I really do love the beginning of a new school year! I did as a child and teenager, and that feeling hasn’t waned after over 25 years in education. I love that a new school year is a blank slate – books are fresh and yet to be written in, there is the possibility of new friendships whilst keeping treasured friends, and the chance of new, exciting things to learn and do.

Carl Bard is attributed to the following quote:

“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

I think, for me, this fits in so well with a new school year. No matter what has gone before, we don’t need to want to start over. We have the opportunity to jump in right where we are, today, and begin to do things differently to work towards the goals we have set.

We have the gift of another “clean slate” in our lives. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

I just love the way the Message Bible puts it:

Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new.

We don’t have to wait to be perfect enough for God. God has already made us right with Him through Jesus, and we are already His children and heirs. We can begin, right where we are, to live life differently with God each day, each hour, each minute if need be!

May God bless our 2014 school year as we work, play and learn together at St Jakobi.
THOUGHTS/ PRAYERS & THANK YOUS

- Thank you God for a wonderful and restful break as we look forward to a new school year.
- We congratulate Heidi & Andrew Johnson on the arrival of a little boy. Lachlan was born 14th Dec. A Little brother for Jayden & Austin.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families who have been affected due to the bushfires and all the CFS volunteers and fire fighters helping to protect lives and property.

PRAYER FAMILIES

Ancell  Thomas
Arnold  Nikia, Harley
Ashby  Ethan, Kate, Thomas
Bennett  Sharlee
Blackwell  Levi
Borrowdale  Andrea
Bransbury  Eliana, Matthew
Brine  Joshua
Buchanan  Ella
Bussenschutt  Daniel

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Tuesday  3:15pm to 3:45pm
Friday  8:30am to 9am

STUDENT BANKING

Every Tuesday

TETRM DATES 2014

Term 1
Tues 28th Jan to Fri 11th Apr

Term 2
Tues 29th Apr to Fri 4th July

Term 3
Tues 22nd Jul to Fri 26th Sep

Term 4
Mon 13th Oct to Wed 10th Dec

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome to the 2014 school year! Hi to all our returnees, and an especially warm welcome to those families who are joining our community for the first time: Bennett, Blackwell, Cowley, Feddersen-Lewis, Godwin, McNally, Rowett, Stevens, Casey (Williams), McIntyre, Coleman, Zammit, Sharp and Patterson families.

The new school year isn’t only a fresh start for students; it’s a fresh start for families too! As parents, all of us want our children to have a successful year at school, and there are some simple things that can be done to help facilitate this. The new school year is the ideal time to kick start new routines or freshen up old ones, and simple things that are done regularly can make an incredible and positive difference to the way your child’s day goes.

- Make getting out of the house in the morning and on time a shared responsibility.
- Have a basket, chair or box in each child’s room that is for tomorrow’s clothing, setting it up as they get ready for bed. It saves the scramble to find uniform items or that pesky lost shoe in the morning!
- Pack school bags the night before, checking that all requirements for the next day are in the bag. Then you only need to pop lunchboxes and mobile devices in the bag next morning.
- Don’t allow television or mobile devices in the morning, or for older children, until your child has demonstrated they are completely ready for school.
- Get an alarm clock for your child to help them learn responsibility for getting up on time.
- Have a firm, calm bedtime routine that starts well ahead of when your child needs to be asleep, including no television or computers, that allows for mental and physical ‘wind down’ in readiness for sleep. Tired children have difficulty learning and behaving appropriately, so make this a priority.
- Put evening and morning routines on a chart for children, perhaps laminated so that they can be ticked off as they complete them. If your child is too young to read, use pictures to show the activities instead. For Years 4 – 7 students their bedtime routine should include putting their iPad on the charger in a part of the house where it remains out of bounds until an agreed time next day.
- And reward children for their successes in this area. If they are ready successfully each morning for a whole week, do a special activity with them on the weekend to say well done!
Of course all these things help us as parents as well, but you might also like to try the following:
• It helps to get up a little ahead of your children to assist your day in running smoothly!
• It might be useful to lay out breakfast cereals, jam etc the night before to ease the pressure on the morning, and to allow children growing responsibility in organising themselves a healthy breakfast. Again, children who do not have breakfast are less able to learn and behave well.
• And so importantly, set aside time to look over each fortnight’s St Jakobi Newsletter! Grab a tea or coffee, or a glass of wine (it is the Barossa after all!), and make part of your routine reading the fortnightly Newsletter and adding important dates and reminders into your diary, family calendar, or phone calendar. Nothing makes for a smooth day like knowing what is coming up in the day and having everything you need for it all ready the night before!

Children, and I believe whole families, thrive when a fun and regular routine is in place, and all know what is expected of them. Make a difference to 2014, and set up your school routines now! If you have any great routines that help your family, share them with our community as a comment on our Facebook page, under the ‘Routines that support your child at school’ post.

May God continue to bless our St Jakobi community in 2014,
Kathryn

Thank you for your patience!
You will have noticed the wonderful team from Programme Maintenance at the school this week. Our school repainting was supposed to be completed during the Christmas holidays, but unfortunately the hot weather stopped it from occurring. We are going to try and press on and do the parts that won’t interrupt our school day, holding over anything disruptive to the April holidays.

HELPFUL REMINDERS
Here are some helpful reminder for 2014:

• Please ensure you check/ ask children regarding notes sent home each day. These are a vital piece of communication and need to be dealt with appropriately.

• Notes Home children will be the oldest in the family. If you wish to change this please see the front office.

• Uniform orders are only submitted once a term for supply in the following term. To avoid disappointment please ensure you place your orders by the due date when advertised. Between these ordering periods the Second Hand Shop will be open to purchase goods.

• School Card – if you feel that you may be eligible for the school card to assist with school fees please visit www.sa.gov.au and follow the links to the application page or alternatively please see the front office for forms.

Congratulations to Claire Marsh, whose Remembrance Day poem won a Highly Commended prize in the SA Primary Schools’ Commemoration Competition at the end of last year.
### LYNDOCH LUTHERAN PARISH

Pastor Paul Hannola  
Phone 8524 5100, mobile 0477033230

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LLL School Banking

LLL Savings Accounts have many features:
- All accounts are at call
- No minimum balance or deposit
- They currently earn 4.25% interest p.a.
- No fees or charges
- Internet access option

We encourage you to consider an LLL Savings Account for both your child and yourself. Your child will live the experience of saving money, while LLL Matching Deposit accounts continue to enable our school to borrow funds at the low interest rate of 5% with no ongoing fees or charges.

For more information on the LLL, please contact our business manager or admin staff or refer to the LLL website www.lll.org.au

Community News

Barossa District Football & Netball Club

Junior Netball & Football Registration Day
Sunday 2/2/14 –
Williamstown Oval 10am – 12noon
Sausage Sizzle available at 12 noon

Netball includes Net-Set-Go (6 - 8yo)

Netball Uniform fitting & orders will be taken on this day
Netball Junior Training & Trial Dates will be available at Registration Day

We are looking for Coaches, past/present or future Players and Umpires for the 2014 Season
Contact Cynthia 0431 432 262 for more information

Football includes U13, U11, U9 & Auskick (Term 2 details will follow)

Football training details will be available at Registration Day.
A discount of $5 per child offered to those that register and pay at Rego day ONLY.
Club shirts available to order at discounted prices.

We welcome all present and future Players and Families wanting to become involved for season 2014.
Contact John 0412 864 829 for more information.

Be part of an active fun club!!!

Toolbox Parenting Group

You are invited to.....

Join a Toolbox Parenting Group – a new program for the Southern Barossa region –

The Middle Years (6 – 12 years)

When: 6 Monday evenings in Term 1
Dates: 24 Feb, 3, 17, 24, 31 Mar & 7 April
Where: Lyndoch Council Chambers
(Back of Lyndoch Library)
Barossa Valley Highway
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
To register call: Ali Hoopmann on 0432 420 833
Cost: $50 per participant, $80 per couple

6 Session Topics that include:
- Parent types, building character
- Vital time – teach skills, build memories
- The tricky combination of love and discipline
- Helping kids thrive at school - Emotional resilience
- Challenging behaviour
- Capitalising on the ‘tween-age years’

www.theparentingplace.com

Positive, practical and fun!
Toolbox groups are delivered in three age groups – Early Years (0-6),
Middle Years (6-12) and Tweens and Teens (12-18).

The Middle Years (6-12)

During the middle years, children are growing and changing and forming their values and opinions about themselves and others. At this stage they are still interested in what you, as a parent, think and do. Therefore this time is an opportunity to stay connected, teach skills and build memories that last.

How Toolbox Works

- Trained facilitators
- Runs over six sessions that are informal, relaxed, friendly, interactive and encouraging
- Key parenting principles are explored
- Practical skills and strategies presented to give parents confidence
- Toolbox workbook for each participant

Build a great family team

Great kids need great parents.
Toolbox has something to offer everyone
If you are a grandparent, parenting with a partner, a sole parent, a blended or foster family.... Toolbox is for you!

Cost: $50 per participant, $80 per couple
Call Ali today on 0432 420 833 to register