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Term Two, Week Eight, Wednesday 22 June 2022



A special Chapel Service was held in St John's Lutheran Church on Monday morning to witness the Baptism of Harper Geister. This was a special moment for Harper and her family. Staff and students were blessed to be able to witness this occasion.

Important Dates

June

Wednesday 22

School Board Meeting

Friday 24

- 5/6 Assembly
- Casual Day - ALWS

Monday 27

No Chapel

Monday 27 – Wednesday 29

SAPSASA Netball

July

Friday 1

- Last Day of Term 2

Closing Chapel 2.00pm in St

John's School Hall

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 4 - 8

Staff PD Week

Monday 25 July

- Term 3 commences
- Opening Chapel 9.00 am in St John's School Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Foundation Class

Thomas Doecke 28th June

One/Two Class

Zeth 25th June

Chloe 26th June

Three/Four Class

Sonny 25th June

Birthday's during the School Holidays

Bridget 8th July, Shayla 13th

July, Bethany 23rd July

Mitchell 24th July

Mrs Falkenberg 15th July

Pastor Joshua Muller 25th July

Devotion ~ Submitted by Belinda Niemz

Jeremiah 37:17 Then King Zedekiah sent for him and had him brought to the palace, where he asked him privately, "Is there any word from the Lord?" "Yes," Jeremiah replied, "you will be handed over to the king of Babylon."

Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog

I'm not sure how I ever learned the words but I used to sing the first verse and chorus of 'Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog'. If you are not familiar with this song, here are the lyrics:

Jeremiah was a bullfrog, He was good friend of mine. Sing it - Joy to the world, All the boys and girls Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea Joy to you and me.

I never knew any Jeremiahs when I was growing up. The only one I had heard of before was the prophet Jeremiah in the Bible. However, I never knew a great deal about the prophet Jeremiah either because he didn't tend to come up in the children's Sunday School class very often.

But at times when we would read a passage from the Bible at home that was from the book of Jeremiah, I would sing this song. I remember my father saying to me though, "Well actually, Jeremiah wasn't really one to say 'joy to the world'." With my limited knowledge of scripture I didn't completely understand, but after reading through Jeremiah I can see where my dad was coming from.

Jeremiah was given a mighty big job from God to speak his words to a rebellious nation. However, it wasn't the most ideal promotion! No one listened to him, they hated what he had to say, and his words always seemed to be of doom and destruction. There was very little 'joy' to what he had to say. And yet, they were words of truth.

There are times in our life when we are required to speak some difficult words into someone's life. Sometimes the hardest task is holding up a mirror to someone's life and showing them the impact their actions are having – on themselves and on other people. Bringing up a difficult subject with someone is never easy. And there are times when they will attack back in an effort to protect themselves. However, there are times when the best thing we can do is, with love and respect, speak the truth.

Prayer: Lord, we all go through times when we have not done the right thing. May we be humble and patient when it comes our turn to be corrected. Amen.

Taken from <https://thelight.com.au/daily-devotions>



From the Principal ~ Mr Michael Bowmer

COVID VACCINATION POLICY at ST JOHNS

All Lutheran Schools in South Australia have adopted a new Covid-19 Vaccination Policy, which outlines what staff, volunteers and visitors need to have before they enter a Lutheran School. CoVid 19 is a significant health risk to our community, and the school has a duty of care to provide a safe workplace environment for our staff. All staff, including contractors, need to be up to date with their Co-Vid 19 vaccinations.

VOLUNTEERS NOW WELCOME

From the beginning of Term 3 volunteers will again, be allowed back in to help at the school. Our policy does require volunteers to have had at least two TGA approved CoVid-19 doses, preferably three.

If a volunteer has only had two Covid 19 doses, they will need to undertake a RAT test prior to attending the school and wear a mask whilst indoors, or in a vehicle with staff or students (other than their own child).

If you are willing to be a volunteer at the school, you will be required to share proof of your latest Covid-19 Vaccination status. Please speak with Sonya or Belinda at the front office regarding this. Copies of the full policy are available on our website or upon request from our front office.

CLOSING CHAPEL and FAREWELL TO PASTOR JOSH

Our Term 2 Closing Service will be held at 2pm on Friday 1st July, 2022. This will be our last service with Pastor Josh who has served the Eudunda Robertstown Lutheran Parish for over 8 years. As a school, we have been blessed with Pastor Josh leading services, joining in with various activities and taking an interest in all of our happenings here at the school. Staff, students and families will have the opportunity to say farewell to Pastor Josh at this service, as well as his last Parish Service on Sunday 3 July at St John's Lutheran Church.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Staff will be at school for the week 4-8th July for a series of Professional Development activities, including a CPR Refresher update and virtual attendance at the Australian Conference on Lutheran Education, being held in Melbourne. Our office and ancillary staff will also be attending these events as well as general tidying up and finishing off activities for the semester.

HAVE A SAFE AND REFRESHING BREAK

On behalf of all of our staff, we wish you a relaxing and restful break. It has been a very disrupted semester and I know that if you feel as worn out as our staff do, this will be a much needed chance to recharge your batteries. We all look forward to seeing you when we return to school on Monday 25 July, 2022.

Michael Bowmer - Principal



From the Finance Officer ~ Mrs Belinda Niemz

School bus fees for Term 2 will be processed over the holidays. Families that are using the FACTS payment system, will receive an email notifying you of the changes to your account. Families not using the FACTS system will be invoiced and a statement sent out to you.

Please email me if you have any queries belinda.niemz@sils.sa.edu.au

Belinda Niemz – Finance Manager



Class Award Recipients Week 6, Term 2

Back Row L-R: Eloise Plueckhahn (5/6 class), Tyler Heidrich (3/4 Class), Front Row L-R: Holly Rowett (Foundation), Landen Heidrich (One/Two Class).



Class Award Recipients Week 7, Term 2

Back row L-R: Shayla Scholz (5/6 class), Maria I'Anson (3/4 class) Front L-R: Mitchell Saegenschmitter (1/2 class), Blake Zerner, Tom Neal (Foundation class)

Spotlight on the PYP ~ Submitted by Mrs Josie Wundersitz

At SJLS, we don't just learn—we also learn how to learn! The IB PYP *Approaches to Learning* are skills that help the children in their inquiries. These skills help them to become independent, life-long learners. Each unit of inquiry that is taught in our school has a focus on one of the *Approaches to Learning*. Some skills are explicitly taught and are assessed at the end of each unit. Towards the end of each semester, students self-evaluate their development of these skills. Class teachers also evaluate the students' skills and this information appears in the end of semester student report. A more detailed explanation of the *Approaches to Learning* and the elements that are included in each skill is below:

<h3>Social Skills</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being fair and respecting others • Supporting others • Resolving conflict • Having self-control • Showing empathy • Making wise choices 	<h3>Thinking Skills</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking critically • Thinking creatively • Thinking flexibly • Thinking of questions • Making connections • Reflecting & being metacognitive 	<h3>Communication Skills</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening & speaking • Reading & writing • Non-verbal communication • Using technology/internet to exchange information responsibly 	<h3>Research Skills</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking questions • Planning & observing • Collecting data • Organizing data • Analyzing data • Sharing findings 	<h3>Self-Management Skills</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization • Time management • Mindfulness • Perseverance • Healthy choices • Safety
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Weekly Chapel Offerings ~ Supporting ALWS

As they enter Chapel services each week, students have the opportunity to place a donation into the offering bowl. The community at St John's has decided to use our chapel offerings to support Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS).

ALWS is the overseas aid and development agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia. With donator support, they reach out to people in many parts of the world who are hurt by poverty, injustice and crisis. ALWS envisages a world where *love comes to life* (see 1 John 4:9-12). For more information about their vision and mission, see <https://www.alws.org.au/about-us/>.

Through class meetings and SRC, students have helped to determine how the money will be used, using the ALWS 'Gifts of Grace' scheme (see the website). Students voted to decide which 'gifts' we will buy. We have used the cost of each gift as an offering goal. Mr Bowmer has put a chicken picture under the cross in the hall to represent every \$5 raised. So far, we have raised enough money for a 'Shine' set (\$42) and a goat (\$56).

Julie Krause, the ALWS Community Action Officer, sent us a special thank you for our support.

*Dear Team Eudunda,
You are truly a blessing. Thank you so much for inspiring and encouraging students to make positive changes in people's lives through ALWS. Bless you all!*



- SHINE set**
- School kit - essentials for school children in Somalia
 - + Hen - eggs and meat for healthy children in Cambodia
 - + Improved stove - care for the environment in Nepal
 - + Net (mosquito) - protect a Rohingya family in Bangladesh
 - + Extra food - for refugees arriving at Kakuma Camp

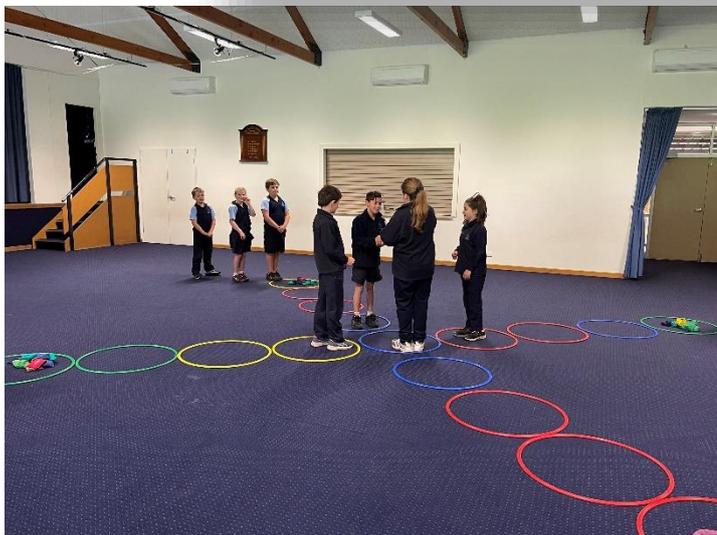


Whats happening in PSPE~ Submitted by Mrs Kathy Cluse

During PE lessons, the students are involved in a range of different activities to promote not just fitness, but skill development, team work, thinking skills and cooperation. Sometimes the lessons might focus on a particular sport, or the different skills needed to play a range of different sports. For example, the upper primary classes might focus on the game of netball, while the younger grades focus on the skills they will need to develop to play in the future such as ball skills (throwing and catching).

A skill that we focus on for each lesson is cooperation and team work. This might involve following the rules of a game, working with others to reach a set goal, or making decisions that will benefit their team members. It can also mean being a good sport, encouraging each other and being honest.

During PE we focus on one Unit of Inquiry for each class. This may include Dance for why objects move, Indigenous Games for connecting with the past, Striking skills for forces that affect movement and Games around the World for a culture unit.



SRC News ~ Submitted by Mrs Josie Wundersitz



Our school captains, Leni and Zoe, have done a wonderful job leading our SRC this semester, despite many interruptions.

They ran a successful Mother's Day Stall and have organized casual days to raise money for the Red Cross (to support victims of floods in Australia) and for Australian Lutheran World Service.

Many issues have been thoughtfully discussed in meetings, ranging from safety concerns to suggestions about how we could improve our play areas.

Please refer to the poster on this page for information on our next Casual Day.

Thank you to this semester's SRC reps who have reported back to classes and made valuable contributions in meetings. Next semester, new SRC class reps will be elected.

Greatest Of All Time (G.O.A.T)

CASUAL DAY

Week 8, Friday 24th June



Wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation to help raise money for ALWS.

Our money will go towards buying a GOAT for people in Burundi.



Australian Lutheran World Service

The overseas aid and resettlement agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia



Prayer & Care Corner ~

This week we give thanks to those who serve and volunteer in our school community – Class Carers, School Board, Parents and Friends, our bus drivers, Pastors, and School Cleaner

We Praise God for our hard working staff and the many parent volunteers of our school.

We pray that staff engage in the new learning opportunities made available to them during PD week

We pray for relief from the struggles brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and for good health during the winter months

we pray for all families and staff, that they may have a restful and refreshing holiday period

Church Times ~ Eudunda/Robertstown Lutheran Parish



Sunday 26 June 2022

Eudunda	8.30am	HC	Pastor Les Pfeiffer
Neales Flat	8.30am	LR	
Point Pass	8.30am	LR	
Robertstown	10.30am	HC	Pastor Les Pfeiffer

Sunday 3 July 2022

Eudunda – (PARISH SERVICE)	10.00am	HC	Pastor Joshua Muller
Pastor Josh's Farewell			

Pastor Josh's Farewell Service will be a Parish Service held on **Sunday, 3rd July** commencing at **10.00 a.m.** in St John's Lutheran Church, Eudunda. Following the service a pooled luncheon will be held in the **Eudunda Sporting Clubrooms**. Soup will be provided and members of the Parish who will be attending are asked to bring along a large plate of food to share. Members of the **Eudunda, Neales Flat / Peep Hill congregations** are asked to bring along a plate of **savoury food**. Members of the **Point Pass, Robertstown and Geranium Plain congregations** are asked to bring along a plate of **sweets / dessert**. Other members of the community may bring a plate of either savoury or sweet food. Bar facilities will be available at the Clubrooms – No BYO.

Up Coming Events~



Term 2 Closing Chapel

Join us for a Special
Closing Chapel Service
and
Farewell to Pastor Josh
Friday 1st July at 2.00pm
in St John's Lutheran School Hall

All welcome 😊

Term 3 Opening Chapel

led by Pastor Peter Pfitzner

Monday 25 July 2020

Commencing at 9.00am

in the School Hall

Please stay for a cuppa
and Morning Tea after the service 😊

Community News ~

**ENROL NOW
FOR 2023 & BEYOND**

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
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Learning to Serve

All Enquiries welcome

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to book a tour of the school

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Barossa German Language Association Inc. (BGLA)

BAROSSA LANTERN WALK

**SATURDAY
23 JULY 2022**

- Join us for Laternenlauf, an after dark family event
- Lantern making workshop (\$5 per lantern) from 4pm or bring your own lantern
- Sing the German songs "Laterne, Laterne" and "Ich geh mit meiner Laterne"
- Authentic German food, drink and cake available for purchase (cash only)

4pm start
6pm lantern walk

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