Blessed and a blessing!

I am leading staff devotions this week, and have been exploring the biblical concept of blessings. Blessings are mentioned many times in the Bible, both as God blessing people, groups or nations, and as people both receiving and giving blessings to one another.

For me, two main things have come through. Firstly, we have been gifted the most amazing blessing, one which is not material and not temporal. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, and the blood he shed to cover our sins, we have received the blessing given to heirs. The first born son being heir is much less common now, but in biblical times fathers passed on their blessing to their sons, making them the heir and overseer of everything and everyone and giving them a privileged position. So too have we been made heirs. Our inheritance is to be in God’s presence, for Him to say to us “well done good and faithful servant” and not have to worry about whether it has in fact been good enough, knowing that through our faith in Jesus our efforts have been made good enough. And this inheritance is not just for now; whilst we can claim our inheritance now during our time on earth, it is, even more importantly, for all eternity.

The second thing that really hit me, is to do with our daily blessings. We are not blessed for our own benefit, for our own needs or wants. We have been blessed so that we might be a blessing to others. As we make a home, honour our partners, raise our children, travel on public transport, play sport, interact with each other in the classroom or at work - we are called to be a blessing to those whose lives we touch. We can do this through simple things such as a smile or lightening the moment with a shared joke, by the care we show, by giving generously with our time or money, by praying for friends and enemies alike, by forgiving and uplifting those around us.

What a special calling and an amazing opportunity – to be blessed and to bless in turn!

May God bless your week,
Kathryn
THOUGHTS/ PRAYERS & THANK YOUS

- God, we bless the St Jakobi a safe and rested winter break.

PRAYER FAMILIES

Pringle
Rice
Rosenboom
Rowett
Saunders
Schembri
Semmler  Z & K
Semmler  T & M
Semmler  J & R
Semmler  R
Semmler  T & J
Semmler  M
Sharp
Sibbick
Somers
Stevens. Foreman
Stevens/ Peters
Stewart
Strawbridge

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

STUDENT BANKING

Every Tuesday

Term  Dates
Term 2  28th April – 2nd July
Term 3  20th July – 25th Sep
Term 4  12th Oct – 9th Dec

IT’S A BOY

Nina & Michael Schultz welcomed their precious boy

THOMAS GARNET

On Sunday 21/6/2015
At 1:15am
Weighing 3.1kgs & 52cm long

May God bless you both and this little miracle. We very much look forward to meeting him.

Driving around St Jakobi

A number of concerns have been brought to my attention concerning driving in the vicinity of the school in the last few weeks, both from within our community, but also from members of the public. Could parents please note the following:

- No parking is allowed along Krieg Road, except in designated parking spaces ie not on the roadway. It causes real issues with visibility, and blocks the roadway for heavy machinery that often travels along this road.
- Extra parking is available up by the tennis court/oval area.
- Several cars belonging to members of our school community have been noted not keeping the speed limit (or tailgating those who are) when driving in the vicinity of the school. We must set a good example of keeping the speed limit, particularly around the time the speed changes to 60km/h, and remember at all times that this is for the safety of our students.
- There have been several ‘close calls’ with cars pulling out from both Krieg Road and Kiss and Go on to Lyndoch Valley Road, both in the morning and the afternoon. The risk to human life is not worth the extra 20 to 30 seconds you might save!
- A reminder that younger children up to the age of 7 should be in the back seat of the car with the appropriate booster seat. This includes a child you may be picking up for another family. Please find more information through the link below.

- Mobile phones and driving do not mix, including pulling into or reversing out of carparks.

The vicinity of any school is an exceptionally busy place, and the safety of our students is paramount, along with those of community members and the public. I ask for both caution and dedicated focus as families drive in the vicinity of St Jakobi.

CANTEN SPECIALS...

Please see the SkoolBag App or the Website for the CURRENT MENU.

Classes Yr. Foundation and Yr. 4/5L

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

Thank you for your support.
Thank you P&F

I would just like to take a moment to thank the hardworking members of our 2015 P&F. One of the things students requested this year through SRC was a disco, and P&F are pulling together an amazing night for the students! None of this happens without a lot of work behind the scenes. I would particularly like to thank Kirsten James, Lauren Lane, Chelsea Turner, Sheree Hoffman, and past student Shiana Semmler for the time they have given to providing the students with a fun night.

We are in the process of getting quotes for new basketball backboards for the courts. The purchase of this equipment will be courtesy of the money raised through fundraisers lead by P&F and supported by families and friends of our school. We are exceptionally blessed at St Jakobi to have such a fantastic P&F in particular, and parents in general, who support the school in so many ways. Thankyou!

Permission slips and Disco reminder

Permission slips are an important part of the safety and accountability of our school. Permission slips are sent out for several reasons:

- To provide information about an event to parents
- To signify that parents have read the information, are happy with the arrangements and are happy for the child to take part
- To provide evidence of attendance in an event, particularly if there are any injuries sustained and insurance claims arising.

Unfortunately attendance without a permission slip is simply not possible. Strict adherence to this is necessary, and exceptions cannot be made.

Please note that permission slips for the disco are due back MONDAY 29th June. No slips will be accepted on Tuesday onwards, and entry will be refused on the night of the disco even if students turn up with a permission slip. This is due to the risk assessments we do based on the number of permission slips we have received. I respectfully ask parents to understand that in doing this we are simply meeting our requirements for the safety of the students. We will give students several reminders re returning their permission slips prior to the weekend.

Year 6/7 Zoo Excursion

On Monday 22nd June the Year 6/7 classes visited the Adelaide Zoo as part of their Science topic on sustainability and animal classification.

The students broke into 5 groups and visited a wide array of animals noting their physical features which helps to distinguish their genus and species.

We were blessed with a beautiful day and also enjoyed our walk to and from the zoo along the Torrens River. Thank you to the parents volunteers that accompanied us on the day.

What a clever little cocky!

I love my lunch snack time
Year 4/5 Urban Camp

Camp was really fun and we got to learn about simple machines.
- JADE L

I liked going to Adelaide Oval to hear and see historical facts.
- BETH R

The Urban was the best camp I have been on because we were privileged to visit Adelaide Oval.
- MATT K

Going to Bounce was a great experience because if you hadn’t been before, it’s really cool.
- EMILY K

We did a lot of fun stuff like Bounce and the Adelaide Oval.
- CAMI L

My favourite part of camp was Bounce because we got to have fun and do tricks.
- MADDIE S

It was fun being on camp with all my friends and going to Bounce to play dodgeball.
- MILLIE M

This year’s camp was the most fun and exciting because we got to go to Bounce and Adelaide Oval.
- JANELLE V

Dodge ball at Bounce was my favourite part of camp.
- SAM S

It was interesting seeing the robots at Flinders University.
- JEN L

My favourite part of camp was going to Bounce because I had never been before.
- RYAN S

When we went to Flinders' University, it was exciting because we got to see lots of different things.
- BROCK F
Japanese Pen Pals

こんにちは
Konnichi wa!

Just a reminder to our Yr 6/7 families, that permission slips for our Japanese Pen Pal program are now overdue.

The students have completed their letters and we intend to post them to Jōken Primary School, Himeji, Japan, next week.

If you have not returned your reply slip as yet, could you please do so by Friday, June 26th.

Thank you for your support.

マクドナルドさん
McDonald san

Parents and Friends

Hello and welcome to this fortnight’s rundown of P & F activities.

School Disco – 2nd of July
Just a reminder to get your permission forms back to the office by FRIDAY for the upcoming St Jakobi Disco.
Students in Foundation to Year 3 will get their groove on from 5:15pm – 6:15pm. Students from Year 4-7 will then take to the dance floor from 6:30pm-8:15pm. Lots of fun to be had by all! Look forward to lots of glow sticks and snacks provided by the P and F.

Entertainment Books – Still available!
If you haven’t already done so, be sure to get the latest copy of the Entertainment Book. Every book or digital download we make $13 to go towards some of our future projects. This is really great for the school and provides you with fabulous discounts. The book is available as a regular book with vouchers and now also available as a digital download on your smart phone. The digital download allows you to search for savings using your current location.
If you would like to order the digital copy, go to the link below, or if you are after a hardcopy book, I will have some at Chapel on Friday or catch me in the schoolyard in the mornings!

Lego Exhibition
We are looking to host a Lego Exhibition in the July holidays next year at St Jakobi. This will be an excellent fundraiser for our school. If anyone is wanting to be on the P & F sub-committee please get in contact with me.
Blessing,
Brad Mundt
President 0410 375 686
brad@royalrooster.com.au
Parents & Friends of St Jakobi wish to invite students to the school DISCO

Thursday 2nd of July 2015

Valley of Hope Centre

Yr. F to Yr. 3 ~ 5:15pm to 6:15pm
Yr. 4 to Yr. 7 ~ 6:30pm to 8:15pm

Please return permission slips to the front office by Monday 29th June.

Please ensure students have a drink bottle with take home snacks available for the first session while platters will be provided for the second session.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week 17th to 24th of August. Watch the newsletter for exciting announcements.

Reminder that the Premiere’s Reading Challenge forms can be returned to the library as soon as they have been completed.

OSHC Vacation Care

Please contact Wilder to make your vacation care and pupil free bookings.

Regular OSHC families will receive their forms next week.

Don’t forget the pupil free day on Friday 3rd July.
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