I am a little embarrassed to admit this, but I’ve only just put all of the Christmas gear away! It took me until the last week in January. I usually put it away by the end of the first week in January, but I rather liked it in the corner of our family room. However, I just couldn’t let it go on into February so I stirred myself into action and packed up the last of the bits and pieces ready for next Christmas.

During last year I came across this poem, and thought of it again as I was packing away my decorations and tree. A simple poem, but what a profound and comforting message.

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

Peace on Earth, good will to men, kind thoughts and words of cheer, are things we should use often and not just once a year.

Remember too the Christ-child, grew up to be a man; to hide him in a cradle, is not our dear Lord’s plan. So keep the Christmas spirit, share it with others far and near, from week to week and month to month, throughout the entire year!

December 17, 1976
by Norman Wesley Brooks
U.S. design engineer
1923 - 2002

When everything is packed away at last, what a joy it is to know that the love of God and the gift of Jesus at Christmas continues to be present with us each day. And what a joy, at the beginning of Lent and as we move towards Easter, to remember what that love and gift ultimately brought us in our relationship with God – the opportunity to be a child of God and call Him Father.

May God bless you in this coming week,
Kathryn

Term 1, Week 3, 2013

Dates to remember:

- SRC Induction: FEB 15th
- Scholastic orders due: FEB 15th
- Assembly: MAR 18th
- 3/4/5 Zoo Excursion: MAR 21st
- Winter Uniform orders due: MAR 4th
- 6/7 Awareness Day Excursion: APR 8th
- Koorong orders due: APR 22nd
- Sports day: APR 28th
- Foundation/ Yr.1 Sleepover: APR 8th
Term Dates 2013

Term 1 -  Tuesday 29th Jan to Friday 12th April
(Monday 28th Jan is a Pupil Free Day)

Term 2 -  Tuesday 29th April to Thursday 4th July
(Friday 5th July is a Pupil Free Day)

Term 3 -  Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th Sep

Term 4 -  Monday 14th Oct to Wednesday 11th Dec

Uniform Shop
Opening times
Tuesdays 3:15 to 3:45pm
Fridays 8:30 to 9:00am

Student Banking
Every Tuesday

Thoughts/ Prayers/ Thanks
• Be with those that remember and suffered during Ash Wednesday 30 years ago today. May God bring you strength to carry on.

Prayer Families
Herman                Herman
Samuel, Edward        Herrmann
Jake, Kye, Kate        Hodgson
Charlee-Rose, Macey    Hoffman
Chelsea                Hoopmann
Lauren, Jacob, Samuel  Hughes
Sarah                  Jaensch
Karlson                James
Emjay, Billie          Jamieson
Thomas                 Jericho
Lachlan, Mitchell

PRINCIPAL’S PAGE

School Times
Due to the conditions of the Enterprise Agreement, and the specialist subjects being taught this year, the timetable structure of the school day needed to be changed slightly to meet needs. Under the new timetable, students will have specialist lessons in ICT (Mr Lange), research skills/Library (Mrs Graetz), Music/Drama (Miss Juers), Science (Mrs Ahrens) and Japanese (Mrs McDonald) giving a broad base of variety and opportunity for students. For the first two weeks of school we have informally been finishing at 3:20pm, although students have remained under teacher supervision as always until picked up by parents. This small change will now become permanent, due to the success of the timetable and the understanding that the end of the day is less productive in terms of student learning. The school day will now officially be 8:50am to 3:20pm

Just a reminder to parents that the school day does begin at 8:50am, including specialist lessons. I encourage families to set the alarm 10 or 15 minutes earlier to assist getting students into their classroom on time. This supports teachers in making an effective and efficient start to the day. An extra 10 minutes a day doesn’t seem like much, but those 10 minutes a day used wisely will equate to 6 and a ¼ days of teaching time gained over a year, at a time of the day when children are at their freshest for learning.

Auditors
This week the Auditors have been at St Jakobi, doing their check-up of our school finances for 2012. The audit is an annual review, to ensure the correctness and accuracy of our financial position at the end of each year. As part of good governance, once completed the resulting financial report goes to Campus Council for their review and information.

Head lice check
I am pleased to let parents know that at our recent head lice check, the result was down to 1.1% of incidences within our student population. I once again thank the parent body for their sustained vigilance in checking. As you continue checking during the school term, could you please notify Reception if you find live lice or eggs and treat hair, so that we can record that there may be treated eggs present at the next check, and notify other families to check and treat hair as needed.

Negotiated Education Plans’
Teachers are currently meeting with the families of students with specific learning needs, to work together to provide the best environment and structures for these students in which to learn. Whilst all our students have unique and varying needs, some have very specific requirements to be met for them to access the curriculum with the same opportunities as others. To this end, many of our teachers are also attending professional development in the coming few weeks. At these sessions they will grow in their professional understanding of how to create a classroom that is inclusive of particular needs. The great thing about the skills and strategies that the teachers will bring back and utilise here at St Jakobi in their classrooms is that they will assist many other students across the range of learning styles and strengths. I thank our teachers for their dedication in working to meet the needs of all our students at St. Jakobi.
2013 School Captains and SRC

At St Jakobi we value the input and leadership our senior students bring to our school community. Whilst there are a variety of leadership opportunities, one of the most rewarding both for the students and the staff is that of School Captains and SRC. These representatives, from Years 4 to 7, are elected by their peers and play a valuable role both in daily life and on formal occasions.

All students who stood for these positions made a speech to their peers, in the case of SRC to their classmates, and in the case of School Captains to Years 4 to 7 students. I have commended all students for being willing to have a try for one of the positions and for the overall quality of their speeches. For those that missed out, there will be other leadership opportunities for leadership during the year, and we will tap into those that would like to further develop these skills.

It is with pleasure I announce the following students who have been elected to their positions for 2013:

- **Boys School Captain:** Ike Zerk
- **Girls School Captain:** Talia Green
- **Boys Vice School Captain:** James Mattiske
- **Girls Vice School Captain:** Lauren Hoopmann
- **SRC Reps Year 6/7A:** Yaz Semmler and Flora MacKenzie
- **SRC Reps Year 6/7A:** Zac Arnold and Shiana Semmler
- **SRC Reps Year 4/5:** Lachlan Jones and Nalieka Hassold
- **SRC Reps Year 3/4:** Max Sosnowski and Brittney Farrugia

Tribute to a Past Principal of our St Jakobi Community

In the Christmas holidays I had the privilege of representing the St Jakobi community at the funeral of Mrs Grace Gogoll. Grace was Principal teacher of the small, one-teacher St Jakobi from 1961 to 1963, coming in as a trained and experienced Lutheran teacher, rare to get at that time in St Jakobi’s history. In 1974, when the school was at a low point with 17 students and on the brink of being closed, Grace accepted a call back to St Jakobi as Principal teacher, and was part of the growth of the school back to a healthy enrolment of 45 students by 1979. Many of our local ‘past students’ would remember Grace’s energy and enthusiasm as she revamped the school’s drum and fife band, introduced a learn-to-swim programme and took students on many excursions, both locally and to Adelaide. Grace’s last year at St Jakobi was 1981, after which she taught at Angaston Lutheran School.

We thank God for the gifts and talents Grace brought with her to St Jakobi and for the role she played in providing quality education to our district and Lutheran education in Australia, all the while sharing God’s love in word and deed. The school gave a donation on behalf of our community in memory of Grace to her requested charity, Royal Society for the Blind.
Check out the free FOOD SWITCH app being promoted through the Right Bite program. It has been developed by the George Institute, a public health research group that operates out of the University of Sydney. The app rates nearly 20,000 supermarket products with a red, orange or green rating, depending on its sugar, fat and salt content. This is the same rating system that we use here at school, particularly in the canteen, to promote healthy eating.

The ‘food switch’ app works by scanning the bar code with the phone’s camera. It will also recommend a healthier version/brand/food item in the same category.

What an easy way to make healthy food choices for your family, and teach them what it means to be a healthy food!

The new playground is finally in, and what a corker it is! We will certainly never lose it, thanks to the beautiful, vibrant colour scheme the students chose called, ‘Bubblegum’. Rob Filsell and Mr Craig Fryar (past parent) are in the process of putting in the edging and filling it with soft fall. The playground will be dedicated THIS FRIDAY, 15th February as part of our chapel service by Pastor Paul, after which the students will all be able to try it out!

I would like to pay tribute once again to all who made this playground possible:

- May 2011 Barossa Airshow Committee for their of preparatory ground work – Steve Ahrens, Bridgette Kies, Libby Martin, Craig Fryar, Daryl Trigg, Richard Havis, Sherrilyn Quinn and Glen Brittain
- The parents of the school who set up for the event, ran the Airshow on the day through the workforce, and packed everything up – an amazing effort by a ‘smaller’ school community.

Last night at Campus Council it was decided that the money raised from the 2013 Barossa Airshow will go towards our strategic goal of creating more shade for students in the school grounds. This could be in the form of one larger purchase, such as a shade shelter to cover the new playground, or several smaller structures, such as mini shelters with bench seating, shade sails and planting shade trees, depending on the amount raised.

The oldest of the equipment from the current playground, which no longer meets regulation, has now been removed. Several families have expressed interest in taking this equipment for personal use. If you would like to own these historic pieces of equipment, please put in a bid – highest bidder wins, with the money being put straight back into the school as part of our shade development strategy. Please email Reception at admin@stjakobi.sa.edu.au , subject Playground bid, and the $ amount you would be prepared to donate for the equipment. Bidding closes Tuesday, 19th February at midnight. The successful bidder will be notified next day and will need to organise removal of the equipment as soon as possible after the bid is accepted.
Canteen News

Once again Sherree Hoffman has the school canteen up and running for 2013.

If you wish to order any yummy goods, the canteen is open Mondays and Fridays. The Summer menu can be viewed on the school website under the Parents Information tab, Canteen.

Winter Uniform orders

Believe it or not the cooler weather is approaching us and it is now time to order winter uniform for students.

Uniform order forms were sent home today via class trays and need to be return by Monday 4th March.

Please remember that there is minimal to no stock kept in the uniform room besides second hand items so please order to avoid disappointment or lengthy waiting periods.

Library News!

Scholastic Book Club Ordering

Scholastic book club catalogues are sent home with students twice a term. Orders need to be returned to school in a sealed envelope with payment. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card payment by phone. Late orders will be processed but they will not arrive with the current orders and they will be subject to availability. If Scholastic are unable to stock items they will issue families with a voucher for future use and a complimentary gift as a consolation. If orders are not to be sent home with students (eg. Birthdays) can the order please be marked with a note to be picked up at the front office. Scholastic offer a large range of affordable books and all orders benefit our school as we receive books as commission.

Koorong Ordering

Koorong orders need to be returned to school in a sealed envelope with payment. Payment can be made by cash or cheque. Late orders will be processed but they will not arrive with the current orders and they will be subject to availability. If orders are not to be sent home with students (eg gifts) can the order please be marked with a note to be picked up at the front office. Koorong offer a large range of Christian books and merchandise and all orders benefit our school as we receive commission to put towards Christian books for our library.

Birthdays in the Newsletter

Under the privacy policy and to keep all out children safe, we will no longer be publishing birthdays in the newsletter.

However students will be still be acknowledged with a birthday card and celebration during chapel.

Thank you for your understanding with this issue.
Class Carers

From time to time families within our school community are in need of support and encouragement whether it is in a physical, emotional or spiritual sense. Each of us can be affected differently in times of joy or trials. The Class Carer system is in place so that we can share Jesus’ love through practical care within our school community.

AIMS OF A CLASS CARER SYSTEM

- To provide Christian care and understanding to school families
- To be a point of contact for new people into the class/school
- To provide practical support in times of crisis, sickness etc.

A Class Carer is not there to solve your life’s problems, but to be a point of contact of support for you. All families cases are treated with the strictest confidentiality.

Each term your class will be rostered on to help with the cooking of meals for our school freezer. When your class is rostered on, there will be a recipe book in your classroom for some meal ideas. If you are unable to cook for us, then maybe you could give us a donation or make some cards for us. Your Class Carer will remind you when it is your classes turn to help out.

Each Class has been assigned a Class Carer. (Just look for the poster in your class to see who your’s is).

I would like to take this oppurtunity to introduce The Class Carers for 2013.

F  Kellie Gladigau
F/1 Angela Sasnowski
1/2 Gemma Leno
2/3 Amy Herman
3/4 Angela Sasnowski
4/5 Shanith Hassold
6/7LA Islay MacKenzie
6/7A Ali Hoopmann

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After Chapel Rosters
A roster is being drawn up for Term 1. If you can help one Friday morning by being the host, setting up coffee, tea, cups and saucers and packing up afterwards, please contact Kaylene Jaensch on 0401 122 160.

Identikid
Identikid is an organisation that supplies name and address labels for bags, lunch boxes, clothes etc. For those families new to the school, the P & F have been using this company as an ongoing fundraiser for a few years. We make a 15% profit on all purchases over $20.00. The great thing about Identikid is that there are no time limits – you can order online at www.identikid.com.au or phone 1300 133 949 and simply quote the school code 1146. Delivery of the product is free. Please contact Fi Jones on 0419 853 846 if you have any queries.

GENERAL NEWS
Our first P & F meeting for the year is Monday 25 February 2013 wherein we will discuss our fundraising plan for the year. If you have comments or suggestions, please come along and share these with us. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings at all times.

Kind regards and blessings
Fi Jones, President, St Jakobi

St Jakobi Parents & Friends Calendar
As at 30 January 2013

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COMMUNITY NEWS!

TANUNDA HOCKEY CLUB
JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY
February 24th, 2.00pm - 4.00pm
The Community Hub
83, Murray St, Tanunda

New and previous players welcome to register for the 2013 season. If unable to attend email rd.pfeiffer@bigpond.com or phone Rodney Pfeiffer on 0412260350 so team numbers can be finalised for the upcoming season.

Under 9    Under 15/16
Under 11   Under 18
Under 13/14

Fees to be paid on the day

You are invited to.....
Join a Toolbox Parenting Group

The Middle Years (6 – 12 years)

When: 6 evenings in Term 1
Dates: 28th Feb, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March & 4th April
Where: Hand in Hand Family Centre
24 Second Street, Nuriootpa (Gersch House)
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Cost: $50 or $80 per couple (discounts for concession holders)
Facilitator: Anne Roennfeldt, Lutheran Community Care
To register: ring Lutheran Community Care Ph: 8562 2688 or email Anne at aroennfeldt@lccare.org.au by 20th February (places are limited)

Topics include:
- Building character, self-esteem & emotional resilience
- Teaching skills & building memories
- Blending love with discipline
- Building trust & increasing responsibility
- Understanding personality types & challenging behaviours
- Making the most of the "tween-age" years

www.theparentingplace.com

BAROSSA UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB
REGISTRATION DAY
NEW AND CURRENT PLAYERS WELCOME TO APPLY FOR THE 2013 SEASON
AGES 4 - 17 WELCOME
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17th
11am – 1pm
U5 – U8 $135, U9 – U17 $160
Fees to be paid on the day

CLUBROOMS AT BAROSSA TOURIST PARK,
ENTER AT GATE BEHIND NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL OFF PENRICE RD

Info: Grant Bell 85663668 (0408 963668), Suzanne Haiman 85633640 (0427 633640)
Online Registration at www.barossaunited.com.au
(Registration not accepted until fees are paid and subject to team requirements)

SA Country Hoops is a Statewide basketball program for primary school aged children.
So come along & have a try!

Where: The Box
When: Thursday’s 4:00pm – 4:45pm
Duration: 6 Weeks Commencing Thursday February 7th
Cost: Starter Pack $50.00 (inc basketball & T-shirt)
General Member $30/term

Hoops Co-ordinator
Matt Radzicic on 0400 293 052