



St Peter's Lutheran School

News Bulletin - Friday 5th March 2021

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From the Principal

Hello everyone, I hope that you have all had a wonderful week. The weather has continued to be fresh in the mornings and then becoming more comfortable in the afternoons. It's definitely looking as though the cooler days are now headed our way. Please make every effort to send your children suitably dressed for this changing weather.

Our swimming carnival was on Wednesday this week. What an amazing fun filled event it was. The weather was absolutely sensational, mild, blue sky and sunny. All students had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of events. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces during the day. We appreciate those parents and care givers that were able to come along and spend some time with us. Thank you to the staff and parents that helped out during the events. Finally we all would like to thank Lisa and Mick Poly once again for providing us all with a spotless clean pool and safe venue for our carnival. We are extremely fortunate to have such a well maintained pool here in Dimboola.

Another reminder that Andrew from 'Creations Photography' will be coming to our school on Wednesday the 23rd of March. This isn't very far away now so please take note and be prepared for this day. Remember it is full summer uniform for all boys and girls and we are asking all students to bring along their Bomber Jackets in case they are needed.

Over the coming weeks some staff, parents and students will be invited to participate in my 'Principals Appraisal'. It was scheduled for last year however, it was postponed due to COVID-19 and all the restrictions that were in place. This will involve an interview in person here at school. It is an important part of my own professional learning and Leadership journey. If you receive information in regards to this process and have any questions please speak to Rochelle Walters in the front office between 8:30-2:30 Monday to Friday.

A reminder that the start of each year there are always several notes that you are required to fill out and return for our records. Please make every effort to fill these in and return them all by the end of next week.

Have a safe and Blessed weekend,

Tim Reimann

CURIOSITY
HAS ITS
OWN
REASON FOR
EXISTING

Albert Einstein

Devotional Thoughts

Help us remember

by Sue Westhorp

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him (Psalm 22:24).

[Read Psalm 22:23–31](#)

Psalm 22 begins with the well-known and anguished cry, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' It is the psalm that is set in the lectionary for Good Friday as, in Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34, Jesus cries out these words from the cross as he endures an agonising death, feeling abandoned by God.

Today's reading is the latter verses of Psalm 22. The first 22 verses of the psalm can be described as a lament, complaint and petition, whereas the final 9 verses can be described as an expression of praise and adoration. Two very different moods! Yet we need the context of the former verses to really understand the latter verses. The disorientation and feelings of abandonment in the first part of the psalm speak of the experience of God being absent and being profoundly alone. Even in these verses, there are hints of how God has heard these cries in the past: 'In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted and you delivered them' (verse 4).

When we get to verses 23 and 24, these hints become full-blown cries of praise to the God who 'did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him'. Amid the suffering, God's faithfulness is remembered and celebrated, even as the psalmist cries to him to help, once again.

How does this work in your life? In dark times are you always able to remember and trust in God's goodness, or, like me, can those memories and that knowledge fade in the pain? We are called to lead reflective lives, looking at how God's hand has been active and present in every part of our lives and turning back to him in trust and love when times are tough. We can be thankful that even when we can't remember God's grace in the past, God continues to hear our cries!

Loving God, thank you for all the ways in which you have answered our prayers and heard our cries in the past. Help us to remember your loving presence in our lives when times are hard. Amen.



Awards



Junior Class Award

Slater Collins - Trying his best & showing bravery at Swimming sports.



Senior Cass Award

Dante Milner - Showing compassion & responsibility when helping others.



Principal's Award

Victoria Ward - Outstanding patience & encouragement to her fellow students.

Notice's

Important Dates

All the below dates are to the best of our knowledge and may change at short notice depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

March 2021

8th - Labour Day Public Holiday (No school)

14th - Blessing of staff & students

18th - 19th - Parent Teacher Interviews

23rd - School Photos

April 2021

1st - Last Day Term 1 (early finish 2.15pm)

19th - First day Term 2

25th - ANZAC Day

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Running Shoes

We encourage all students to wear their running shoes each day this term. We are training for Cross Country & Athletics each morning.

Blessing of students & staff

Sunday 14th March 2021 at 10.30am will be the annual blessing of all students and staff. Pastor Levi will lead this service at St Peter's Lutheran Church Dimboola.

All community members and their families are welcome to attend.

School Photo Forms

School Photo order forms went home last week. Please make sure they are returned, even if you are not ordering. All forms must be returned by Friday 19th March 2021



Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn.

Fred Donaldson

Swimming Champions

Junior Boy Swimming Champion - Jax Skurrie

Junior Girl Swimming Champion - Milla Bartlett

Senior Boy Swimming Champion - Jasper Ward

Senior Girl Swimming Champion - Victoria Ward

Winning House
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Around Our School

