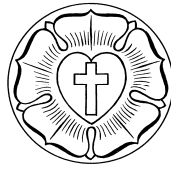


**Thursday
9th October 2008**



CHRIST IS ALL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

OCTOBER	Tuesday 14 th	Arthur Reed School Photo Day
	Wed 15 th -Thurs 16 th	Level 3 Camp at Baanya Biامي (Anakie)
	Friday 17 th	Geelong Show Day NO SCHOOL / NO KINDER
	Sunday 19 th	St John's School Choir at St Luke's Anglican Church Highton 2.30pm
NOVEMBER	Friday 21 st	Report Writing Day NO SCHOOL / KINDER as usual
DECEMBER	Thursday 11 th	Last Day Term 4 2008 (last day for School and Kinder students)
	Thursday 11 th	Closing Service Barrabool Hills Baptist Church 7pm
JANUARY 2009	Thursday 29 th	First Day School Term 1 2009
FEBRUARY	Tuesday 3 rd	First Day Kinder 4/5 year olds



In Our Prayers

We ask you to join in praying for a safe and happy term...for everyone☺

Devotional thoughts

The Wedding Feast – you've been invited!

Matthew 22:1-14

What a challenge the parables of Jesus are! What is Jesus saying here in this unusual story about the wedding guests who didn't turn up? To fully appreciate this parable we need some understanding of its context and the history of God's people but a short summary could look like this. The King (God) had everything ready (Jesus had come) but the invited guests didn't show (God's people who rejected Jesus). The invite was then extended to anyone the servants encountered (everybody else) and the hall was full.

This invitation from God is also extended to us. Embracing Jesus brings us into relationship with God. This is one party not to miss!

Jon Taylor-Pastoral Care Coordinator

ARTHUR REED SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



NEXT Tuesday 14th October 2008

FULL SUMMER UNIFORM MUST BE WORN

Please return your Photo Order Forms by TOMORROW Friday 10th October

If you require another order form *or* a family photo order form please see the school office staff.

Please Note: if there is a parent helper (with WWC checks) who would be willing to come in and help groom the children before the photographs, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

From the GLC Principal, Gary Jewson

Welcome back to the school after the September break. The staff attended the third Australian Conference on Lutheran Education which was held in the last three days of last week at the MCG. Just over 800 teachers, administration, finance and council people attended the conference (including international guests) and we all felt privileged to be part of such an auspicious gathering. The highlight for me was Rev Dr Mitri Raheb's videoed presentation (he was unable to leave Palestine due to permit limitations). Rev Dr Mitri Raheb is an **Arab-Palestinian-Christian-Lutheran** from the Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem and gave us a wonderful insight into his world and some challenges on the global village. If you are interested in looking/reading about some of the presentations from the conference you can view them at the following website: www.lutheran.edu.au.

This week is a historical week for the Lutheran community of Geelong because tomorrow we take possession of the now completed buildings for **Geelong Lutheran College!** It is hard to believe that the buildings are complete (although the landscaping still needs to be done) and that we are now ordering furniture and other bits and pieces so we can move out there as soon as possible. I will soon be able to invite you out there to check it out and have a guided tour!

Matthew Qualischefski, our new Year 7 coordinator, is due to fly into Avalon on the weekend and will start work for the College on Monday. Matthew has already organised a place to live and is excited about settling into Geelong and getting some things organised for next year. I am not sure yet whether he is a 'Cats' fan or not but we are considering including this in the fine print on his contract!

I have currently advertised for a **Junior Primary teacher for GLC**. If you know anyone who may be interested in teaching at the College please encourage them to contact me as soon as possible and to let me know of their particular skills so we can consider them for future employment.

Take Care and God Bless – **"See you next year in Mt Duneed!"**

Gary Jewson (Principal GLC)

Email: admin@geelonglutherancollege.net Web: www.geelonglutherancollege.net

Parenting Tip

150 ways to show you care

At the recent *Australian Conference for Lutheran Education* (ACLE) I came across a list titled "**150 ways to show kids you care**" This list of 150 different ways to show you care is practical and for the most part very doable. After quickly perusing the list a person also remarked "...this list isn't just for kids..." Here are the first fifteen:

Notice them	Smile a lot	Acknowledge them
Learn their names	Seek them out	Remember their birthdays
Giggle together	Play with them	Read aloud together
Listen to them	Be nice	Say yes a lot
Ask them about themselves	Look in their eyes when you talk to them	Tell them their feelings are okay.

Notes from the Head of School

Welcome back to all our St John's community.

- During the second week of the holidays our staff participated in the 3rd **Australian Conference on Lutheran Education** (ACLE 3). The theme was **Weaving Threads Together**... creating a tapestry of Lutheran schooling. This wonderful and uplifting event was held at the MCG with over 800 participants from all over Australia and overseas. Keynote speakers and workshop presenters came from far and wide and provided us with thought provoking ideas, challenges and inspiration.
- On Monday, two conference delegates from **Indonesia** visited our school. **Mr Menry Zitten** who is in charge of a Lutheran vocational school of 1600 students, and **Rev Jaminton Sipayung**, a director for 28 schools. They showed some classes photos of their schools and told us about what school life is like for their students. Obviously they were very impressed with our facilities and enjoyed talking to our staff and interacting with the students from all levels. I was most impressed with their enthusiasm, dedication to their calling and their love for our Lord. From time to time money raised at St John's goes to help these schools in Indonesia through Lutheran World Services.
- This term we are completing core module 1 of the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative Victoria (Aussi Vic) program. Yesterday we received some very exciting news. CERES, on behalf of Sustainability Victoria has offered us one of only 30 funded positions to join in the **2009 Resource Smart Schools Waste Module**. We have already introduced some initiatives related to this module but there will be many other opportunities to explore and develop new ways to reduce waste at St John's.
- I would like to welcome **Jessica Spicer** (nee Geue) a past student from St John's, who will be completing her final teacher training placement in PP with Mrs Pelchen.
- It is our duty of care to make sure that your child is safe and well-looked after while in our care. If anyone has any medical condition that needs to be updated, please contact the office.
- A case of 'slap cheek' was reported at school this week. The school nurse advised that it was beyond the contagious stage, and recommended that parents and carers to keep their child home if unwell (flu-like symptoms, tiredness)
- If you want to know what some teachers get up to on their break, here is an example....Miss Grieger conquering Mt Araples >



Due to some staffing changes for next year we are seeking replacement teachers for the following positions for 2009:

- an excellent classroom teacher/s to work in the Middle Primary (Year 3 & 4) in a full time role (contract);
- a Science teacher in a part-time role (ongoing).

Please contact Mrs Marian Wilson at the school on (03) 5221 5221 for further information about these positions and for a detailed position description. Closing date for applications is Monday 27th October.

"You may not be able to control the situation, but you can always control your reaction."

Austin McGonigle

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

A Few Reminders:

St John's School Concert DVDs

LAST CALL to order a DVD for \$15.00, please see staff at the school office by TOMORROW, Friday 10th October. Thank you.

School Uniforms Term 4

Summer Uniform only to be worn from Monday 20th October 2008

OSH After School Care/ Newtown Primary School

Please contact St John's office staff if your child's details/day changes for after school care collection

Music Awards and Music News

- **Music Award** this week goes to **JW** for working well with music activities this week. Well done!
- The St John's School choir have been invited to sing at the annual Hymn/Song Festival at St Luke's Uniting Church, Highton on Sunday 19th October at 2.30pm. It is a lovely honour to be asked for this event and the choir is preparing for this performance. Thanks to all the parents who make a special effort for their children to attend.
- The McDonalds Lunch will be happening soon. Final details will be sent out asap.



-Mrs. Carmel Schulze; Music Teacher

Kindergarten News

- It's wonderful to see the children back at kindergarten again.
- They are very happy to be learning and having fun with all of their friends.
- The kindergarten room is starting to look beautiful once again, as the children have been working very hard on their special Spring projects.
- We are looking forward to seeing lots of kindergarten and school parents at our TOY FUNDRAISER to be held at the kinder on Tuesday 21st. October at 7.30p.m.
- It will be a great opportunity to buy excellent toys, and to enjoy a lovely supper.

God Bless

Susann French and Susan Bayfield

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS AUXILIARY TERM 4 FUNDRAISER

The Kindergarten Parents Auxiliary would like to invite you to an amazing TOY PARTY. It will be held on Tuesday the 21st October at 7.30pm at the Kindergarten. The toys available are from Little Tikes, National Geographic, wooden puzzles, board games and beautiful wooden toys. The toys are high quality and are a great idea for birthday presents or Christmas presents.

So come along for a fun night, have a few laughs and start your CHRISTMAS shopping. All money raised will go towards purchasing new toys and puzzles for the Kindergarten. To r.s.v.p. or have a look at a catalogue, please see Leanne - or Helen -.

Canteen

- ☘ **Thank you** to Jason - and Sharon - for helping this week
- ☘ **NEW SUMMER MENU**...Please refer to the new summer menu when ordering. The new menus were given to each family at the end of Term 3. If you would like another copy, please see the office staff
- ☘ Please note we will be trialling a **new canteen helper time slot**- for your convenience
- ☘ Thank you so much for those who have offered to help in the canteen this term. Please check the roster and come to the school office if you are able to help- thank you

Canteen Roster 2008		
Term 4	11.00am – 1.30pm	Notes
Tuesday 14 th October	Emily -	
Thursday 16 th October		Level 3 Camp Baanya Biامي
Tuesday 21 st October	Sylvia -	
Thursday 23 rd October		
Tuesday 28 th October	Julie -	
Thursday 30 th October	Annette - -	
Tuesday 4 th November	Angela -	
Thursday 6 th November		
Tuesday 11 th November		
Thursday 13 th November		
Tuesday 18 th November	Robyn -	
Thursday 20 th November		
Tuesday 25 th November	Sylvia -	
Thursday 27 th November	Annette - -	
Tuesday 2 nd December		
Thursday 4 th December		
Tuesday 9 th December		
Thursday 11 th December		Last Day School 2008!

Uniform Shop

St John's second hand Uniform Shop opening hours: **Tuesday 3.15 – 3.45pm** **Friday 8.45 - 9.15 am**

PLEASE NOTE THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON (TUESDAY) 21ST OCTOBER FOR THIS DAY ONLY

Noticeboard (outside near carpet area)

- Bethany Saver Plus program details (eligible families can receive \$1,000 in matched savings!)
- Vision Radio Network details (Lutheran Radio)
- Baby and Kids Market brochure (location and dates)
- Little Red Riding Hood Medimime Production details
- Playgroup in the Park brochure and details
- View (Voice, Interests & Education of Women) Club present "Nim's Island" at Dromoland
- Children's Week Picnic at Werribee Park (brochures also at school office)
- Calendar of Events; Group Parent Education for the Barwon South West Region (COGG)
- Deakin University Tutoring advert
- Student Exchange Host Family details
- ADHD Workshop details

student's page

fundraiser

Pink Ribbon Day- Monday 27th October 2008
You may have noticed that at the School Office Reception desk, there are Pink Ribbons for sale, as well as diamante pins, enamel pins, and wrist bands. Please consider supporting research into breast cancer by buying one of these items. ☺

guide dogs

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

letter from Alem:

"Dear St John's Lutheran School,

I always wish you peace, health, love and development. Respectful dear sponsor, how are you and your family? Alem and his family are all doing well here. They hope that you and your family are well in health and spirit. Alem feels sorry for not writing a letter for so long, so it is important to write this letter. He is doing well at school. He has completed the annual lessons and exams regularly, so he achieved good results and has been promoted to grade 3. Since school is out for two months vacation, Alem stays at home and helps the family by doing some tasks like looking after cattle, fetching water, and collecting firewood.

Since it is the rainy season, it is raining constantly. The crops are growing well here, so his family and the surrounding farmers are hoeing and weeding on their farmlands.

Until we keep in touch, God bless you"

(Written by Community writer Tamir Fikre, translated by Assefa)

(if any one would like to see Alem's letter and script, please come to the school office)

beyond blue fundraiser

½ price!! wristbands

Don't forget your Beyond Blue wristband- your money will go toward helping those associated with

www.beyondblue.com

Wristbands only 50 cents

Thank you to Mrs Nott for all her hard work towards the Student Council this year...we appreciate her efforts.

Good luck for the future.

-St John's Student Council

birthdays

Michael -	SF	10 th October	Jacob -	JG	11 th October
Sarah -	SK	11 th October	Georgia -	JH	12 th October
Ariana Luther--	JW	14 th October	Zechariah -	PP	15 th October
Saysavanh -	JH	17 th October	Louis -	K 4yo	17 th October

st paul's lutheran church youth group

- ✿ Welcome to Term 4 Youth Group. The Youth Group remains divided into 2 separate groups: **Junior and Intermediate**. Both are held on the same night at the same time. The two groups share some activities, with older children doing activities more suited to their age group.
- ✿ **Youth Group will be held on different Friday Nights for this term only (due to Geelong Show Day holiday) and will not follow the usual fortnightly timetable.**
- ✿ For fourth term, the children will be busy with new fun activities and we encourage all children to please come along, dressed in older clothing that parents don't mind their children getting dirty with paint and glue.
- ✿ **The Youth Group starts at 6.45pm SHARP for the first week only, and finishes at around 8.30pm. The starting and finishing times are then 15 minutes later in line with Daylight Savings.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 10 th October	Youth Group starts are <u>6.45pm</u> SHARP
Friday 31 st October	Youth Group starts are <u>7.00pm</u> SHARP
Friday 14 th November	Youth Group starts are <u>7.00pm</u> SHARP
Friday 28 th November	Youth Group starts are <u>7.00pm</u> SHARP
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Break-Up...Venue and time TBA

Take care, and God bless....

Werner - (Youth Coordinator) 5241 5131/ 0427 526611



A Message from the Association of German Teachers in Victoria

On behalf of the Association of German Teachers in Victoria (AGTV), we would like to formally congratulate the school on the fantastic achievements of your students **Mary** - in Year 5 and **Ruby** - in Year 6 at the State Final of the Poetry Competition held at the Austrian Club on Saturday, August 30th this year.

Catherine Gosling
AGTV President

Brigitte Ankenbrand
Poetry Competition Convenor

Mary and Ruby with other competitors at the German Poetry State Final

awards this week:

sports awards

Jack -	Barton	For playing safely and fairly
Isabelle --	Barton	For having fun during sport
James -	Deakin	For using sports equipment well
Chelsea -	Deakin	For always being fair in the playground
Oscar -	Higgins	For being a great sport
Sydney -	Higgins	For being enthusiastic in sport

...sports news

NETBALL

The **St John's Shooting Stars** played Mandama on Monday night, and lost 10-15

The **Supremes** played Leopold, and lost 0-1...Well done all for being part of the team 😊

BASKETBALL

....St John's Sharks Basketball

Now that the footy boots are packed away the boys have entered the Grade 4/5 basketball competition at the Life Be In It centre. They had their first of 5 grading games on Tuesday and lost 11-0 to the South Geelong Hornets but played really well. The team this year consists of: Harry -, Oliver -, Ben -, Zak -, Tom -, Brayden - and Luke -.

A huge thank you to Andy - who has taken on the challenging but rewarding task of coaching the boys this season. Good luck boys.

Joke

This weeks joke came from Mrs. Lytzki...

What is another name for two banana skins?



A pair of slippers!

If you have any puzzles, jokes etc. for the new newsletter, please see Sarah Grace SF or Ruby Ekkel SK.

Coming Home Today

Aussie Hoops (basketball)
vouchers

Geelong Lutheran Churches Sunday Worship Services

St John's, 165 Yarra St., Geelong

Worship with HC* 9.00am
Sunday School (*Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month*) 9.45am

Holy Trinity: Mollers Lane, Leopold

Worship with HC* 11.00am

St Paul's: 307 Torquay Rd. Grovedale

Worship with HC* (*Every 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month*) 9.30am
Worship without HC* (*Every 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month*)
Sunday School: 10.00am

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

Worship with HC* (*Every 3rd Sunday of the month*) 2.30pm

Our Redeemer: 60 Ballarat Rd. Geelong North

Worship with HC* (*Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month*) 9.30am
Worship without HC* (*Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month*) 9.30am

Lutheran Worship at the Uniting Church, Lara

Worship with HC (Every 3rd Sunday of the month) 11.30am

Note: HC*= Holy Communion

New Notices

Scholastic Books- Product Notice

“Attention Book Club Organiser/ Class Teacher:

The following Bratz® titles will be unavailable for purchase on Issue 7 2008:

- Item #47 on Lucky- Li'l Bratz body Art and Activity Book
- Item #60 on Lucky – Bratz and Friends Intro Club Pack
- Item #24 on Arrow – Cool Cruise (Bratz Totally Awesome Tales)

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Yours Sincerely,

Celina Farrell
Book Club Manager
Free call 1800 021 233”

Scholastic Book Club

Orders and money due back at school by Monday 20th October