

# Informer

Term Four, Week One, Wednesday 26 October 2022

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## Important Dates

### OCTOBER

#### Wednesday 26

- Exhibition Evening session  
7.00pm – 8.15pm

#### Friday 28

- Assembly 9.00am

#### Monday 31

- No Chapel – Friendship  
Matters presentation 11.30am

#### Wednesday 2

- School Board Meeting

### NOVEMBER

#### Friday 4

- Assembly 9.00am led by the  
Year 1/2 Class

#### Monday 7

- Chapel 9.00am led by the  
Foundation Class

#### Friday 11

- Remembrance Day  
Assembly 9.00am led by the  
Year 4 Class

#### Monday 14

- Chapel 9.00am led by the  
Year 3 Class

#### Friday 18

- Pupil Free Day

#### Tuesday 22

- P&F AGM/Meeting 6.30pm  
at Kooky's Cafe

**Happy Birthday**

### OCTOBER

Daniel Connor – 26<sup>th</sup>

### NOVEMBER

Leni Geister – 5<sup>th</sup>

Sonya Mosey – 5<sup>th</sup>

Ella Prosser – 7<sup>th</sup>



Devotion ~ Submitted by Mrs Brenda Verrall

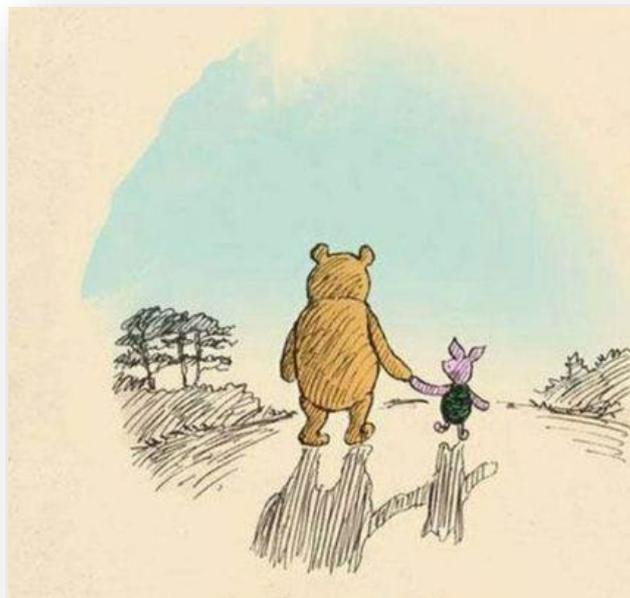
## MY FAVOURITE DAY

*This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
"Psalm 118:24"*

*'What day is it?'*

*'It's today,' squeaked Piglet*

*'My favourite day', said Pooh.*



Lord, thank You for the beginnings of new days to start over, refresh and work towards following Your light and love. May we all take time to praise and worship You for the many blessings You provide.  
In Your Name, Amen.



# School News ~

## Welcome to Term Four 😊

### Freestyle Dance Ministry

We had a boppy start to the term with Freestyle Dance Ministry leading us in our opening Chapel. We are thankful for others sharing their gifts and talents and for the opportunities to have guests in our school. We thank the previous members of the Stonefield Lutheran Church whose generosity enables us to have visiting performers/groups to help us in our faith journey each year.

### Year 5/6 Exhibition

Tonight, we are very excited to welcome parents and friends to school for our Year 5/6 Exhibition. Students have been very busy researching, preparing to exhibit under the theme of "Who We Are", inquiring into their country of origin or a culture of their choice. Students have set up colorful, vibrant and informative displays that include fun (and tasty) interactive activities. The Exhibition is a culminating experience, with the opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the International Baccalaureate (IB) learner profile that have been developing throughout their engagement with the PYP at St John's. - Mrs Josie Wundersitz - PYP coordinator

### Friendship Matters

With the generous donation of money received from the Eudunda Robertstown Lutheran Parish for our Care Coordinator role, we are grateful to be able to have the Life Matters team come and do a Christian presentation for our students on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. This will be in lieu of Chapel and will commence at 11.30am.

A Buddy Bench has arrived and Mrs Wundersitz will work with students this term to personalise it for our school. Mrs Grosser has also purchased a book, 'The Buddy Bench', by Patty Brozo which students will read in class and will be available to borrow from the library.

### Contacting Staff Outside of School Hours

A reminder that staff are not to be contacted late at night or on weekends by members of our school community. Communication that is necessary, outside of school hours, should only occur between the hours of 7am and 8pm unless it is an emergency. Please respect teachers 'home time.'

### Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Josie Wundersitz who has accepted a position as classroom teacher at Faith Junior School in Tanunda, beginning next year. Mrs Wundersitz is excited to be heading back into the classroom and the opportunity to work close to home and says she will miss St John's staff and students: "I have appreciated the experiences I have had here and the friendships I have made and hope to keep in touch!"

### No Hat No Play

A reminder that all students are required to have a school hat with them each day. Our policy is that hats are to be worn outside from September to April. If a child does not have a hat at school, during playtimes, they will be required to remain under the lunch shelter in the shade.

### End of Transition Period from Winter to Summer Uniform

From the beginning of Week three, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October all students will need to be wearing full summer uniform.

### Kapunda Show/School Choir

The school choir will be performing the National Anthem at 12.30pm this Saturday at the Kapunda Show. We thank Mrs Schmaal and the students for committing their time on their weekend to represent our school. There will also be a display of students work on display. Pop in and have a look if you are attending the show!

## Class Awards~ Week One , Term Four



### Foundation:

No awards in Week 1 due to Mrs Denholm being absent

One/Two: Chloe Rowett

Year 3: Whole Class Award

Year 4: Tyler Heidrich

Year 5/6: Dan Ross

## Dyslexia Aware Month~ by Mrs Sue Denholm (Learning Support Coordinator)

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. Dyslexia is a specific learning difference in the way that the brain works and is the most common cause of reading, writing and spelling challenges and difficulties. Approximately 10% of the school age population in Australia has dyslexia according to the Australian Dyslexia Association. Students with Dyslexia typically experience challenges with phonological awareness which results in difficulty:

- Understanding the sound system of our language
- Recognising individual speech sounds in words
- Learning how letters represent the sounds of speech
- Remembering sounds in the correct order
- The ability to quickly say letter names, object names and name/recognise highly frequent words.

Students with Dyslexia need explicit and direct instruction with a whole school approach allowing students to revisit and build on their learning. At St John's we use the Jolly Phonics program as a basis for teaching and learning.

We base our curriculum on scientifically based research including a multisensory approach to learning.

Early identification is important. St John's uses standardised testing to help identify students at risk and runs the Playberry / Hickey program for students identified as benefitting from one-on-one explicit instruction.

Individuals with Dyslexia can go on to do amazing things and often have strengths including:

- An Inquiring mind
- Problem Solving
- Comprehending new ideas
- Generating ideas
- Analytic thinking
- Creative thinking
- 3-D construction
- Finding different strategies
- Seeing the big picture
- Insightful thinking

References: Singleton, The Dyslexic Advantage

## 5 Myths and Facts About Dyslexia

### Myth:

"Dyslexia is something children will outgrow."



### Fact:

Children with dyslexia continue to face challenges as they grow

### Myth:

"Dyslexia is just a problem of visual perception."



### Fact:

Studies show that dyslexics have difficulty at the phoneme level.

### Myth:

"Dyslexia affects more boys than girls."



### Fact:

It affects girls and boys equally. Boys are more likely to be referred by schools for diagnosis.

### Myth:

"Dyslexia only affects people who speak english."



### Fact:

Dyslexia occurs in every language, even the ones that don't use an alphabet script

### Myth:

"A person with Dyslexia can't be a good reader."



### Fact:

With intense systematic instruction, a person with dyslexia can become a good strong reader.

# PYP Sharing German ~ Submitted by Frau Zeller

**The Foundation class** has just completed an inquiry into *learning through play*. We have connected to this by learning different German games and the associated language and actions. So next time you use *rock, paper, scissors* with your child, ask them to teach you how to do this in German. Or learn how to count to ten in German while playing *hopscotch* on the playground. Next, we will start a *Who We Are UOI* in which we will investigate how to make simple statements about ourselves in German.



**The Year 1/2 class** has started a new *Sharing the Planet UOI* this week, focusing on *animals and pets*. The students will be learning new vocabulary and language structures to say what pets they have and like, as well as describing the features and basic needs of animals. We have kicked off this unit with a German version of the Noah's Arch story and a treasure hunt for animal names in the German room. The picture shows some example pages from our last inquiry into *Living Things*, where we investigated the growth of a bean plant from a seed and learned to name the parts in German.



**The Year 3/4 class** has only just finished an inquiry about *stories*. We have linked to this unit by looking at the Grimm brothers and their collection of fairy tales, which are an important part of German culture. We have discussed common features and typical aspects of fairy tales and used a dice activity to create our own original stories. Students have learned a range of fairy tale vocabulary words and were asked to write their own bilingual stories, where the German terms are highlighted amongst the English text. They have also created a page about their main character in German. We will start a new inquiry into the *human body* next.



**The Year 5/6 class** has been very busy creating their displays for the *Mini-Exhibition* next week. We have linked to this inquiry by learning vocabulary and sentence structures to express different facts about the chosen countries in German. As an extension, some students have also created an activity for visitors to learn some German relating to their topic. We are also still in contact with our *Swiss partner class* and the students have exchanged some emails and worked in groups to document aspects of school life in Australia to share with our partner class.



## Staff Profile ~Welcome Miss Anders

My name is Laura Anders and I am delighted to have been appointed as a classroom teacher at St John's Lutheran School next year.

*A little bit about me.....*

I was born and raised in Freeling with my Mum, Dad and older brother Nick. Growing up I loved going out to the farm with my Dad and enjoyed riding in the truck with him to many new places.

When I graduated from University I moved to Moonta to pursue my love of teaching. I taught for 2 years at Moonta Area School before gaining a permanent position at Maitland Lutheran School.

I recently purchased a property in Kapunda and live there with my partner Cameron, 6-month-old daughter Isabelle and our two dogs Nipper and Banjo. I love netball, basketball and water sports at the river.

Next year is going to be full of learning and new adventures. I can't wait to meet you all soon!

*Miss Anders*



## Parents & Friends News ~ submitted by Katie I'Anson (Chairperson)

On a beautiful October Friday evening a group of 20+ St John's parents, staff and partners boarded the bus at Eudunda for our annual P&F Bus Trip. With some excitement participants eagerly awaited the first stop, guessing all the way where it may be.

Stop #1 turned out to be quite an adventure in itself. We were truly blessed with showers clearing that afternoon before arrival to expose a beautiful sunset with a spectacular view from the I'Ansons range out to the west over the Saddleworth Valley. Perched up on top of our range viewpoint we enjoyed a cheese and savoury platter and some beer, champagne or a soft drink while enjoying each other's company.

We then wandered back to the bus and boarded for mystery destination #2 - The Riverton Hotel for a wonderful dining experience and lots of laughs amongst great company whilst enjoying delicious food from the extensive menu.

Our last stop for the evening after winding up through the range at Peter's Hill and back toward Eudunda was a delightful stop at the Geister farmhouse where we shared wonderful desserts prepared by Lou, Jess & Co.

This wound up the evening and allowed us to all relax and enjoy the warmth of the gas heaters, make the most of the fellowship of friends and prepare us for the start of another wonderful term at St John's.

We thank all who were involved in any way and all who came along on this trip, especially our brave bus driver Steve. We hope you all enjoyed the evening and look forward to welcoming even more of our school community along to join our next event.



## Prayer & Care Corner ~

- ♥ We pray for a productive last school term with lots of fun, learning and friendships
- ♥ We thank God for school holidays and time together as families
- ♥ Please keep the Year Six students in prayer as they complete their final term of schooling here at St John's
- ♥ We pray for Mrs Denholm, the Foundation students and their families
- ♥ We pray for families of pre-schoolers and new students that will begin their transition journey with us soon



## Church Times ~ Eudunda/Robertstown Lutheran Parish

### Sunday 30 October 2022

|                 |         |    |                     |
|-----------------|---------|----|---------------------|
| Eudunda         | 9.00am  | LR |                     |
| Geranium Plains | 10.00   | LR |                     |
| Robertstown     | 10.30am | HC | Pastor Graham Jenke |
| Point Pass      | 8.30am  | HC | Pastor Graham Jenke |

### Sunday 6 November 2022

|             |         |    |                        |
|-------------|---------|----|------------------------|
| Eudunda     | 8.30am  | HC | Pastor Geoff Havelberg |
| Peep Hill   | 10.30am | HC | Pastor Geoff Havelberg |
| Robertstown | 10.00am | LR |                        |
| Point Pass  | 8.30am  | LR |                        |

## School Board ~ submitted by Mrs Regina Scholz (Chairperson)

### Nominations are now open to join the St John's School Board in 2023

Do you have a passion for education and a desire to serve your school community? St John's School Board seeks expressions of interest from members of our school community for vacancies in 2023.

The role of the Board is to provide good, faithful, strong and future-focused governance. The Board is concerned with matters of financial management, compliance, infrastructure, policy and supporting the Principal to ensure the goals and aims of the School are fulfilled.

If you have unique skills and abilities to share then we strongly encourage you to request an application form from the front office. Applications close 18th November.

## Community News



### Eudunda Show Ambassador Quest

Sunday 13th November, 2022

**Entry:** Free—entries to be submitted to the Secretaries Office by 11:00a.m. Open to all district children (4 to 13+ years) who have not previously won in the age group entering

**Prize:** Sash and Trophy for winner in each age group

Please meet convenor (Alison Schutz) at the Secretaries Office at 11:15a.m.

**Judging:** 11:30a.m. at the marquee on Show Day

**Criteria:** Entrants to be dressed in clothing suitable for a Country Show and will be judge on dress, grooming and public speaking (brief interview)



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### Kids For Christ

The Term Four KFC will be held on Friday 4th November at the St John's school hall. The time frame is 3.10 pm onward, for a 3.30 pm start, concluding at 5.30 pm. This will be the third part of the "Animal Tales" theme. For enquiries and bookings, please contact Chris Doecke on 0488047861 by Thursday 3rd November, however earlier bookings are appreciated to aid with planning. All children and families are welcome, especially new children.

Please note – this isn't the final KFC of the year – there's still the exciting Christmas event in the December holidays.