



GEELONG LUTHERAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Edition 2011 Term 4 Week 4 3rd November 2011

Address: 38 Burvilles Rd, Mt Duneed 3216 Phone: 5264-1038 Fax: 5264-1734 Email: office@glc.vic.edu.au

FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This morning Pastor Tom spoke to our school about the festival of the Reformation. October 31 marks the start of the Reformation when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Luther could not have anticipated the events that followed. Nonetheless, he well-understood the significance of the Biblical teaching, that because of Jesus the Christian life is liberating rather than burdensome.

Today our Year 5 students join the Year 5 students from St John's at Araluen for a leadership day. Later this year Primary school captains and other leaders will be elected for next year. It is very pleasing to see this development which provides further opportunities for students to develop their skills and provide service to the school community. In this context, our Year 9 students are organising a disco for the Middle School. It is pleasing to see this initiative from our students.

Thank you to Frau Beck for organising the German excursion last Friday, where our students developed further cultural understandings. Thank you also to Mr Qualischefski for his organisation of the Medieval Day – I'm pleased to be living in our 21st century – though it seemed that our students very much enjoyed the flashback to medieval times!

Thank you also to our Prep – Year 2 students on their exemplary behaviour at the Scienceworks Museum excursion this week. Staff from the Museum, teachers from others schools and the bus driver commented favourably on our students.

Preparations for next year continue. As a reminder, elective forms for students entering Year 9 and 10 need to be returned by next Monday. Primary school teacher and class allocations are being made at the moment. Please understand that teachers do change the year levels they teach from time-to-time and that there will be some changes for next year. This is an important part of our teachers' professional growth. I'm pleased to announce that Mr Matthew Deroon has been appointed to our Primary School from 2012. Matthew is a highly skilled and enthusiastic graduate who has much to offer to our school. Additionally, we are currently advertising for an English/Humanities/Christian Studies teacher in our Middle School to cater for the growth in this area. Thank you to our parents for their continuing patience while our computer system operates at reduced capacity. The turnaround time for email communication and office procedures such as receipting is unavoidably longer.

Barry Krueger, Head of School
Geelong Lutheran College

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov	Monday 7 th	Prayer Group <i>postponed</i>
	Wednesday 9 th	Sewing Morning Tea
	Monday 14 th	Prayer Group in Hall 2.15pm
	Tuesday 15 th	Orientation – Prep 2012
	Tuesday 15 th	P & F Meeting 7.30pm in staff room- all welcome
	Friday 18 th	Report Writing Day Pupil Free Day
	Friday 25 th	Middle School DISCO 7.00-10.00pm Years 6-9
	Tuesday 29 th	Orientation – Prep 2012
Dec	Tuesday 6 th	P & F Meeting 7.30pm in staff room- all welcome
	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

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Rules. They're a part of life, but who likes them? No one volunteers to obey more rules; rather they seem to be things we just have to put up with against our will. And if we're honest, we can often look at the Bible in this way. Whenever a Christian speaks in public, or whenever the Bible is mentioned, many people automatically switch off. Isn't God's Word just a bunch of rules trying to limit our freedom? Perhaps you can think of something in your own life when God's Word has come to you and you haven't embraced it, but have been resistant, and even angry with God. That's what Martin Luther thought when he was a young monk. Every time he opened the Bible there seemed to be more rules, more laws, more things that he had to do, more evidences that he wasn't perfect and never would be. Looking back on his early years as an old man, he even said: 'I hated the just God who punishes sinners. I hated that God. If not with silent blasphemy then with great murmurings.' Luther's experience can sometimes be ours too, when we find ourselves resenting God for His Word.

The reading from Jeremiah speaks directly to this human condition. Through the prophet Jeremiah, the LORD promised that He would soon create a new covenant different from the old one. In the past, God's law, His Word, came to His people as an external force – in much the same way as Martin Luther experienced God's Word limiting his freedom. But in the new covenant the LORD promised that He would put his law within his people, that He would write it on their hearts. How? 'I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sin no more'. When Martin Luther heard this good news, it changed his life. God's Word was not there to burden him but to bless him. When God forgave him his sins, God's Word came to him not as an external force, but as an internal power, a power of love and grace.

Many people still experience God's Word as a burden, and so they cut themselves off from God. But when we are baptised and in faith come to God, He takes away our sin and forgives us. So the law is no longer an external force, restricting us, but an internal law of love, filling our lives with joy and peace and goodwill.

-Pastor Tom Pietsch; St Paul's Lutheran Church, Grovedale

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 14, November 21, and December 5. For more information contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Jonny Hedt at hedtj@stjohns.edu.au

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!

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

Seth 31 st October	Lily de 2 nd November	Brooklyn 2 nd November
Brayden 3 rd Nov	Eamon 4 th November	

Middle School DISCO

Friday 25th November 7.00 – 10.00 pm

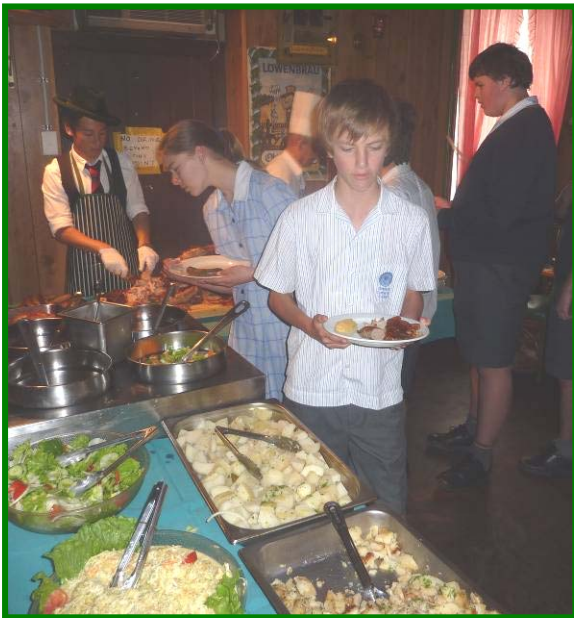
Years: 6-9

Entry Fee: \$3.00

Lolly bags available for \$1.00 and cordial free of charge

Hope you can make it!!

The Rheingold



The Rheingold experience...

All German students in the Middle School visited the Rheingold German restaurant in Geelong last week to experience a meal of traditional German food.

The highlight of the lunch was when a huge pork was carried shoulder-height through the restaurant accompanied by Bavarian music.

GUTEN APPETIT!

-Mrs Beck

Medieval Day



Going medieval for the day...

Ms Somerville, Mr Krueger and Mrs Quirk supervised the Year 8 students yesterday for their practical lesson in medieval history and warfare. The activities they participated in were: Archery; Crime & Punishment; Education and Games; Weapons and Armour and Troubadours



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/

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

ARTIFACT MARKET

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



Notes from the Head of School-St John's

Today our level 4 students participated in leadership day at Araluen Lutheran camp in Anglesea. Our year six students ran activities for the year five students to develop teamwork, cooperation and other leadership skills in preparation for leading our school in 2012. We regard all our year six students as leaders for all the students at St John's. Leadership development programs run throughout the year to enhance their leadership qualities. Some year five students will take up the opportunity to apply for a variety of formal leadership positions in the coming weeks.

Mrs Gibbons, Miss Grieger and Mrs Pelchen presented workshop activities for the staff recently after school. Teachers often return from professional development days to share their learning with each other. After all, teachers are also students and continue to seek learning opportunities. Mrs Gibbons and Miss Grieger attended a Tony Stead PD based on an Inquiry Learning approach in the classroom. Tony introduced the R.A.N chart (Reading and Analysing Non-fiction) which is a process by which the students are able to take control of their learning through stages. They first begin by looking at what they think they know about a topic. They are then given the opportunity to investigate and confirm their thoughts and find new facts. This process then enables the students to put together their findings in the form of a report. The R.A.N chart system is student centred, enables the students to take ownership of their learning and encourages team work and independency.

Mrs Pelchen and Mrs Gibbons attended a Mathematics workshop on the four operations in number by the energetic, passionate and engaging Michael Ymer.

Today Mr. Tkaczuk, Mrs Pelchen and Mr Schultz are attending a one day program that will explore the key skills of coaching and mentoring as the basis for continuous improvement in learning and teaching. Teachers will be involved in collaborative support processes throughout the school.

Recently I have been showing some families around the school. They have all commented on the excellent facilities and opportunities the school provides. They also enjoy visiting the various classrooms and seeing our students at work. No matter which classroom we venture into, we are greeted with a warm welcome and happy children going about their daily work. What wonderful ambassadors for our school are our students and staff. We are able to cater for some further enrolments in level two and beyond for 2012 so if you know of any families moving into the area, or are looking for a school that provides quality Christian education please pass on the schools details for further information.

"Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak."

Acts 13:15

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**

