

# St John's Lutheran School

## School Newsletter – 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017



### In our Prayers this week:

Fechner Family - Charlotte Yr 1,  
Sophia Prep  
Fiedler Family - Olivia Yr 5, Ashton Yr 3,  
Jackson Yr 1  
Finney Family – Chelsea Yr 9, Shania Yr 7,  
Amber Yr 4  
Fitz-Herbert Family – Amber Yr 9  
Poppy Yr 7, Lily Yr 6  
Fleischfresser Family – Deacon Yr 5

### Sunday Worship Services:

St John's Church (36 Markwell Street,  
Kingaroy) 9:45 am



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## Welcome Back to School

Welcome to another term. We hope you had a refreshing and enjoyable break from school routines. This term has many events – Cross Country, Athletics Days, Eisteddfod, Camps, Grandparents Day and NAPLAN testing to name a few! There are also some wonderful programs being offered by Sarah McAdam, our School Community Co-ordinator. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Term Calendar which shows the dates for all scheduled events for Term 2. Please keep the term calendar close by to update and refer to as the term goes by.

### Growing Deep

Life is full of triumphs and tragedies that somehow seem like they randomly happen, even together. Easter can be viewed as one such event. The bottom line is God's unconditional love for us demonstrated through Jesus. May each of us grow deep in that love which can enable us to face each day with hope and confidence.

#### Bible reading – Ephesians 3:17-18

I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith, and that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, Christ's love is.



Easter Sunrise  
Kingaroy 2017





## New Pastor Profile

Hi everyone. My name is Mark Doecke and I am now the pastor of the South Burnett Lutheran Parish. The Parish takes in Kingaroy, Kumbia, Murgon, Wondai, Yarraman, Nanango, and St John's School. (If you say it quickly it doesn't seem such a big job...)

For the past 29 years I've been in Lutheran Schools. For the past 23 years, I was principal of several schools. One of those places was an all-indigenous boarding school near Alice Springs called Yirara College. While at Yirara, I took some study leave to live and work for 15 months out on a remote Aboriginal community west of Ayers Rock called Docker River, where I learnt to write and speak Pitjantjatjara.



I have three children, scattered across three states. I also have a dog, Tanzi, my daughter's two guinea pigs who somehow came to live with me, and two cockatiels, one of which talks and whistles continuously. Sometimes these guys come to school or church devotions with me. You may also see me pulling out a guitar from time to time as the need arises. I used to play the banjo too, but my son took my banjo with him when he left home to study in Brisbane, saying he was a better banjo player than me. Sadly, that's true!

When not working, you'll often see me swimming laps in the local pool (my therapy) or walking my hyperactive dog, or even bushwalking when time permits. I look forward to meeting many of you and your children at school.

*Welcome to our school community, Pastor Mark*

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## Goodbye Lyle Schmocker.... you will be dearly missed.

It is with great sadness that we let you know that long time staff member, Lyle Schmocker, passed during the school holidays, after a long battle with cancer. Lyle has been a valued staff member of St John's Lutheran School for 19 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Julie and the family at this time. Lyle was a much valued colleague and friend in our school community. Goodbye Lyle.... you will be dearly missed.

Julie and family would like to extend their thanks to the St John's School staff, students and parents who have been an incredible help and support to them at this time. Thank you, everyone.



## Sunday Night Life - 7th May 2017

### YEAR 2 BIBLE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, the 7th of May at 5pm, the Year 2 classes will be holding their Sunday Night Life service. Students will be required to wear their school uniform. The Year 2 students will be presented with their Bibles by a representative from the St John's Congregation. All families and congregation members from St John's Lutheran Church are welcome to attend and support this occasion.



## Term Calendar

Please look out for the Term Two Calendar attached to this e-mail for your convenience.



## Community Corner

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a lovely break. Please keep an eye out in this section of the newsletter for upcoming events.

## School Day Reminders

Supervision commences each day at school at 8:15am. We ask that students come and sit in the waiting area in the undercover area outside the hall until teachers finish their before-school meetings. At 8:30am, teachers will collect their students from this area and move to their classrooms. This gives the students 15 minutes to unpack their school bags and prepare for the school day, which commences at 8:45am. Reminder: If your child arrives after 8:45am, please come into the school office to sign them in. Student pick-up in the undercover area at the hall will be available from 2:55pm, and supervision in this area will finish at 3:15pm.

## Weekly Devotion Times - Reminder

Every Monday at 8:50am, we hold Junior School Devotion for students in Prep – Year 6. On Tuesday mornings at 8:50am students in Years 7 – Year 9 gather for Senior School Devotion. The weekly devotion times are a lovely time of reflection and worship. We extend an invitation to all parents and friends to join us. Coffee will be served Monday morning from 8:30am, and this is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents or liaise with Sarah McAdam, our School Community Co-ordinator.



## Live It!

Our dates for Live it! this term are the 28th of April, the 12th of May, and the 9th of June. Students will bring notes home before each of these nights.



## Vaccination Information

The Queensland Government recently announced a meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be available free to 15-19 year olds through their doctor or usual immunisation provider. More information on the Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Program is available at <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/immunisation/adolescents>

## Music Notes

**Senior Band** – Senior Band practice commenced today, the 19th of April at 7:30am in the Music Room.

**Junior Band** – Junior Band practice starts tomorrow, Thursday, the 20th of April at 7:45am in the Music Room.

**Beginner Band** – Beginner Band practice starts this Friday, the 21st of April at 8:00am in the Music Room

**“Karaoke Club”** will be continuing this term at morning tea on a Monday or Friday morning in the Music Room. Please come along.

If you have any questions regarding the music program, Mr Sharp can be contacted at [bsha@sjls.qld.edu.au](mailto:bsha@sjls.qld.edu.au)

Congratulations to Oliver Rees, who has been accepted into the Middle School State Honours Ensemble Program. He will be playing down at the Brisbane Conservatorium of Music later this year. We wish him well.



*Mr Sharp*

## 2017 Junior Secondary Information Night

We will be holding a Junior Secondary Information Night for our Year 5 and Year 6 parents on Tuesday, the 23rd of May, at 6pm. We invite all Year 5 and Year 6 parents to come and see our facilities, meet the secondary staff, and ask questions you may have regarding our program or the extra-curricular activities we provide. If you have any specific questions you would like answered on the evening, these can be emailed prior to the evening to Mrs Bjelke-Petersen on [kbje@sjls.qld.edu](mailto:kbje@sjls.qld.edu).



## Secondary Snippets

**Secondary Timetable Changes** - Term 2 is always busy in every school, but this year it seems to be a bit crazier with all the public holidays in the first few weeks. Please be aware that there will be some slight timetable changes to ensure class time is maximised. Students will be informed of timetable changes in their Form Class.

Year 7 Health will return to the Thursday mornings and Christian Studies will be on the Wednesdays (these were changed last term).

There may be some classes who will be timetabled a make-up lesson during the Study period in the first few weeks to assist with catching up a number of missed Mondays throughout the term.

If students will be absent due to Eisteddfod commitments, please ensure they inform their Form teacher and also check on Google Classroom to catch up on missed work.

**Debating** - On Wednesday, the 29th of March we had three teams compete in debates. Nathan Lonsdale, Amber Fitz-Herbert, Chloe Wilks and Zayne Jensen debated against St Catherine's in Waverly, NSW. They were the affirmative team for the topic, 'We should allow the sale of human organs'. The team did a fabulous job preparing in only one hour, and were victorious.

The Year 8 team, Abbie Moseling, Nathan Clegg and Sharlette Calvert, were successful in convincing the adjudicators that air-conditioners are bad for your health. Ben Springhall, Emma Wilks and Harry Iszlaub put up a convincing argument that air conditioners are not bad for your health, but unfortunately did not win the debate. I was so proud of all the students and the standard of the debates was astounding, especially considering that for many of the students, this was their first debate.



## Deadly Ears Healthy Screen

Just a reminder that the Deadly Ears screening van have kindly offered this free service to our school again this year. Thank you to all the parents who have returned their forms. If any other parents are wanting to access this service, please complete the attached form and return it to the office by this **Friday, the 21st of April**.

Further information regarding dates will be notified through the Newsletter.

## P&F Meeting - Monday 8th May

Committee Members 6.30pm      General Meeting 7.00pm

Where: St Johns Office Building

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

\* Minutes from the previous meeting can be found on the St. John's website, under the Home tab.



## School Basketball Courts

Due to ongoing security issues with the basketball court and complaints from neighbours about use late at night, we will be locking the gates to the court after school hours. School families are still welcome to use these facilities, but will need to see Mrs Williams in the office prior so that they can organise a key. This will be the new protocol for this area as we go forward.

## Whole School Devotion – Anzac Day Message

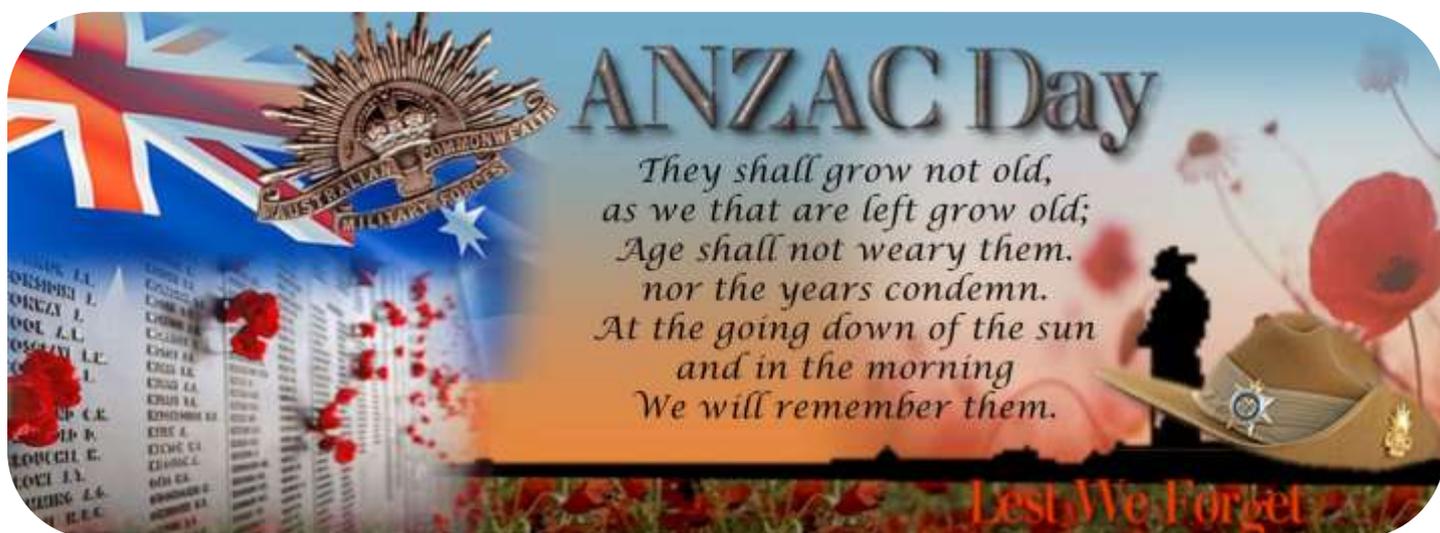
Next Monday, the 24th of April we will be holding a Whole School Devotion at 8:50am, with a focus on Anzac Day. All parents are welcome to come along and attend this special time.



## Anzac Day March

**KINGAROY** – Next Tuesday, the 25th of April, is Anzac Day, and the school will be marching in the parade. There will be staff attending the Anzac Day parade if children from school would like to participate. Please look for Mr Landherr and Mrs Woolf, who will be co-ordinating this event. Students will need to wear their formal school uniform – the uniform dress for the girls, and the brown and gold shirts and brown shorts for the boys. Secondary students and school leaders are required to wear the secondary formal uniform. Students should also wear their school hat, as they are in the sun for quite a while, by the time they wait beforehand and then march in the parade. We will meet in front of the Kingaroy RSL Club (Kingaroy Street) at 10:30am for an 11:00am start. As we arrive in Memorial Park, we will veer to the right and wait for parents to pick up their children from this area, as soon as the march finishes, and before the Anzac Day ceremony commences. It is anticipated that the service will commence at 11:45am. We encourage parents to speak to their children regarding the significance of the Anzac Day March and the importance of the children showing appropriate respect and solemnity while participating in this event.

**WONDAI** - If students from Wondai area wish to march in the Wondai Anzac Day Parade, please meet with Mrs Jorgensen in front of the Wondai Post Office at 9:40am for a 10am start. Please wear your school uniform and school hat as above.



## Public Holiday

Next Tuesday, the 25th of April is a public holiday for Anzac Day. Please see information under 'Anzac Day March'. Enjoy the day off school. School resumes on Wednesday, the 26th of April.

## Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools is an Australian Government programme that provides our students with the opportunity to access sport-based activities after school. We will aim to begin our program in Week 4. Please look for updates and forms later this week. There are limited places in the Sporting Schools program, so places will be offered on a first returned basis – please return your forms quickly.

## Tuckshop

The Winter Tuckshop Menu commenced today, the 13th of April. Orders can be made online at [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au) or order forms are available in the office. Please do not use order forms from last term.



## Inter-House Cross Country

The inter-house Cross Country will be held next **Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of April**. Students who are aged 11 to 15 compete in a 3km event, students aged 9 to 10 compete in a 2km event, and students who are aged 7 to 8 compete in a 1km event.

Preps and 6-year-olds will complete a fun run circuit. Students who are 14 and 15 years old are able to nominate for the 4km event, which is necessary if they would like to compete at the South Burnett Cross Country. Students are encouraged to participate as best they can, with points being given for places and for completing laps. We look forward to seeing you there!

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE - Please arrive 20 minutes before your child's event, to ensure you don't miss it.** Please remember that students are to wear their house shirts for Cross Country.



Time	Distance	Age - years
9:00am	3km and 4km	13/14/15 and 14/15
9:25am	3km	12
9:50am	3km	11
10:15am	2km	10
10:35am	Fun Run	Prep
10:45am	Morning Tea	
11:15am	2km	9
11:40am	1km	8
12:00pm	1km	7
12:20pm	Fun Run	6
12:30pm	Presentations	
12:45pm	Lunch	



## Dates to Remember

*April 2017*

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18 First Day Term 2	19 Meals on Wheels	20	21	22	23
24 Whole School Devotion 8:50am Anzac Day Message	25 Anzac Day Holiday  Anzac Day March <u>Kingaroy</u> Assemble: 10:30am March: 11am <u>Wondai</u> Assemble: 9:40am March: 10 am	26 Cross Country	27	28 Live it! Youth Group	29	30