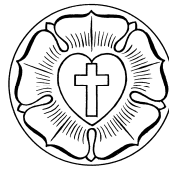


**Thursday  
4<sup>th</sup> December  
2008**



CHRIST IS ALL

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates to Remember

|               |                           |   |
|---------------|---------------------------|---|
| DECEMBER      | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>    | St John's grade 6 Graduation Celebration and Dinner 7.15- Dromoland   |
|               | Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30-11.00 Students move to 2009 classrooms for Orientation Session (includes new children to the school from year 1 onwards) |
|               | Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | School Report sent home with children   |
|               | Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>      | Casual Dress Day for sponsor child Alem (gold coin donation pls)  |
|               | Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>      | Last Day Term 4 2008 for 4/5 Kindergarten students  |
|               | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> | Last Day Term 4 2008 for School students <b>PLEASE NOTE: 2.30 FINISH</b>  |
|               | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> | Closing Service Barrabool Hills Baptist Church 7pm  |
| JANUARY 2009  | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> | First Day of St John's School office opening for 2009   |
|               | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>   | 4/5 year old Kindergarten Orientation   |
| FEBRUARY 2009 | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | <u>First Day School Term 1 2009</u>   |
|               | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 3 year old Kindergarten Orientation   |
|               | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | First Day 4/5 year old Kindergarten   |
|               | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>    | First Day 3 year old Kindergarten   |

## In our Prayers

We ask you to prayerfully remember Lottie - (JG) and the - family. Lottie will visit the hospital next week for an operation. We pray for speedy healing and a restful break for all.

## Devotional Thoughts

*'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' (Mark 1:3)*

Are you one of those people who has to do a mini-spring clean before those special guests arrive? A quick vacuuming of the floors, dusting of the shelves, cleaning of the kitchen and bathroom and of course there is the baking of some biscuits, a cake or both. When we expect special guests we might not all do a mini-spring clean but most of us do make some preparations. Over the coming weeks we are celebrating a church season called Advent. Advent is the time when we remember the first time God came as little baby Jesus in Bethlehem and we also remember that Jesus has promised that he will come again. We are reminded that we need to prepare for the next time Jesus comes, not by spring cleaning our homes but by spring cleaning our hearts. We are reminded to repent, to turn back to Jesus and make him the focus of our lives. Surprisingly when we turn to Jesus it is he who does the cleaning, it is his Spirit who prepares us for his return.

-Pastor Rolf-

### **Please note:**

The final school Newsletter for 2008 will be printed on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> (not the usual Thursday). If you would like anything in the newsletter, please email to [nitschkec@stjohns.edu.au](mailto:nitschkec@stjohns.edu.au) by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December...thanks

### **Booklists for 2009...**

Booklists need to be returned by  
**TOMORROW**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

## From the GLC Principal, Gary Jewson

The Geelong Lutheran College Orientation Day for Preps and their parents will be held at the College on Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 10:30 with a morning tea to follow. Mrs Kym Kingston will be there for the morning and she is looking forward to spending some time with the new Preps and their parents.

The slip lane construction is well underway and should be finished before Christmas. Landscaping is due to begin from the 15<sup>th</sup> December and will be complete later in January. We are sure looking forward to sprucing up the grounds and having that finished. Playground equipment will also be installed later in January although may not be finished until the second week of school in term one. Hopefully the new network and internet connection will be complete soon so that we can move the administration out there and actually begin operations at the site.

Take Care and God Bless

*Gary Jewson* (Principal GLC)

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## Notes from the Head of School

Dear School Community,

This is a hectic time of the year for all of us. The Year six children, preparing for their graduation on Monday night, are frantically sorting out activities and preparing presentations. The graduation students are very excited about their special night and it will be a pleasure to witness this evening and share it with them. Teachers are finalising reports and preparing for an **Orientation session** next Tuesday for the children to spend some time in their new classes with their teacher for next year. This will also include new students from other schools who are joining us in 2009. Student reports and class lists will be sent home that afternoon. It is important that you are positive with your child about their teacher and their new class group.

Congratulations to Nick - and Simeon -, our inaugural winners of the **St John's Bat Tennis tournament**. In a hard fought final Simeon and Nick defeated a gallant Joey - and Lachlan -. Well done to all participants and especially to our organiser Christian -.

School Council have approved the appointments of **Mrs Glenda Partridge (ART)** and **Mrs Naomi Gibbons (Science)**. Glenda has taught at St John's a number of times over the years and loves working in the Art Room and teaching Art. Glenda is a fully accredited Lutheran teacher and worships at St Paul's in Grovedale. Naomi taught Science at St John's in 2007 before having her second child. Naomi is an ex-student of St John's and has demonstrated her commitment to the school and to the Science program at St John's.

Removalists will be here on Saturday morning to help with the moving out of the Prep rooms and Library areas. I will be here from 8:00am so if anyone is able to spend half an hour or so that would be gratefully appreciated.

**December 11<sup>th</sup> is the last day** for students this year. **All students will be required to attend our school's closing service at Barrabool Hills Baptist Church at 7pm** that evening in **full school uniform, neatly dressed with clean clothes and shoes.**

We will **finish school** on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at **2:30pm**. Please continue to adhere to the council parking regulations and signage outside our school's three busy streets. Parking regulations might be different for this earlier time in some places, so please check before parking! Also please remember that the **40km speed restriction** will be in place from 2:30pm. Parents may need to **change arrangements for picking up their children on this day.**

*With God's Blessings*

**-Brian Schultz: Head of School- St John's**

*-A Christian community striving for excellence-*

*Our Newsletter is posted onto the Internet regularly so if you are looking for information about our school, please remember to visit our Webpage at [www.stjohns.edu.au](http://www.stjohns.edu.au)*

## **St John's Lutheran Primary School**

is seeking expressions of interest for a relieving

### **3YO KINDERGARTEN TEACHER**

for 1 day per week (Monday) during Terms 1 & 2, 2009

*Minimum qualification required-Diploma of Children's Services*

Position Description available from

St John's Lutheran School Office – Ph: 5221-5221

*Applications to be sent to:*

**Mr Brian Schultz, Head of School**

**St John's Lutheran School**

**33 Aberdeen Street, Geelong Vic 3220**

**Closing Date – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

## **News from Alem...**

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*** there will be a **Casual Dress Day** to support our sponsor child **Alem**.  
Please bring along a gold coin donation on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December...

## **St John's Secondhand Uniform Shop**

This is a request for anyone who may have clothing they would like to resell. There are many parents (especially parents of 2009 Prep children) looking to buy clothing including school blazers. If you are interested in selling any of your clothing, come and see me in the second-hand Uniform shop, or you can drop off clothing at the office. If you want to pass your clothing on to me after the end of the school year then you can contact me on 0422 980 626 and we can arrange clothing to be collected.

- We ask that Blazers and Kilts be dry cleaned before being brought to the Uniform shop, and all other clothing to be washed and ironed, ready to sell.
- For anyone not aware, clothing in the second-hand uniform shop is sold on consignment, and a payment for 85% of the selling price is received at the end of term for any of your clothing that has been sold.

Thank you- Sonya - (0422 980 626) St John's Second hand Uniform shop

## News from MJ

This year, Middle J exchanged Christmas cards with Lord Roberts Elementary School in downtown Vancouver, Canada. Not only was it a wonderful surprise for both classes, it was a great way for us to learn about some Canadian culture and to get into the Christmas spirit.

**Middle Johnstone would like to wish you a fantastic Christmas and New Year!**

## Kindergarten news...



- Over the past few weeks we have been busy making our Christmas decorations and the kindergarten is now looking very festive. We have also been focusing on the birth of Jesus as part of our Christian studies
- This week we have enjoyed our evening Christmas Concerts. The children did a wonderful job with our Christmas play and we all enjoyed singing Christmas carols.
- We thank all our kindergarten families for supporting our Christmas concerts. Your positive and kind comments have been really appreciated.
- This week we also attended school assembly and shared devotions with the prep classes. We have eaten our play lunch in the prep area and have had a play in the school playground. These are all important parts of school transition.
- Our last kinder day will be next Wednesday 10th. December.
- We would like to sincerely thank you all for your fantastic support throughout the year. It has been a wonderful year of fun and learning for all the children.
- Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year,

God Bless

Susann French and Susan Bayfield

## student's page...

### australian lutheran world service

This week St John's received a note of thanks for the donation given to them from the Father's Day stall back in September. The School community raised \$292.48 and we purchased chickens, poultry training, adult literacy classes, fruit seedlings, school starter-kits, mosquito nets etc. for people in the Sudan. If you would like more information on the Australian Lutheran World Service please log on to [www.alws@alws.org.au](http://www.alws@alws.org.au).

### birthdays

|          |      |                     |            |    |                      |
|----------|------|---------------------|------------|----|----------------------|
| Grace -  | JH   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Laetitia - | MJ | 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  |
| Samuel - | K3yo | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Amelia -   | SF | 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec |

## sports awards

|                   |                |  |
|-------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Bessie -</b>   | <b>Deakin</b>  | persevering in the beep test           |
| <b>Michael -</b>  | <b>Deakin</b>  | giving 100% in sport                   |
| <b>muel -</b>     | <b>Higgins</b> | always having an enthusiastic attitude |
| <b>hristine -</b> | <b>Higgins</b> | For always getting involved in sports  |

## ...sports news

### Netball:

St John's Supremes had a bye this week...  
The St John's Supremes play next week at 5.30pm

### St John's Sharks Basketball Scores:

The boys had a bye this week. Next game: Tuesday 9th December, 5.20pm; against Oberon South Primary; Life Be In It, Crown St.

## guide dogs

don't forget the Guide Dog's container at the school office if you would like to place a donation

## st paul's lutheran church youth group




St Paul's Lutheran Church Youth Group (Pioneer Rd Grovedale) -7.00pm start until around 8.30pm



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Break-Up...Venue/time TBA

Take care, and God bless....Werner - (Youth Coordinator) 5241 5131/ 0427 526611

## Canteen

-  Thank you to **Fiona** - and **Christine** - for helping this week ☺
-  Thank you so much for those who have helped in the canteen this year.
-  Please check the roster for 2009 and come to the school office if you are able to help- thank you

Last day of Term 4/ 2008- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Pie and Donut Day

Order forms coming home tomorrow and due back Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

### Canteen Roster 2008

| Term 4                             | 11.00am – 1.30pm                           | Notes   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December   | Linda -                                    |   |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December | Janette - 9- 1.30pm<br>Susie --- 10-2.30pm | <b>PIE &amp; DONUT DAY</b><br>Last Day School 2008! |

### Canteen Roster 2009

| Term 1                             | 11.00am – 1.30pm | Notes |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February   | Susie ---        |       |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February  | Louise -         |       |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February  |                  |       |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February |                  |       |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February  |                  |       |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February |                  |       |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February  |                  |       |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February |                  |       |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March      | Louise -         |       |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March     |                  |       |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March     |                  |       |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March    |                  |       |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March     |                  |       |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March    |                  |       |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March     |                  |       |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March    |                  |       |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March     |                  |       |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April     | Louise -         |       |

## Araluen Kids Camp 09-“Champions Challenge”

Araluen Lutheran Camp presents their Kids Camp for 2009 from Monday **January 19<sup>th</sup>** to Friday **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** for ages 10-12. The camp is based on events based on Jesus life, death and his resurrection- wrapped around a sporting theme. A week packed with games, creative teaching, songs, visit to the beach, prayers, crafts, bible stories, small group activities, and...”the Drama”.

Cost: \$165 early bird price before December 22<sup>nd</sup>, or \$175 after Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Applications at School office or on website: [www.araluenlutherancamp.com.au](http://www.araluenlutherancamp.com.au)

## Words from the Library...



Dear Parents:

**REMINDER PLEASE... all Library books need to be returned as soon as possible...** Could you please have a check at home so that overdue notices may be avoided being sent home. If you are aware a book is lost I would appreciate it if you could come and see me or send a note with your child to school. Thank you for your assistance with the end of year organisation.

**ANOTHER REMINDER** lost property outside of the Library area needs to be collected by students or a parent.



-Mrs Lytzki; Librarian

### Parents Please...

All classroom **readers** (books) need to be brought back to school by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December...so please search under the bed, behind the couch and...in the school bags for forgotten readers and any borrowed items from the classroom Thank you!

### Noticeboard...

- Lutheran Media station details and programs
- Bethany Saver-Plus information leaflet

### Coming home today:

Screen Actors Holiday Bootcamp details

### LOST

School Jumper belonging to Alexander - Clearly labelled...please return to MB or lost property box

Sports Jumper missing, belonging to Rebecca -- clearly labelled

## Geelong Lutheran Churches Sunday Worship Services

### St John's, 165 Yarra St., Geelong

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Worship with HC*   | 9.00am |
| Sunday School ( <i>Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</i> ) | 9.45am |

### Holy Trinity: Mollers Lane, Leopold

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Worship with HC* | 11.00am |
|------------------|---------|

### St Paul's: 307 Torquay Rd. Grovedale

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Worship with HC* ( <i>Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i> ) | 9.30am  |
| Worship without HC* ( <i>Every 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i> )              |         |
| Sunday School:  | 10.00am |

### St David's, 905 Anglesea Rd., Freshwater Creek

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| Worship with HC* ( <i>Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</i> ) | 2.30pm |
|--|--------|

### Our Redeemer: 60 Ballarat Rd. Geelong North

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Worship with HC* ( <i>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i> )                    | 9.30am |
| Worship without HC* ( <i>Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i> ) | 9.30am |

### Lutheran Worship at the Uniting Church, Lara

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Worship with HC (Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month) | 11.30am |
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*Note: HC\*= Holy Communion*

## New notices for this week...

### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS      Whooping Cough (Pertussis)**

In recent months there has been an increase in the number of school aged children diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis). Please be on the look out for symptoms of whooping cough:

- a runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months)
- a cough that occurs in spasms, which may be followed by vomiting
- a cough with a 'whoop' (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing)

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough please **see your doctor**. This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in the household. Pertussis can be a serious life-threatening infection for babies.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early, infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), **please advise the school** and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not give lifelong protection, and reinfection can occur.. If your child has not been fully immunised, discuss a catch-up plan with your doctor.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html> visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/infect/diseases.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infect/diseases.html)

## LUTHERAN MEDIA

**There are a many ways of supporting Lutheran Media, and being in contact with other Lutheran communities...** see Noticeboard for station and program details, but here are just a few details for your interest...

**RADIO**...If you are unsure what radio stations play Face To Face in your area, please go to [www.facetoface.org.au](http://www.facetoface.org.au). You may like to listen to or download the program on this same website

**TELEVISION**...View ON MAIN STREET, a half hour talk show tackling socially relevant issues. Australian Christian Channel 4:30pm Saturday (AEDT). AUSTAR DIGITAL 182, FOXTEL DIGITAL 182, OPTUS 49 / Digital 182. DIGITAL 44 (Sydney), TRANSACT (Canberra) [www.onmainstreet.org.au](http://www.onmainstreet.org.au). Tune in on the NINE, WIN or

IMPARJA TV Networks at 6:00am Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec for the heartwarming children's animation Red Boots for Christmas. Tune in to the Australian Christian Channel on AUSTAR DIGITAL 182, FOXTEL DIGITAL 182, OPTUS 49 / Digital 182 DIGITAL 44 (Sydney), TRANSACT (Canberra) on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day for a selection of Christmas animations.

**WEBSITES...**For Christmas news, resources and free E-cards go to [www.lca.org.au](http://www.lca.org.au). Discover what's available on [www.lutheranmedia.org.au](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au) Children...Go to [www.redboots.com.au](http://www.redboots.com.au) Check out [www.happyland.com.au](http://www.happyland.com.au). Happyland is growing!

More info on anything...contact Lutheran Media, Reply Paid 65735,197 Archer Street, North Adelaide 5006 Phone 1800 353 350, [www.lutheranmedia.org.au](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au), [www.facetoface.org.au](http://www.facetoface.org.au), [www.onmainstreet.org.au](http://www.onmainstreet.org.au)

## **JAK GYM**

"At J.A.K. GYM we offer a range of fun and innovative programs for kids which are enhanced by a range of fitness equipment designed just for kids, ensuring that our programs provide safe, fun and interactive fitness solutions for youth, no matter what their fitness level is. Better still, we operate in a non-competitive and non threatening environment where getting in and having a go is valued and recognised. We have qualified, friendly and fun staff that love working with kids and understand the need to create programs that will not only get the kids active but also entertain, motivate and educate. Please feel free to come and have a look at the gym at your convenience, I think you'll agree the setup is fantastic. I am here Monday-Friday from 10-2pm then from 3.30-8pm. I look forward to meeting you...Regards, Sam Tench"

Please see notice board for poster and details...



**SEXUAL ABUSE TOLL FREE  
NUMBER 1800 644 628**

### **Please note**

If anyone has an item they need to put into the newsletter, please email to [nitschkec@stjohns.edu.au](mailto:nitschkec@stjohns.edu.au)