Galatians 5: 22

IT'S QUIET. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming.

In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met.

For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day’s demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I’m free to choose. And so I choose.

I choose love . . .
No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy . . .
I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical . . . the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose peace . . .
I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience . . .
I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clinching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I choose kindness . . .
I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness . . .
I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

I choose faithfulness . . .
Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

I choose gentleness . . .
Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control . . .
I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek his grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

From When God Whispers Your Name

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THOUGHTS/ PRAYERS & THANK YOU

- Thank you to all the Volunteers for your time here at St Jakobi and abroad.
- We pray for Pastor Paul whose Mother is unwell in Queensland.

PRAYER FAMILIES

Emms  Laura, Ronan
Evans  Alexander
Farrugia  Britney, Brock
Feddersen-Lewis  Sofia
Fittes-Tarbard  Neve
Fuller  Samuel
Gifford  Huon, Hope
Gladigau  Henry, Caileigh
Godwin  Thomas, William
Green  Noah

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

STUDENT BANKING

Every Tuesday

TERM 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

 Homework

At St Jakobi we believe in the principle of Homework – despite the fact that many of the staff either did, when our children were younger, or are currently, experiencing the same difficulties you may have in getting your children to do homework! To appreciate the value of homework, it pays to take a longer term view of a child’s education – something that is always difficult to do when you are in the early stages of parenting!

At St Jakobi our purpose in giving Homework is multi-faceted:
- In the early years it is to provide opportunity to reinforce foundational skills and understandings of sounds, letters and numbers.
- In the middle years it continues to allow for skill building, but also encourages independence in thought and habit.
- Towards the end of Primary school, it allows students to build the habits required for successful further education such as routine, time management and revision skills. It also continues to allow them to consolidate their learning at school.

The St Jakobi Homework Policy can be found on our website under the tab ‘Parent Information’. Please take the time to read and review it. If you sometimes struggle with your child with homework, feeling like you are on battle ground, talk to someone who has had a child complete Year 12 – they will help you take a long term view of the importance of building good habits now and help you to remember that, in the long run, it is worth the struggles you may face now!

Should you have any concerns or questions about your child’s homework, don’t hesitate to speak to your child’s teacher about them. They can explain the purpose of the activity, give you tips and strategies that may help and work with you to make homework a team effort between home and school. And for great strategies and tips for creating good routines and a great place for homework, check out Pinterest!

A Huge Thankyou!

A huge thank you to Brad Mundt, dad to Aiden (Year 2) and Caleb (Foundation) for making the beautiful, new tables and benches that are around the school. Brad, who is Vice-chair of P&F, donated his time, tools and talent. A big thank you must also go to P&F who funded the purchase of the materials. The students LOVE them, and it has been great to see parents using them in the afternoons to catch up with one another at the end of the school day!
**Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Leticia Semmler, who successfully auditioned for a place in the dance extravaganza “Can Dance for A Cure”. This mammoth concert will be held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Saturday 24th May, and all profits will go toward cancer research. The event has donated $98,000 to research in the 4 years it has been running. Leticia will spend the next 3 months rehearsing each weekend. Please see the ad for the concert below or go direct to the website http://candanceforacure.com.au/Candance/2014.html if you would like to purchase tickets for this amazing event. We look forward to seeing our Leticia on the stage!

Shiana and Callan Semmler will represent St Jakobi in the Interschool Gymkhana at Trinity College on Friday 28th February. We wish them all the best with their events and a fabulous day!

Congratulations also goes to the following students who have accepted the challenge to be Youth Environmental Leaders for our school: Shiana Semmler, Genevieve Nolan, Aarie Turner and Ebony Wilton. These students now have the opportunity to attend the district workshop and learn about different environmental projects that would benefit our school and land. They will then choose a project, and with support from other students and our school community, lead our community to make an environmental difference at our school.

**Open Day**

Friday the 14th of March is our Semester 1 Open Day. Classes will be open for prospective families to tour and see in the school in action. If you know anyone who has pre-school aged children who would like to see and hear about the school as part of their deliberations for choosing a Primary School, or who have older children and may be considering changing schools, please point them to our Open Day. Flyers about the Open Day can be found in Reception – just ask Anna and Amanda. You will also find it advertised in the Leader this week and next week.

We are currently confirming enrolments for our Foundation class for 2015. If you have not yet enrolled a younger sibling, can you please ensure you do this as soon as possible, to ensure we account for the correct number of places.

If you have friends that are looking to enrol their child in the 2015 Foundation class, please encourage them to lodge their paperwork to ensure a place in this wonderful school community.

**Police Checks**

Volunteers, please see the attached letter regarding Police Checks.

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**Canteen News:**

* A reminder for parents with those whom have children with allergies; there are orange allergy stickers to go on order bags for awareness, they can be collected from front office. Also to those children with allergies only to use white order bags.

Sports Days picnic platters will again be available this year. Forms will be out soon to order.
Last Wednesday 6/7A and 6/7A went to Parliament House, an Art Exhibition, some Fringe street performances, 3D Painting and finally vinyl toy making in Adelaide.

At Parliament House we were given a tour by Mr Venning (We were the last school to be toured by the great man)! We were shown the special golden mace (Stake) given to the South Australian Parliament remembering 100 years of Parliament which is very rare.

The Fringe shows were amazing and deadly serious, a street performer was very funny.

Last of all we went to the art exhibition, 3D Painting and vinyl toy making. They were all very interesting in their own ways of art.

Thank you to all the Parents and Teachers who helped, especially Mrs Ahrens who organised everything and helped us to have a fun and safe day!

VISIT BY MR. BRIAN HURN

Mr Brian Hurn the Mayor of the Barossa and Light area visited the Yr 6/7s last Monday and shared his wealth of knowledge with the students.

The role of the council was discussed as well as a variety of topics on how the council serves us.

This will be Mr Hurn’s final year as Mayor and he will step down in November.

Thank you to Mr Hurn for helping us and for the wonderful job you have done for this area. We wished Mr Hurn all the best and God’s blessings for his retirement.

Boat License Night – Wednesday 26th March 7pm

Limited places available.
$50.00 per person and is payable at time of booking. Unfortunately no student concession available.
Books available from a Services SA Department or Department of Transport.
Please call St Jakobi on 8524 4137
CONGRATULATIONS 2014 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SRC’S

2014 Student Representative Council
L-R: Ebony Mieglich Yr. 3/4, Liam Tappert Yr. 3/4, Austin McDonald Yr. 4/5, Daniel Bussenschutt Yr. 6/7 LA, Mieke Wilkinson Yr. 6/7LA, Mikaela Somers Yr. 4/5, Ebony Wilton Yr. 6/7A and Emily Kazla Yr. 6/7A

2014 School Captains
L-R: Vice-Captain Shiana Semmler & Yaz Semmler, Captains Rikard Czanik & Laura Emms, Vice-Captain Genevieve Nolan.
MARCH 28th

ST JAKOBI SPORTS DAY

PARISH TIMES & CLASS CARERS MEAL ROSTER

MARCH 2014

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*PLEASE NOTE: WORSHIP PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

Term 1, 2014
2/3 Miss Nappa
6/7 Mr Lange & Mrs Ahrens

Term 2, 2014
F Ms Patterson
4/5 Mrs Lowke

Term 3, 2014
3/4 Miss Juers & Ms Pisano
6/7 Mr Adler

Term 4, 2014
F/1 Mrs Schultz
1/2 Mrs Schaefer

Parish Times & Class Carers Meal Roster

Lyndoch Lutheran Parish
"where love comes to life"
ST JAKOBI PARENTS & FRIENDS CALENDAR AS AT 26 FEBRUARY 2013

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<td>Fri 14 Mar 2014 after Chapel</td>
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<td>P &amp; F will provide morning tea for hopefully many visitors to our school.</td>
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<td>Mon 24 Mar 2014</td>
<td>St Jakobi P &amp; F Committee Meeting held in the Heloise Meeting Room, St Jakobi</td>
<td>Fi Jones – 0419 853 846</td>
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<td>Fri 28 Mar 2014</td>
<td>Sports Day</td>
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<td>A letter will be sent out shortly requesting donations of baked items etc to sell on Sports Day. P &amp; F will also have cold water, tea, coffee and Milo available for sale.</td>
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<td>April 2014</td>
<td>Tesselaar Bulbs</td>
<td>Mel Menadue – 0425 177 713</td>
<td>Due to popular demand the P &amp; F is once again offering these great quality bulbs for sale. We receive a massive 45% from all sales which is fantastic! Order forms will be distributed early March so that orders can be placed and returned before the school holidays.</td>
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GENERAL NEWS

We welcome Kirsten James to the P & F Committee. We thank Kirsten for attending the meeting on Monday night and for taking the plunge to come onboard to help us fundraise for our kids.

You would have by now received an introductory P & F letter outlining the role of the P & F and requesting a subscription fee of $2.00 for those who wish to receive Minutes via email (or hard copy). If you would like to receive monthly Minutes, please enclose $2.00 in the envelope which was attached to the letter and return to the front office by Friday 28 February 2014.

In the introductory P & F letter, I incorrectly named the 2014 P & F Committee. I would like to apologise to Antonia Sibbick for ‘erasing’ her and to Kellie Wickman for keeping her on the Committee for another year. I would therefore like to announce the true and correct 2014 P & F Committee as follows:

Fi Jones – President, Brad Mundt – Vice President, Lauren Lane – Treasurer, Mel Menadue – Secretary, Julia Emms, Julie Gifford, Kellie Gladigau, Sheree Hoffman, Kirsten James, Antonia Sibbick, Anthea Verrall

Have a great fortnight.

Kind regards and blessings

Fi Jones and the P & F Committee

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**Toolbox**

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 | 7-40 – 5:00pm |
| To register call: | All Hoogmann on 0412 420 833 |
| Cost: | $50 per participant, $80 per couple |

**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 0412 420 833 to register
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

SHED NIGHT

When:
Monday 17th March
6.30-8.30pm

Where:
Frommy’s shed
Lyndoch Road
Lyndoch

What:
A place for men and their sons to meet and share what it means to be authentic men in our community today

Cost: $10 donation
(we provide a steak sandwich, cool drink, tea/coffee each night)

Who:
Open to any blokes and their sons who want to spend time together

Contact:
Ian Lange
0406741151 or
Graham Fromm
0427393008

[Shed night is a mission outreach service run by the Lyndoch Lutheran church and is open to any males who wish to attend.
Our meetings are held on the third Monday night of each month from March to November]
Dear Volunteers

Firstly, I would like to thank you for all the time and effort you volunteer here at St Jakobi. Your support is unmeasurable and we cannot thank you enough.

In the past Volunteers have needed to present a National Criminal History Check conducted by the Australian Police Service to be able to volunteer at the school. Recently the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion have adopted a ‘Child-related Screening’ which is undertaken to ensure compliance with a range of legislative, regulatory and intergovernmental obligations. Importantly, among these, is the Screening Unit’s participation in the National Exchange of Criminal History Information for People Working with Children (ECHIPWC). This screening replaces the National Police Certificate currently through Australian Police Service.

What is a screening Assessment:

The DCSI Screening Unit undertakes four types of Screening Assessment:

- Child-Related Employment Screening;
- Vulnerable Person-Related Employment Screening;
- Aged Care Sector Employment Screening; and
- General Employment Probity Checks.

Depending on the type of assessment being undertaken, the Screening Unit collects relevant information about applicants, always including a National Criminal History Record Check (NCHRC), and turns it into a useful measure of the level of risk posed by an applicant. This is to help protect the most vulnerable people in our community.

Why this new system:

The Children’s Protection Act 1993 (SA) requires organisations to take steps to ensure that all children are safe from harm, and that as far as is reasonably practicable all children are cared for in a way that allows them to reach their full potential. By conducting Screening Assessments for those who have contact with children through their employment or volunteer role, the community can take a preventative approach in the care and protection of children.
How the process works:

The Screening Unit submits applicant details electronically to CrimTrac who initially check the applicant’s name against the National Names Index which contains names of persons of interest to police. If there is a match against the National Names Index, CrimTrac forward the applicant details to the relevant police jurisdiction who conducts further checks against the applicant’s personal details. If there is no match against the National Names Index, CrimTrac usually advises the Screening Unit of the outcome within 10 days of receiving the application.

If criminal history results are located for the applicant, the relevant police jurisdictions must identify and release criminal history information subject to relevant spent conviction legislation, non-disclosure and/or information release policies which vary from state to state. The final results are then provided to CrimTrac who forward them onto the Screening Unit for assessment.

Facts to know:

- The Screening Unit will provide a clearance letter to applicants, but this letter is not a National Police Certificate (NPC). A National Police Certificate can only be obtained from an Australian Police Service.

- Screening Unit clearances are valid for a maximum of three (3) years and are not transferable from state to state.

- All criminal history information provided to the Screening Unit by CrimTrac will be destroyed within three (3) months of receipt.

Application Forms and Payment:

Application forms are available from the front office for you to complete and submit at Australia Post.

Whilst this may, on the surface, appear to be intrusive, costly and inconvenient, the premise behind it remains vital. We have an obligation as a community to prevent harm from occurring to our precious children.

If you need any assistance with the paperwork, or would like to discuss further, please don’t hesitate to speak to staff or myself.

With kind regards
Kathryn Krieg
Principal