



Informer

Term Four, Week Eight, Wednesday 7 December 2022

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The Class of 2022 enjoyed their Graduation Dinner on Tuesday night.

Back Row L-R Principal Michael Bowmer, Leni Geister & Kathy Cluse (class teacher)

Front Row L-R; Zoe Neal, Shayla Scholz and Eloise Plueckhahn

Important Dates

DECEMBER

Friday 9

- Fun Day
- No Assembly
- Choir singing - Eudunda Christmas Street Parade 6.00pm

Monday 12

- No Chapel

Thursday 15

- Last Day of Term 4
- Normal finish time of 3.10pm
- P&F Special Lunch
- End of Year Service 7.30pm St John's Lutheran Church

Friday 16

- Pupil Free Day



JANUARY 2022

Tuesday 24

- School Office Opens
- Book Pick Up Day

Monday 30

- Term One commences

December Birthday's

Foundation

Fyn - 20th, Holly - 20th

One/Two

Jason - 9th

Three

Paddy - 10th, Rachel 17th, Rubi - 24th

Staff

Chris - 22nd

Devotion ~ *This Christmas* submitted by Lynn Grosser



This Christmas

end a quarrel.

Seek out a forgotten

friend. Dismiss suspicion,

and replace it with trust.

Write a love letter. Share some

treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep

a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge.

Forgive the enemy. Listen. Apologize if you

were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your

demands on others. Think first of someone else.

Be kind; be gentle. Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh a

little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a

child. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty and the

wonder of Earth. Pray. Receive the love of God. Pray for others.

Speak your love.

Speak it again.

Speak it yet

once again.

Taken from Facebook page 'Clergy Coaching Network'



From the Principal ~

As the year draws to a close is a good time to reflect on the year that has been. And what a year it's been!

Once again, 2022 was a year that was marked by COVID19. We started off with half of our students learning from home and the other half coming to school for face-to-face learning. This created a strange feeling of being here, but not really being here, for our teachers.

Many of our planned events had to be cancelled or modified. There was no 'Welcome' BBQ, but we did manage to have our Swimming Carnival, albeit without parents.

Our Sports Day went ahead and it was wonderful to be able to welcome parents back onsite. Some classes had their camps whilst others had their camps cancelled or rearranged at the last minute.

Some severe weather events have also impacted us this year and caused damage and disruption to the school.

On a positive note the school has seen many additions and upgrades throughout the year; A new Prospectus for our school was designed and printed, the P&F funded the purchase and installation of a new slide for the Nature Play Area, a rock border and amphitheater were installed between the top and bottom ovals.

Mid-Year we said goodbye to Pastor Josh who accepted a Call to Wodonga. We hear he has settled in and is doing well.

As the year progressed and life slowly returned to normal we were able to welcome parents back on site. With the support and leadership of Mrs Wundersitz, students managed to put on a whole school play titled 'Outback' a brilliant performance by all involved, and as reported by many the Year 5/6 Exhibition was our best ever. Thanks, Mrs Cluse!

Now here we are at the end of the year, and thankfully the restrictions surrounding the Pandemic have relaxed and it is nearly back to 'business as usual'. I thank everyone for the sterling job that has been done this year under some extremely trying circumstances. We are indeed blessed to have staff that are caring, hardworking, dedicated, and passionate.

Our parents have been amazing and have been so supportive, throughout the COVID Pandemic, the wild weather, cancellation and modification of events and our students have shown flexibility, courage and compassion.

As the school year draws to a close so does the time of some of our students, staff and families.

I would like to wish our Graduating Year Six Students, Shayla Scholz, Leni Geister, Zoe Neal and Eloise Plueckhahn, God's richest blessings for their future as they leave St John's and move into high school to continue their education journey.

We also bid a fond farewell to Mrs Josie Wundersitz. Josie has been our specialist Arts Teacher for the past three years and this year she has fulfilled the role of PYP Coordinator, SRC leader and on many occasions has stepped up and taken on extra days as a relief teacher. Josie has been a terrific staff member and I know that she will be a blessing to Faith Junior School.

Finally, I wish to thank Mrs Chris Schmaal for all of her work here at St John's. She has been a dedicated and energetic member of staff and gone over and above her role – leading our Choir magnificently. Thank you and God bless your future journey Mrs Schmaal.

I know that next year is going to be an exciting time, with some change and some new faces. I had the pleasure of showing our new Principal, Ms Karen Leese around last week and I know that she will be as warmly welcomed as I was. Next year St John's will also welcome two new teachers – Ms Laura Anders and Mrs Shelley Schild who will be co-teaching our Year 3/4 Class.

As I prepare to finish at St John's, I thank our staff, students and community for their constant support. Being Principal is often a lonely job, with sometimes difficult decisions to make. Everyone has been supportive and together we have been able to thrive. Thank you.

Michael Bowmer - Principal

School News ~

Class Teachers/Staffing 2023

Plans for next year have now been finalized and our teaching staff for 2023 will be:

Principal : Ms Karen Leese (PYP Coordinator) **Foundation/Year One**: Mrs Sue Denholm, **Year One/Two**: Mrs Renae Ruediger, **Year Three/Four**: Miss Laura Anders (4 days) & Mrs Shelly Schild (1 day p/w) **Year Five/Six**: Mrs Kathy Cluse. Mrs Edith Zeller will continue in 2023 as our **LOTE (German)** Teacher as well as our **Visual Arts Teacher, PE**: Mrs Jo Summerton

2023 Student Book and Stationery Packs

St John's will once again be using Office National Barossa for Students' 2023 book and stationery requirements. Information on how to order these packs was emailed to families last week. Please advise the front office if you have not received this email. Book packs will be delivered to the school and available for collection by parents on **Tuesday 24 January 2023**.

Fun Day Activities

On Friday 9 December each class will be involved in 'Fun Day' activities with their teachers and class carers. This day has traditionally been planned as a fun event for teachers and their students to celebrate the end of a school year and the learning journey they have taken together.

Bakery Lunch Orders

Please note there will be No Bakery Orders this **Friday 9 December** due to Fun Day Activities.

Parents and Friends Special Lunch

On Thursday 15 December (last day of school) the parents and friends will be providing a FREE sausage sizzle, drink and ice-block at lunchtime for all students and staff. We thank the P & F for providing and preparing this special lunch for all to enjoy! 😊

End of Year Service

A reminder to our school families that our 2022 school year officially concludes after the End of Year Service which is at 7.30pm on Thursday 15 December in St John's Lutheran Church. Children should arrive at the School Hall at 7.15pm dressed in Official Summer Uniform.

Term Dates 2023

TERM ONE 30 January – 14 April
TERM TWO 1 May – 30 June
TERM THREE 24 July – 29 September
TERM FOUR 16 October – 14 December

Class Awards~ Week Six & Week Seven



Class Award Recipients Week Six

Back L-R: Nellie Mepstead (Yr2), Kennedy Geister (Yr5), Rubi Neumann (Yr3), Marik Mosey (Yr4) Front L-R: Macey Neumann (F), Layla Rowett (Yr1), India Cluse (Yr5)



Class Award Recipients Week Seven

Back L-R: Caitlin Schutz (Yr5), Bridget Williams (Yr5), Ella Prosser (Yr4), Front L-R: Jacob Schutz (Yr3), Jessica Preston (Yr3), Bailey Neumann (Yr2), Grace Schutz (F)

Physical Education ~ Submitted by Jo Summerton

In PE we have been talking about what it means to show "sportsmanship". Some qualities include working well with a variety of people, showing respect to your teammates as well as opponents. We've talked about how to be humble in victory and what it means to lose gracefully. We also discussed what good sportsmanship means by playing by the rules and being honest and fair.

Our skills and activities have had a "striking" focus. We have been practicing activities that require striking with our hands, feet and using an object to strike. These skills are important to practice for hand-eye coordination, accuracy and balance and they also make up skills involved in many sports we play.

We have also had an opportunity to practice jump rope in the lead up to our Jump Rope for Heart event. There has been some success in learning new "tricks" and realizing just how tiring skipping with a rope can be!



From the Finance Manager

A reminder to all families that account payments need to be paid in full by the end of December. Term Four bus payments will be processed after the end of term and reflected in December statements. Please contact Belinda at the school or via email belinda.niemz@sjs.sa.edu.au if you have any queries in relation to the above. 2023 fee information and financial agreements have been sent out to families. Please ensure these forms are signed and returned to school at your earliest convenience.

Belinda Niemz – Finance Manager

From the Uniform Committee

This year the Uniform Committee have been investigating different options to “update” our current school uniform. We have organised a few samples from local company, Bandicoot Clothing, which we wish to share with the school community to gain feedback. These samples are on display in the front office of the school. Please come in at your convenience to have a look. If you have any feedback, you wish to share please complete the feedback form which was sent home to families and return to the school.

Whilst we seek the opinions of the school community any changes to the uniform will be decided by the School Board. Rest assured that there will be a “phase in” period of at least 12 months if a change has been decided upon. Therefore, there will be no significant changes to the uniform for next year.

From the SRC ~ Mrs Josie Wundersitz

Congratulations to our outgoing School Captains, Leni and Zoe, on leading our Student Representative Council enthusiastically this year. They have taken initiative, encouraged SRC members during meetings, organised special days, and have been wonderful role models for our student community. The SRC have recently stained the buddy bench, which will be a feature in our yard next year. They have also led classes to give feedback about the new school uniform.

Over the year, the SRC and our school community has raised \$944.55 and given money to specific groups such as the Eudunda Country Fire Service, Red Cross and the Motor Neuron Disease Association. Along with funds donated during chapel offerings, we have made donations to Australian Lutheran World Service to buy Shine kits to help students in school), a piglet, 2 goats, a chicken farm, vegetable seeds and some long drop toilets. We would like to thank our parent community for your ongoing support of these fundraisers.

Thank you to all SRC members over this past semester. Hearing about the concerns, suggestions and bright ideas from our students is integral to our belief that students who have a voice feel connected to, and proud of their community.

Interschool Gymkhana

Congratulations to Daniel and Jason Connor who competed in the Interschool Gymkhana at Clare on Thursday 24th November. Both boys rode their horses beautifully and represented the school well. Daniel came 1st in the event Musical Chairs, 2nd in his age group, and 3rd for the events, fastest pony at a walk and the Sack Race. Jason came 2nd in the lead ride then sprint and the fastest pony at a walk and 3rd for his age group. Great work boys, the school is very proud of your efforts.



Community Christmas Tracts ~

On Monday and Tuesday of next week each of our classes will be delivering Christmas Tract messages, designed by the students, to the Eudunda, Kapunda and Saddleworth communities. This is a great opportunity to share the dates of Worship Services for the Christmas Season and the message of the Birth of our Saviour – Jesus. Below is some of the Artwork created by the students for the Christmas Tracts.



Prayer & Care Corner



This fortnight we pray for:

- ♥ All school families and staff for a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year
- ♥ We give thanks to God for the many blessings He gives to us in our school community and over this past school year
- ♥ We pray for our new principal, Karen and our new teachers, Laura and Shelly as they prepare to join us in the new school year

Church Times ~ Eudunda/Robertstown Lutheran Parish

Sunday 11 December 2022

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| Neales Flat | 8.30am | LR | |
| Point Pass | 10.30am | HC | Pastor David Gogoll |
| Eudunda | 9..00am | LR | |
| Robertstown | 8.30am | HC | Pastor David Gogoll |

Sunday 18 December 2022

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| Neales Flat | 10.30am | HC | Pastor Les Pfeiffer |
| Robertstown | 10.00am | LR | |
| Eudunda | 8,30am | HC | Pastor Les Pfeiffer |
| Geranium Plains | 10.00am | LR | |



Christmas Eve 24 December 2022

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| Neales Flat | 7.30pm | LR |
| Peep Hill | 7.30pm | LR |
| Eudunda | 7.30pm | LR |
| Robertstown | 7.30pm | LR |

Christmas Day 25 December 2022

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| Eudunda | 9.00am | LR |
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The children of Peep Hill and Neales Flat Lutheran Churches and communities invite you to join them for their annual Christmas Eve Program.
Sunday 24th December 2022 at 7.30pm at St Michael's Lutheran Church Peep Hill

Community News



Come and support our St John's School Choir who will be performing at the following Community Christmas events

Eudunda Christmas Street Parade

Friday 9 December – commencing at 6.00pm in the Main Street

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 18 December commencing at 6.30pm at the Eudunda Town Oval

Carols by Candlelight
18th December 2022
6.30 pm – Eudunda Oval

Community Choir
School Choirs Guest Artist
Food & Drinks available
Candles for sale
Bring a chair or rug to sit on

A community event for the whole family to enjoy!!

KFC Christmas Fun Afternoon

The 'Kids For Christ' Christmas afternoon is on Tuesday 20th December at the St John's School Hall, from 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm, which includes afternoon tea. The cost is \$5 per child. Bookings are needed by Sunday 18th December when booking please indicate the timeframe kids will be attending. The important parts will be in the middle to allow for any kids who need to arrive later or leave early, or for younger kids who might prefer a shorter visit. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Chris Doecke on 0488 047861. All children are welcome to join in the fun. New kids welcome.

Piano/Keyboard Lessons

Music lessons for piano/keyboard are available during school hours, in negotiation with the class teachers using a rotating timetable. The cost for weekly 30-minute lessons is \$15 for children in Foundation to Year 3, or \$20 for year 4 and older. Music book costs are additional. Bookings for 2023 are needed by the end of this term. Please contact music teacher Chris Doecke on 0488 047861 for bookings and enquiries.



December/January

The school office will be closed for the holidays
From 4.00pm Thursday 15th December and will re-open at 8.00am on **Tuesday 24th January 2023.**

