After my Dad passed away earlier in the year, my sister and I went through the garden at Dad’s unit, and either dug up or took cuttings from all the plants that had special memories for us. One of the plants that I planted at my house was the beautiful pink azalea, which during spring has been covered with gorgeous hot pink blooms.

Now, I have to admit at this point that I am the very opposite of ‘green fingered’ – at times I am almost ‘black fingered’ when it comes to gardening and plants. However I have looked after this special plant to the best of my ability and time. These last few weeks have made it exceedingly difficult though – the hot weather has really put some stress on the poor azalea, and its branches and leaves have started to droop. I am amazed though – one good soaking of water, and the plant swiftly changes from droopy and stressed to upright and strong.

This time of year, as we near the end of school and approach holidays and Christmas, can be very stressful. There is so much to get done, and so many deadlines to meet, presents to buy and food to prepare. After a while we start to look like my poor azalea – stressed and drooping! It’s not a healthy way to be!

But I was wondering – what’s the antidote, what’s the equivalent for us of the life giving water I give my azalea when our spirits are flagging? I think there are two things that refresh us and bring us back to being strong and upright. Firstly, the gifts that Jesus gives us through our relationship with Him.

**Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life.**

*John 4:14* (Message)

When we drink normal water we know we will get thirsty again. But when we drink from the well of Jesus, we will never again be thirsty, but be filled with His passion to grow and the energy to bear fruit in His name.

And secondly, I recalled this verse, from Proverbs 15:4:

*A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.* (ESV)

What brings this healthy plant, this tree of life? A gentle tongue - which I translate as words; the kind, uplifting, encouraging, positive words we say to one another. These kind of words ‘water’ those around us, giving them energy and bringing them refreshment.

And so, as we come to the busiest time of the year, may we look to Jesus to give us the refreshing, life-giving water that we need to serve Him and those around us, and may we liberally splash those around us with a spray of kind, uplifting words to refresh their souls too. And may we not flag or droop in the busyness, but blossom like the hot-pink flowers of my azalea!

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

- Our prayers are with the all who experienced the loss of a family member and who are struggling with illness. For Amanda Tscharke and a complete recovery from her operation.

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SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

LLL STUDENT BANKING

Every Tuesday

TERM DATES

Term Dates
Term 4 12th Oct – 9th Dec

Book Collection Day

Thursday 10th December 2015
8am – 12pm and 3pm – 8pm
Please book via our office

Principal’s Report

Important end-of-year events
Reports and Portfolios
Teachers are at present completing final Semester 2 assessments with students and finalising Semester 2 Reports and Portfolios. Reports and portfolios will be sent home on Friday of Week 8. A reminder that, as per Government requirements, the grades contained in the Semester 2 reports are for the whole year’s work in each subject, not just Semester 2. The portfolio will contain the pieces of work that demonstrate the work achieved in Term 4.

Class lists
In the envelope with reports will also be class lists for 2016. It is worth noting once again that many things are considered when placing students: gender balance, learning needs, siblings, behavior needs, friendships and friendship opportunities, and the view is both individual and across the school. Staff spend many, many hours over a period of 9 weeks before lists are settled. Our transition morning, which occurs the following Monday 7th December, allows students to meet their teacher(s) and their new class for 2016.

Transition Morning
As stated above, this will occur on Monday 7th December. The purpose is to allow students to meet with their new teacher and physically see who is in their 2016 class. It will occur from 9:30 to 10:50am.

Mr James Priebbenow, the 2016 Year 2/3 teacher, will be able to come across from Victoria for Transition Morning and is most excited to meet the students and enable them to meet him. James has recently had hip surgery, and if he is still moving gingerly, I will be in the room as an extra pair of hands!

Year 7 students will be with Mrs Schaffer during Transition Morning.

Final Classroom teaching list 2016

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Class Party Day
Tuesday 9th December is set down as class party day. All classes will have a special event to celebrate their achievements over the year. Class teachers will let you know the arrangements that pertain to their class.

Class Carer Meals

Classes Yr. 4/5 PP and Yr. 2/3 H

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

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End of Year Service
A reminder of our End of Year Service, to celebrate the graduation of our 2015 Year 7 students, and close of the year as a school family. We ask that all our families attend, from our youngest to our seniors. It is one of the few times that we can be together as a school family. Please see details on a later page.

Opening worship 2016
Our new school year will begin on Monday 1st February with opening worship at 9am. All students will attend worship, new staff will be installed and current staff dedicated. Parents, grandparents and friends are warmly invited to celebrate the beginning of the school year with us, followed by morning tea.

Term Dates 2016

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Faith Challenge

On Friday 13th November, 33 St Jakobi students aged 9-13 years, attended the annual Faith Challenge Athletics Carnival at Faith Secondary College in Tanunda.

We were blessed with a beautiful day and over 300 students from 9 Lutheran schools participated including Gawler, Tanunda, Nuriootpa, Angaston, Wakerie, Clare, Maitland, Eudunda and Lyndoch.

Thank-you to all the parents who were able to attend and especially Mrs McDonald and Mrs Rice for their time and efforts. The students competed excellently and also demonstrated terrific sportsmanship.

We had some excellent individual performances as well as great team work in the 4x100 relays. At the end of the day St Jakobi finished 2nd in both the Overall shield and the Aggregate shield. Individual results included:

High Jump: 1st Liam T
Shot Put: 1st Liam T, 1st Mitchell M, 1st Emily K
Discus: 1st Brodie W, 1st Liam T, 1st Emily K
100m: 1st Rohan C, 2nd Mieke W, 3rd Ebony M, 1st Ryan Sibbick
200m: 1st Rohan C, 3rd Brodie W, 2nd Mieke W, 1st Sam S
800m: 1st Nalieka H, 1st Riley M, 2nd Mieke W

Team Relays: 1st 9yr Mixed, 12/13 girls and boys, 3rd 10/11 boys.

Could families that are kindly donating to Lutheran Community Care please drop off items at the front office before the end of term. Thank you for your support.
**Quiz Night**

WOW! What a successful night we had at this year’s quiz night fundraiser for Canberra Camp. It was held at the Valley of Hope centre on Saturday 31st October and raised an awesome $5500.

A Special Thank you to Viv Ahrens, Paul Adler and Ian Lange for all the work you do in preparing this evening. Your dedication and tireless efforts to making this a successful evening to help our families reduce the costs of the camp is truly appreciated. To Kathryn Krieg for giving us her precious time to supervise the crèche and helping out on the odd question.

The night would not have been as successful without the amazing efforts of Mel Menadue, Kaylene Jaensch, Justin & Michailey McDonald, Kellie Gladigau and Annette Davey who sourced most of our amazing items from local businesses for us to auction. Thank you to you all and the generous businesses you approached.

To the St Jakobi families who supplied wonderful items through either their own businesses, work or generous hearts, Thank you.

We could not hold an event this successful without you.

Many Thanks
Antonia Sibbick

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| Smelly Pots | Forbes Wines | Kate Harding |
| Shes Apples | Arbonne | The Table Cafe |
| Bar 41 | Bakehouse Tavern | Turkey Flat |
| Hermera Estate | Liebich Wines | School Families |
**Frog Bog**

Phase two of the frog bog took place on Friday 20/11. The Year 2/3N students got busy positioning rocks and logs to provide protection, homes and habitat for the frog residents that will arrive soon. The third and final phase which will take place in the remainder of this week will include planting local native plants. Please feel free to visit this space and see the students work first hand. If a frog bog is something you would like to create at home there are some great resources available at [http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidemtloftyranges/education](http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidemtloftyranges/education).

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**Bush Tucker Rain Garden**

Over the last fortnight the Rain Garden has started being transformed. First the area was cleared by 4/5L and parent volunteers Sandi Schembri, Julie Clark and Kirsten James after David Strawbridge had put his chainsaw to good use on the fallen limbs and trunks, then the dump truck and bobcat came and filled then leveled the area shaping it into two rain garden beds.

On Monday four very energetic 6/7 boys Rohan C, Ethan A, Austin M and Alex D along with Mr Filsell, gave up their recess time and helped shovel, cart and fill the beds with soil, the beds are now ready for planting which we hope will be completed by the end of this week. I would like to say a huge thank you to all that have helped, assisted and volunteered, without you the rain garden would still just be an idea drawn on a piece of paper. Thank you!

Sibohn Merenda.
Hello again from the Parents and Friends Association!

It’s been another great year for the P&F of St Jakobi. We had our AGM on Monday night and it was great to see some new faces and discuss the year that has been. Thanks to Kathryn for organising the wine and nibbles for the night.

New Office Bearers
The P&F welcome three new office bearers for 2016: Jason Thiele as President, Kirsten James as Vice-President and Kellie Gladigau as Secretary. Lauren Lane will again take the role as Treasurer, which is much appreciated. General Committee Members include myself, Antonia Sibbick, Rosie Semmler, Jackie Semmler, Mel Menadue, Shanthi Hassold and Kathryn Krieg.

Outgoing Committee Members
I would like to thank Julia Emms for her many years as committee member on the P&F. Julia has organised the Mothers’ Day, Fathers’ Day and Christmas Stalls for many years which is much appreciated by the St Jakobi community.

St Jakobi Christmas Stall – 2nd December
Julia would like a few extra helpers for the Christmas Stall to be held on December 2nd. Please let me or Julia know if you’re able to help.

Lyndoch Christmas Party – 11th December
We’ll once again have our donut stall at the Lyndoch Christmas Party. This is always a lot of fun and would love to have some new helpers put their name down for a 30 minute or an hour slot to help serve. Please let me know if I can put your name on the roster. Please drop by for a donut and to say hi!

Blessings.
Brad Mundt
President 0410 375 686
stjakobischool@gmail.com

Students attending the Graduation and End of Year Service are required to wear formal summer uniform.

2015 GRADUATION & END OF YEAR SERVICE

Wednesday 9th Dec.

Faith Lutheran College
7pm

St Jakobi Lutheran College
Tea & Coffee provided
# OSHC Vacation Program

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<td>Make your placemat, enjoy your Christmas cookies and write a letter to Santa. Movie: The Snow Queen (G)</td>
<td>Decorate your own porcelain mug with Christmas colours and make a pine cone man. Movie: The Smurfs a Christmas Carol (G)</td>
<td>Create your own Christmas stocking and get Santa’s hat. Ho ho ho Movie: Santa Claus (G).</td>
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<td>Show us your circus talent. Clown face painting and a fortune teller. Movie: Chicken run (G).</td>
<td>Come dress up as your favourite superhero. Make mask and a superman of your size. Movie: The incredibles (PG).</td>
<td>Join us to watch the exhibition of First Aid and let’s practice how to put a cast on your arm, foot or leg. Movie: Nanny McPhee (G).</td>
<td>Join us to create a wand, play Quidditch and more. Movie: Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone (G).</td>
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**Science Experiments**

**WEIRD SCIENCE**
**Can it be real?**
**Explore the world of the weird and wonderful! It is trick illusions and just plain weird science!**

**Electric Circuits**
Be amazed by this spectacularly stupendous show! It has all wire, batteries, speaker, integrated circuit and switch.

OSHC Vacation Program cont.

**Australia Day**
Celebrate what's great!

Help us to create a big Australian flag and leave your footprint with paint.

Movie: Kangaroo Jack (PG).

Morning Tea: Lassigton.
Afternoon Tea: Juice/Stewarts.

**Lego World**
Create, explore, cook, experiment and more.

Movie: Lego Batman (PG).

Morning Tea: Toast with spread.
Afternoon Tea: Jelly/Lego.

**Nature and planting day**
Enjoy with us making a grass head, planting your own bean and play scavenger hunt.

Movie: The Lorax (G).

Morning Tea: Veggie platter.
Afternoon Tea: Spaghetti on toast.

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**PLEASE NOTE: WORSHIP PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Community News**

Barossa Campus
The School for the German Language Inc.
Learn German at the Barossa Campus
We start on Saturday 6th February 2016 at Nuriootpa Primary School.
Please send your enquiries to
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The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:

**Barossa Valley**
Soldiers Memorial Hall, 46 Murray Street Nuriootpa

Monday 30 November 12.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Tuesday 1 December 10.30 am – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 2 December 10.30 am – 7.00 pm
Thursday 3 December 8.00 am – 2.30 pm
Monday 7 December 12.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Tuesday 8 December 7.30 am – 2.00 pm

Make an appointment today.

Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

**Family Christmas**
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**LYNDUCH CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH**
**5PM TO 10PM**
**LYNDUCH OVAL**

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