

# St John's Lutheran School

## School Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2017



### In our Prayers this week:

Gibson Family – Chloe Yr 1  
Goodger Family – Joeli Yr 7, Kurtis Yr 6,  
Carys Yr 4, Greer Yr 1  
Goodrich Family – Tyla Yr 2, Liam Yr 1  
Goschnick Family – Tahlia Yr 9, Reagon  
Yr 6, Braelyn Yr 6  
Gottke Family – Ella Yr 1  
Gough Family – Adam Yr 7, Drew Yr 7

### Sunday Worship Services:

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



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### Growing Deep

This week our Year 2 students honoured their mothers for Mother's Day, during their Sunday Night Life Service. This week we would like to honour all our mothers and pray for God's strength to help them and uplift them in this incredibly rewarding and challenging role that they play in our lives.

#### Bible Verse:

Philippians 4:13 – I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

#### Prayer:

Dear God, on this Mother's Day we pray for our mothers. Please bless them with patience, wisdom, love and understanding. Strengthen our mothers when they are down and give them hope when they are discouraged. Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, help us to show our mothers how special they are and how much that we love them.



### Community Corner

**Mother's Day Afternoon Tea** - We would like to say a big "thank you" to the mothers of St John's School. This includes mothers, grandmothers and anyone who takes a 'mother' role in the lives of our children. You are all welcome to come and join us for a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. This will be held on **Friday, the 12th of May, at 2pm**, followed by School Assembly. Please come and join us.

**LEM Parent Information Session** – Thank you to the parents who attended the LEM Parent Information Session last Wednesday night. If you were unable to attend and would like some information regarding 'LEM', please contact Wes Brauer on [wbra@sjls.qld.edu.au](mailto:wbra@sjls.qld.edu.au) and he will email you some information.

**Working Bee** – Just a reminder that our school congregation – St John's Lutheran Church have requested some help with a church working bee this Saturday, the 13th of May, commencing at 8am. We would love it if some members of our school community are able to assist on Saturday. Please see more information later in this newsletter.

# An Invitation to all Parents to Attend The Official Opening and Dedication of our new Administration and Classroom Buildings

To be held on Monday, the 15th of May, 2017 at 8:50am  
St John's Lutheran School – Multi-Purpose Hall



Could **students please wear their formal uniforms** next Monday, the 15th of May, for the official opening of our new administration and classroom buildings. The Senior Instrumental Band will be performing at this event, and are also required to wear their formal school uniform.

## Sunday Night Life

Thank you so much to the Year 2 students and their families who supported the Year 2 Bible Presentation Life Service on Sunday night. The Year 2 students presented a very special Mother's Day service, which was a beautiful tribute to our mothers. They shared some lovely bible verses to give our mothers strength, wisdom and encouragement. There was a huge crowd and the Year 2s did a wonderful job. Thank you to Lester Folker from the St John's Lutheran Congregation for presenting the bibles to the Year 2 students on Sunday night. Thank you also to the members of St John's Lutheran Congregation who came to school on Monday to spend time with the Year 2 students looking at their new bibles. We look forward to the Year 4PR service on Sunday, the 21st of May, as they explore the theme 'God Protects Us'.



## Music Notes – Eisteddfod News

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Eisteddfod this year, we had fantastic results by all our groups, Well done to all students involved this year; you did a tremendous job and made us very proud at St. John's. A special thanks to Mr Sharp, the teachers for supporting the choirs this semester, and also to Mrs Wilks for accompanying each choir. The results were as follows:

Senior Band – 1st place

Junior Band – 2nd place

Beginner Band – 2nd Place

Junior Small Ensemble Group – 3rd place

Groovy Guitars – 3rd place

Year 6 Choir – 2nd place

Year 5 Choir – 3rd place

We have heard some wonderful results, and congratulate the many children who performed at the Eisteddfod, outside of our school performances. We have very talented students and commend you on all of your efforts.

## Mother's Day Stall This Week – Thursday 11th and Friday 12th of May

Year 6 students will be holding a Mother's Day Stall this week to raise money for their Year 6 Canberra Trip. A lovely selection of gifts are available, ranging in price from \$1 - \$6. This stall will be open on **Thursday, the 11th, and Friday, the 12th of May, from 8:00am-9:00am.** (Subject to available stock)

If you would like your child to purchase a gift from the Mother's Day Stall, please only send them to school with coins or a \$5 or \$10 note to avoid lost change. Bus students will have an opportunity to go to the stall on Thursday, the 11th of May, at Morning Tea Play Time. A time has been scheduled for students in the younger grades (Prep – Year 2) on Thursday to attend the Mother's Day Stall with their classroom teacher.

## Live it! Youth Group

This Friday night will be a Live it! Movie night here at the hall. It will run from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. Students from Year 6 to 9 are welcome to attend. Students can wear comfy PJ's and bring a blanket or pillow to lay on.

## Roadworks Ivy Street

South Burnett Regional Council have advised that work commenced last Monday, the 8th of May, to construct footpaths on the northern side of Ivy Street. There will be changes to traffic conditions during this time. Please take extra care in these areas.

## NAPLAN Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 Tests

We wish our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students well with NAPLAN testing this week. In previous years we came across a letter from Year 3 teachers at St Paul's. We think the sentiment is worth repeating. 'This test does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique. The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you have improved on something that you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell you how amazingly special you are. So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to 'test' all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!' We think that sums it up exactly.

## Enrolments 2018

What a wonderful roll up we had to our Open Day last term with over 30 visitors attending. Currently with the siblings that have been identified, we are up to 45 enrolments for Prep in 2018. Enrolment applications should be returned as soon as possible to assist us with our planning as we decide whether we have two or three Prep classes in 2018.



## Kingaroy Show and National Lutheran Schools Week

The 109th Annual Kingaroy Show was held last weekend. We would like to thank Mrs Bjelke-Petersen, Mrs Walters and Mr Springhall for all their hard work setting up our St John's School display. Thanks to all the children whose work went on display. We have heard some wonderful results and congratulate the many children who received prizes at the show. We have very talented students and appreciate all your efforts. We really do think we have 'A Minion Reasons to Love St John's!' Thanks also to the St John's Whipcracking Team for your whip cracking demonstration at the Kingaroy Show. This week is also National Lutheran Schools Week. The school has a display at Kingaroy Shoppingworld. Please check it out when you are down at the mall.



## From the Classroom - 2H and 2J

Year 2 have been having the most marvellous time learning about mixtures and their uses in Science. We are also learning how to write a "Procedure" which explains the step-by-step process of how to make or do something. We are looking forward to conducting some exciting experiments and learning how to make some delicious treats...maybe Chocolate Crackles!

Last week we were very privileged to have Mr Springhall share some of his experiences from serving in the Navy. He spoke to us about his uniform, medals, and his role in the Navy, and shared photos and stories. One of our classmates also brought in her mother's medals from the Army to share. It was truly an honour for us to be able to listen, ask questions and make connections. Thank you very much, Mr Springhall.

Do you recognise some of these places in our community? In History, we have identified some of the places that we enjoy going to in our local community and placed them on our GIANT map. It is located in our Year 2 campfire gathering area. You are welcome to come and have a look.

We have also been busily preparing for our Sunday Night Life and Bible Presentation last Sunday night. We are very proud of the students who did a wonderful job!



## Premier's Reading Challenge

It's Premier's Reading Challenge time again. Children will be bringing a form home next week. The challenge runs until the 25th of August. The goal for Preps to Year 4's is to read/enjoy 20 books at their reading level, and for Years 5-9's, the goal is to read/enjoy 15 books. Happy Reading! Please note: More forms will be available from the office and the library.

## P&F Meeting - Monday 8th May

Thank you to all the parents and staff members who attended the P&F Meeting on Monday night. Thank you to Belinda Cullen for her presentation on her therapy dogs. Minutes from the meeting will be posted on the school website in the near future. This term's fundraiser will be a pie drive for the cold winter months. More information will be coming home soon.

## Accreditation Congratulations

It was wonderful to be able to present a Leadership Certificate from LEQ to Mr Brauer last Monday. This is an acknowledgement of the extra study that he undertook last year. Mr Brauer is accredited as a Christian Studies Teacher and Leader in Lutheran Schools. We congratulate Mr Brauer on all his hard work and on achieving this extra accreditation.

## School Fees

School Fees accounts have been posted home to all families. Term 2 School Fees are due for payment by Friday, the 19th of May.

## Camp Updates Year 4 and Year 8

Final camp forms went home last week for the Year 4 Currimundi camp and Year 8 Coolum camps.

### Year 8 Camp Coolum

- ❖ 24th May – 26th May
- ❖ Forms are due back into the office by this Friday, the 12th of May.
- ❖ Final payment is due by Monday, the 22nd of May.

### Year 4 Camp Currimundi

- ❖ 31st May – 2nd June
- ❖ Forms are due back into the office by Wednesday, the 17th of May.
- ❖ Final payment is due by Wednesday, the 24th of May.

## Unknown Bank Deposit

We have received a bank deposit on the 19th of April that we are not able to identify. It simply appears as NAB Transfer SCHOOL FEES. Please contact the office if you think this may be your payment.

## Donations Needed

The art room has requested donations of old face washers. Please drop any donations to the school office.

## Students of the Week

**Prep J** - Ari Such, Dane Hampton, Jaxon Holt, Caidence Litzow

**Prep M** - Joshua Stallwood, Thomas Fogarty, Megan Jorgensen, Sophia Fechner

**1B** - Gabriella Mitchell, William Champney

**1W** - Lachlan D'Arcy, Huntah Jonsson

**2J** - Quintin deJager, Samuel Weller, Harrison Smith

**3M** - Zane Taylor, Thomas Browning

**4PR** - Abigail Saunders, Abigail Brownsey

**5CM** - Christian Jorgensen, Shantel Barrow

**6L** - Pita Tidmarsh, Noah Doodson, Callum Bird

**Encouragement Award** - Renae Harris

**1D** - Joshua Pye, Jake Taylor

**2H** - Jasper Corsan, Joseph Barrow, Harry Murphy

**3A** - Kaiden Scott, Andrew Heycox, Joshua Black

**3S** - Kruz Jensen, Ben Ploetz

**4KR** - Zac Jorgensen, Bevin Hanna

**5N** - Ethan Loveday, Sophia Murphy, Jessica Barton

**6WL** - Joe Koch, Jack Slabber

**Library Award** – Year 5CM Class

## Secondary Snippets

### 2017 NGS Super National Virtual Debating

On Wednesday, the 10th of May, Chloe Wilks, Nathan Lonsdale, Zayne Jensen and Amber Fitz-Herbert compete in Round Two of this competition. They will have an hour to prepare their debate and will be competing against Presbyterian Ladies College in Armidale, NSW. We wish them best of luck!

### APEX Debating News

The two Year 9 St John's debating teams went head-to-head in a friendly but fiery debate as to whether or not volunteers should receive a tax reduction for their time and service.

The affirmative team consisted of: Tahlia Goschnick, Gio Okesene and Amber Fitz-Herbert. The negative consisted of: Chloe Wilks, Zayne Jensen and Jade Zischke. Nathan Lonsdale and Jacob Barrow were in the reserve positions for this debate.

Both teams spoke very well, but the negative team were victorious.

Thank you to the APEX organisation for running this competition and ensuring the students have quality adjudicators for each debate. Thanks must also go the parents for supporting their children in this extra-curricular activity by providing transport.

On Wednesday, the 10th of May, at 6pm, the Year 7 & 8 teams participate in round two of the competition. This will take place in the new Administration building at St John's. The first debate commences at 6pm. Students can access all information on their 'Public Speaking' Google Classroom.

### Rostrum News

On Saturday, the 13 May, at 11:00 am, we have two students competing in the South West Queensland Regional Final for Rostrum. This will be held at Fairholme College in Toowoomba.

We wish Chloe Wilks and Abbie Moseling all the best. They are to be commended for reaching this very competitive stage of this public speaking event.

## 2017 Junior Secondary Information Night

We will be holding a Junior Secondary Information Night for our Year 6 parents on Tuesday, the 23rd of May, at 6pm. We invite 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. Year 5 parents are also invited to attend if they wish. 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).

## Confirmation Classes

Pastor Mark is exploring the possibility of conducting Confirmation classes at school with interested secondary students. At present, we are requesting expressions of interest for these classes. One suitable time may be study time on a Thursday morning (8:00 to 8:45am). If you would like to register your child or have any further suggestions or questions regarding the program, please contact either Mrs BP ([kbje@sjls.qld.edu.au](mailto:kbje@sjls.qld.edu.au)) or Pastor Mark Doecke directly on ([mark.doecke@lca.org.au](mailto:mark.doecke@lca.org.au))

## Church Working Bee - Request for Helpers

Dear Parents of St John's Lutheran School,

Our St John's Lutheran Church in Youngman St. is in need of a tidy up. A working bee has been set for Saturday, 13th of May, commencing at 8am. We will be needing adults to help tidy the garden, trim some trees, wash parts of the buildings, and various other little jobs.

The church is a vital part of our school, and your help on this day would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

St John's Church Council



## Farewell

It is with sadness that we farewell Miss Knight from our school community this Friday. We have enjoyed having you in our school and we know that Year 4KR will really miss you! We congratulate you on your graduation this week (even though you are missing the ceremony!) and we wish you every blessing as you begin your role in your new school upon your return.



## Sports News

Yesterday, Josaiah Okesene from Year 7 flew out to Malaysia to represent Australia in Futsal. He will spend the next 15 days training, competing, and also fitting in a little sightseeing. We wish Josaiah all the best for this trip, and look forward to hearing about his adventures when he returns.

Congratulations to Josaiah and Callum Francis who both made Wide Bay teams last week. Josaiah for Under 12 Rugby League and Callum for Under 12 Soccer. We wish them well as they go to the State Championships in the coming weeks. Well done, boys!



## Non-State School Bus Fare Assistance & Students with Disabilities

**BUS FARE ASSISTANCE –Semester 1 2017** - Does your family spend more than \$33/week on fares to and from school (\$25 for concession card holders)? Online applications for Semester 1 are only open from the 1st of May until the 31st of May. The Bus Fare assistance program is for students travelling to and from school from outside the Kingaroy town area. To lodge an online application or to see if you are eligible to receive the rebate, go to [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au)

**STUDENTS WHO ARE VERIFIED** - Has your child been verified by the support teacher? They can also apply for student travel assistance. (Bus or Car Applicable). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Williams in the office.

**Please find below information from the Non State School Busfare Assistance Scheme:**

- 1. Note in your calendar** to apply each **May** (for travel January to May and planned for June) and **October** (for travel July to October and planned to December) on this website [schooltransport.com.au](http://schooltransport.com.au)
- 2. You pay for transport during the semester** before you receive any money from this scheme.
- 3. Keep your public transport receipts.** (Do not forward them to us)
- 4. Apply online twice each year**
  - 1st May to 31st May** - to claim for bus fares (or SWD travel) you will have paid for January to June, that is Semester One (Terms 1 & 2) and
  - 1st October to 31st October** - to claim for bus fares (or SWD travel) you will have paid for July to December, that is Semester Two (Terms 3 & 4).

## Dates to Remember

# May 2017

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
8	9	10	11 Mother's Day Stall 8am	12 Mother's Day Stall 8am Live it! Youth Group 5:30pm	13	14
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">                     NAPLAN Testing - Year 3, 5, 7 &amp; 9                 </div>						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">                     National Lutheran Schools Week                      Please come and have a look at our display in the Mall                 </div>						
15 Official Opening and Dedication of New Buildings 8:45am	16 South Burnett Cross Country	17 Meals on Wheels	18	19	20	21
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">                     South West Qld Futsal Championships                      Toowoomba                 </div>						

