



GEELONG LUTHERAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

It's often a matter of perspective. A wise man once said that "*a way of seeing is also a way of not seeing*". This morning Pastor Tom shared a reflection on the parable of the workers in the vineyard. One could look at this parable from the perspective of God's undeserved mercy or from the perspective of an unfair reward for labours expended. Thank God that we are all treated mercifully out of God's abundant love. Earlier this week parents of years 3,5,7, and 9 students received the results of this year's NAPLAN testing. From a school-wide perspective, our students achieved at or slightly above the state averages at all year levels. My interest is more so with the "value adding" aspect, ie students' progression from one NAPLAN test to the next because it identifies the strengths and weaknesses in our programs. It was particularly encouraging and affirming of our teachers to see the overall growth in students' literacy and numeracy skills. Nonetheless, there are some students who did not progress at the same rate as their peers. I encourage parents to contact their son's or daughter's class teachers if they would like to discuss the NAPLAN results.

This week our year 9 students returned from their one-week cycling camp. I have been very impressed with reports back from this camp. This camp proved to be a very worthwhile experience with some students saying that it is the "best camp they have ever had". Thankyou to Mr Baker and Mrs Quirk who also undertook the bike ride with our students. Also, I would like to congratulate our Year 9 Drama class on their fine performance of scenes from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

Next term we welcome back Mrs Jane Hollett who returns from long service leave. Thankyou to Mrs Schultz and Mrs Celan for teaching Year 1 / 2. In terms of staffing for next year, we will be seeking a further teacher for our primary school. This is due to the strong interest in our programs and the fact that some of our classes for next year are at capacity. This now means that we will have some extra places available in the Primary school for next year. A Senior School Coordinator has been appointed but at this stage I am unable to make any public announcement of who that person will be.

Finally, as we draw to the end of this term, I would like to thank our students and teachers for all their work this term. I pray that the members of our school community have a time of rest and recreation, safe travel and quality time with their families.

Barry Krueger, Head of School
Geelong Lutheran College

Reminders

Footy Colours Day

Tomorrow...please wear your footy team colours (*go cats*)
(gold coin donation please for Operation Christmas Child costs)

School finishes tomorrow at 2.05pm.

The GLC buses will also leave at this earlier time to meet with
local and regional buses and State term finish time

School returns:

School returns on Monday 10th October
Students are to wear summer uniform (with hat)

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

Matthew 20.1-16

In Matthew 20, Jesus tells a parable that can offend our sense of fairness and justice. The master of a vineyard gets up early and at 6am hires some workers, agreeing on a wage of one denarius for a 12 hour day. They get to work. But the master returns to the marketplace at 9am, 12pm and 3pm to get more workers, assuring them that he'll give them a fair wage. He even does the same at 5pm, an hour before knock-off time. When it comes time to pay them, he gives one denarius to the workers who arrived at 5pm. It's only natural that those who began at 6am would expect a little bit more than that. So when they too are given one denarius, we can sympathise with their unhappiness. Whatever happened to fairness?

In God's kingdom, there is no fairness.

Jesus told this parable in response to Peter who had asked him, 'After all we've done for you, Jesus, what are we going to get?' Peter had an instinctive sense of fairness, of tit-for-tat. In this parable Jesus turns Peter's thinking – and our thinking – on its head. Our life with God does not begin with what we've done for Him. Our life with God begins with what He has done for us. Indeed we give thanks that God is terribly unfair, that He doesn't treat us as we treat Him, but rather He has laid down His life for us, for you. Our Lord wants to forgive everyone, and so comes to our marketplace again and again, calling us sometimes early, sometimes late.

God's peace be with you as you receive His word.

Pastor Tom Pietsch

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept	<i>Thurs 22nd</i>	<i>Middle School Interviews continue 3.30-7.00pm</i>
	<i>Friday 23rd</i>	<i>Last day Term 3 finish school at 2.05pm to coincide with local buses</i>
Oct	<i>Monday 10th</i>	<i>First day term 4 Full summer uniform to be worn (with hats)</i>
	<i>Friday 14th</i>	<i>Geelong Show Day Public Holiday</i>
	<i>Saturday 15th</i>	<i>Warralily/Armstrong Creek Promotional day</i>
	<i>Monday 17th</i>	<i>Curriculum Day Pupil Free Day</i>
	<i>Wed19-Fri 21st</i>	<i>Yr3-4 Baanya Biامي Camp</i>
Nov	<i>Tuesday 15th</i>	<i>Orientation – Prep 2012</i>
	<i>Friday 18th</i>	<i>Report Writing Day Pupil Free Day</i>
	<i>Tuesday 29th</i>	<i>Orientation – Prep 2012</i>
Dec	<i>Tuesday 13th</i>	<i>Orientation – Prep to Year 10, 2012</i>
	<i>Wednesday 14th</i>	<i>GLC Closing Service 7pm Waurrn Ponds Community Church</i>
	<i>Thursday 15th</i>	<i>Last day Term 4</i>
Feb 2012	<i>Thursday 2nd</i>	<i>First day Term 1 2012!</i>

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Please note that the children should **not arrive at school before 8.30am**. Staff devotions are held in the staffroom at 8.20am which means that teachers are not available for supervision until 8.30am. However, it is important that the children arrive by at least 8.45am to allow them time to be organised and ready for assembly at 8.55am. Children must be gone from school by at least 3.30pm as supervision is not available after that time. If you are unavoidably detained in picking up your child, please notify the office.

Please note that any children arriving late to school after 8.55am must be **signed in at the office**.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

In the event that a child must leave the school grounds during school hours, the child must be **signed out and collected from the office**, *not collected from the classroom*. If and when the child returns (on that same day), he/she must report to the office before returning to class to be **signed in**. Please note that whenever possible music lessons, dental appointments etc should be arranged for outside of class times to avoid the interruption of a child's learning.

CAN YOU HELP?

A new parcel of land is to be released by Warralily on **Saturday 15th October 2011** at their display centre on Surfcoast Highway. The promoters have invited our College to be part of the celebrations. This will be a great opportunity for GLC to have a presence as the only school in the new Armstrong Creek development. We plan to hold a sausage sizzle, and are asking for parents who could help on the BBQ. If you can spare some time on the Saturday, please contact Marian Wilson in the College office.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week, and to those who have a birthday over the school holidays...Enjoy!

Jarrold -- 21 st September	Jossiah -- 27 th September	Jason -- 27 th September
Tomas -- 29 th September	Emily -- 29 th September	Briana -- 2 nd October
Teague -- 3 rd October	Toby -- 6 th October	Tanner -- 7 th October
Levi -- 9 th October		

UNIFORM MATTERS

School shoes:

As outlined in the Student Uniform Guidelines T-bar shoes are not permitted in Years 5 through to Year 12. All students must wear lace up leather type shoes. This is due to safety. [T-bar shoes are acceptable however, for girls in Prep to Year 4].



Reminder: All students are required to wear their full summer uniform from the beginning of Term 4 2011. This includes wearing your school **hat**.

Just another reminder that **Geelong Lutheran College second hand uniforms** are available through "Uniforms 'n More" at 21B Fairlie St, Hamlyn Heights 3215. They are open from 2-6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 10am-2pm on the first Saturday of every month. For more information please call Marie on 0413-244428. If your child has grown out of a uniform item, and you would like to sell this item, please phone Marie on the above number.



Recycle your mobile phone... thank you to those who have bought in their old mobile phones. Australian mobile recycling will pay \$3.00 to Geelong Lutheran College for every mobile phone that we recycle. So hunt through those drawers and bring in the phones you no longer need to the Reception counter.

Safeway Earn and Learn promotion- *extended til 18th October*

Thank you for your docket for this promotion. From July 18th to **October 18th 2011**, Safeway are donating one Earn and Learn point for every \$10 spent in store.



Help Woolies to help our school. Start collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points today!



Coles Sports for Schools vouchers

Thanks to all for collecting the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. Please collect as many vouchers as you can before October 18th from family and friends and bring them in to the College office. Thankyou.

A Midsummer Night's Dream



*I would like to thank the Year 9 Drama students, the Year 9 Music students and Ms. Helmer for their hard work and ability to successfully collaborate together to create *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The students worked extremely hard to learn their Shakespearean lines, to make their costumes, to create props for the set and to compose and devise musical pieces to suit the play. I admire their commitment and determination to make *A Midsummer Night's Dream* a success. Thank you to all of the staff, students and parents that came to see our play. We hope to see you at future performances!
Kind regards, Ms. Garrard.*

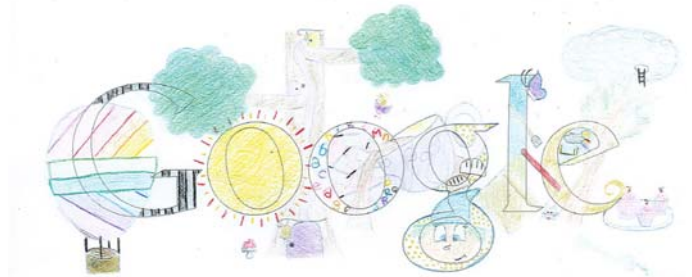
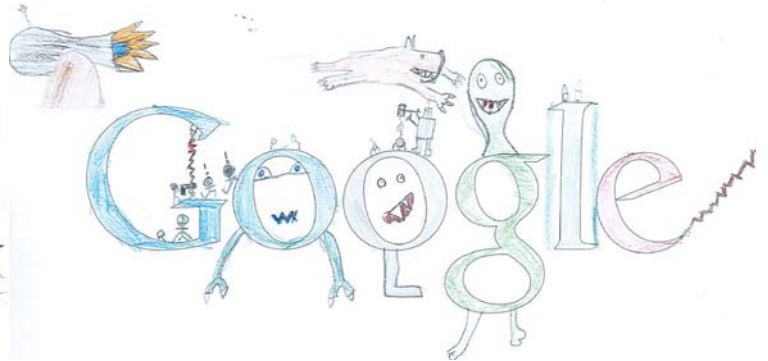
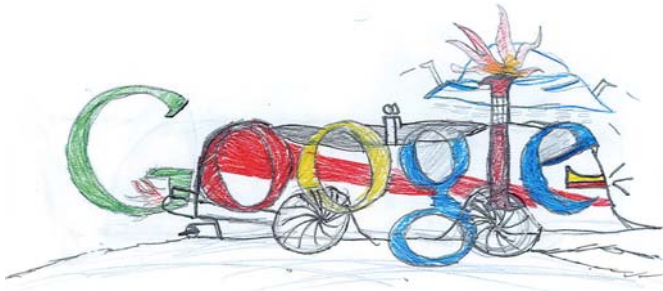


Doodle 4
Google
My Future Australia

Students have been busy this term creating a design for **Google Doodle**. This is a competition to design the homepage for Google. The theme for this year was **My Future Australia**. Several classes were busy completing these works but unfortunately only eight entries could be selected. The people whose

work has been chosen (see this page) are: **Danielle - , Benjamin - , Molly - , Ella - , Bryce - , Caleb - , Jayben - and Alex -**. I would like to acknowledge the people who tried very hard in their entry: **Rosie - , Jeamma - , Abeni - , and Isabella -**. Well done to everyone and let's hope those people go to the next judging stage. Public voting goes on line in October, and then announcement will be in late October. Good luck everyone! For more info:

<http://www.google.com.au/doodle4google/>
-Ms Fearnside





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The annual St John's school concert, *'The Sound of Musicals'* is set to take place tonight at The Arena in Nth Geelong. As you would expect, the children are excited about their performance and looking forward to getting on stage to experience the magic and wonder of theatre! I too am looking forward to seeing the class performances and sharing this time with the school community. The amount of work required to put together a school concert never ceases to amaze me. It certainly takes a large amount of input from everyone involved to make a night like this successful. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Debbie Fraser again this year for her choreography and direction during rehearsals with the children. She has been well supported here at school by Mrs. Carmel Schulze and Ms. Kathy Seljak. Accolades also have to go to the teachers for their work with the children and to the admin staff for coordinating ticket sales and managing the enquiries in the office. The only thing left say, as is the custom in the theatre, "Break a leg!"

If you manage to get a break with your children over the next two week ***school holiday time***, I wish you and your family a special time together and pray you return well rested and ready for the hectic final term of 2011.

May God go with each of you.

Gary Jewson (Principal GLC)

Christmas Carols Service @ St John's Lutheran School

You are warmly invited to a Christmas Carols night being held at St John's Lutheran School. It will be held on Sunday November 27th commencing at 5.30pm for a BBQ dinner (gold coin donation) and continuing at 6.30pm with the Carols service. You may be asking 'why so early? At that time of evening it will still be light?' A number of students from St John's school will be singing in the choir and also performing a Christmas play. It will not be a late night so that those with children can still be home in time for a good night's sleep!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Mark, St John's Lutheran Church, Geelong



COMMUNITY NOTICES:

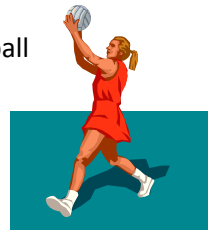


Mattel Toy Club Warehouse Sale

The St John's Lutheran Church Playgroup are hosting a pre-Christmas shopping spree at the Mattel Toy Warehouse on Saturday, October 22nd at 12noon. The warehouse is only open to people attending with a fundraising group, so, if you would like a sneak peak at potential Christmas gifts and a chance to purchase them at a bargain price, come along with the Playgroup. Tickets are \$10 per person. No children are allowed in the warehouse so babysitters are required. All money raised from the ticket sales will contribute to a new fence around the new Church playground. The warehouse is located at 70 Park West Drive, Derrimut. To purchase a ticket call Trish on 0423 090 608.

NETBALL SUPER COACHING CLINIC

On Saturday 24th Sept, The Kardinia Park Netball Development Competition will be holding a Netball Super-Clinic at Kardinia Park. There has been a great response and the day will definitely be going ahead, with representative coaches from both the Melbourne Vixens and Geelong Cougars. Registrations remain open if you have not yet registered your interest but would like to attend. Cost is \$5 per participant and registration is at 9.30am for a 10am start at Kardinia Park Netball courts. To register, email Nola Jukes - nolajukes@bigpond.com with your details and you may pay on the day.



Holiday Program: Looking for something to do over the holidays that includes: learning about the stars? A tour of a lighthouse? Making your own kite? Spooky stories in the lighthouse? Exploring rockpool life?

Canoeing in Angelsea...? Please either phone Eco-Logic on 5263 1133; or come to the GLC office for a brochure, or phone the College and Cath will email you the details.

LAUNCH INTO HOLIDAY SPORTS CLINICS at the Handbury Centre...

For 6-15 year olds, our sports clinics will give you the skills to 'STAR' in your chosen sport! Participate in Netball, Soccer, Tennis, Karate and Dance there is a total of 10 days to choose from! Each clinic will run from 9:30am until 4pm with a half-hour break for lunch and a swim.

Be inspired by players from the Melbourne Vixen's Netball Team for the Netball Clinic.

For session times and further information contact Kelly Craven on 52739893, or email kcraven@ggs.vic.edu.au, or download information/form at www.ggs.vic.edu.au/HandburyCentre



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They provide a positive learning environment for a wide range of needs, and can even cover general areas such as learning a new language or basic computer skills.



ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE ?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria. Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and the closing date for applications is 25 October 2011.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2011, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.