**The Good Shepherd**

Arguably one of the most loved and cherished psalms in the Bible is Psalm 23. This psalm provides us with the imagery of our Lord as our shepherd who protects, supports, guides and provides for us. It is a psalm that is often read when needing comfort.

Last Sunday in the church, was celebrated as ‘Good Shepherd’ Sunday. The Gospel for the week was written in the 10th chapter of John which is full of the imagery of Jesus as our shepherd. I would encourage you to read this and to reflect on the images provided – Jesus is our shepherd; he loves us, he laid down his life for us, he guides us.

May you also find peace and comfort in this imagery.

**Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name’s sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord.

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**Prayer suggestions:**

- We pray for a speedy recovery for Mr Boesch and his family.
- We thank God for the beautiful Autumn colours in our gardens.
- We thank God for the safe return of all of our school members after the extended holidays.
- We ask for God’s continued blessings on our school as we move forward into a new term.

Also pray for the following families:

**Doecke, Donner, Dowling, Downs, Dye & Kruger**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to start of term 2. It was great to see the smiles of students and hearing about their holiday adventures. Thank you to all parents for having your child in correct school winter uniform. There is a 2 week grace period of changeover from summer to winter uniform. On Monday and Tuesday all staff from groundsman to classroom assistants to teachers attended a 2 day Spiritual retreat at Mt. Lofty House. This retreat was focused around School Councils Strategic Plan... "We value a relationship with God." Stuart Treager who is the Spiritual Development Officer for Lutheran Schools SA/NT/WA led the retreat focusing on core aspects of Lutheran Education. These were;

- Sola Fide, by faith alone.
- Sola Scriptura, by Scripture alone.
- Solus Christus, through Christ alone.
- Sola Gratia, by grace alone.
- Soli Deo Gloria, glory to God alone.

Staff were not only spiritually refreshed from this retreat but great ideas and thinking has emerged for exciting initiatives ahead. Stay tuned.

Steve Seidel  
PRINCIPAL
Staffing News

On return to school this morning, some of you will have noticed that a key member of the Year 6 team was missing from the happy reunion that is the beginning of a new school term.

Over the holidays, Mr Boesch suffered a mild heart attack and has spent the last week in hospital. Doctors have been performing a host of tests on him to determine the cause of his condition, and although he is doing well, they have advised that he take a couple of weeks to recuperate before returning to school.

I will certainly miss his happy and caring nature while he is away as, I know, will others. I have been speaking with him daily and have assured him of all our best wishes and prayers, for which he has been very thankful.

Please continue to keep Mr Boesch and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Term 2 – Winter Uniform

Winter Uniform is worn in terms two and three. As we still experience warmer weather in April there will be a change-over period of two weeks into the term. Therefore all students are to be wearing winter uniform by the start of the third week. The uniform policy is now available on the web site under parent information/policies. Please note there has been an amendment to the wearing of year 6 and year 7 seniors jacket.

Uniform Shop Survey

A link to a survey about the future of St Michael’s Uniform Shop was sent out to all school families on 18th April, 2013. If you have not received the link, please contact Robyn at the front office. The survey closes this Friday, 3rd May. It only takes a few minutes to complete and we look forward to hearing the views of the school community on this matter.

Calendar

Please find attached a calendar for the month of May.

- **NAPLAN**: You will notice that NAPLAN testing will occur during the period 14th – 16th May for students in year 3, 5 and 7. Due to the constraints placed on us it is difficult to arrange for students to sit tests if they are absent.

- **Standardized Testing**: As part of our assessment processes and tracking of student’s progress we conduct our own standardised testing across the whole school in spelling, reading and maths. These tests will be conducted in the week beginning 27th May.

- **School Disco**: We will be holding the school disco on the 24th of May. This is going to be run this year by the P & F. More details regarding times etc., will be available via the newsletter next week.

Mothers Day Stall

SHHH.... don’t tell MUM. The P & F will be holding a Mothers Day Stall at recess (under the covered area, near music room) next week on Wednesday 8th, and Thursday 9th May. We have purchased a variety of lovely things for Mum, ranging from 50c to $5.00, so bring your pocket money and get Mum/Gran or Nan something special for Mothers Day.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and St Michael’s will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. We can choose resources based on our unique needs, across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.
Reception 2015
I have begun the process of offering positions for the 2015 Reception class. Confirmation of Enrolment forms have been sent to all existing school families who have lodged enrolment forms to begin in 2015. If you have a child to start in Reception in 2015 and you did not receive a form this week could you please contact Robyn as a matter of urgency. Thankyou. Mr. Seidel

Craft Club
Craft Club is looking for knitting needles and any spare wool of many colours!!! If you have set of needles hiding away in the cupboard that you would be happy for us to borrow, could you please clearly name them and send them into the front office. The larger size of the needles, the better. If you are happy to donate any leftover wool from previous endeavours, we would greatly appreciate this also.

Also, if you have any finger or tomboy stitching that is not being used, please send it along too as it can be used to make little blankets.

Young Writer’s Award
Just a reminder that entries for the Young Writer’s Award are due Monday May 13. keep up the great work!!!

Mothers Day Celebration Service
One of the important days of the year is Mothers Day; a day on which we can celebrate the kindness, love and generosity of our mothers. As a school we celebrate this special day next Friday (10th) with a chapel service run by our year 3 classes. All mums are invited to this and then to stay on for a cuppa and morning tea in St Michael’s Lutheran Church. I certainly hope you can attend and share this time with your children.

Mr. Seidel

Attachments this Issue:
- P & F Fun Day Update
- May Calendar
- NAPLAN Exemption Information
- Japanese Childrens Festival 2013
- Insights – Getting to School On Time

Curriculum Matters
Chess Club and Junior Interschool Chess Competition
This year the Junior Interschool Chess Competition will be supervised by David Keltsier. This is a different arrangement from previous years when our chess players have been coached and supervised by Dr Mark Worthing.

David is a professional chess player who has played in international tournaments around Europe, including Spain, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium. David runs the Adelaide Hills Chess Club which meets every Wednesday at St Michael’s Church from 4pm.

The chess club is open to students from Year 1 to Year 7. The chess club costs $4 per session, $2 of which goes to St Michael’s Church. Students who wish to participate in the Junior Interschool Chess Competition will need to attend coaching sessions at the Adelaide Hills Chess Club, from which teams will be chosen. The competition begins on Monday, Term 2 Week 2, and continues on the second Monday of the month for another five Mondays. More about David Keltsier can be found on his website; www.chesslife.com.au

If you wish your child to participate in the chess club and try out for a team place in the Junior Interschool Chess Competitions, please forward your child’s name and class to Mr John Dow by the end of this week.

John Dow
Deputy Principal/PYP Co-Ordinator

School Crossing Monitors
2013 - Term 2 Week 2
AM: Jackie Smith, Jess Winn & Karina Pfeiler
PM: Millie Wright, Claudia Doecke & Dana Adcock
From the Community Carer
Tegan Howard

Welcome Back to School

Welcome back to school! Just a reminder that this Friday we have Camp Quality coming to school to perform a puppet show to the children. They will be performing the show “Inside Out” to the Foundation-year 2 students at 2:00pm, and the show “The Way You Look At It” to the year 3-7 children at 2:40pm. Parents are welcome to attend the show.

Jesse Gallagher (year 2P) will be supporting his friend Brodie (also year 2P) by shaving his head on the same day as the puppet show. Jesse will be raising money to go towards The Leukaemia Foundation.

To support and sponsor Jesse, visit this website:

my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/Jesse gallagher

All donations over $2 are tax deductible. You can also make a donation through the front office by Friday May 3.

Term 1 – In Review

What a term we had in term 1. We had Sports Day, International Day, school photo day, Year 6/7 Aquatics Day, Anzac Day, Knockout Cricket, Courier Cup, Reception Bible Presentations and much, much more!
Plans for our fun day are well underway, in Terms 2 and 3 the P&F will be asking for your help in a variety of ways.

Most importantly we are seeking sponsorship big or small to help fund our fun day. This money will go towards our amusement rides, printing, prizes for our competitions etc. Your business logo (for those who sponsor above $500) will go on our signage and our MC will advertise your business or name throughout the fun day.

In week 3 we will be requesting donations for the crazy hair and bubble wand stall.

Each year level is responsible for a stall which the class carers will notify you what that is, but if anyone is interested in having their own stall, it is $40 for the site. Please notify Donna Rayner by email on donnaray5@bigpond.com.au

Start planting your veggies now, for the BIGGEST VEGGIE competition and think about your design for the Lego construction, decorate your bike, making a craft item and taking the perfect photo. Entry fee will be a gold coin donation and judged in age categories.

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"Christ centred, quality education"
"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

**NAPLAN EXEMPTIONS and WITHDRAWALS are due Friday 3 May**

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

Parents may withdraw their child from participating in NAPLAN for:

- Philosophical or personal reasons. (Withdrawal form)
- The child has a significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing condition which severely limit capacity to participate in the tests. (Exemption Form)

Exemption and Withdrawal forms are available from the front office and must be returned by Friday 3 May, 4.30pm COB.

Please contact the Deputy, Mr John Dow if you have any questions.

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Mr Steven Seidel - Principal
2013 Kodomo no Hi
Annual Japanese Children's Festival
Sunday, 5th May

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Every May about 4,000 people go down to the annual Japanese Children's Festival at Cowandilla Primary School. Admission for each student is a gold coin donation, so it is a very economical way for your children to experience every possible aspect of Japanese culture from A – Z, eg Aikido to Zen, all without leaving Adelaide. Many of the activities are hands-on and the Japanese foods available for lunch are in themselves well worth the trip: it’s a great family fun day.

It may not have much to do with German, but I can heartily recommend it as an excellent day out for children and adults of all ages.

Yours in Christ,

Helen Westermann
German Teacher

Golden Week Japan Festival 2013

JAFAs major event each year is the Golden Week Japan Festival held to coincide with the Golden Week holiday period in Japan. The highlight of the festival is the Kodomo no Hi Children's Day, which will be held on Sunday, 5th May, 11am-4pm.

Kodomo No Hi – Children’s Day Celebration

Lets you enjoy a variety of exhibitions, displays and performances, plus some great Japanese food!!!

Date: Sunday 5th May, 2013  Time: 11 am – 4 pm  Place: Cowandilla Primary School, 1 Jenkins St, Cowandilla

The programme for Children's Day includes lots of Japanese music, Japanese dancing, games, kites, tea ceremony, martial arts, exhibition of ikebana, bonsai trees, Japanese food, Japanese trains and mochitsuki (pounding rice cake using traditional implements). It's just like a one day trip to Japan, without the cost of a plane ticket!
Japan Australia Friendship Association
presents

Kodomo No Hi
Japan Festival

Family Fun Day

Sunday
5th May
11am to 4pm

Cowardilla Primary School
21 Jenkins Street, Cowandilla
Entry by Gold Coin Donation
Free Parking

Folk Dancing . Tea Ceremony . Origami . Calligraphy . and much more...

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: www.jafa.asn.au

City of West Torrens
between the City and the Sea
“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✔ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

✔ Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✔ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✔ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✔ Model a good routine.

It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!