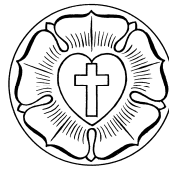


**Thursday
20th November
2008**



CHRIST IS ALL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER	Friday 21 st	Report Writing Day NO SCHOOL / KINDER as usual
DECEMBER	Friday 5 th	Talent Quest final- St John's School Hall 2pm all welcome
	Monday 8 th	St John's grade 6 Graduation Celebration and Dinner- Dromoland
	Wed 10 th	Last Day Term 4 2008 for 4/5 Kindergarten students
	Thursday 11 th	Last Day Term 4 2008 for School students
	Thursday 11 th	Closing Service Barrabool Hills Baptist Church 7pm
JANUARY 2009	Friday 30 th	4/5 year old Kindergarten Orientation
FEBRUARY 2009	Monday 2 nd	<u>First Day School Term 1 2009</u>
	Monday 2 nd	3 year old Kindergarten Orientation
	Tuesday 3 rd	First Day 4/5 year old Kindergarten
	Monday 9 th	First Day 3 year old Kindergarten

In our Prayers

A prayer of thanks for the rain this week...but also for safety and comfort to those in Queensland suffering the effects of floods and storms...

From the GLC Principal, Gary Jewson

The first ever Orientation day was held at Geelong Lutheran College today for the children in Year 3 through to 7. It is exciting to see children at the school and actual classroom activities taking place. There has been some increased interest in enrolment during the last week or so and we are excited by the prospect of healthier student numbers for next year. A prep orientation will be held at the College on Tuesday December 9.

St John's School council news:

- New staff appointments were ratified by the St John's council at its November meeting last night.
- Building works for the Prep/Library refurbishment is set to begin on Dec 12. The Preps will be located in the hall for Term One of 2009. The builders, Max Findlay and Assoc. are expecting to finish the job completely by the end of Term One.
- Enrolment for St John's in 2009 is lower than we would like and will necessitate a heavier marketing focus during the next few months. We would love to pick up an extra 10 or so enrolments across the school so if anyone knows of a family who is interested in St John's or GLC please let them know and tell them to contact us.

Take Care and God Bless –

Gary Jewson (Principal GLC)

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Booklists for 2009...

Please fill in your booklists and return by 5th December 2008
Please see the office staff if you have any queries

Notes from the Head of School

Dear School Community,

The year is rapidly coming to an end. Schools are a hectic place at any time but this time of the year seems to be more frantic. I was chatting to some parents the other day and we were commenting on the fact that the end of the year seems to come around faster every year. As you would have read in last week's newsletter, the **building refurbishment** for the Prep and Library Resource areas will commence as soon as school finishes. The builders will need to set up their compound from the Pakington St gate entrance to half way along the quadrangle area. **The Pakington St entrance will not be able to be used by the school community until the project is complete.** Skene St and the two entrances each side of the kinder will be the only access areas into our school. This will be an inconvenience to us all however our patience and understanding will be rewarded with all areas of the school having been upgraded.

The level fours participated in their annual **Leadership Day activity camp at Araluen Lutheran Camp** in Anglesea this week. This is a wonderful opportunity for our year six leaders to mentor, enthuse and encourage leadership qualities in all our present year fives in preparation for their leadership responsibilities in 2009.

Staffing arrangements for 2009 are nearly complete. The Science and Art positions are yet to be finalised.

Fiona Mibus (Level 4 - SK)

Fiona is currently teaching at Lara Lake. Fiona attended Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Hamilton. Fiona has enthusiasm and a passion for teaching. Fiona positively interacts with students, school staff and the community. Interests in debating, sport and ICT will be valuable assets in the level 4 area. Fiona has already taken on extra responsibilities and leadership roles including facilitating a Habits of Mind Professional Learning Team, PoLT (Principles of Learning and Teaching) curriculum coordinator and interactive whiteboard coach. Fiona is excited to be part of our team and to have the opportunity to share her Christian faith in a Christian School Community. Fiona is getting married in January and will return as **Fiona Stafford**.

Deidre Priebbenow (Level 3 - MJ)

Deidre is an experienced teacher who has taught in the Lutheran system for many years. Deidre's last teaching position was at Tarrington Lutheran School from 2000 – 2007. Deidre's husband Lester is the pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church North Geelong. As a dedicated and highly organised teacher with effective planning and time management skills, Deidre is looking forward to working with the level 3 children, connecting with their parents and promoting a positive and valued representation of the school to the wider community. Deidre was involved as a writer for the Christian Studies Curriculum Framework for Lutheran Education.

Belinda Johnstone (Level 3 - MD)

Belinda currently teaches at Good News Lutheran School in Werribee. Belinda is delighted to be part of our teaching staff for 2009. Belinda is passionate and committed to nurturing the personal, intellectual and spiritual needs of each child. Belinda will continue to deliver an engaging and thoughtful pedagogy that embraces the Christian faith, morals and values. Belinda enjoys the professional and personal relationships gained from working in a team environment at a Lutheran school and will continue to make a valued contribution to St John's in 2009.

Claire Petrass (Level 2 - JG)

Claire is an enthusiastic, positive graduate who is excited about the opportunity to become a teacher who has an influential impact on the educational lives of her students and on the school community. On reflection, Claire remembers her time at Primary school as being a time of happiness and fun learning experiences and can't wait to get the chance to mirror this experience in her own teaching career. Claire has completed the Graduate Diploma of Theology in Lutheran Education at Australian Catholic University in Ballarat. Claire attended Horsham Lutheran Primary School and enjoys netball, travelling, swimming, cooking, and snowboarding.

Melinda Troeth (Level 2 - SW)

Melinda has served St John's in a number of roles during her six years here. Melinda is relishing the opportunity to return to teaching in the level 2 classroom. Melinda is currently working as an Art specialist at St John's and brings a number of strengths across a range of curriculum areas but particularly in Literacy and

Numeracy. She is passionate about classroom teaching, about children's learning, children's welfare and improving teaching pedagogy through professional reflection. Melinda sees her teaching not just as a job, but as a true vocation – a calling. She is very keen to be actively involved in the day to day teaching and would love to be involved as a one of the leaders in the PoLT program at St John's.

The process of allocation of students to classes has begun. These will be finalised by early December. In very special circumstances, parents can inform me in writing by **Tuesday 25th November** of any factors they believe the School needs to consider before placements are finalised.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law (Galatians 5:22)"

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

Art room news...

The art room is open from 3.30-4.00p.m on Tues and Wed should you wish to have a look at art work or your child's Visual Arts Diary, which contains samples of your child's artwork.

Below are photos of artworks completed by the Level 4 and Prep students recently.

Thankyou -Mrs Troeth Art Teacher-



Notes from Music

The **Music Award** for this week goes to **MJ**...

For working really well together as a class

Good work MJ!

Mrs Schulze- Music Teacher



Performing Arts News

Talent Quest

Friday 5th December 2pm in School Hall

Contact Arts captains for further information:

Michael -, Poppy -, Melanie - Olivia --- -

Words from the Library...

Dear Parents:

The end of term is fast approaching and **all** packing up for the building works. I would

week. 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.



Library books need to be returned for stock-take and appreciate all books to be returned **by the end of next**

A **reminder** that lost property outside of the Library area needs to be collected by students or a parent.

Library quote:

"A good book stays closed until someone values it enough to read it. An easy read is soon forgotten"

-Mrs Lytzki; Librarian

Canteen

Thank you to **Kim** - and **Robyn** - for helping this week ☺

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 25 th November	Sylvia -	
Thursday 27 th November	Annette - -	
Tuesday 2 nd December	Fiona -	
Thursday 4 th December	Christine -	
Tuesday 9 th December	Linda -	
Thursday 11 th December	Janette -	Last Day School 2008!
Canteen Roster 2009		
Term 1	11.00am – 1.30pm	Notes
Tuesday 3 rd February		
Thursday 5 th February		
Tuesday 10 th February		
Thursday 12 th February		
Tuesday 17 th February		
Thursday 19 th February		
Tuesday 24 th February		
Thursday 26 th February		
Tuesday 3 rd March		
Thursday 5 th March		
Tuesday 10 th March		
Thursday 12 th March		
Tuesday 17 th March		
Thursday 19 th March		
Tuesday 24 th March		
Thursday 26 th March		
Tuesday 31 st March		
Thursday 2 nd April		

Kindergarten News

We have had a fantastic week!!

This week the children enjoyed a special "Happy Hat" Day. This is a sun smart program to reinforce the importance of wearing a sun hat whenever we are outside. The children and staff were encouraged to decorate their sun hats, and they all did a great job.

The children are hard at work on all their beautiful Christmas decorations.

We have our final Parents Auxiliary Meeting next Wednesday 26 November at Barwon Edge at 7.00pm. If you are able to attend we would love to see you.

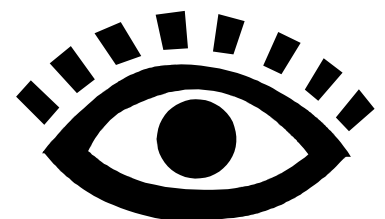
God Bless

Susann French and Susan Bayfield.

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Joke of the Week-
'Doctor, doctor! Everyone keeps ignoring me!'
....'Next!'

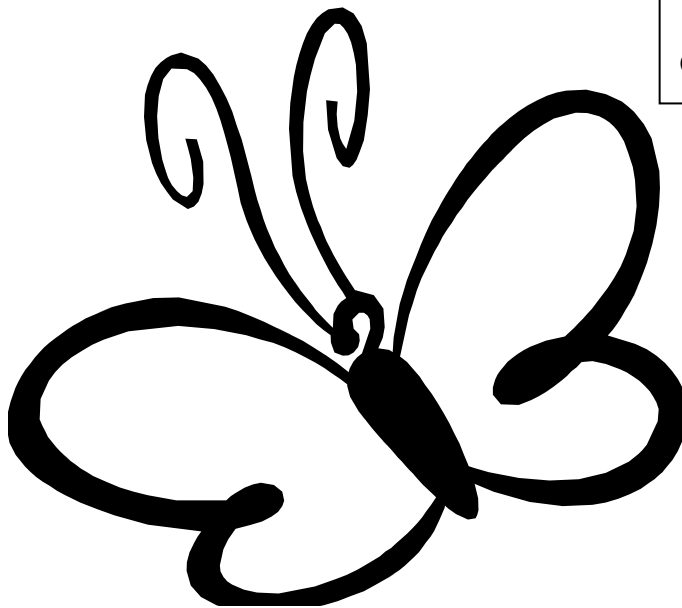
Did you know? An emu's brain is the same size as its eye! No wonder it doesn't know how to fly!



Colouring Competition

Name:

Class:



Name:

Class:



Colour the pictures on the left and once they are finished please put them in the office. Make them colourful and creative. Feel free to add patterns to the butterfly's wings and the car. Hand them in by next by Thursday. 27th November.

birthdays

Zachary -	MD	21 st Nov	Nathan -	MJ	25 th Nov
Stephanie -	K 4o	25 th Nov	Navroop -	JG	25 th Nov
Gaju -	MD	26 th Nov	Callum -	JW	27 th Nov

honour awards

Haidee -	For being enthusiastic and encouraging at the Leadership Camp
Hannah -	For being encouraging on Leadership Day
Yawan -	For being caring and thoughtful to someone who was sad
Anna -	For making people smile

sports awards

Zach -	Deakin	For playing really well in sport
Xanthia -	Deakin	For always having fun in sport
Luke -	Higgins	For being enthusiastic in sport
Elizabeth -	Higgins	For putting 100% in all sports
Samuel -	Barton	For always giving sport 100%
Carmel-Renee -	Barton	For playing safely while outside
Callum -	Parkes	For always putting in 100% effort in sport
Sarah -	Parkes	For putting 100% in sport

...sports news

St John's Sharks Basketball

The boys had a great game against Leopold Storm on Tuesday but unfortunately lost 34-19. It was a fast-moving game with great teamwork and most of the boys contributing to the score. Well done. Next game: 5.20pm, Tuesday 25th November; vs Chilwell Choccos; Life Be In It, Crown St; all supporters welcome!

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

The Youth Group is divided into 2 separate groups: **Junior and Intermediate**. Both are held on the same night at the same time. 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 7.00pm SHARP and finishes at around 8.30pm.

Friday 28th Nov

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

Take care, and God bless....

Werner - (Youth Coordinator) 5241 5131/ 0427 526611

Araluen Kids Camp 09-“Champions Challenge”

Araluen Lutheran Camp presents their Kids Camp for 2009 from Monday **January 19th** to Friday **January 23rd** 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 22nd, or \$175 after Dec 22nd.

Applications at School office or on website: www.araluenlutherancamp.com.au

Noticeboard (outside near carpet area)

- Circus Oz Birthday Bash GPAC details
- Amy’s Ride Victoria 2009 details
- St Luke’s Uniting church Carnival & Expo
- Alcoa All Abilities Festival details
- Medimime Red Riding Hood
- Lethbridge Christmas Family Day

LOST

School Jumper lost on Tennis Courts this week.
Clearly labelled either ‘Eden’ or ‘-
If found, please place items in lost property box
Sports Jumper named- **Caitlyn** -, please return to
SF classroom, or lost property box

FOUND

Last week a red tennis racquet was found. If it is
yours, please collect it from the office.

CONCERT DVDs

Please note that we will be placing a
second order for St John’s School
Concert DVDs. If you would like to order
and pay for a DVD, please do so by
TOMORROW 21st November 2008

Geelong Lutheran Churches Sunday Worship Services

St John’s, 165 Yarra St., Geelong

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

Holy Trinity: Mollers Lane, Leopold

Worship with HC*	11.00am
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St Paul’s: 307 Torquay Rd. Grovedale

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

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

Worship with HC* (<i>Every 3rd Sunday of the month</i>)	2.30pm
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Our Redeemer: 60 Ballarat Rd. Geelong North

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

Lutheran Worship at the Uniting Church, Lara

Worship with HC (Every 3 rd Sunday of the month)	11.30am
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Note: HC*= Holy Communion

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

Please note

If anyone has an item they need to put into the
newsletter, please email it directly by Wednesday to
nitschkec@stjohns.edu.au