Faith like a child

I remember, as a child, standing on top of playground equipment. My father would stand on the ground, and I would throw myself off the equipment into his arms. The feeling of falling, and then being caught in the security and strength of his arms then swung round until we were both dizzy is one that I remember to this day. He never dropped me, and it never even occurred to me that he might drop me. I had a childlike trust that everything would be fine no matter what, because my Dad was there. (My Mum of course, was not in the vicinity when we did this; she couldn’t bear to watch, and always expected the worst!)

In Mark 10 there is recorded the story of when the disciples tried to stop the children coming to Jesus to be blessed. They felt that Jesus had more important adult things to do than to be troubled by children. Jesus surprised them by telling them that they, as adults, should be more like the children that they were trying to shoo away.

Jesus was referring to the trust that children implicitly possess, the faith they have that everything will be alright. Children place great faith in parents and others; they lean upon them, and look to them for all their needs. As Christians, we too are encouraged to have a faith and trust just like this, but to place it in our heavenly Father. Faith is an integral part of being a Christian. It is not always easy – the rational adult mind wants to be in control and to orchestrate the way things happen. And it can be difficult to feel that we know God well enough to be able to trust Him or that God cares about the our worries and concerns.

But as we give our lives to God, as we grow to know Him better and as we listen to what He has to say in the Bible, we are continually reminded of God’s great love for us, and His faithfulness to us. The Bible reminds us to “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6). The gifts that come from a life lived in child-like and unwavering faith in God are amazing and many.

I wish you every blessing for your week ahead,
Kathryn
THOUGHTS/ PRAYERS & THANK YOUS

- Lord, be with those that are unwell and place your healing hand upon them. Give them and their families strength to overcome their illnesses.

PRAYER FAMILIES

Buchanan  
Casey  
Chamberlain  
Coleman  
Cowley  
Davey  
Dowler  
Drewett  
Duggan

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

LLL STUDENT BANKING

Every Tuesday

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Principal’s Report

2015 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 2015:

- Boys School Captain: Lachlan J
- Girls School Captain: Ebony W
- Boys Vice School Captain: Lachlan M
- Girls Vice School Captain: Aarie T
- SRC Reps Year 6/7A: Skye M and Nathan D
- SRC Reps Year 6/7A: Annabel N and Kyle W
- SRC Reps Year 4/5L: Bethany R and Finlay M
- SRC Reps Year 4/5PP: Macey H and Kye H

Homework

At St Jakobi we believe in the principle of Homework. This is even after many of the staff as parents, or those with children school age currently, experienced 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.

Class Carer Meals

Classes Yr. 2/3N and Yr. 6/7LA

Please speak with your class teacher regarding the class carer recipe book and food handling guide. Thank you for your support.

HATS!

There is a number of students that do not have hats and are unable to play or participate in fitness. Hats can be purchased from the front office at any time.
Enrolments 2016
We are currently confirming enrolments for our Foundation class for 2016. 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 2016 Foundation class, please encourage them to lodge their paperwork to ensure a place in this wonderful school community.

Start of the school day
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. I thank parents for their assistance with this.

Head lice check
I am pleased to let parents know that at our recent head lice check, the result was down to 0% of incidences within our student population, an absolutely fabulous way to start the school year. I once again thank the parents for their sustained vigilance in regular 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.

Canteen Specials...
- Popcorn now $0.80c
- NEW fresh vanilla and strawberry yogurt zip pops for $1.00
- Bags of mixed rice crackers for .60c.

Bible Presentation
Congratulations to Year 4 students and new students above Year 4 on your Bible presentation last Friday. It was lovely to welcome 8 ladies from The Lyndoch Women’s fellowship Group of the Lyndoch Lutheran Parish who helped present the students with these bibles.
ST JAKOBI PARENTS AND FRIENDS CALENDAR
AS AT 10 FEBRUARY 2015

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<td>St Jakobi Sports Day</td>
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<td>P &amp; F will be selling cakes and cold drinks at the Sports Day again this year. We will require help to set up, serve and clean up on the day. If you can offer an hour or two of your time on the day that would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help out with baked goods for us to sell please let us know. More information to follow.</td>
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Our next meeting will be held on the 23rd of February at 7:30 pm in the Heloise Meeting Room (Chapel). We will have a lot to discuss for 2015. Looking forward to seeing some new faces there.

Kind regards
Brad Mundt and the P & F Committee

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
To help families be involved with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program at home, we have developed a new page on our school website to find information much quicker. This NEW page:
- Introduces Stephanie Alexander
- Recipes
- Planting Guide
- Garden Gallery

This page is always growing and will be ever changing. We hope you will watch each week and share with your children this experience. There is also an easy to follow link from the Skoolbag App which will take you directly to the Stephanie Alexander page on the website.

Don’t forget to download the Skoolbag App, like us on facebook and ensure your email address is up to date to keep so you don’t miss any coming events and additions to the terms calendar or vital communication from teachers and staff. These methods are our preferred way of communication and if you have any difficulties with those listed above please see office staff to arrange alternative methods.

Parents and Friends

SKoolbag App

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COME AND TRY SPANISH CLASSES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS!
FIRST LESSON FREE

When: Saturdays.
Adults → 9am – 10am
Kids → 10am – 11am

Where: OSHC Room

Join us for fun lessons learning Spanish from a qualified and experienced native speaker.

Contact Wilder for more information
wilderbhraunxs@gmail.com

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Barossa Rams Rugby Club
The time has come to reunite the Rams and work off the holidays fun.
We want to see as many new faces as possible. Please bring your friends, cousins and anybody else who might want to play.
As of January 29th we will be running Thursday pre-season sessions at clonlea park, Murray St, Gawler. (Just before you enter Hewett)
Get there 5.30pm for a 6pm start.
A time which training will finish, to be discussed with parents at pre-season training. Regards, Jim (0401-683-922)
Barossa Air Show

Sunday April 12 2015
Rowland Flat, Barossa Valley
barossaairshow.com.au

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