



# Informer

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Term One, Week 4, Wednesday 22 February 2023

## Important Dates

### FEBRUARY

#### Friday 24

- Assembly 9.10

#### Monday 27

- Chapel led by 5/6 class
- P&F Meeting after Chapel

### MARCH

#### Friday 3

- Assembly 9.10
- SAPSASA Swimming

#### Monday 6

- Chapel led by 1/2 class

#### Wednesday 8

- Yr 5/6 class leave for camp

#### Friday 10

- Assembly 9.10
- Yr 5/6 class return from camp



## Birthday's this fortnight

### One/Two Class

Jobe – 6<sup>th</sup> March

### Three/Four Class

Jessica – 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### Five/Six Class

Harry – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Charlie 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Tyler 4<sup>th</sup> March

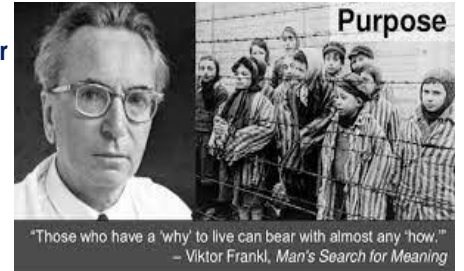


St John's students enjoyed perfect weather for the Swimming Carnival last Friday! Read all about it on pgs 4-5 of the newsletter.

## Devotion ~ Submitted by Renae Ruediger

### Respond the right way

'We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials.' Romans 5:3 NLT



In World War II, Viktor Frankl was sentenced to a Nazi concentration camp. The guards deprived him of everything. They took his wife, his family, and his clothes. They even stole his wedding ring. But he had one thing no one could take from him.

In a classic book, he wrote, 'The last of human freedoms is the ability to choose one's attitude in a given set of circumstances.' The guards could not take from Frankl his freedom to choose his attitude.

We do not know what is going to occur tomorrow or even today. We can't control all our circumstances, but we can control how we respond to them. We can control whether an experience makes us stronger or weaker, increases our faith or our fear, makes us a better person or a bitter person. The saying goes: 'The same sunshine that melts the butter hardens the clay.' God wants our struggles to strengthen us.

In (Romans 5: 3-5 NLT) Paul writes:

*'We can rejoice too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love'*

And here is another very important thought. The tests and trials we go through in this life are what qualifies us to rule and reign with Christ in the next life. Knowing that will help you to respond the right way!



# From the Principal ~ Ms Karen Leese

## Thank you for a wonderful start to the year

It's been a really positive start to the new school with so many events being held face to face. From the Welcome Back to School BBQ & Information Night, to chapel and assemblies, morning teas, our Swimming Carnival and yesterday's Shrove Tuesday festivities.

The spirit of St John's is truly alive and shone brightly last Friday at our annual Swimming Carnival. Blessed with blue skies and a slight cool breeze, it was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents come along to cheer and show their support. A big shout out to Kathy Cluse, Jo Summerton and all our parent volunteers who made this day a huge success! On a personal level, I loved seeing the children live out our school values of enthusiasm, teamwork and care as they encouraged each other to achieve their very best in the pool. Bring on Sports Day!

## Covid Update

Whilst we have been lucky enough to start the school year here at St John's free from Covid, I am aware that there are a number of learning communities in the Barossa who are currently experiencing a rise in cases. If you or your child are unwell or presenting with any symptoms please do not attend school and remain vigilant by undertaking a test. Please keep the school informed if your child is unwell or tests positive for Covid. Any staff member or student who tests positive to Covid should not return to school until they are symptom free – this is usually a period of 5-7 days.

## Back to School BBQ Information Night Survey

Please click on this link [Back to School Night Survey](#) to provide feedback about the Back to School BBQ Information Night. As a school we are committed to continued growth and we want to know what worked well and how this event could be better. We thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts.

## St Johns Bushfire Plan

With the extreme weather forecast for the remainder of this week it is a timely reminder for families to familiarize themselves with the schools Bushfire Policy and Plan. These documents are available on the schools website <https://www.stjohns-eudunda.sa.edu.au/policies>. Further to this please be reminded that on days declared as catastrophic, St John's Lutheran School will be closed in line with the schools policy.

## Do you like gardening?

As our seedlings start to grow, we need to prepare the soil and garden beds ready for planting. In the next few weeks, we are looking for a few parent or grandparent volunteers to come onto campus to help get our community garden ready for the winter growing season. All volunteers need to have a Working With Children Check. If this interests you, please let us know.

## Pupil Free Day

Please be advised that Tuesday 14 March will be a Pupil Free Day at St John's. Staff will be engaging in professional development on this day. In the morning our staff will be starting their learning in Compassionate Systems Thinking with Mignon Weckert from LESNW and in the afternoon Pastor Stuart Traeger will be leading us in our Valuing Safe Communities training.

## Bible Presentation

On Sunday 26 March Pastor David Gogoll will be leading the Sunday worship service where the Eudunda Robertstown Lutheran Parish will be presenting Bibles to students in Foundation and Year three. We look forward to welcoming and sharing in the occasion of this special day with you. More information about this event will be coming out soon.

## Class Awards ~ Week 2



### **Congratulations to the Class Award Recipients for Week 2**

Back Row L-R: Charlie Boxall (Year 5/6 class), Marlee Kotz (Year 1/2 class) Caitlin Schutz (Year 5/6 class)

Front Row L-R: Mitchell Saegenschmitter (Year 1/2 class), Grace Schutz (F/1 class), Daniel Connor (Year 3/4 class).



## From the Librarian ~ Submitted by Brenda Verrall

St John's continues to encourage a love of reading for both recreation and pleasure by supporting those students who take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge is for students to not only read more but to read more widely and to promote a love of reading books.

### **What is the Premier's Reading Challenge?**

The Challenge is a literacy engagement strategy that requires students to read 12 age appropriate books in a year. Students who complete the challenge receive an annual award.

### **What must students do:**

20 books :- students are challenged to read 20 books from the start of the year until Week 7, Term 3. Teachers will record the titles of the books read onto the Student Reading Report. If your child/ren has read a book at home, please send in a signed note detailing the title and author.

### **Number of free choice books**

Students will read 8 of the 20 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist.

### **Awards - the 'Olympics of reading' and beyond...**

Students who complete the Challenge receive awards from the Premier for their achievements in a similar fashion to sporting stars!



### **Awards for completing the Challenge are:**

- Certificate – first year
- Bronze medal – second year
- Silver medal – third year
- Gold medal - fourth year
- Champion medal – fifth year
- Legend medal – sixth year
- Hall of Fame medal – seventh year

Hall of Fame Reader for Life – eighth year onwards reflecting the number of years participated up to the final, fourteenth year.

Please see your child's classroom teacher if you require further information.





# Swimming Carnival ~ Submitted by Kathy Cluse

Last Friday we held our annual Swimming Carnival at the Eudunda Swimming Pool. The day started with a welcome by the Principal Ms Karen Leese and each team singing their War Cries.

The morning commenced with students 9 years and over participating in the freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and relays and the students 8 years and under participating in the noodle, kickboard and swim events. It was wonderful to see the great sportsmanship displayed by all students when encouraging and cheering on one another, not just from their house but also from the other houses.

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

NAME	AGE GROUP	EVENT
Jason Connor	9 Year old Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> place: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke
Nellie Mepstead	9 Year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke
Sonny Geister	10 Year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke
Maria l'Anson	10 Year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place : Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke
Harry Niemz	11 Year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup> place : Freestyle, Breaststroke
Kennedy Geister	11 Year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place : Freestyle
Ayla Schutz	11 Year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place : Backstroke
Grace Jenke	11 Year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place: Breaststroke
Marty Mosey	12 Year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup> place : Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke + 100m Open Freestyle
Bridget Williams	12 Year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup> place: Freestyle, Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke + 100m Open Freestyle

**Congratulations to Sonny Geister** from Emmaus House who set 2 new records in the following events:

- 10 Year Old Boys 33m Freestyle with a new record of 23.54 seconds beating Jude Geister's previous record of 26.81 seconds set in 2017.
- 10 Year old boys 33m Backstroke with a new record of 37.97 beating Campbell Mosey's record of 31.09 seconds set in 2017. Well done Sonny, this is a great achievement!



The afternoon's tabloid events were very hotly contested and involved all students from Foundation to Year Six enjoying activities such as peg collect, tube race and the hoop relay.

The day's swimming events concluded with the ever popular students, teachers and parents relay.

At the end of the day's events the results were announced with Thiele finishing up on 374 points and Emmaus on 318 points.

Ms Karen Leese presented the St John's Swimming Shield (donated by the Hambour family) to the Thiele House Captains Bridget Williams and Julia l'Anson and Vice-Captains Marty Mosey and Harry Niemz. Both captains responded on behalf of their houses, thanking the organisers, parent helpers and teachers.

It was terrific to see the exceptional turn out of parents who attended the carnival, assisted with the events and supported their children.

Additional thanks go to all staff and parents who had assisted on the day, with a special mention to the Parents and Friends for providing us with lunch. I also wish to comment on the terrific participation of the students who supported and encouraged each other throughout the day. Well done!



Captains and Vice Captains of 'Thiele' House Team who were presented with the Swimming Shield as overall winners of the Carnival



Captains and Vice Captains of 'Emmaus' House Team



# Swimming Carinval ~ Photos





# Prayer & Care Corner



This Week we pray for the following staff and school families;

Renaë Ruediger	Grant & Christine Doecke
Belinda Niemz	Tim & Elise Doering
Kathy Cluse	Jason & Emily Geister
Lynn Grosser	Stephen & Jessica Geister

## Church Times ~ Eudunda/Robertstown Lutheran Parish



Sunday 26 February 2023

Robertstown	9.00am	HC	Pastor Les Pfeiffer
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**Parish Service** – Parish AGM to be held after the service

Sunday 5 March 2023

Peep Hill	8.30am	HC	Pastor Graham Jenke
Point Pass	8.30am	LR	
Eudunda	9.00am	LR	
Robertstown	10.00am	LR	
Geranium Plain	10.30am	HC	Pastor Graham Jenke

## From the Parents and Friends



### NOTICE of upcoming Parents & Friends Meeting

When: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023  
 @ 9.30am in the School Hall  
 after Chapel led by the Year 5/6 Class

Reports and Agenda Items to be submitted as soon as practical to the school at [office@sjls.sa.edu.au](mailto:office@sjls.sa.edu.au)  
 Or direct to Chairperson: [katie@iansonfarms.com.au](mailto:katie@iansonfarms.com.au)

We hope to see you there, bring along your ideas.



## Community News

The **Term 1 KFC 'Easter Egg-citement'** is being held on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at the St John's Lutheran School Hall from 3.10 onwards for a 3.30 start. All primary school aged children are invited to attend. Bookings are essential – please contact KFC Team Leader Chris Doecke 0488 047 861 for bookings and further information.



**Eudunda Community Op Shop is hosting a**

# MEGA GARAGE SALE

11th of March, 2023  
 Registration is \$10 per stall

Register at the Eudunda Post Office or Op Shop to be part of the event

All funds raised are going to the Eudunda Community Op Shop where all profits are returned to local community projects

For more info, head to Op Shop Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/EudundaCommunityOpShop>