

# Informer

St John's Lutheran School  
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Term One, Week Six, Wednesday 9 March 2022

## Important Dates

### MARCH

#### Wednesday 9

- Swimming Lessons

#### Thursday 10

- Swimming Lessons

#### Friday 11

- Assembly (Livestreamed)

#### Tuesday 15

- EAS Pupil Free Day – No DECD buses

#### Friday 18

- Yr 1/2 Assembly (livestreamed)
- SAPSASA Swimming

#### Sunday 20

- Staff and Board Instillation & Bible Presentation 9am in St John's Lutheran Church

#### Monday 21

- Harmony Day
- Chapel led by Foundation Class (Livestreamed)

#### Tuesday 22

- Foundation visit to pre-school

#### Friday 25

- Sports Day

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Birthday's this fortnight

#### MARCH

##### Foundation class

- 14th Grace
- 15th Mason
- 16th Estelle

##### Year One/Two class

- 13th Addison
- 21st Mitchell



Swimming Carnival Fun – see pg 4 for a complete wrap up of the day

## Devotion ~ Submitted by Renae Ruediger

### This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it – Psalm 118:24



Yeah, but what if it's been a lousy day? What if you're going through some really dark times and every day you wake up you feel rotten, everything that can go wrong has gone wrong and you're lonely, sad and even a bit angry about the situation you're stuck in? What about those days?

Can I just say...I don't like those questions very much! I've had a lot of lousy days and the very last thing on my mind is to rejoice over the fact that God made such a day for me to experience. Those days are hard, and rejoicing in God is even harder.

Here's the thing though, if we can learn to rejoice in the Lord through the manic, painful and devastating days, trusting Him becomes our default response. A default response on dark days means turning toward God, lifting our hands and saying, "Yes I will trust You Lord!" Our responses to the circumstances become even more godly, and our testimony becomes stronger.

Who gets the honour in such situations? God does. Don't ever forget that every day, no matter what it looks or feels like, is a gift from God. It's another opportunity to honour and respect God and an opportunity to demonstrate the reality of a relationship with God, to those who don't have one. Rejoice in yet another opportunity to worship God, even when you don't want to.

By the Treasury Project, Vision Christian Media



# From the Principal ~ Mr Michael Bowmer

## CHAPEL OFFERING

This year our SRC has decided that chapel offerings on Mondays will be used for the Lutheran World Service 'Gifts of Grace' project. This means we can buy various animals for a village that needs help.

At last Mondays chapel service, we received \$16.20 in donations which allows us to donate 3  hens to a village. On behalf of this village in need, thank you!

## REMINDER

A number of staff have mentioned that they are being contacted late at night and on weekends by members of our school community. I remind parents that our staff work hard and also need some 'downtime' to be with their own families. Please only contact staff between 7am – 8pm, unless it is an emergency.

## COVID UPDATE

We are nearly back to full attendance at St John's and I would personally like to thank each and every one of our school community for your prayers and support. This includes our staff, parents and students. We do plan to begin holding some events – especially outside when the opportunity arises. This may be our **School Sports Day** which is tentatively **planned for Friday 25 March** (Week 8). Unfortunately, we still have cases of Covid occurring and so we will keep in place measures to reduce the risk of catching/spreading Covid. It may also mean that we will again need to postpone this event, especially if we have another surge in cases.

## MATHS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Numeracy is our Strategic Plan's focus for this year, as we hope to raise our standards to even higher than before. Last week our 4 classroom teachers – Mrs Denholm, Mrs Ruediger, Mrs Schmaal and Mrs Cluse virtually attended the first of a 3 day Maths Professional Development course on the Mathematical Elaborations used in ACARA. I look forward to seeing some of these new strategies being learnt used in the classrooms.

## PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM

As you are aware, our school was evaluated last year by the International Baccalaureate. We received many commendations on what we are doing here at St John's to make our education meaningful for our students so that they are prepared to fully participate when they complete school in our future world. I would love to hear your thoughts on the program as the school plans for our future. I will shortly be preparing a short survey so you can share what knowledge, skills and characteristics you think our students would need to be fully prepared for the future.

## HARMONY DAY

Coming up on 21 March (Monday, Week 8), Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians. This year our school will focus on indigenous cultures around the world and their connections to Australia. Students are encouraged to wear an orange accessory or t-shirt, as this is the official colour to celebrate Harmony Day. Alternatively, if your child has a traditional costume from an indigenous culture (e.g. NZ Māori, American Indian, Indian sari), they may wear this. More information will be on Seesaw.

## NO BUSES

Please be advised that there will be no DECD buses running on Tuesday 15 March due to a Pupil Free Day at the Eudunda Area School. The St John's School bus will operate as normal.

*Michael Bowmer - Principal*

## PRESENTATION OF SCHULTUTE

The Schultute is a German tradition whereby students who are starting school for the first time are presented with decorative cardboard cones filled with small gifts. Pictured here are the Foundation students who were presented with their Schultutes at last Fridays assembly by members of the Year Five/Six Class.



## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

SRC provides a channel for student voice here at St John's. Each class is represented by two students who form the SRC, along with our school captains. The representatives provide feedback from class meetings, which is shared at the fortnightly SRC meetings. The SRC has made contributions to decision making on future fundraising events, lunchtime clubs, school improvements, wellbeing activities and curriculum. Congratulations to our 2022 Semester One SRC reps.

Mrs Josie Wundersitz – SRC Coordinator



<b>SCHOOL CAPTAINS</b>	Zoe Neal, Leni Geister
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	Tom Neal, Austin Schutz
<b>YEAR 1/2 CLASS</b>	Bailey Neumann, Ted Plueckhahn
<b>YEAR 3/4 CLASS</b>	Ella Prosser, Rubi Neumann
<b>YEAR 5/6</b>	Brooke Schaefer, India Cluse

## Class Awards - Week 4 and Week 5

Class and Award Recipient	School Values reflected	Learner Profile attributes
<b>Foundation</b> Blake Zerner	Enthusiasm	For being Knowledgeable and a Thinker
<b>Year 1/2 Class</b> Bailey Neumann	Enthusiasm	Knowledgeable
<b>Year 3/4 Class</b> Charli Brown	Teamwork	Thinker
<b>Year 5/6 Class</b> Bridget Williams	Integrity – Enthusiasm	Thinker and Communicator



Class and Award Recipient	School Values reflected	Learner Profile Attributes
<b>Foundation</b> Ned Mepstead		For being Courageous and a Thinker
<b>Year 1/2 Class</b> Chloe Rowett	Enthusiasm	Knowledgeable
<b>Year 3/4 Class</b> Rachel Schutz	Integrity	Courageous
<b>Year 5/6 Class</b> India Cluse		Courageous



# Swimming Carnival – Submitted by PE Coordinator Mrs Kathy Cluse

On Thursday 3 March we held our annual Swimming Carnival at the Eudunda Swimming Pool. It was a carnival like no other with parents unable to attend due to Covid restrictions. The morning commenced with students 9 years and over participating in freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke races along with mixed relays. Students under 8 participated in noodle, kickboard and some shorter swim events. It was wonderful to see great sportsmanship displayed by all students as they cheered and encouraged one another.

The table below shows those who finished in first place for events in the 9yrs and over categories

NAME	AGE GROUP	EVENT
Sonny Geister	9 year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Freestyle, Backstroke & Breast Stroke + OPEN boys 100m freestyle
Maria l'Anson	9 Year Old Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Freestyle, backstroke
Marik Mosey	10 year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Freestyle, Backstroke
Harry Niemz	10 year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Breaststroke
Kennedy Geister	10 year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Freestyle
Ayla Schutz	10 year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Backstroke
Grace Jenke	10 year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Breaststroke
Marty Mosey	11 year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Freestyle, Backstroke & Breaststroke
Bridget Williams	11 year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke
Edward Dally-Watkins	12 year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Freestyle, Breaststroke
Leni Geister	12 year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place in: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke + OPEN girls 100m Freestyle, OPEN girls butterfly

## Records Broken

NAME	AGE GROUP	EVENT	TIME	PREVIOUS RECORD
<b>Sonny Geister</b>	9 yo boys	33m Freestyle	26.87	1997 Dale Dunncliff 35.25
	9 yo boys	33m Backstroke	31.96	2020 Marty Mosey 46.67
<b>Bridget Williams</b>	11 yo girls	33m Freestyle	23.36	2021 Leni Geister 23.43
<b>Leni Geister</b>	OPEN girls	100m Freestyle	1.16.17	2021 Leni Geister 1.19.23
	12 yo girls	33m Freestyle	22.10	2006 Samantha Sommers 25.29
	12 yo girls	33m Backstroke	27.40	2006 Samantha Spmmers 31.54
	12 yo girls	33m Breast stroke	32.14	2006 Samantha Sommers 33.46
	OPEN girls	33m Butterfly	25.52	2021 Leni Geister 28.32

This is a tremendous achievement and we congratulate Sonny, Bridget and Leni on their records.

The afternoons events consisted of tabloid events for all students which included peg collect, tube race, hoop relay, over ball - among many others. The days swimming events concluded with a staff student relay.

At the end of the day the house teams finished off with their War Cries followed by the announcement of the winning House. Thiele House finished on 328 points and Emmaus House came out on top with 349 points for the day. Mr Bowmer presented the Captains & Vice-Captains of Emmaus house; Leni, Eloise, Edward and Dan with the St Johns Swimming Shield and congratulated them on being the overall winning team on the day. Captains of both Emmaus and Thiele house responded and thanked the teachers, organisers and helpers for the day, along with a special thank you to Louise, Alison and Regina for preparing and delivering the hot dogs to us at lunchtime 😊

# Photos from the Swimming Carnival



# PYP Sharing – Mrs Ruedigers Year One/Two Class

## Transdisciplinary Theme:

How we organise ourselves

## Central Idea:

People communicate with each other in a variety of ways

**Concepts:** Form ~ Change

## Lines of Inquiry:

- Different ways people communicate
- How communication has changed to adapt to the needs of communities

**Approaches to Learning:** Communication skills

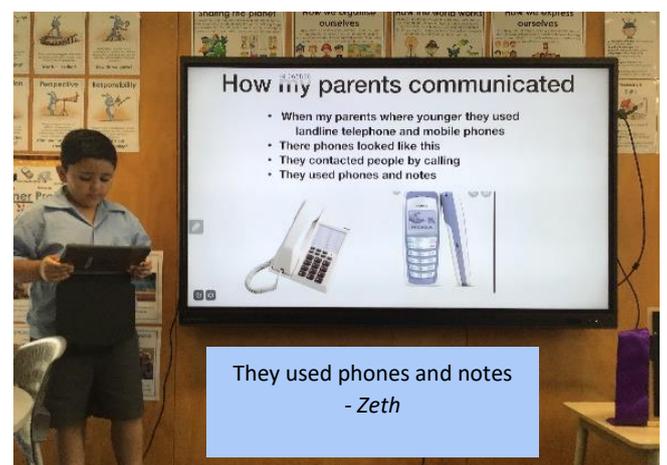
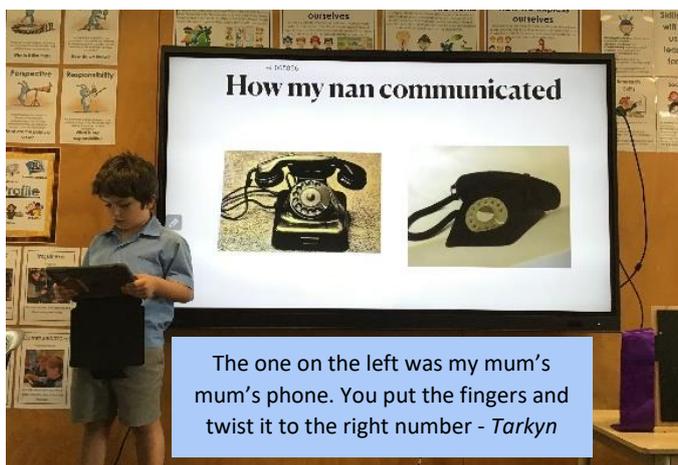
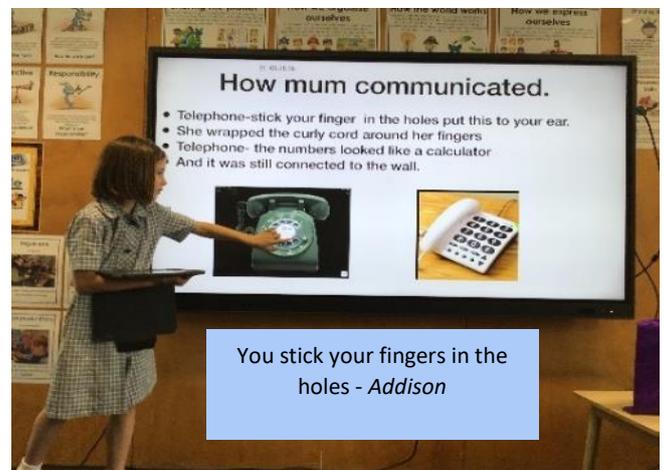
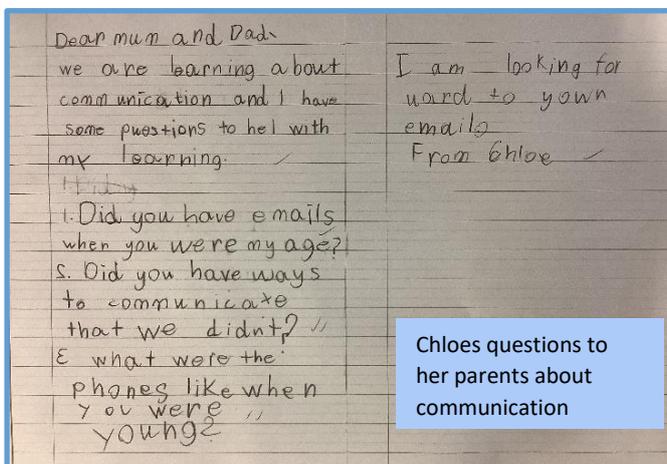
**Learner Profile Attributes:** Communicators ~ Thinkers

To show their prior knowledge, the 1/2 class suggested ways they could send a message. Here are some of their suggestions:

- Mobile phones - *Ted, Jason and Layla*
- Airdrop - *Lewis*
- Gift - *Landen*
- Envelope/post card - *Marlee and Addison*
- Letter in a bottle - *Zeth*

Students have written an email to their parents and grandparents to help them find out how communication has changed. They discussed different questions they might like to ask to help them find out how communication has changed and chose some questions to ask in their letter.

Students read through their emails and presented to the class what they found



# Prayer & Care Corner



STAFF	SCHOOL FAMILIES
Christine Schmaal	Catherine Faulkner
Lisa Pfitzner	Jason and Emily Geister
Josie Wundersitz	Stephen and Jessica Geister
Edith Zeller	Scott and Stephanie Heidrich

## Church Times – Eudunda/Robertstown Lutheran Parish

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Point Pass	8.30am	HC	Pastor Joshua
Peep Hill	8.30am	LR	
Eudunda	9.00am	LR	
Robertstown	10.00am	HC	Pastor Joshua

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Eudunda	9.00am	P	Pastor Joshua
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**Parish service with Bible Presentations to St John's students and Installation and Rededication of school Staff and Board members.**

## Clean up Australia Day

Last Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, students participated in 'Clean Up Australia Day'. This day is the nation's largest community-based environmental event. Over a million Aussies step up to clean up every year, donating their time to improve the environment. Our Year 5/6 class did a wonderful job cleaning up the top scrub, the Year 1/2 and 3/4 classes picked up rubbish all around the school and the Foundations scrubbed the benches until they sparkled! Well done everyone.



## Community News

### Eudunda Basketball Club Presentation Night



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
6:00pm for 6:30pm start  
Eudunda Sporting Clubrooms  
BBQ Tea - Gold coin donation  
Drinks will be sold  
Hope to see you all there!

**JOIN THE FUN!  
GET INVOLVED NOW**

**play.afl/auskick**

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### Southern Saints Junior Football

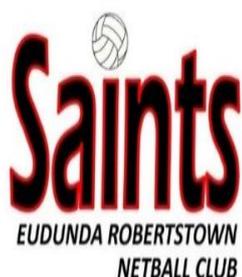
Under 17 training starts on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm**  
Under 14 training starts on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 4.30pm**  
Under 12 & Under 9 training starts on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm**

Football training and home games will be held at the **Eudunda Oval** until 28 June 2022 followed by **Robertstown Oval** for the second half of the season.

Once again we will be offering a second hand football boot exchange. If you have any old football boots you wish to donate please bring them along to the first training to swap.

There will be a sausage sizzle after training has finished for all junior footballers when we have home games.

Online registration and payments can be completed prior to training. Saints merchandise can be purchased at training from **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** until the start of the season. **Aaron Niemz (Junior Coordinator) 0428 581 824** or **Chloe Brohan (Secretary) 0411 283 602** for further information.



Junior training begins on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 4:30pm @ Eudunda**

Due to a large number of similar age girls, we will be holding **trials**.

**15U** training will start at 5pm

We are looking for Coaches and a NetSetGo Co-ordinator if you would be interested, please contact Tania Williams via Messenger or 0427135572