Love each other

Since we’ve been doing the love languages in Chapel and Jesus time, I thought I’d do a devotion based around love, and how we are to love each other in a Christian community. What is the character of that love? The verse I’d like to focus on is Romans 12:10:

“Be kindly, affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour, giving preference to one another.”

So what is this verse saying to us, a Lutheran school, about the way we love each other in a Christian community?

This verse says that as Christians we are to love each other with brotherly affection, but what does brotherly affection look like?

Being surrounded by children every day, and having children of our own, I’m sure we can all think of plenty of examples of the way siblings interact with each other. I know for example my two boys often quarrel, or fight over little things, but when push comes to shove they still love each other. They would still stand up for each other in a fight, and they feel that connection that is only between brothers, they have a common bond that they only share with members of their family. In God’s design of family, we have the kind of love that, though we might suffer hurts or disappointments from each other, we still love each other regardless of our faults and weaknesses. There is a bond between us that cannot be broken, we are family and so we always love each other because of our connection to each other.

So it is to be with Christians – if we believe in Christ then we have a mutual bond as children of God, we are brothers and sisters with each other and with Christ. Though at times we might not agree with each other or we might suffer hurt from each other we are to continue loving each other because of the connection we have to Christ. No grudges, no thoughts of revenge, we are to forgive one another whole heartedly. ‘Love covers a multitude of sins.’ We can forgo offences and protect each other’s reputations. No gossiping.

The verse then goes on to say, that we are to ‘in honour, give preference to each other’. It’s a bit of an unusual saying, so what does this actually mean?

The original language here suggests that we must ‘out do’ each other in showing respect, honour and reverence to each other, that we must go before each other leading the way, being an example, showing humility and honouring others before ourselves.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends…” John 15:12-14

Written and shared by Mrs Amy Herman
Parent and member of Campus Council
THOUGHTS/ PRAYERS & THANK YOUS

- We pray for Robbie and hope he returns to full health again.

PRAYER FAMILIES

Hapke-Speer  Michelle
Hassold     Bryson, Nalieka
Havis       Becky
Heckendorf  Jack
Herman      Samuel, Edward
Herrmann     Jake, Kye, Kate
Hodge        Seth
Hodgson      Charlee-Rose, Macey
Hoffman      Chelsea
Hoopmann     Samuel, Jacob

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Times
Tuesday  3:15pm to 3:45pm
Friday   8:30am to 9am

LLL 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

Our morning routine!
A while back in the Newsletter I wrote about the importance of our routines, and how they support us, parents, staff and students alike in reaching our potential and goals. At that time I wrote about the importance of the before bed routine, in getting ready for the next day, and the morning routine, having a calm morning that allows time to eat, rehydrate and feel ready for the coming day.

Did you know that we also have morning and afternoon routines at school? (Check out the Year 2/3 and 1/2 classes – they are absolutely fabulous at their morning routines!) In the morning, we have set routines to prepare books and belongings for the day and to get into “work mode” ready for learning and in the afternoon students are taught how to pack their belongings up with all the things that they need to share with parents or for homework.

Please note that the time to be at school is by 8:50am at the latest! This allows time for students to attend to their morning routine and be ready for their learning opportunities.

All this was brought home to me once again this morning – I encountered an accident on the way to school, and stopped to be of assistance. (Thankfully no serious injuries!) It reminded me that none of us know what will happen as we step out each morning – we need to be ready for each new day and have a calm morning so that we can take the time to say “I love you” to those who matter to us each morning as we leave the house.

ILLNESS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In response to our email that went out last week, our resident GP and school parent, Dr Robyn Cooke, sent this information to share with our school community.

Unfortunately it seems as if the entire year there has been a consistent flare of gastroenteritis cases. It is annoying, debilitating, thankfully most of the time short lived, but unfortunately the cause is usually viral and very easy to spread and requires strict handwashing and isolation to prevent spread.

These symptoms do need to be sorted out from other more serious infections and as experienced parents I am sure that everyone is confident about when to seek medical advice. As a general rule of thumb the symptoms of vomiting and diarrhoea, with or without fever need symptomatic treatment and exclusion - with medical follow up if things are not improving. There is a 24 hour Health Direct number that you can call for further advice.

Warning flags for advice include: the temperature is not controlled, a worrying rash appears, the child is not tolerating any fluids, the child is drowsy and lethargic and difficult to rouse, you are worried they are dehydrated, or as a parent you are concerned that it is more serious than gastroenteritis.

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Do NOT treat with medications to stop diarrhoea or vomiting WITHOUT medical advice. And do seek medical advice if < 12 months or if you are concerned.

While it is difficult to balance working life with parenting - juggling, taking turns as parents for sick leave, coping when one doesn’t have sick leave - I completely get it - it is important to try and prevent spread for the sake of those in our communities who are really badly affected by gastroenteritis - the elderly, nursing homes, babys, pregnant people and others with a variety of chronic illness.

Cheers
Dr Robyn Cooke

Robyn’s note highlighted the “You’ve Got What?” website, which contains excellent information for parents; just google You’ve got what?

With the temperatures going up and down the thermometer scale comes the ‘bugs’ and viruses. Whilst it is really difficult to juggle child care and working (as a mother who worked I get it too!) I respectfully request that parents find an alternative arrangement if their child is sick. Germs spread rapidly in a classroom environment!

Open Day
Just a reminder that this Friday, the 14th of March, is our Semester 1 Open Day. Classes will be open for prospective families to tour and see 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.

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.

May God bless your week,
Kathryn

Scholastic Book Orders

Are due back by Friday 21st of March.
Congratulations to Leticia, Julia and Austin for competing in the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival. Well done to Austin McDonald for making the relay team and Leticia Semmler for making the independent backstroke team in representing the whole Barossa.

They said it was a great experience and we hope that people have a go next year because Austin would like some mates to go with him.

Written by Leticia Semmler and Julia McDonald
MARCH 28th

ST JAKOBI SPORTS DAY

PARISH TIMES & CLASS CARERS MEAL ROSTER

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*PLEASE NOTE: WORSHIP PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE*
# ST JAKOBI PARENTS & FRIENDS CALENDAR
## AS AT 12 MARCH 2014

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<td>Fri 14 Mar 2014</td>
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<td>Fi Jones – 0419 853 846</td>
<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>Tesselaar Bulbs</td>
<td>Mel Menadue – 0425 177 713</td>
<td>Order forms should arrive soon and will hopefully be distributed to families within the next week.</td>
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<td>8 May 2014</td>
<td>Special Ladies’ Day Stall Goodies will be on offer for St Jakobi students to purchase for their Mums / Grandmothers / Special Ladies</td>
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<td>If anyone is able to help Julia set up, serve and/or pack up on the day, please let her know.</td>
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<td>Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea</td>
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<td>P &amp; F will donate all funds raised to the Cancer Council. Families are asked to come along and share a cuppa and some morning tea and donate a gold coin towards the Cancer Council.</td>
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## GENERAL NEWS
If you would still like to subscribe to the P & F to receive monthly minutes via email or hard copy please enclose $2.00 in the envelope supplied with the subscription letter and return to the front office ASAP.

If you have considered joining our Committee or have any questions or queries about what the P & F does for the school, please feel free to contact Fi Jones on 0419 853 846.

Have a great fortnight.

Kind regards and blessings

Fi Jones and the P & F Committee

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**Toolbox**

You are invited to…..

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  Toolbox groups are delivered in three age groups — Early Years (0-6), Middle Years (6-12) and Teens and Teens (12-18).

- The Middle Years (6-12)
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**Cost**:
- $50 per participant, $80 per couple
- Call All today on 0432 420 833 to register
COMMUNITY NEWS

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]