

Informer

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Term One, Week Eight, Wednesday 23 March 2022

Important Dates

MARCH

Friday 25

- Sports Day – events commence at 9.30am
- Parents Welcome to attend

Monday 28

- Chapel led by Year 3/4 Class - livestreamed

APRIL

Friday 1

- Assembly
- Casual Day

Monday 4

- Chapel led by 5/6 class
- 3 Way Conferences F-Yr5

Tuesday 5

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Thursday 14

- Last day of Term One
- Maundy Thursday closing Chapel
- Early dismissal 2.10pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

May

Monday 2

- Term Two commences

Birthday's this fortnight

MARCH

Year Five/Six Class
Eloise 25th

APRIL

Year Five/Six Class
Dan Ross 3rd



Students who were presented with Bibles from the Eudunda Robertstown Lutheran Parish on Sunday 21 March

Devotion ~ Submitted by Kathy Cluse

Kindness

There are few things in this world that are at the same time simpler, easier and cheaper to deliver, than good, old-fashioned kindness. If that's the case, why are people so rude to each other these days? I think it's true.

As we find ourselves more and more under pressure, under the gun as it were, we become more inwardly focussed and less prone to being kind. When my needs matter more than your needs, when me getting ahead in the line is more important than you being served, simple kindness goes out the window. And what takes over is a kind of dog-eat-dog abruptness, rudeness, pushiness.

My local café had this little piece of wisdom written on a blackboard outside its front door:

Today you could be talking to someone who is trying their best not to fall apart. So whatever you do today, do it with kindness in your heart. ❤️

You and I have both had those sorts of days when it's about all we can do, just to hold things together, simply to stop ourselves from falling apart. And on those days, the smallest, teeny-weeniest little act of kindness – a fleeting smile, a thank you to the young man serving you in the checkout, a wave to the barista on your way out of the café with "Hey, that was an awesome coffee" can light up someone's world.

So, no matter how much pressure you find yourself under ...

Never be bitter, angry, or mad. Never shout angrily or say things to hurt others. Never do anything evil. *Ephesians 4:21*

But instead ...

Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other the same as God forgave you through Christ. *Ephesians 4:22*

Because you could well be talking to someone today, who's trying their best not to fall apart.

Taken from: <https://christianityworks.org/fresh/powerful-kindness/>



From the Principal ~ Mr Michael Bowmer

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. Whilst there are still cases of Covid occurring in our community, we are very aware that there is still a high risk of further cases occurring within our school. At St John's we will continue to keep in place measures to reduce the risk of catching/spreading Covid and ask our families to continue working closely with us in ensuring that your children do not attend school if they are unwell.

On a positive note, we are pleased to announce that we are able to welcome parents along to our school Sports Day this **Friday 25 March** (due to this being held outdoors). QR code check in is no longer required on arrival, however we do ask that you remain vigilant in social distancing where possible, and continuing to wear a mask at all times whilst inside the school.

TUTORING

From time to time, parents take students off-site for tutoring or other events. As a school, we support all parents who are trying to help their child do the best they can at school. We understand that 'one-off' events – eg a visit to the dentist are sometimes un-avoidable, but tutoring which involves leaving the school at the same time regularly can hinder what children are learning in class. A tutoring session may last for 30-60 minutes but add in travel time and this can easily become a half day. If it is at all possible, please arrange for any regular tutoring to take place after school hours and if this is not possible, after lunch.

CHANGES TO DAILY ROUTINES

A reminder to parents to let the front office know when there are changes to daily bus routines or pick-ups to avoid unnecessary worry for students and confusion for staff and bus drivers.

STUDENT TEACHER PARENT CONFERENCES

The PYP (Primary Years Program) recognizes student 'agency' as one of the key ingredients of the program. Agency is letting students have a say about what they are learning. In addition, Professor John Hattie identifies "*student self-reporting as the most significant indicator linked to raised student achievement.*" To facilitate agency, here at St John's we introduced 3 Way Conferences last year across the school to replace our Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews. In this session, parents, teachers and students will meet to discuss Learning Goals that will be achieved throughout the year. Our 3 Way Conferences will take place in Week 10 of this term. Information on booking for these conferences will be sent home at the beginning of Week 9.

DONATION

Last week the school received a very generous donation of \$15,000 from the Neale's Flat Lutheran Church. Thank you so much for your kindness, and the School Board will ensure it is used wisely and in a way that will honour the donors.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

This year, our students have chosen to give our chapel offerings to Lutheran World Service 'Gifts of Grace' project. For every \$5 we raise, we can donate 1 chicken to a village in need. For \$39, we can donate a beehive and for \$56 a goat. So far, we have raised enough money for 4 chickens.



BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

On Sunday 20th March our Foundation and Year Three students as well as Thomas in year 5 who is new to our school this year, were presented with Bibles generously provided by the Eudunda Robertstown Lutheran Parish. St John's school is very grateful for such generous gifts. Staff and school board members were also rededicated and installed into their positions for this year ahead.

CASUAL DAY

The SRC will host a Casual Day on Friday 1 April. For the cost of a cold coin donation students can come to school dressed in casual clothes. Monies raised will be donated to charity to support those affected by the recent floods in Queensland.

Michael Bowmer - Principal

Harmony Day Celebrations

On Harmony Day, the Foundation class led us in Chapel and explained how the world is made up of people with various languages, religions and wealth. We celebrated Australia's diversity by making and enjoying some of the foods we often eat that have originated from other countries. The Foundation and Year 3/4 classes 'got spicy' with Mexican tacos, the Year 1/2 class 'twisted themselves into knots' making pretzels from Germany and the Year 5/6 class 'rolled around' making sushi from Japan! Students were courageous when trying some foods for the first time and open minded when accepting that we all enjoy different flavours. This week we are also finding out about indigenous people around the world, as the coming decade has been declared the *International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032)* by the United Nations.



Class Awards - Week 6 and Week 7

Class and Award Recipient	School Values reflected	Learner Profile attributes
Foundation Lacey Reese	Enthusiasm	Communicator
Year 1/2 Class Zeth Prasad		Communicator
Year 3/4 Class Harriet Mosey		Open-minded, Courageous, Reflective
Year 5/6 Class Zoe Neal	Integrity, Enthusiasm, creativity	Communicator
Edward Dally-Watkins From Wk 5		Courageous



Class and Award Recipient	School Values reflected	Learner Profile Attributes
Foundation Jacob Schutz	Team Work	Balanced, Communicator
Year 1/2 Class Jobe Ross	Enthusiasm	Knowledgeable
Year 3/4 Class Mitchell Schaefer		Courageous
Year 5/6 Class Marissa Ross Thomas Faulkner		Balanced, Thinker Courageous



PYP Sharing – Mrs Cluse Year Five/Six Class

Transdisciplinary Theme:

Who we are

Central Idea:

Learning about who we are gives us an insight into our culture and how we belong

Concepts: Perspective ~ Connection

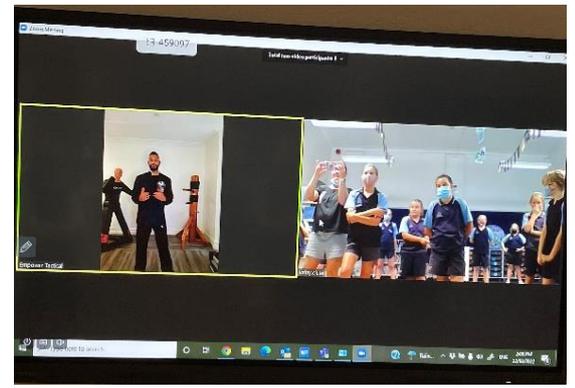
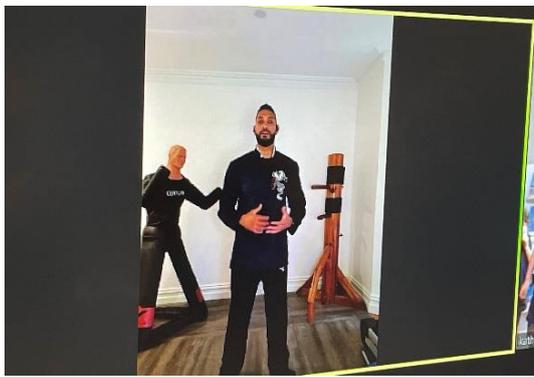
Lines of Inquiry:

- What is an Australian?
- Different cultures
- Factors that assist people in belonging to a culture

Approaches to Learning: Communication ~ social skills

Learner Profile Attributes: Reflective ~ Balanced

This week the Year 5/6 class was involved in a virtual incursion with the Museum of Chinese Australia's Digital Cultural Adventures to learn about the Martial Arts sport of Wing Chun Kung Fu. Students were taught the origins of Wing Chun Kung Fu, the Chinese health benefits and well-being practices. This session gave the students an insight into recognising culture and developing respect for other cultures. We had a lot of fun learning about this sport and inquiring into the Chinese culture.



SAPSASA Swimming Carnival - Kathy Cluse

Last Friday, 5 students travelled to Nuriootpa Swimming Pool for the annual Barossa and Light SAPSASA Swimming Carnival. Well done to the following students who were fabulous in representing our school:

Leni Geister, Bridget Williams, India Cluse, Marty Mosey and Dan Ross.

Thank you to Jess Geister, Tania Williams and Lauren Ross for driving students to the event as well as timekeeping, this was very much appreciated.

All students should be proud of their efforts and team spirit. Fabulous work to the following students who were in the top 5:

- Leni Geister 1st 50m Freestyle
- 1st 100m Freestyle
- 1st 50m Backstroke
- 1st 50m Breaststroke
- 2nd 50m Butterfly
- Bridget Williams 1st 50m Freestyle
- 2nd 50m Breaststroke
- 1st 50m Backstroke
- India Cluse 4th 50m Freestyle
- Marty Mosey 5th 50m Freestyle



At the time of printing the Barossa and Light Team for the State Swimming Carnival has not been announced, we will let you know once we hear. Great effort team!

From the Care Coordinator – Lynn Grosser



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St John's Lutheran School, Eudunda encourages parents/caregivers to access the services provided by Lutheran Care. At Lutheran Care the Mission is God's love in action: care, compassion and social justice for all.

Services include:

- Family & Relationship Services
- Personal counselling for issues such as personal concerns, crisis, depression, guilt, fear, anger, separation or divorce, loss, abuse and domestic violence
- Marriage and relationship counselling
- Emergency Relief
- Financial Counselling

For more information contact Lynn Grosser, Care Coordinator or speak direct to Lutheran Care, Barossa Valley. All appointments are confidential.



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✔ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✔ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✔ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✔ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

laptops & tablets

uniforms & shoes

books & supplies

sports fees & gear

lessons & activities

camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Prayer & Care Corner

We continue to pray for our staff and school families

STAFF	SCHOOL FAMILIES
Angela Dunstan	Kym & Katie I'Anson
Steve Wegner	Daniel & Louise Jenke
Janine Falkenberg	Jordan Kotz & Kristen Winders
Pastor Joshua Muller	Amy Mepstead

Church Times – Eudunda/Robertstown Lutheran Parish

Sunday 27th March 2022

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

Sunday 3rd April 2022

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

Mid Week Lenten Devotion – 7.30pm Wednesday 23rd March St John's Narthex via Zoom whilst Pastor Joshua is in isolation

Community News



KFC Easter Egg-citement

The "Kids For Christ" term 1 Easter event will be held on **Friday 1st April** at Eudunda. The venue is still to be advised – hopefully the St John's school hall, otherwise the Lutheran Church. If we are at the church, we will have leaders at the school car park and the children's crossing to guide the children safely across to the church.

The timeframe is 3.10 pm onward for a 3.30 pm start, going until 5.30 pm, with an optional extra half hour of games until 6.00 pm for those who wish to stay longer. For enquiries and bookings (by Thursday 31st March), please contact Chris Doecke on 0488 047861 or via the KFC Facebook group.

Further details and 2022 consent forms have been distributed through school last week. Consent forms need to be returned in advance – if returning forms via the school office (in an enveloped labelled 'KFC'), please do so by Wednesday 30th March. The cost is \$4 per child – payable on arrival or pick-up or when sending your form.

All families are welcome, especially new children, so invite a friend! Pre-schoolers may attend if accompanied by a parent. Come along and learn about Easter and celebrate with lots of egg-citing fun!

WORLD CLASS EDUCATION

... continues at
Faith Lutheran College

Lutheran schools across the nation have long been recognised as leaders in education. Offering a rigorous academic curriculum and strong pastoral care programs, all members of our school communities are valued and care for.

Lutheran schools are courageous institutions that pride themselves on responding to the needs of young people who are growing up in a rapidly changing world. Lutheran schools believe that parents are the primary educators of their children and that parents should be afforded choice in regards to schooling.

The 'L' Factor

As young people grow and learn, they are influenced by family, friends, media and their school. We believe that young people who have experienced a Lutheran education from ELC to Year 12 have the 'L' factor..... the 'Lutheran' factor.

Not only are these students identifiable because of their love of learning, but because of their social, emotional and spiritual awareness. Graduates of Lutheran schools are 'world ready' and often demonstrate compassion, service, love for others, confidence and a desire to make a difference in their world.

Many graduates of Lutheran education describe their schooling experience as a "gift".

We encourage you to consider a complete ELC to Year 12 education in a Lutheran school.

We asked our Year 7's to share their favourite subjects, and highlights so far...



"...the opportunities that came with going to Faith like the elective programs"



"Archery has been so good, it's so much fun to see the arrows fly through the air after letting it go"



"The electives and being able to choose your path"



"I like science because of the experiments"



"I'm looking forward to trying new subjects... and agriculture!"

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Faith gave me the chance to find myself and allowed me to gain knowledge which I will take with me in the future. The connections I made during my time at Faith are relationships I will cherish for life. I recommend this loving and accepting environment with exceptional facilities and staff!

Graduating Year 12 Student, 2021

join us...

Learn more about what a Lutheran Education means for
Middle School & beyond...

Year 7 2023 Information Evening & Tour
5pm Monday April 11

Registrations Essential:
faith.sa.edu.au/year-7-2023-information-evening-monday-april-11/



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