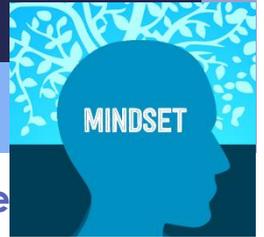


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Devotion ~ By John Proeve Executive Director LESNW



A mindset that paves the way for fullness in life

Recently the Australian and international community was captivated by events surrounding the Australian Open Tennis Grand Slam Championship held in Melbourne. There was firstly the whole visa fiasco surrounding the eligibility of Novak Djokovic to enter Australia to compete in the championship.

There was the emergence of Thanasi Kokkinakis and Nick Kyrgios as crowd heroes by winning the men's doubles championship. The tenacity of Rafael Nadal to endure an epic 5 set match to win a record 21st Grand Slam title.

But more poignantly we were captivated by Ash Barty, who achieved what no other Australian has been able to do for the past 43 years, that being winning an Australian Open Championship. Listening to a commentary about Ash Barty and her achievement, it was observed that Ash epitomises three key attributes: Humility, Appreciation and Compassion

It was also stated that for her, success was not merely the result of her achievement it was the result of her mindset.

On thinking further about this, I drew many parallels of Ash Barty's approach to life, her focus towards playing tennis and her ultimate success, to that of the COVID situation we as Australian and also the global community are experiencing at this time.

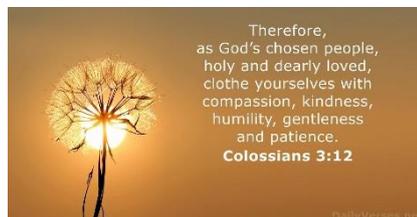
There are moments where I feel almost overwhelmed by the enormity of the whole COVID situation that we are living through. The insurmountable number of things that need to be known, considered and attended to in order to feel a sense of 'control' over this dreadful pandemic. Wrong, wrong, wrong.

For one thing, this whole COVID situation is way beyond my or for that fact anyone's control and capacity, so I need to take on a different perspective, a different mindset. To prevail through all of this it is going to be much more about being kind to ourselves and also attentive to the needs of other people to achieve desired outcomes rather than merely executing a clinical heartless approach. This has got me thinking more deeply about the core values of humility, appreciation and compassion. Incidentally these are also core values of Lutheran education. Each is described as follows:

Humility Acting with humility involves recognising and valuing one's own gifts/abilities and the gifts/abilities of others as being equally valid but of no lesser or greater importance. It is using those gifts/abilities in service to others with an attitude of selflessness. It is being thankful and willing to respect and learn from the experience of others.

Appreciation It is an attitude of gratitude for what we have, the resources available to us. It is a positive attitude that responds in wonder and awe to, and with respect for, the created world – its fragility and its potential.

Compassion Having compassion is being kind to oneself, loving and attending to other people's innermost needs. It is exercising the ability to reach out, to walk in another's shoes, to be open and responsive to the needs and concerns of others and being active in caring for others.



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Important Dates

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 23

- School Board Meeting

Monday 28

- Swimming Lessons

MARCH

Tuesday 1

- Swimming Lessons
- Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes served at recess time

Thursday 3

- Swimming Carnival

Friday 4

Clean up Australia Day activities

Wednesday 9

- Swimming Lessons

Thursday 10

- Swimming Lessons

Friday 11

- Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 15

- EAS Pupil Free Day – No DECD buses

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday's this fortnight

February

- 24th Harry – Yr5
- 28th Charlie – Yr4

March

- 1st Mrs Wundersitz
- 2nd Jessica – Yr3
- 4th Tyler – Yr4
- 6th Jobe - Yr1



Devotion ~ Continued from front page

St Paul's words to the Colossians touch on the mindset that paves the way for fullness in life:

Colossians 3:12-14 'So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.'

So, I as journey into the unknown of 2022 and what lies ahead, with the mindset of love exemplified through humility, gratitude and compassion, knowing that it is not in my strength that I will succeed but in God's strength and through the provision of the people He places to surround me and uphold me, I can press forward with confidence and hope.

Shalom

John Proeve

Executive Director
Lutheran Education SA, NT & WA

From the Principal ~ Mr Michael Bowmer

Welcome Back 😊 Mrs Ruediger, students and close contacts recently affected by Covid.

It has been a difficult two weeks for all of us, and I feel for all who have had to make some tough decisions about whether to return to school or for their children to stay at home. I know its hard, as I have also had to make decisions that I know would not please everyone; but rest assured each and every decision is made with the welfare of our students and staff foremost. Thank you for all the emails, letters and gifts of support we have received. A special thank you to Lynn for keeping in touch with our families and also our relief teachers Angela and Josie for coming in.

We continue to monitor our policies and procedures as Covid continues. Even though classrooms have adequate ventilation, we have ordered Air Purifiers and extra filters for each of the 4 main classrooms. This will be of most benefit when the cooler weather arrives.

Shrove Tuesday

This is an important day to mark the end of the Christmas Season. It is a time when families used to eat all of the nice food left in the pantry before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. As is our custom here at St John's, our lovely P&F will be making pancakes to serve at recess time on Tuesday 1st March for our students and staff to enjoy. 😊 Thank you!

Swimming Lessons

With restrictions easing, we will commence swimming lessons beginning next Monday 28 February. A letter has been sent home to families outlining the dates for these lessons. Our annual Swimming Carnival has also been scheduled for Thursday 3 March. Unfortunately we do not expect parents to be allowed on site until at least Week 8.

School Improvements

Our school continues to make improvements to its teaching and learning, as well as physical assets. We received our 5 Yearly Evaluation Visit Report from the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) over the holidays. The IBO was extremely satisfied with our program, making many commendations from their virtual visit. They found no matters to be addressed and have made some suggestions on how we can further improve our program. These will be looked at by staff throughout the year.

In addition to this, we have purchased two new Clevertouch TV's (enabling us to have Chapel online this past fortnight); installed new carpet and new whiteboards in our Year 3/4 room; and thanks also with the help of our dedicated P&F crew installed a new slide and sofffall for our outdoor nature play area. The pre existing rubber squares under the playground have also been replaced with new rubberized sofffall.

Master Plan Update

The school has applied for Commonwealth funding through the Block Grant Authority. We have now jumped through another stage and representatives will be visiting our school on Wednesday 15th March to assess our proposed plans for refurbishment of the office and reception areas.

Michael Bowmer

Principal

Photos of the New soft - fall and slide in the Nature Play/Playground area



School Captains 2022



2022 School Captains L-R: Leni Geister & Zoe Neal

After our Zoom Chapel on Monday, our 2022 School Captains Zoe Neal and Leni Geister were presented with their badges. Some of the responsibilities of being a School Captain here at St Johns are;

- To be a role model to others in following the Rules and Ethos of the school
 - Lead our school assemblies
 - Lead the Student Representative Council (SRC) meetings
 - Attend community services and ceremonies such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day
 - Opportunities to welcome and thank special guests who come to visit the school
- Assist in organising and delivering Special Days and School Run events (Casual Days, Mothers Day/Fathers Day Stalls)
- Delivery of Prayers and Captains Speeches at the End of Year Service

We look forward to having Leni and Zoe work in partnership with our school in displaying and developing their leadership skills throughout the year.



PALINDROME DAY
2/22/2022

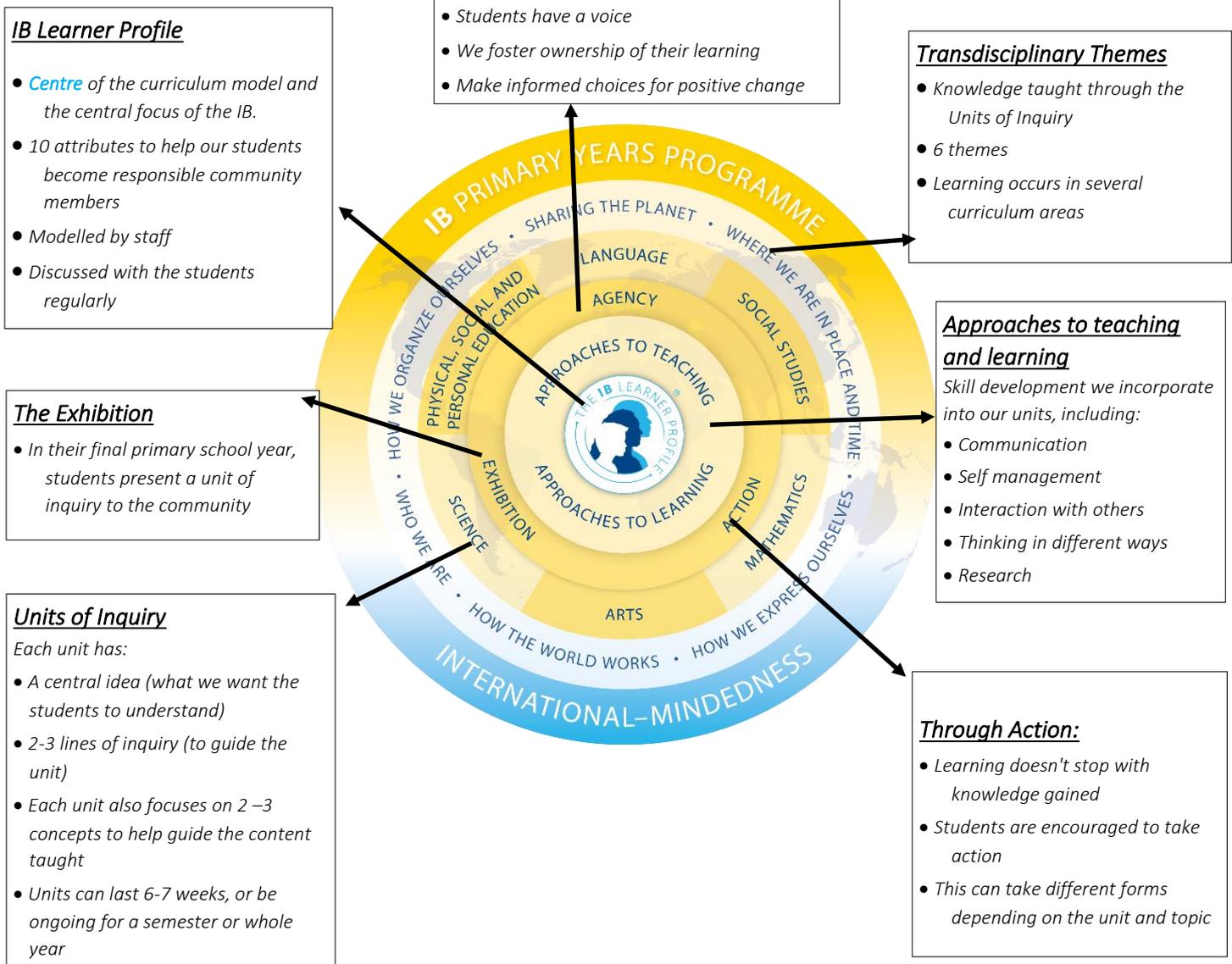
There were some interesting synchronicities happening with the date and time yesterday as investigated by Mrs Schmaals Year Two Three class!



At St John's we are very proud to be one of over 1000 schools around the world that offer the Primary Years Programme (PYP), which is the curriculum framework for primary school aged children in International Baccalaureate (IB) schools. We use this framework, meshed with the Australian Curriculum, to plan and inform our learning program. As teachers, we are often asked, "What is the PYP?" and, "How does it work?"

The diagram below shows the five main elements of the PYP and gives you a picture of how the learning and teaching takes place at St John's. The extra detail explains it further.

Josie Wundersitz—PYP Coordinator



Outcome of our 2021 IB Evaluation - Last year we undertook an official IB Evaluation, which engaged our learning community in a reflective process to assess the aspects of the PYP programme that are being implemented effectively in our school. With meaningful feedback from the evaluators (from Melbourne and Portugal, via Zoom) we identified our many strengths, and we are now better equipped to direct our resources to specific areas of development.

The evaluation was a positive and helpful process. We were commended for our commitment and for the quality of our programme. The evaluators' final words of our report reflect this:

"The visiting team wish the school well on their journey as a strong IB school who put the children first."

Church Times – Eudunda/Robertstown Lutheran Parish

Sunday 27th February 2022

Robertstown	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller Harvest Thanksgiving
Neales Flat	8.30am	LR	
Eudunda	9.00am	LR	
Point Pass	10.00am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller -Harvest Thanksgiving -AGM after the service

Sunday 6th March 2022

Geranium Plain	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller Harvest Thanksgiving
Point Pass	8.30am	LR	
Peep Hill	8.30am	LR	Harvest Thanksgiving
Robertstown	10.00am	LR	
Eudunda	10.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller

KIDS PRAISE

Sunday Morning Children's
Ministry

The first "Kids Praise" Sunday morning children's ministry for this year will be held this Sunday 27th February during the 9 am parish service at the Eudunda Lutheran Church. All children of the parish and community are welcome. For further details or to get a 2022 consent form to be completed, please contact Chris Doecke on 0488 047861.

Prayer & Care Corner

Each week we pray for our staff school families. This week we pray for:

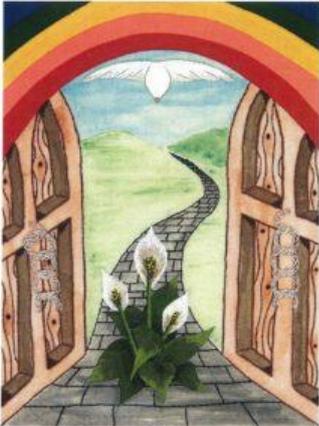
STAFF	SCHOOL FAMILIES
Renae Ruediger	Matthew & Sarah Connor
Brenda Verrall	Kelly Dally-Watkins
Kathy Cluse	Grant & Christine Doecke
Lynn Grosser	Tim & Elise Doering



Community News



World Day of Prayer 2022



ENGLAND, WALES & NORTHERN IRELAND
"I know the plans I have for you."

**Come and celebrate
World Day of Prayer**

**Friday 4th March at 1.30pm
in the Narthex of St John's
Lutheran Church**

**Guest speaker
Samuel Doering**

**English afternoon Tea
provided**

FEMALE FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED



The Northern Plains Female Football Competition is starting at the end of February 2022 for a 6-week season. The age groups are 7-11 (Development Group), Under 14 & Under 17.

If you would like to play football, please contact one of the following contacts for more information.

7-11 Dev Grp	Katie	0411 404 052
Balaklava	Belinda	0427 866 802
Hamley Bridge	Gavin	0447 511 177
Mallala	Ruth	0409 671 633
Two Wells	Martyn	0487 701 559
NEFL Roosters	Jeremy	0408 890 805
Min Man	Brett	0456 778 451
NEFL Roosters	Ian	0477 300 094