Demi, Eloise, Leni, Bryce



Wind Power
Lachlan & Imogen



Hydropower
Shayla, Lilly, Charlotte, Zoe



Solarpower
George, Nick & Edward

From the PE Coordinator – Faith Lutheran Challenge

On Friday 19th November, 19 students travelled to Faith Lutheran College, to compete in the annual Faith Challenge with other Lutheran schools. The events students competed in were 800 Meters, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, 100 Meters, 200 Meters and Relay. All our students represented our school well, showing great sportsmanship by encouraging each other, giving their all and showing respect to the other competitors. They should all be proud of their efforts; it was a pleasure to see the excitement and enthusiasm coming from them. The following students represented our school: Ella Prosser, Dan Ross, Marty Mosey, Harry Niemz, Emma Doering, Julia l'Anson, Bridget Williams, Grace Jenke, Marissa Ross, India Cluse, Bryce Heidrich, Nick Mosey, Lachlan Meinhardt, George l'Anson, Leni Geister, Eloura Mosey, Eloise Plueckhahn, Charlotte Nietschke and Demi Mosey. At the end of the day the presentations were held with St John's Lutheran School coming 2nd in the Aggregate Shield. Thank you to our parent volunteers who assisted with transporting students and on the day and helping with the girls Discus Event.

Congratulations to the following students who received placings in their events;

Marissa Ross : 1st Shot Put, 3rd Discus.

Bridget Williams: 1st High Jump.

Leni Geister: 1st High Jump, 2nd 800m, 2nd 100m and 2nd 200m, 3rd Shot Put.

Julia l'Anson: 2nd 800m.

Bryce Heidrich: 2nd Discus.

Harry Niemz: 2nd Discus.

Charlotte Nietschke: 2nd Shot Put, 3rd 800m.

Dan Ross: 3rd High Jump.



Prayers

We give thanks to God for the many blessings he has given to us in our school community over the past school year

We thank and praise God for our hard working staff and the many parent volunteers of our school

*We pray for all school families and staff
For a blessed Christmas and a safe and happy New Year*

Church Times

Sunday 5th December 2021

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

Sunday 12th December 2021

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

Church Times Cont.....

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



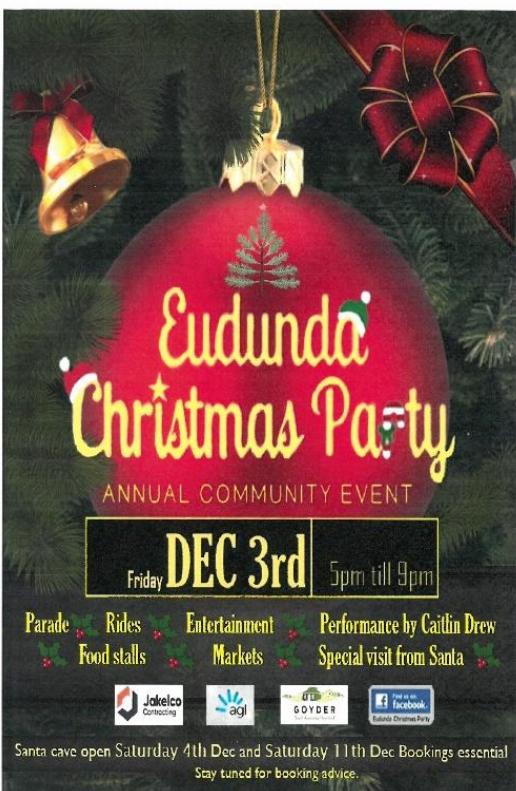
Christmas Eve 24th December 2021

Neales Flat	6.00pm		Pastor Joshua
Robertstown	7.30pm	LR	
Point Pass	7.30pm	LR	
Eudunda	7.30pm		Pastor Joshua

Christmas Day 25th December 2021

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

Community News



KIDS FOR CHRIST

The 'Kids For Christ' Christmas afternoon is on Tuesday 14th December at the St John's School Hall, from 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm, which includes afternoon tea. The cost is \$5 per child. Bookings are needed by Sunday 12th December – when booking please indicate the timeframe kids will be attending. The important parts will be in the middle to allow for any kids who need to arrive later or leave early, or for younger kids who might prefer a shorter visit. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Chris Doecke on 0488 047861. All children are welcome to join in the fun, especially new kids.

EUDUNDA CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

This year our St John's School Choir will be performing on the back of a float during the Christmas Street Parade. Save the date! **Friday 3rd of December** and come along to join in a fun night for the whole family. Don't forget to stop by the Donut Stall and say hi to our Parent & Friends and grab yourself a bag of donuts!



The School Office will be closed
from **4.00pm Thursday 9th December 2021** and re-open
at 9.00am on Monday 24th January 2022

Any urgent correspondence during this time can be directed to
office@sjls.sa.edu.au