

Happenings



7th April 2020

A True Hero

Term 1 Week 11

Heroes can be defined in a number of ways. A hero displays courage or self-sacrifice. A hero is someone who has achieved a rare or great feat like raising a lot of money for a particular cause, finding a medical cure or saving/rescuing someone from a near death situation. There are sporting heroes, war heroes, service men and women (CFS, SES, Police and medical) and people who are close to you. Many children see their parents as heroes and role models. For some, they see musicians or movie stars as heroes. There were many heroes in the Bible, such as David when he killed Goliath, Moses when he led the Israelites out of Egypt and Joseph when he saved his family.

Sunday saw the start of Holy Week where Jesus began his last week of life before his death and resurrection. Christians remember the day that commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The people of the day believed that He was going to save them from their Roman oppressors and become their king. They honoured Him as king but did not realise that He came first as their humble Saviour. If He had ridden a warhorse, they would have known He came as a conqueror. But He arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey, which meant He came in peace. They did not realise that He came to die as the Passover sacrifice, to save them from their sins. He was greeted by ecstatic crowds who waved palm branches in celebration. He was their hero, someone to look up to. In a matter of days, shouts of victory ("Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!") gave way to betrayals. With dizzying rapidity, Jesus went from being celebrated to being crucified.

Unlike earthly heroes who come and go and are often forgotten, Jesus will always be there for us. He is our true hero who has saved us and gives us eternal life in Heaven. He conquered sin and death for us. He watches over us every day and provides us with everything we could ever need. "The Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom to many" (Mark 10:35).

Lord help us to remember, especially as we enter Holy Week, all the great things you do for us each day and the sacrifice you made for us.

Submitted by Leanne Reichstein

Year 5/6 Teacher



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday April 7

STUDENT FREE DAY

Wednesday April 8

STUDENT FREE DAY

Thursday April 9

STUDENT FREE DAY

Maundy Thursday

Friday April 10

Good Friday

From the Principal

Dear families,

Last Friday was the official end of the school term as a result of the four Student Free Days this week. I must say, it was the most bizarre end to a school term that I can remember, in fact, this whole term has been like nothing else I have ever experienced.

So much time and energy has been invested in COVID-19 over the last three weeks, it has dominated our lives and actions and every conversation. With this being the case, I want to share some highlights and positive things from the term, as a means of bringing a smile to our faces, and to help us remember the great things that have happened over the last 11 weeks.

- It has been fantastic to see all staff new to our community this year make such a brilliant start transition into their new place of work. They have all been wonderful additions
- The support and encouragement offered to new staff by our existing staff has been first-rate
- Overall standards of behaviour of the children has been superb
- To have so many new receptions and new children to the school, and to see them all make a successful transition has also been a highlight. Wonderful partnerships between the school and families have been essential to this
- Our continued focus on literacy, and seeing the engagement of staff and students in the week where JoAnne Dooner was here was something special
- The Leadership Team professional learning trip
- Seeing the vision for learning, and learning activities that children are engaging with in the ELC

- The continued support and encouragement of families has been incredible
- The happy and excited faces of students each day
- Despite the many little roadblocks and barriers that have presented, the transitions in IT and management systems have shown enough to suggest they are going to be good decisions
- Bible presentation
- The Parent Information Night was well attended and feedback quite positive
- Our worships and assemblies
- Library is looking great

Holy Week

This week is HOLY WEEK, the most important time in the Church's calendar year. It commenced with Palm Sunday (last Sunday) where we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Later in the week, the Easter celebrations take place commencing with Maundy Thursday, which celebrates the events of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. On Good Friday, we commemorate Jesus' crucifixion, whilst Easter Sunday is the high point of the whole Christian story with the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

Term 2 – COVID-Related Information

We are using this week to continue preparations for our Home Learning Phase of the Continuity of Learning Phase. Class teaching staff are currently planning work for Term 2, and determining the best way for parents and students to engage with those learning tasks. Leadership Team are continually revising the plan, which we will communicate out to families, hopefully before the end of the school week.

At the time of writing this edition of the bulletin, the position on schooling in Term 2 has not **changed, with schools being open to families where all parents are engaged in essential work.** As such, we know some students will be learning

From the Principal cont'd.

at home and some will be learning on site. We thank our families for completing the Term 2 Intentions survey and ask all families to communicate with us during the holiday period if there are any changes to the responses you provided. Doing so will help us have plans and procedures in place for staffing and will inform decisions on aspects of school operations.

I would ask that all parents read all the communication that is sent out via Sentral in relation to COVID-19. This communication includes important information and updates in relation to school operations. Reading this will help answer many of the questions that are being sent to teaching staff and myself.

Canteen in Term 2

At this point in time, the canteen will not be operational in Term 2.

Buses in Term 2

We are awaiting clarification from the Department of Education as to whether their school buses will be running in Term 2. We will advise families once we have clarification.

Sarah and I are currently looking at survey results to determine if our LLS buses will run in Term 2. We will be in communication with our families once we have been able to establish a plan. At this point, a modified bus service is likely to operate in Term 2 but we will know more in coming days.

Library

Once Term 2 commences, we will seek to communicate with parents as to how students learning from home might be able to borrow books from our library.

Absentee Procedure

I will communicate the process for recording student absences in my next COVID update.

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures

These will remain the same as at the end of this term. Parents will not be able to come onto the school grounds. The same procedures for the Front Office will also be in place.

School Fees

I have said consistently for a number of weeks that we will look to support families who are experiencing financial hardship at this present time, and for whom school fees might be an issue either now, or down the track. COVID has resulted in work displacement or loss of hours for some, making school fees difficult to pay at present. For others, there might not be a change, or significant change, in their capacity to pay their fees. Anyone wanting to discuss school fees is invited to contact me at school.

If this whole COVID situation has taught me anything, it is to not try and plan too far ahead, as things can change so quickly that it makes all your plans redundant and obsolete. Bearing this in mind, everything communicated above and all our planning for our HOME LEARNING PHASE is based on current information and circumstances. Circumstances and information are forever changing and so might our plans and responses. We will do our best to keep our communication transparent, specific, balanced and well thought-out.

I want to finish by wishing everyone a safe and blessed Easter. Please remember to self-isolate, and to abide by the rules and restrictions in place. Doing so will help us get back closer to a 'normal' state of affairs sooner rather than later.

God bless,

Brad

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE*

SCHOOL WORSHIP

*(Worship services are normally held
alternate fortnights to assembly)*

NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE

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PRAYER CORNER

This week we are praying for: -

- ◇ Bailey Hahn
- ◇ Mackenzie Hall
- ◇ Scarlett Hall
- ◇ Caleb Hampel
- ◇ Hannah Hampel
- ◇ Kayde Hampel
- ◇ Mia Hampel
- ◇ Alice Hansen

and Mrs. Sandy Miller
LSO

Prayer or care requests can be
forwarded by email to:-

Brad - bradw@loxton-lutheran.sa.edu.au

CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Lutheran Church

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Concordia Lutheran Church

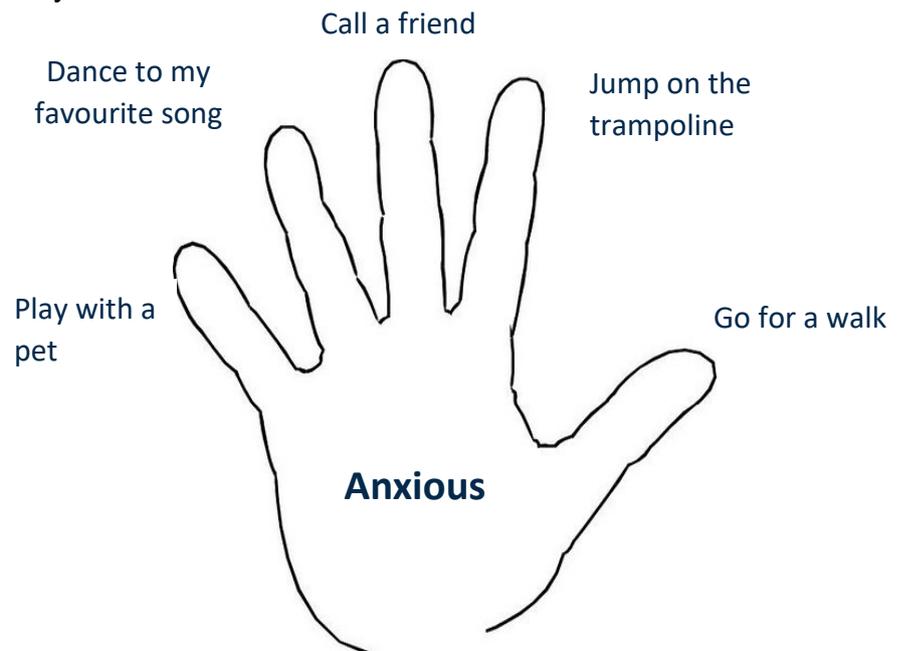
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Self Care

As the COVID-19 situation continues to change the way we live our lives, it is important to remember to look after our mental health. One way we can do this is by making a list of at least five things that we can do when we feel that we are becoming overwhelmed or anxious.

Some may find chatting to a friend helpful. Others may like to spend time in the garden, or work on a new project. Walking can do wonders for stress release, as can praying, meditating on God's word, watching a comedy, or simply having a cuppa outside while listening to the birds!

Everyone is different, but what is important is finding what works for you and taking the time to take time out before things escalate. We can also encourage our children to do the same. A great visual for them is to trace around one of their hands and write a feeling in the middle of the palm. To help cope with that feeling when it appears, simple strategies can be written on each digit. Children can then see what they can do to cope with certain situations when they arise.



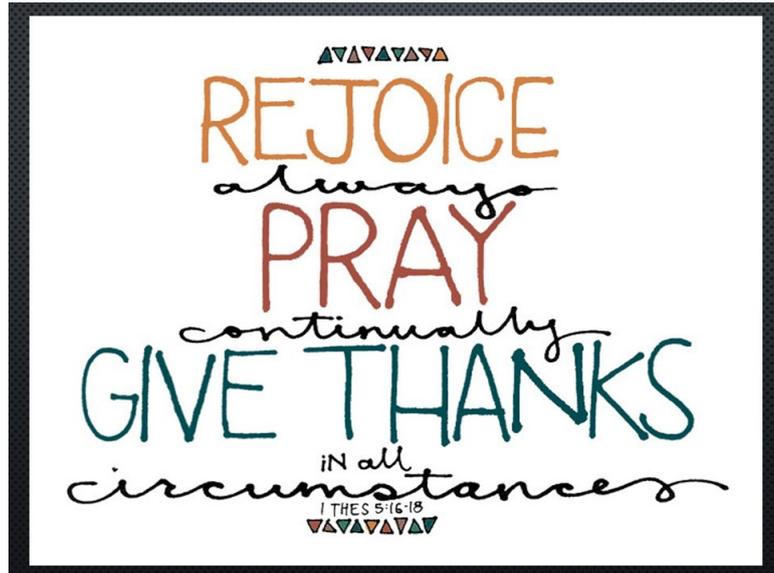
Support to help you navigate through the COVID-19 challenge can be found on the Focus on The Family website (focusonthefamily.com) and the Happy Families website (happyfamilies.com.au). The latter website also has a free webinar recording to help you talk to your children about COVID-19, give you tips to alleviate anxiety and manage your children at home.

As always, I am here to chat if you or your children need a listening ear!

**Amy Harvey
Chaplain**

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Bible Verses



Week 10

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

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Uniform order forms can be downloaded from the portal or our website and emailed through to the school office

BUSINESS MANAGER HOURS

Not available Wednesday's

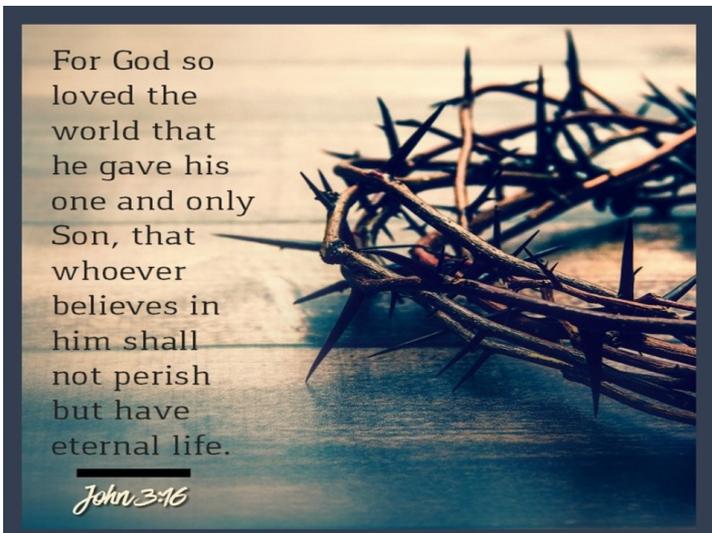
LLL SCHOOL BANKING

Every Tuesday

CANTEEN OPEN DAYS

Wednesday's and Friday's

Week 11



Canteen News and Friday Specials will be displayed here in the future

FRIDAY SPECIAL

*Trudy Battams
Canteen Manager*

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT
ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING
BY PRAYER + PETITION, WITH
THANKSGIVING, LET YOUR
REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN
TO GOD. AND THE PEACE THAT
SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING,
WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS &
YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

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