This week we celebrate the beginning of a new school year. As a community, we opened our school year with worship yesterday morning, taking the time to ask God’s blessing on our school, on the schoolwork that will take place here, on our students and teachers, our parents and friends, our sports and activities, and on everything that is part of our school family and community life.

I was reminded, in preparing for a new school year, of Jesus’ invitation to love and to respect each other. He has told us ‘I am the love to give love, I am the life to be shared, I am the truth to be told, I am the light to be lit, I am the peace to be given’. May we share this love, life, joy, truth, light and peace with each other today and throughout the coming year.

Only God creates – but we are called to enhance that creation.
Only God gives life – but we are called to cherish life.
Only God makes things grow – but we are called to nourish that growth.
Only God gives faith – but we are called to be signs of God for each other.
Only God gives love – but we are called to care for each other.
Only God gives hope – but we are called to give each person reason for hope.
Only God gives power – but we are called to get things going.
Only God can bring peace – but we are called to build bridges.
Only God brings happiness – but we are invited to be joyful.
Only God is the way – but we are called to show the way to others.
Only God is the light – but we are called to make that light shine in the world.
Only God makes miracles happen – but we must offer our loaves and fishes.
Only God can do the impossible – but it’s up to us to do what is possible.

May God be the strong tie in our partnership as together we embark on a new school year,
Kathryn

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THOUGHTS/ PRAYERS & THANK YOUS

- Lord, bless us all as we begin a new school year. Be with the Foundation students as they begin their school life and walk alongside students, giving them your guiding hand.

PRAYER FAMILIES

Angel
Ancell
Arnold
Ashby
Barnes
Bingham
Blackwell
Borrowdale/Stiesch
Bransbury
Brine

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 1 1st Feb – 15th Apr
Term 2 2nd May – 8th July
Term 3 25th July – 30th Sep
Term 4 17th Oct – 16th Dec

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.

Principal’s Report

Welcome
Welcome to the following families, who are new to our community in 2016: Frenzel, Hapke-Boxall, MacDonald, Monck, Trippett, Webster, Wood. We also welcome back the Rosser family to our community, who are returning from WA, and will join us shortly.

We also warmly welcome Mr James Priebebenow and Mrs Charina Pumpa to St Jakobi, James as 2/3 classroom teacher and Charina as Teacher Librarian.

May the St Jakobi community be a blessing to your family as I know you will be to us.

Congratulations to Mrs Lowke!!
We offer our biggest of congratulations to Sarah and Jai Lowke on the special news that they are expecting their first child in July. (Sarah’s beautiful baby bump gave the secret away quite early!) We rejoice with them for the gift of new life, and pray for them in the coming months as they prepare for the birth of their child.

Sarah will work through to the middle of Term 2. Advertising is already underway for a Year 4/5 teacher to fill part of Term 2, and all of Terms 3 and 4 of 2016.

Strong Partners
I believe one of the most important factors in the success of any school rests in its partnership with parents of the students. When we work as a team, are diligent in our communication with one another, meet on a regular basis and feel open to discuss both the positive and those areas that need extra work or support, then we provide the best platform of success from which students can launch their learning. We have always been blessed with such a partnership with our families.

If we were to work against one another, not discuss respectfully, share problems with others instead of the people actually involved, speak ill of one another, it is the student who would suffer, as a consistent, positive, focussed learning plan cannot be made or carried through to its fullest in a negative relationship.

I encourage parents, as I have the staff, to keep regular contact with classroom teachers, to address any issues directly with the staff member involved, particularly before they become significant, to praise and encourage both your child and staff when praise is deserved, and to work in a harmonious team with staff, for the benefit of your child.

As always, I make myself readily available to you as parents of St Jakobi, and encourage you to share with me both praise for what is happening in our school, as well as any concerns you may have.

School Hours

Classrooms open at 8:35am
School starts at 8:50am SHARP
School end at 3:20pm
The new school year isn’t only a fresh start for students; it’s a fresh start for families too! As parents, all of us want our children to have a successful year at school, and there are some simple things that can be done to help facilitate this. The new school year is the ideal time to kick start new routines or freshen up old ones, and simple things that are done regularly can make an incredible and positive difference to the way your child’s day goes. Whilst modelling these routines, you are teaching your children the importance of routines in helping our brains cope with the demands of the day.

Children, and I believe whole families, thrive when a fun and regular routine is in place, and all know what is expected of them. Make a difference to 2016, and set up your school routines now! Please go to our Facebook page to read the ideas we have, and if you have any great routines that help your family, share them with our community as a comment on our Facebook page, under the ‘Routines that support your child at school’ post.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

We were very excited to return to school with boxes from the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Learning support had a wonderful time choosing items to help support our students in many ways and assisting teachers with differentiation. All items will be on display in the Valley of Hope Centre.

Thank you to all the families which collected sticker sand supported this program.

Sausage Sizzle

Friday 5th February, In lieu of canteen

Orders are due today by COB. Please forward payment with order, thank you.
Parent Information Night

Parent Information Night will be held next Monday 8th of February. There will be two session in all classrooms (other than Foundation) – The first at 7pm and the second at 7:45pm. They will be approx. 30 minutes long. Parents are asked to attend one session in each child’s class to meet the teacher and hear about the 2016 school year.

Parents of Foundation students had their sessions last year, but Mrs Schaefer will run 1 session at 7pm for any families who missed out last year’s session.

We consider this evening, to be a very important for both teachers and parents to understand the workings in the classroom for the year and look forward to seeing you then.

Weekly Program

To assist parents in establishing a weekly routine, please see a general program for the school. Class specific routines will be distributed by your child’s classroom teacher.

Please see the attached document which we encourage you to place on your fridge at home.

Term 1 Calendar

Please see attached your calendar for Term 1. This is to help parents with term dates and special events that their children will be involved in. We encourage parents to place this document on the fridge or in that important space where everyone can see it. These have been sent home via class trays this afternoon.

Of course our normal means of communicating such as the newsletter coming events, class newsletter, skoolbag App, facebook and emails will continue. We hope this help families schedule theirs days and weeks and gives parents the opportunity to discuss events with their children at home.

Skoolbag App

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.
**Bus Bookings**

The St Jakobi bus is now operating full time again in the mornings and afternoons. To access this service, please make a booking directly with the front office on 8524 4137 or by emailing schoolbus@stjakobi.sa.edu.au.

The bus route will alter depending on the pickup locations of students booked in and can be diverted to families depending on their location.

Over the coming week we will be distributing further information regarding the bus and booking procedure. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Travis Sagenschnitter.

**Book Orders**

It is disappointing to hear about the many issues surrounding book orders this year. We will be investigating the problems with Officemax and as a school we will be considering the ordering structure as per feedback received, and suppliers. Thank you for your patience throughout this time and we will communicate the finding with you in due time.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

To help families be involved with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program at home, please visit the page on our website to find information much quicker. This 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.

We would like to invite any parents that wish to volunteer with this program to please let the front office know. To participate a current DCSI and Valuing Safe Communities certificate is required.

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**NEW ST JAKOBI P&F EVENT FOR 2016**

In July 2016, St Jakobi will be hosting Barossa’s very own Lego Fan Event! This event concept, which is hugely popular in Australia and around the world, showcases exhibitors’ amazing brick creations and displays. Exhibitors from the local Southern Bricks Lego Group will generously give of their time to fill our school with Lego sculptures, trains, mosaics, remote control monster trucks, technic models, and a large Star Wars display. Of course St Jakobi’s Lego Mindstorms robotics kits will be in action too for some hands on robotics fun! Coffee, donuts and lunch available for purchase. Hands on play areas for all ages. Spread the word to family and friends and ‘Like’ Brick Barossa on Facebook!
Community News

2 baby alpacas **MISSING** between 27th and 30th Jan taken from a property on Krieg rd, both babies an way too young to be taken from mum, only 9 and 11 weeks old. If anyone has seen or heard anything they can get in contact with the Nuriootpa police.

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**GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD**

Every donation can save three lives.

The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:

**Barossa Valley**

Goddard Memorial Hall, 46 Murray Street
Nuriootpa

- **Monday 29 February**
  - 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
- **Tuesday 1 March**
  - 10:30 am – 7:00 pm
- **Wednesday 2 March**
  - 10:30 am – 7:00 pm
- **Thursday 3 March**
  - 10:30 am – 7:00 pm
- **Friday 4 March**
  - 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit: donateblood.com.au

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**SUNSET BAT**

**Exploration Evening**

- **6:30pm** Arrive
- **6:45pm** Sundown Picnic Supper
- **7:15pm** Talk
- **8-9:30pm** Night Walk

**Listen to Bat Calls, Trap and Release Any Captured Bats**

**Requirements**

- Closed footwear, torch
- ALL AGES WELCOME
- **$10 or $20 Family**
- RSVP Essential
- **12th Feb**

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**Bat Night @ the Barossa Bushgardens**

**Friday, 26th Feb. 2016**

Bar Night will be happening again here at the Bushgardens.

The Barrosa Bushgardens with Chris Grant are hosting **BAT NIGHT**.

The aim of this public awareness programme is to educate people about bats and debunk incorrect myths and fears.

**The aim of the evening**

The aim of the evening is to raise awareness and inform people of bats in their community, their ecological importance, how they live, their needs, the threats they face, the real risks they face.

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**Barossa United Junior Soccer Club**

**‘COME & TRY’ SOCCER SESSIONS**

For boys and girls interested in taking a fee and elite level sport in a friendly, confidence promoting club.

**Wed Feb 3rd & Wed Feb 10th**

- **6 – 6:45pm**
- **Ages 4 - 7**

**For more info, please contact**

- **Terri** - 0415 457 539
- **Ali** - 0421 930 601

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**BAROSA DISTRICT FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB**

**JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION NIGHT**

**TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY**

**7:00PM – 8:30PM**

**FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS**

ALL WELCOME FROM NETBALL TO U12s (UNIFORM ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT)

**Come 8 TRI @ NURI POOL**

Get Fit, Family Fun, Register a TEAM, Race your MateS

**KIDS RACES BEGINNERS TEAM EVENTS ALL AGES**

**12 FEBRUARY**

**13 FEBRUARY**

**4 MARCH**

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**Swim - Bike - Run**

**Barossa BMX Club National Sign On Day**

Come and try BMX racing and see if you like it!

**Sunday 7th February 2016**

Gawler BMX Club (adjacent Willaston Football Club), Gawler River Rd, Willaston

Register from 9:30am

**FREE Session from 10am till 11am with BMX Australia accredited coaches**

**Bring your own bike**

Wear long sleeves, long pants and gloves if you have them

**Loan bikes, helmets and gloves available**

For more information, please email gawlerbmx@gmail.com
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