Jesus went on to say, 'The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his paddock. He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens. The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the head, and finally the head full of grain. When the grain is ripe, the man starts cutting it with his sickle, because harvest time has come.' (verses 26-29)

(read Mark 4:26-34)

As a keen gardener I can really relate to this parable. I can prepare the soil and plant the seeds. I can water them and fertilise them, but I cannot make them grow. I can give the seeds all the care they need and make sure the conditions for growing are right, but I cannot actually make my seeds germinate.

As spiritual gardeners we can spread the ‘seed’ of God’s word. We can take as much care as possible in preparing for the sowing of the ‘seed’, but we cannot make the ‘seed’ germinate, take root and begin to grow. That is something we must prayerfully leave to the Holy Spirit to attend to.

We are gardeners for God wherever we are in life. We can sow the seeds and care for the plants as they grow, but we cannot take credit for the actual life of the plant. The credit for that belongs to God.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will make many plants spring up and grow from the seed that you sow in God’s name.

From the Lutheran Church of Australia

As we watch our kitchen garden and seedlings grow may we remember that God continues to create and grow this world and everything in it.

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

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

PRAYER FAMILIES
Strawbridge
Tappert
Teehan
Tomsic/ Rowe
Tooke
Turner
Verrall
Weidenbach/ Bower
Wickman
Wilkinson

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

STUDENT BANKING
Every Tuesday

TERM DATES
Term Dates
Term 3 20th July – 25th Sep
Term 4 12th Oct – 9th Dec

Principal’s Report

On the final Friday of Term 2, whilst students had their first day of holidays, staff headed across to Faith Lutheran College for BARLE Day. BARLE stands for Barossa and Region Lutheran Education. It consists of the following sites:

Immanuel School, Gawler Redeemer Lutheran School, Nuriootpa
Tanunda Lutheran School, Tanunda Zion Preschool, Gawler
Vineyard Lutheran School, Clare Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Angaston
Waikerie Lutheran School, Waikerie St John’s Lutheran School, Eudunda
Loxton Lutheran School, Loxton Faith Lutheran College, Tanunda

and of course ourselves!

As a regional group, we work to support one another in many ways, meeting as Principals, as specialist groups, and every second year, with all staff from each school in the region. BARLE Day is an opportunity to remember our shared purpose as sister Lutheran schools, to worship and commune together, and to have professional input as a group and in our respective roles.

Our keynote speaker for the day was Tom Barratt from No Tosh, based in the UK. Tom is an ex-teacher who is highly experienced in the creative use of technology in the classroom, and in using questioning to draw out understanding and creative learning. All staff attended this session, and it was highlighted that no matter what role staff have in the school, they are all ultimately working towards the success, academic learning and personal wellbeing of each student. Mr Adler, Mrs Lowke and I were able to do an extra session with Tom in the afternoon, whilst other staff headed off into other areas of interest for further professional development. All in all the day provided great PD for staff, and strengthened our bonds and capacity to support one another as Lutheran schools for the benefit of all our students.

At the end of last term students were treated to a fabulous disco by the P&F. Much fun was had by all, and it was a wonderful, fun way to finish off the term. My sincere thanks go to Lauren Lane, Kirsten James, Sheree Hoffman, Chelsea Turner, Antonia Sibbick, Shiana Semmler and the teaching staff for their presence and work.

This term we officially welcome Ms Rebecca Heinjus to the staff of St Jakobi for Terms 3 and 4. Rebecca will be teaching 2/3H. Bec, we wish you every blessing as you work for the best of the students in the class.

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

Class Carer Meals
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.
Principal’s Report

In the next couple of weeks we will have some interviews. Parents of students with specific learning needs will be invited in to discuss their child’s progress and set learning goals for Semester 2. Parents of students in Year 2/3H will be given the opportunity to have interviews with Ms Heinjus to discuss student progress and set goals for the remainder of the year. And, as always, all parents are invited to book a time with their child’s teacher for an after school interview if they wish to discuss their child’s report, or discuss other areas such as work habits or social skills. Now is a great time to do this, so that goals are set and worked towards for the end of the year.

We have another busy and exciting term ahead of us, kicked off by National Tree Day this Friday! A term calendar for your fridge will come home on Friday.

May God bless your week,
Kathryn

National Tree Day

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day combine to make Australia’s biggest community tree-planting and nature care event. Co-ordinated by Planet Ark and proudly sponsored by Toyota, these are special days for all Australians to help out by planting and caring for native trees and shrubs to improve the environment in which they live. National Tree Day started in 1996 and since then more than 3 million people have planted 21 million seedlings!

Each year, around 200 000 Australian school students participate in a special National Tree Day event designed just for children – Schools Tree Day! This year St Jakobi students will be planting this Friday the 24th of July. It’s a wonderful opportunity to get kids into nature and instill a love for the great outdoors, as well as teach them the importance of environmental stewardship and taking care of the planet.

2/3 Classes Excursion to Hahndorf Farm Barn

On Wednesday of week 9 the 2/3 classes went to Hahndorf Farm Barn. We milked Daisy the cow, feed the baby goats, nursed the baby chicks and saw the reptile show. It was a blast!
Hello and welcome to this fortnight’s rundown of P & F activities.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday spending precious time with your kids and staying warm.

School Disco
It was great to see so many students and parents attending the school disco. Lots of grooving and having fun. I’m sure everyone had a great time. Big thank you to helpers on the night and to the teachers for supervising. Thank you to Lauren, Kirsten Sheree and Trudy and helpers for the organizing and setting up on the night. Always good to see so much support for our P and F.

Entertainment Books – Still available, Last Chance
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 2016 July holidays 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. We will be meeting at my house starting next month. Will be a great chance to get involved with a new event.

Blessing.
Brad Mundt
President 0410 375 686
brad@royalrooster.com.au
Don’t forget the pupil free day on Friday 3rd July.

**JULY 2015**

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*PLEASE NOTE: WORSHIP PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

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**Community Christmas in July Lunch**

Sunday 26 July, 12.30pm, Lyndoch Institute

Come along and join us for Christmas lunch, sing some carols, relax and have a good time.

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**Enrolling Now**

**Faith Lutheran College**

‘Education for Life’

You are invited to attend and see our College at work. Enjoy an address by the Principal, Steve Wilksch and a guided tour by students and staff. Visit the various faculty areas, meet the teachers and observe our modern approach to teaching and learning. Your tour includes the Barossa Arts and Convention Centre, the Gladys Bartsch Music Centre and the College’s Wine Education Centre.

**Open Day**

Wednesday 19th August

Session commences in the Faith Chapel at 9.30am

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