

St John's Lutheran School

School Newsletter – 25th January 2023



In our Prayers this week:

Ackinclose Family – Max Yr 7
Adams Family – Damian Yr 1
Aitken Family – Joshua Yr 8
Alexander Family – Lillian Yr 11, Nicholas Yr 10
Ali Family – Zain Yr 9, Abbas Yr 8, Hussain Prep
Alvarez – Gumarán Family – Jared Yr 5
Andersen Family – Sean Yr 7, Zoe Yr 5,
Declan Yr 5
Anderson Family – Lilli Yr 7, Linkin Yr 4,
Levi Yr 1
Andrews Family – Kahurangi Yr 9, Kiriwera Yr 6



Worship Services

30am St John's Lutheran Church.
Every Sunday at 9.30am
Address: 36 Markwell Street, Kingaroy

St John's Lutheran School
84-94 Ivy Street Kingaroy
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office@sjls.qld.edu.au

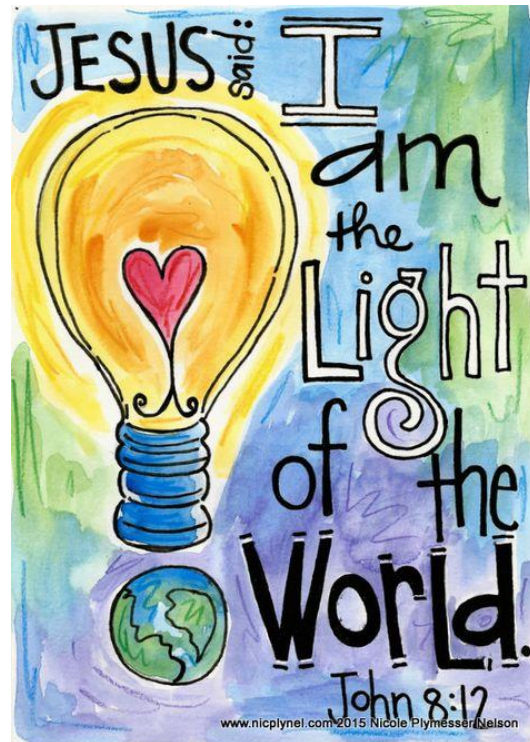
Live – Learn – Pray

Welcome Back to 2023

Welcome to the new school year! We are very pleased to have over 500 students enrolled for this year, and our first Year 11 class. We look forward to the year ahead, and hope that all our new families soon feel settled and get to know us all. We pray God's blessing upon our school community for 2023.

Let's Celebrate!

May the light that brings life illuminate your journey in our school community for 2023 and support you through all that this year may bring. As we face the joys and challenges ahead of us, may we support each other, and experience acceptance and a sense of belonging.



Weekly Wellbeing

The definition of KINDNESS is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. However, kindness can mean different things to different people. You might like to share with others as a way of being kind or you may prefer to give. No matter what your preference, being kind towards others is a nice way to show love, compassion and understanding. This week, Be Kind towards others and yourself. Have a great week!

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From the Principal

Happy New Year! I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing break and are ready for the new school year. It was wonderful to see so many primary families at our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon last Friday. There were certainly lots of excited faces (children AND parents!) We are looking forward to another big year at St John's with lots of new happenings to look forward to.

I would like to send a special welcome to all our new families. I am sure our friendly staff will soon make you feel at home here. We have been blessed this year with significant growth in enrolment numbers, with many new families, including three classes of Preppies joining our community.

Along with enrolment growth and expansion into Year 11, we also welcome many new staff this year.

Mr Steven Lake took up his position as Deputy Principal two weeks ago and has been learning how we do things at St John's. Mr Lake will introduce himself and his role next week. For your information also, Mr Lake is now working from my old office, and I am working from the 'Meeting Room/Office'. Over the last few weeks, he has been meeting many staff as they have dropped by 'my' office to say hello! I pray that Mr Lake's time at St John's will be a blessing to him and our community and that he gets to meet many of you soon at various events.

We also have these new primary teachers joining us in 2023: Claudia Cochrane (Yr 1C), Kathleen Gogerly (Yr 5G), Victoria Dunkin (Yr 4 and P-4 PE). New Primary Learning Coaches include: Bec Pickles (Yr 5), Alicia Beer (Yr 6), Doneale Clausen (Yr 2) and Christina Newman (Yr 4).

Our new secondary staff include: Mitch Francis (Yr 10/11 Maths/ Science/ Ag), Glen Culling (Humanities Yr 7/8, CS Yr 11), Breie Starkey and Jess Welch (Humanities Yr 7/8), Janita Radunz (Learning Support). Dr Chris Abrahams joins us in the Art department across both Primary and Secondary.

There are quite a few events already on our calendar this term, including swimming week, Year 7 camp and our information evenings. Please read the weekly newsletters carefully for relevant information and important dates.

We are looking forward to getting to know our students and families throughout the year.

Mrs Karyn Bjelke-Petersen

Staff and Student Leaders Installation Service

This year, our teachers and student leaders Installation Service will be part of Whole School Devotion on Monday, the 30th of January, at 8:50am.

School Reminders and Information

Database Forms and Back to School Forms

If you haven't returned the Blue Family Database Check forms and other Back to School forms that were sent home last year, a new copy of the database form will be sent home this week. Please check the information and return the form to the school office. The Back to School forms were emailed home to existing families last year. If you need these sent again, please contact the school office.

Junior Secondary Information Night

Next Wednesday, the 1st February, there will be a Junior Secondary Information Night. This evening is an opportunity for us to share information and updates regarding Junior Secondary. Parents are most welcome to also use this time to meet some of the teachers and ask questions regarding the Junior Secondary program at St John's. The meeting will be held in the hall starting at 6pm. Hope to see many Year 7, 8 and 9 parents/ caregivers there.

House Captains Speeches

This Friday, the 27th of January, the Year 6 students who wish to run for House Captains for 2023 will be presenting their Leadership Speeches. Parents are welcome to attend. These speeches will take place in the following classrooms at 2 pm.

Somerset - 5N

Boondooma - 6W

Wivenhoe - 6L

House Captains will be announced after the Staff Installation Service next Monday, the 30th of January at 8.50am.

Bookclub

Issue 1 of Bookclub will be going home this week. Please return to the office by Friday, the 3rd February to the school office.



Australia Day Public Holiday

Tomorrow, the 26th of January, is a public holiday for Australia Day. We hope that you have a lovely day. School resumes on Friday, the 27th of January.



Year 7 Camp

The 2023 Year 7 camp will take place in Term 1 from the 8th to the 10th of February (Week 3). This year, we will be at the Koojarewon Youth Camp – Highfields, Toowoomba. The cost for Year 7 camp will be \$310.00 based on all students attending. Students will be participating in a variety of activities which may include team challenges and activities, climbing, swimming and walks. Activities will be led by qualified camp site instructors and St John's school staff. Koojarewon Youth Camp requires us to submit our attendance list by Friday, the 27th of January. The permission form and medical information needs to be returned to Tracey Williams in the front office by this date to confirm your child's placement. Full payment for the camp is due by Friday, the 3rd of February. Information was sent home with students on Tuesday.

School Day Reminders

Supervision at school commences each day at 8:00am. Students are to sit in the waiting area in the undercover area at 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.

Gymnastics

The school gymnastics program with the Dancefever Sporting Team commences this Friday, the 27th January, for students in Prep to Year 6 at the hall.

Term 1 Sporting Schools

St John's Lutheran School is registered to participate in Sporting Schools, an Australian Government program. Sporting Schools provides our students with the opportunity to access sport-based activities before, during or after school. In Term 1, we will be offering Golf activities for Year 5 to 10 on Monday, Netball for Year 3 to 6 on Wednesday, and Athletics for Year 1 to 4 on Thursday. The programs will run from 3:00pm until 4:00pm on these afternoons.

Forms were sent home yesterday. If you would like your child to be a part of this program, please return the forms to the front office by Monday, the 30th of January. Your child will receive confirmation of their place in the program on Friday, the 3rd of February. Spaces are filled on a first return basis and are limited to 16 for Golf, 22 for Netball and 22 for Athletics. Do not return the forms to the classroom teachers.

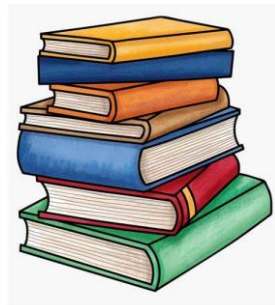
If you have any questions, please contact Mr Moseling (gmos@sjls.qld.edu.au)

	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 2	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools
Week 3	Golf Year 5-10	Netball Year 3 to 6	Athletics Year 1 to 4
Week 4	Golf Year 5-10	Netball Year 3 to 6	Athletics Year 1 to 4
Week 5	Golf Year 5-10	Netball Year 3 to 6	Athletics Year 1 to 4
Week 6	Golf Year 5-10	Netball Year 3 to 6	Athletics Year 1 to 4
Week 7	Golf Year 5-10	Netball Year 3 to 6	Athletics Year 1 to 4
Week 8	Golf Year 5-10	Netball Year 3 to 6	Athletics Year 1 to 4
Week 9	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools
Week 10	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools	No Sporting Schools

Library News

A reminder that ALL students (Primary and Secondary) need something to take library books home in every week. For older students, you can even be a large pencil case, swim bag or simply as a ziplock bag. These must be brought to the library when borrowing. Primary Library lessons will commence next week. Your child's teacher will be advising parents when their child's library day is on. Looking forward to a great year of reading.

Tracey Tunstall (Mrs T)



P&F News

The St John's Lutheran School Parents and Friends (P&F) is committed to strengthening ties within our school community by working together in friendship. You are very welcome to the P&F meeting, to be held at the school admin building from 6pm, Monday 6th February. You can attend in person or online; look for a Teams link in the newsletter next week.

Our big event and fundraiser for Term 1 is the Bookarama - a huge second-hand book sale to be held at the Kingaroy Town Hall on 25-26 March 2023. You can donate books now using the donation bins, outside the school hall (undercover near the end of the car park) or at Kingaroy IGA (near the checkouts). For bulky donations, you can email us to arrange collection or drop off at the Book Shed in the South Burnett Enterprise Centre, off Cornish St, Kingaroy. We will need lots of volunteers in the lead up to the event to help with book sorting, including Sunday the 29th of January, from 1-3pm. We will also need volunteers for set-up day on Friday, the 24th of March, and during the event 25-26 March. It's always heaps of fun (plus volunteers get the first chance to check out the books on sale!)

Email sjlspf@gmail.com for more info, watch this space in the weekly school newsletter, or follow our Facebook page for updates: www.facebook.com/stjohnspf

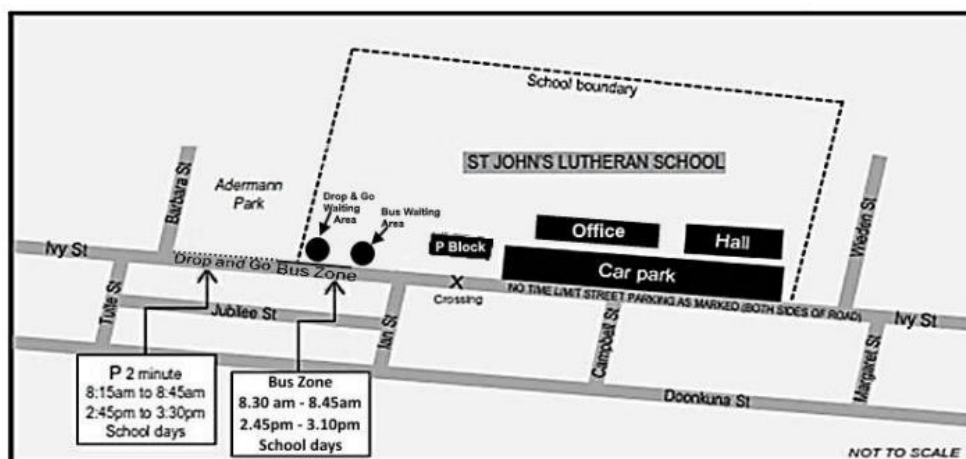
School Carpark Reminders

Drop and Go Zone - The Drop & Go Zone is behind the Bus Zone beside Adermann Park. Please note this is not a parking area. Parents are permitted to use the Bus Zone as well, only before 8:30am and after 3:10pm provided the buses have departed. Children must exit vehicles on the footpath side of the vehicle only. Please make sure that, if you use this area during the times mentioned on the signs, you do not park and get out of your vehicle. Keep your vehicle moving forward as cars in front of you depart the area. A list of afternoon Drop & Go students will be compiled during the morning roll call. In the afternoons, Drop & Go students will go directly to the corner gate. Supervision of this area finishes at 3:15pm, and children who have not been collected by this time will be asked to wait outside the office area, so parents can collect them from the main administration area.

Other Parking - There is plenty of parking in nearby streets, with families able to use the supervised crossing to access the school grounds.

Car Park - Thank you for your co-operation in this matter so that traffic remains manageable. Procedures to remember that are safety issues –

1. The car park is one-way traffic only.
2. The speed limit is 8km an hour.
3. No children should be set down on the bitumen unless the car is parked in a marked parking space.
4. Parents must only park in the marked parking spaces.



Tuckshop

Tuckshop commenced today, Wednesday the 25th of January. The menu will be the same as for Term 4 last year. Our school tuckshop runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A full menu is available through Flexischools and a reduced menu for paper orders is available from the office. Paper orders need to be handed in to the office by 8:30am.

TUCKSHOP ORDERING via FLEXISCHOOLS

FLEXISCHOOLS CUT OFF TIME IS: 9am

REGISTRATION IS EASY AND FREE!

Parents can register using any device, at www.flexischools.com.au. Please note: Parents will be prompted to update their child's classroom details when using Flexischools for the first time in 2023.

St John's Playgroup

St John's Playgroup will kick off next Wednesday, the 1st of February. MRenae Moseling, our Playgroup Coordinator, runs a lovely session every Wednesday 9.00-10.45am at the St John's School Hall during school terms. You don't have to be a St John's family to attend, so please encourage friends and family in the South Burnett community to come along. It is \$2 per family, tea & coffee provided, indoor and outdoor play, and simply come and have a chat while the kids play! We ask families to please remember to spend a couple of minutes packing up before you leave! Pop your rubbish in the bin, put a few toys in a basket, or pack up the crayons - all help is appreciated. You can also follow St John's Playgroup on Facebook to keep up when playgroup will be running and when there are special events. We look forward to seeing you there.



Primary Snippets

St John's was a hive of activity on the first day of school for 2023. Classrooms were a sea of happy student faces, eager to get to know their new teachers and classmates! One quote displayed on a class whiteboard read 'A person who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new!' What great advice for our beautiful students to take on board. We hope that the year is filled with an abundance of positive learning experiences, and we know that we are blessed with passionate and dedicated staff to help the students on their learning journey for 2023!



Secondary Snippets

We welcomed the secondary students this week by starting with an orientation session in the hall. The cohort has grown substantially in size (and height) over the holidays, and the teaching staff has grown (in number). There were lots of introductions of new staff and new students as we went through our first day, and lots of new routines to get used to. Some of the new routines include:

- A 10-day timetable – students will have 10 different subject days over a two-week period, giving them 5 rotations over each term. This is to allow for the appropriate amount of time given for each subject area.
- 4 x 70-minute lessons per day.
- Longer break time with no set sit-down time for eating. Students are loving the thought of this,, though all are generally sitting down and eating their lunch first as they are hungry after their two morning lessons.
- No bells! Teachers are setting alarms on their watches and phones, so they don't forget to stop teaching!
- Pastoral Care to start the day. Each year level has a 15-minute Pastoral Care time to mark rolls, receive daily messages and develop class spirit.
- Assembly for year level bands. 7/8, 9/10 and 11 assemblies to bring students together once a fortnight to share many topics to support their learning and wellbeing.
- Chapel, which is a rebranding of our Senior devotions, which will be on every Friday morning to deliver the Christian message and ethos of our school.

Those are just some of the changes for 2023 that have so far this week been almost seamless. We thank the students and teachers for being so flexible with the changes.

We welcome the new Year 7 students and a whole new year level, Year 11, to St John's. They have had a great start, and continue to pave the way for Senior Secondary.

Over the coming weeks, we will focus on classroom and uniform expectations with students to make sure all students are aware of their responsibilities as a student at St John's. This will be completed in Pastoral Care classes, and assemblies, with reminders during class.

We look forward to working with all parents, particularly getting to know the new families that have started their journey here with us, and continuing the relationships with our long-standing parents.

Dates to Remember

January / February 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Australia Day Public Holiday	House Captain Speeches in classrooms		
30	31	1 Feb	2	3	4	5
Installation Service 8.50am		Playgroup in Hall	SB Under 12 Touch Football Trials 3.30pm Kingaroy State School			

Community Notices

Orana Aged Care

Presents

Seniors of the South Burnett

Come along for a hot cuppa, morning tea and a guest speaker in a relaxed setting with friends.

Thursday 16th February - Coffee With A Cop

The Kingaroy police will join us to present great information regarding seniors security & online safety. They will be able to have a chat & answer your questions over a cup of coffee.

Thursday 16th March - Technology

What exactly is all this new technology & how does it apply to me? Representatives from the library will be sharing relevant information & tips. Be sure to bring your device along.

Thursday 20th April - All the Important Things

Paul Laurentiussen from JA Carrol Solicitors joins us to discuss all the important things regarding planning for your future.

Thursday 18th May - Seniors Health

This month we cover common health issues as you age, what to look for, and best of all, tips for prevention.

Thursday 15th June - Money Matters

Back by popular demand, we welcome Bruce Baynes from Sage Care Advice covering financial information as you age & the costs of care.

Where: Orana Community Hub 24 MacDiarmid Street, Kingaroy

Cost: Gold coin donation at the door

Time: 9:30am - 11:00am

Contact: Lucy English 4162 6555

lucy.english@lutheranservices.org.au



Lutheran Services



Join the Redbacks for Semester 1 2023.

Juniors will run Jan 30th - 19th June.

4.30-5.30pm. Ages 7-16. \$30

Tiny touchies will run from 30th Jan - 27th March. 4.30-5.30pm. Ages 4-6. \$20



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Brendan – 0418142402

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