



GEELONG LUTHERAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Last week I read a rather challenging article and I'd like to share a few of its thoughts. The author, who is a psychologist and educator, made the point *"sometimes we are too narrowly focussed on our children's happiness and believe that happiness and self-esteem are at the root of morality.... We think that a child who feels good ... is more likely to be good."*

No one is advocating that our young people should be made to feel unhappy! Instead, we would do well to ask questions such as, "Do our children learn caring, compassion and self-restraint if what they want is always put first?" "Do our children learn responsibility and resilience if they are shielded from the consequences of their actions or the blame put onto others?" Weissbourd, the author of this article suggests that adults

- Model appropriate behaviour and reinforce responsibilities
- Develop in children an attitude of service to others
- Emphasise kindness more than happiness.

I cannot help but see the parallels with today's chapel devotion, which was focused outwards rather than inwards, towards loving God and our neighbour.

Thank you to Mrs Cecilia Bell and the Junior Choir for enhancing this morning's chapel. Also, thank you to our parents who attended to watch the choir. In this context, parents are most welcome to stay for chapel when they bring their children to school.

Thank you to members of our school community for bringing in their Woolworths and Coles shopping docket. These schemes are now closed and the monies that are raised will go toward books for our library and sporting equipment. Thank you also for supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. The Christmas gifts that have been donated will go to children in needy families.

Barry Krueger, Head of School
Geelong Lutheran College

Today GLC and St John's had a **visit from the Board of the LLL (Lutheran Laypeople's League of Australia Incorporated)**. The LLL serves the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) in numerous ways but especially in aspects of business and finance. It operates savings accounts for LCA members and supporters who wish to assist LCA organisations. Funds deposited (**some of our students and families use the LLL savings accounts**) enable the LLL to provide financial assistance to the LCA, particularly by the way of low interest loans to LCA projects for building and equipping churches, schools and care facilities. Mr Graeme Huf, our Business Manager is also Chairman of this board. Our schools have been fortunate over the years to take advantage of these low interest loans that have enabled us to do building works that we may not have otherwise been able to do. The visitors were very impressed with the facilities of both schools and the extensive educational programs offered at St John's and Geelong Lutheran College.

GLC PRAYER GROUP

GLC Prayer group will meet again this term. All parents and carers of students are welcome. The group will meet in the hall at 2.15pm on the following Mondays: November 7, November 21, and December 5. For more information contact Pastoral Care coordinator Jonny Hedt at hedtj@stjohns.edu.au

DATES TO REMEMBER		
Nov	Monday 7 th	Prayer Group in Hall 2.15pm
	Wednesday 9 th	Sewing Morning Tea (details below)
	Tuesday 15 th	Orientation – Prep 2012
	Friday 18 th	Report Writing Day Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 29 th	Orientation – Prep 2012
Dec	Tuesday 13 th	Orientation – Prep to Year 10, 2012
	Wednesday 14 th	GLC Closing Service 7pm Waurn Ponds Community Church
	Thursday 15 th	Last day Term 4
Feb 2012	Thursday 2 nd	First day Term 1 2012!

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT --- *Trash and Treasure*

It's amazing how many of us hang onto things we don't need. Before long our cupboards become cluttered, full of things that might just "come in handy". It's easier said than done to separate the trash from the treasure.

Once there were some educated people who tried to trap Jesus with their many questions. One of these clever people asked, "Teacher, which is the most important commandment"?

This is a really tricky question. You see Moses received Ten Commandments. The Pharisees studied the commandments and devised 613 different rules.... and these rules were on top of the other rules they lived by. According to the Pharisees, you are not allowed to light a fire in your house on the day of rest, you are not allowed to carry a handkerchief around in your pocket on the day of rest, and you are not allowed to eat pork. This was a tricky question – Jesus had pick and choose. But Jesus knew what was important. He could sort out the trash from the treasure.

"Love God with everything you have," Jesus said. "This is the great commandment." And then, Jesus added, "And the second is to love your neighbour in the same way as you love yourself."

When we think about this, Jesus is telling us to be right in our hearts ... to have a heart for God and a heart for others. If we can do this, then we can do no wrong. And, these relationships are so much easier because God has a heart for us.

We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19)

And so this is the treasure ... God loves us... and because he loves us we love God and each other. Everything else is trash.

-Barry Krueger

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

- Some students are still arriving at school in inappropriate uniforms. Every student must bring their own **hat**. If your child does not have a hat in terms 1 and 4, they will need to spend recess and lunch time in an undercover area. The College does not loan hats for reasons of hygiene. [Bellarine Uniforms sells GLC hats for \$13.50/ ph: 5221 9199].
- Students also need to wear correct **socks**. Girls: white ankle socks with stripes; Boys: Grey ankle socks with stripes.
- Girls' summer **dresses** must be worn below the knee to mid-calf length.
- **Jewellery**: one pair only of either plain studs or sleepers. A plain chain with a cross and a watch may also be worn. No other jewellery is permitted.

SEWING MORNING TEA

In preparation for Christmas Nativity celebrations, there is to be a Sewing Morning Tea on Wednesday 9th November. It will be held in the hall at 9am. Please bring your brainstorming ideas, past costumes to copy, and sewing machine. Please contact Trina Locke for any further information: 0425 708 035. All most welcome! More details to come in next week's newsletter.

**If anyone has any costumes of a Nativity theme that they no longer need, please consider donating them to the college: ie shepherds, King Herod, angels, wise men, animals...thank you!*

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day this week:

Jennifer - 25 th October	Lily - 26 th October	Ruby - 30 th October
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BAANYA BIAMI

Year 3-4 students were treated to some beautiful weather; amazing settings and fantastic activities on their camp to Baanya Biami last week...all came back with stories and happy faces. Here's the evidence:



QUOTABLE QUOTES:

"Don't tell my mum but this food is the best I have ever tasted!" - Jossiah

"My favourite activity was the flying fox and I thought the archery was great" - Kane

"The cabins were like a camping tent" - Hannah

"I like the flying fox best because you go really high and it was faster than the giant slide - Haydn



NEW SIGNS ON GARDENS

Thank you to all the PK, P1-B and 3-4R students who have creatively made flags to dissuade students, parents and visitors from stepping through our gardens. Our school is still new, and some gardens are still in their infancy. Our students are fortunate to have such a lovely setting in which to come to school, and we all need to be mindful of our appreciation and care of the gardens.

WOOLWORTHS (SAFEWAY) EARN AND LEARN ... **BIG THANKS!**



HELP WOOLIES TO HELP OUR SCHOOL.
Start collecting Woolworths
Earn & Learn Points today!

You may or may not be aware that GLC has experienced some computer/network problems in this last week. This has meant that we have only been able to data enter a small amount of Woolworth dockets. In answering our plea for help in data entry, we are greatly appreciative of the help of the following school parents: **Andrea Somerville, Carmela Palladini, Leanne Warren, Sharon Gundry, Kevin and Julie Leach.** Without your help, we literally wouldn't have completed this task.

Recycle your mobile phone... ongoing initiative



This is an ongoing initiative by Australian Mobile Recycling. So at any time you can drop your old mobile phones into the college office and Australian Mobile Recycling will pay \$3.00 to Geelong Lutheran College for every mobile phone. For info: www.australianmobilerecycling.com.au/



Notes from the Head of School-St John's

Tomorrow Australian Schools celebrate, 'World Teachers' Day'. I am very proud of all our staff at St John's. May they continue to make a world of difference to the students as we grow together for a better tomorrow.

Is your child drinking enough water? As we come into the warmer months I encourage our students to bring their water bottles to class. Water is important to the mechanics of the human body. The body is unable to work without it, just as a car is unable to run without petrol and oil. All our cell and organ functions that make up our entire anatomy and physiology depend on water for their functioning.

Mr Barry Krueger, Head of School at GLC, had the opportunity to lead our whole school worship yesterday. Mr Krueger was impressed with the music and how well the students joined in, especially the singing.

Teacher appreciation makes the world of education go around. Helen Peters

With God's Blessings, **Brian Schultz, Head of School**

Christmas Carols Service @ St John's Lutheran School

You are warmly invited to a Christmas Carols night on Sunday November 27th from 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:

ARTIFACT MARKET

Geelong's Art and Design Collection can be seen at the
Artefact Market on Friday 18th November from 11.00 am to 7.30pm
All Saints' Hall, 113 Noble St, Newtown 3220
For more information: artefactmarket@bigpond.com