My beloved father is in the final days and hours of his life. In the last few months he has been increasingly travelling back in time and reminiscing about different events and memories of his life. Each time he sees me, he recounts the story of our becoming father and daughter.

Dad was transferred to Whyalla for two years as a Senior Master and woodwork teacher. Prior to going to Whyalla my parents had adopted two boys; they wanted to adopt a girl, but had put this dream on hold until after they returned from their stint in Whyalla. Six months before the end of their contract, they received a phone call saying there was a baby girl at the Whyalla hospital available for adoption. (My birth mother had been sent all the way from New South Wales to give birth to me in secret, coinciding with the exact time Mum and Dad were in Whyalla.) He and Mum discussed it, felt that the timing was not right, but decided to make a quick visit to the hospital and view the baby just in case.

Dad recounts that he took one look at the baby girl, saw the sheen of red hair and instantly fell in love! He knew then I was his daughter and he was my father! It warms my heart every time he tells me that story – to know how loved and wanted I was by both him and Mum.

Both Dad and I know that this is how God feels about each of us, his created people. In Ephesians 1: 4-5 Paul says: Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

God has chosen each one of us as his adopted children, made perfect through Jesus’ saving love, and His love for us is boundless. God yearns for us to be His. He wants to be a Father to us – loving us and gently guiding and growing us to be more like Him.

My Father has always been a great example to me in his faith in God – and now he is teaching me again as he puts his trust in God for his final journey to his heavenly home. As I have sat with Dad in recent days I can close my eyes and hear a childhood memory - Dad booming out his favourite hymn:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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

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

PRAYER FAMILIES

Wilton
Zammit
Zerk
Ancell
Arnold
Ashby
Barnes
Bennett
Blackwell
Borrowdale/ Stiesch

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

Lutheran Principals Retreat

On Thursday and Friday this week I will be attending the Lutheran Principals Retreat for all Principals from SA, NT and WA. During this time we will focus on educational and administrative topics, to discuss issues, trends and accountability requirements and have the opportunity to learn and grow professionally from one another through our discussions. The second day will be a day of spiritual development under the guidance of Stuart Trager, the Spiritual Development Coordinator, as we share aspects of faith both relevant at a personal level and in our roles as spiritual leaders within our schools.

Mr Paul Adler will be teacher-in-charge during my absence from school. If you require urgent or immediate assistance, please contact Paul through the front office or on his mobile 0437 386 230. If the matter is not urgent it would be very much appreciated if it could wait until next week when I return.

Walk to School Day

A reminder that this Friday is the first of three Walk to School Days organised by our Young Environmental Leaders for Semester 2. A big thankyou to the YE Leaders for their organisation, to P&F for providing milos and biscuits and to staff for providing supervision. If there are any parents able to collect school bags and drop them off at the verandah, your help would be appreciated. If the weather looks like being too inclement, a text message will be sent to all parents on Thursday afternoon at 4pm to cancel the event.

HeartKids SA

In Term 3 students of St Jakobi ran a skip day to raise money for HeartKids SA in memory of Ike Zerk and create an understanding amongst students and the community of children born with heart conditions. We wish to congratulate students on an outstanding effort in raise over $2000.00 which was presented to Johnathon Robran Friday week at chapel. Thank you to the students of St Jakobi and the community for your kind donation.

Pupil Free Day

Friday the 4th of August will be a Pupil free day for our Royal Adelaide Show Day. Historically this has been a staff PD day for the Lutheran schools throughout SA but this year staff will do internal PD. Please watch out for documents and notes from OSHC should you require this support and make booking directly through Wilder.

PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 4TH OF AUGUST

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.
Early July, St Jakobi put in an application for the Yates Junior Landcare Creative Gardening Grants 2015 Program. I am overwhelmingly pleased to share the news that the grant application has been a success.

Landcare Australia are very kindly going to fund a ‘Bush Tucker Rain Garden’ for the St Jakobi students. Bush Tucker is local edible native plants, they will be integrated into our kitchen garden sessions and recipes and also made available for the school community to explore and sample. A rain garden is purpose-built to capture stormwater from roads, carparks, driveways and other hard surfaces, which the garden then uses to keep its plants watered. This will reduce pollution, and contributes to improving our local water way environments and keeping our creeks water cleaner.

Our goal is for at least 80 of our students to be ‘hands on’ involved in the project as it develops. There are some final details and planning that need to be considered before we are able to begin construction but we are hoping to have made a start by early September 2015. We will keep you updated as this amazing worthwhile environmentally sustainable project progresses.

A huge thanks and congratulations to Sibohn for her successful grant application. Sibohn, you are amazing! Mrs Krieg

On Friday 23rd of July students participated in National Tree day planting. It was certainly a busy day with:

- 96 local native plants planted
- 180 students and 9 teacher participating
- 19 hand trowels
- 302 plant guards and stakes put in the ground
- 5 hours of planting
- With the help from 9 totally awesome parent volunteers, 2 preschool volunteers, 1 groundsman armed with an auger, snips & a smile equalled one very successful tree planting day! Congratulations St Jakobi!
In early June Stef from Year 7 participated in State tryouts for the Rugby to go to the Gold Coast to which he was successful. After many weeks of training he went to Queensland on the 5th of July and played 6 games with schools from the Gold Coast. They won all their games including the Grand Final. This original team will begin training again in September to keep developing the squad for next teams try outs. Congratulations Stef!

Uniform Swap Days

Thursday Aug 27th—Tuesday Sept 1st
Before and After School
The Valley of Hope Centre

Have you got unwanted uniforms or shoes that you don’t know what to do with?

- Bring in all of your unwanted uniform items - new or old that are in a good condition.
- This will be a great way to recycle our old uniform as they will be boxed up and sent to communities in the Kalahari desert!
- You will have the opportunity to find new ‘used’ items for your family to use.
- There will not be a price for any items, BUT we ask for a monetary donation for whatever items you take.

This is a great way to help those in need for something in return. All money raised will be donated to Prison Fellowship—A charity that brings hope to prisoners, ex-prisoners, their families and those affected by crime.

For more information contact the school: 8524 4689
Congratulations McCulloch family

Congratulations to the McCulloch family who today became Australian Citizens. Gina said, "We are all absolutely thrilled that nearly 9 years to the day that we emigrated, we are now fully fledged Australian citizens. We are extremely grateful that we have the opportunity to live in and contribute to this wonderful country and fantastic community. We are hugely proud to be able to officially call ourselves Aussies and look forward to winning the Ashes - Go the Aussies!"

Congratulations again!

Barossa Blue Light
Under Age Rage

NEXT DISCO
AUGUST 14th

AGES 8-15

$5 entry
Great door prizes
Great music
Fully supervised lock in event

7:00pm – 9:30pm  Soldiers Memorial Hall,
NURIOOTPA

St Jakobi is collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers.

Please collect your stickers from Woolworths and place them on the sticker card. Simply pop these cards into your school box at Woolworths in Gawler or in the school front office.

Thank you for your support.
Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.

All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

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THANK YOU to the families who shopped at the Co-Op Foodland and placed tokens in the St Jakobi barrel. We are honoured to announce that we raised $62.50.

We would like to thank the Co-op for the program who have given $4275.00 to those schools and education centre that participated.