



GEELONG LUTHERAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week we have reflected on the value of human life. On Wednesday, guest speakers from *"The Choices of Life"* spoke to our Year 8 students about the wonders and complexities of human life -starting from the time of conception. Yesterday, our Middle School students heard a strong message about safety from a road accident victim. Although not directly stated, it was clear that this speaker had a newfound sense of purpose since becoming wheelchair bound. It is refreshing to reflect that our life is a wonderful gift from God who desires that we enjoy life abundantly (John 10:10) through our relationship with him.

Yesterday it was my pleasure to visit our Year 3 and 4 students at camp at Baanya Biami. I was particularly impressed with the way our students interacted as a cohesive group.

Our newsletter for this week is unfortunately delayed due to problems with our internet connectivity. Procedures are in place to access our information from the remote servers as well as our email but the turnaround time for this is quite a bit longer. We thank our parents for their patience while this issue is rectified.

There are a couple of small matters where I am seeking parental support. Our students look great in their uniforms and we would like to maintain high standards of personal preparation. Additionally, for their safety, please ensure that your son or daughter has a named hat and that they do not arrive at school before 8:30 am.

Barry Krueger, Head of School
Geelong Lutheran College



CONGRATULATIONS Janelle and Kent -

Please join with us in congratulating Mrs Janelle and Mr Kent - in the birth of their second son, Oscar Miller -. Oscar is brother to Hayden, and was born on October 10th, 2011 and weighed 6lb 7oz (2.92kg).

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.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

Many visitors to our school comment on the sheep in our grounds. Let's look at them as a reminder of our Christian walk.

[Jesus said] 'I have come in order that you have life – life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Jesus wants us to have a safe and full life. He is the gate that is already open and through which you may go to be safely with him forever. Jesus is the good shepherd who gave his life for his sheep (v11). He is with you in your sad times and your good times. The fullness of our lives lies not in how much we have, what we have done, or who we are -but rather the quality of our relationship with Jesus. Jesus gives us life in all its fullness and we will never be alone ... *taste and see (Psalm 34:8).*

-Barry Krueger

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: October 24, November 7, November 21, and December 5. For more information contact Pastoral Care coordinator Jonny Hedt at hedtj@stjohns.edu.au



WARRALILY...thank you

Last Saturday, Geelong Lutheran College was involved in the promotional day at the Warralily estate/Armstrong Creek development. Thanks so much to those who came out and supported this event, and helped to promote Geelong Lutheran College: Gary Jewson, Rob Baker, Trina Locke (mother of Angus; 1-2H and Clover; PK), Sherene Pipkorn, Ava -; 1-2H, Janette

Welsh, Rebecca -; 9A, Jessica -;9A, and Jennifer -; 3-4R. A particular acknowledgment must be given to the students of GLC, who generously gave up quite a lot of their Saturday to come dressed in school uniform and promote our College- thanks Jess, Bec, Jennifer and Ava!

Some very lucky volunteers were even given a spin in the helicopter!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...last call for boxes

Thank you to those who have kindly donated and delivered their gift boxes for Samaritan's Purse/ Operation Christmas Child. Yes, we are still accepting boxes, but only until Monday 24th October, when we will arrange for their shipping. Please deliver any outstanding boxes, or goods to include. Thank you!

For further information: <https://www.samaritanspurse.com.au>

GIFTS OF GRACE- brochure coming home this week. Australian Lutheran World Service *Gifts of Grace* catalogue is out now. Often wondering what to give for Christmas? Why not consider something unusual that will bless perhaps a whole village...chicken farm, rice soup cafe, duck-raising, vege planting...or soccer balls, piglets, school desks, library resources...starting from as little as \$6.00 per gift. Please browse your catalogue for ideas, and consider supporting those less fortunate. (Note: if you didn't receive a catalogue, please view one at the College office, or pop on-line at www.alws.org.au/grace.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Hannah - 17 th October	Ella - 18 th October	Kate - 18 th October
Reife - 20 th October	Angus - 21 st October	

WOOLWORTHS (SAFEGWAY) EARN AND LEARN ...request for helpers

Thank you for your dockets for this promotion. We are now entering the data onto the website- hoping to have collected lots of Earn and Learn points for class resources, books, puzzles etc. If there are some keen people who would like to enter data from the donated receipts, please contact the College office. Many hands make light work! ☺



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

ILLNESS WITHIN THE COLLEGE

Recently there have been quite a few cases of gastro-related illnesses within the College. In consideration to others, please send your child back to school only after all symptoms have ceased. Thank you.

Asthma in Spring: Keep a Spring in their Step

Spring is in the air and bringing with it warmer weather, which can make it a difficult time for all people that experience hay fever symptoms, as plants release pollens into the air. Hay fever is very common during spring, and between 60-80% of people with asthma also experience hay fever.

- Pollen is a trigger for hay fever and asthma, particularly on a windy day or during thunderstorms
- Someone with asthma may experience worsening symptoms due to their hay fever
- Hay fever can make asthma harder to control
- Treating hay fever symptoms with anti-histamine tablets or nasal sprays has benefits to asthma control
- Plants often release pollen in the morning, and as a result hay fever may be worse between 5am and 10am

There are some simple and effective methods to help your child manage their asthma during spring:

- Be aware if they experience hay fever or pollen as an asthma trigger
- If they have been prescribed a preventer or combination medication for their asthma, ensure that the medication is being used as prescribed (some may take more than a week of regular use to take full effect)
- Ensure you have provided their school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan (AAP) to follow in the event of an asthma attack
- Ensure they have access to their own reliever asthma medication, or blue/grey 'puffer', along with a spacer at all times, and they are aware of how to use the medication appropriately
- Ensure they can recognise when they are experiencing asthma symptoms and know what to do to manage their asthma
- Be aware of high/extreme pollen days by checking the daily pollen count and forecast on the home page of the Asthma Foundation of Victoria website: www.asthma.org.au

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au, or come to the College office for a copy of the latest Asthma Foundation newsletter.



ARTHUR REED PHOTOS-ORDERING OF SCHOOL GROUPS...**LAST CALL! reminder**

Last term some students at GLC were photographed in their sport/music/choir group. If you would like to view or order a copy of a group, please contact the office before 28th October. Each copy is \$15.00. The groups are:

<i>Lightening Premiership Netball Middle School</i>	<i>Lightening Premiership Football Middle School</i>	<i>Junior Choir</i>
<i>Lightening Premiership Mixed Netball Year 5-6</i>	<i>GISSA Swimming GISSA Cross Country</i>	<i>Intermediate Choir</i>
<i>Lightening Premiership Girls Basketball Year 5-6</i>	<i>Lightening Premiership Boys Basketball Year 5-6</i>	<i>Chapel Band</i>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR...*thank you*

Thank you to all who came along to view and buy books from our Book Fair this week. We appreciate your ongoing support-
Mrs Thompson; Library



ART ROOM REQUEST I would like to request the following items as donations to the art room activities: small boxes; e.g. toothpaste boxes, soap boxes, tea boxes, and larger boxes with a flap (to open and close), and little plastic toys.

Thank you- Ms Fearnside

VICSWIM- brochure coming home today

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/

Coles Sports for Schools- tally



Thanks to all for collecting the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. We now send these off to an independent group (affiliated with Coles) for weighing/counting. When the final tally comes in, we will advertise this in the newsletter and let you know the sporting goods we have ordered. Watch this space!



Notes from the Head of School-St John's

Our **level three** classes left for their **camp** after our whole school worship this morning.

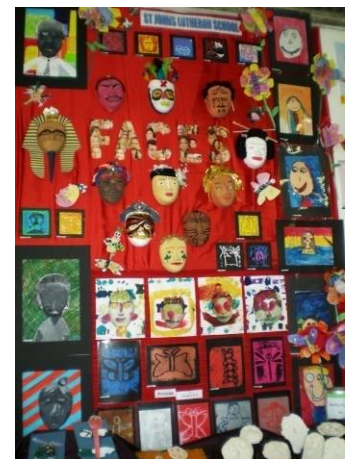
On their way to Port Fairy they will be visiting Narana Creations, taking part in the 'Singing Tree' program before spending their first night in the historic town of Port Fairy. The next day they will visit Tower Hill State Game reserve and participate in an educational program about the Shipwreck Coast at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum in Warrnambool. On their return to Port Fairy, the 'happy campers' will explore the Mahogany Walk trail. On the final day they will all enjoy the spectacular Great Ocean Road, visiting the Park's information centre, the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge.

School Camps are a rewarding and enriching experience for both students and teachers. Camps are an excellent way to see the 'curriculum in action' and build relationships. We look forward to hearing all about the camp when they return around **4:15-4:30pm Friday**.

Congratulations to the students who had work displayed at the St John's display at Geelong Show last week. Hopefully people who attended the show saw the fantastic displays of students' work from primary and secondary schools around Geelong. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Partridge for all the time and effort she put into setting up our display.

Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well. Voltaire

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 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



Would \$500 assist you with education costs?



You could receive up to **\$500** to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons.

Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

To find out more contact Amanda Vernon,
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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

POTATO SHED ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

The Potato Shed is putting on their annual Family Fun Day on Sunday 23rd October 2011. This event is FREE with lots of activities for the children. Hosted by the Funky Mummies, some of the activities include ballet, train rides, storytelling, animal farm, badge making, demonstrations, jumping castles, and a performance of Little Red Riding Hood. For more information:

<http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/>