

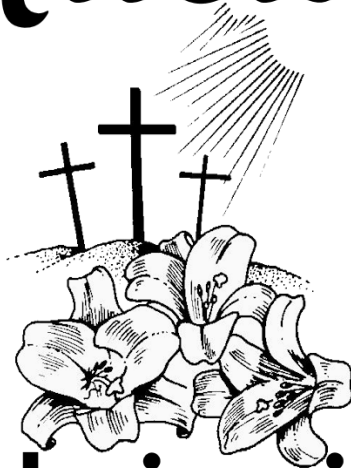
# CONNECTIONS

St. John's Kingaroy - Peace Kumbia-Taabinga - St Paul's Murgon

St John Trinity Wondai - Calvary Yarraman

St John's School Kingaroy - Orana Aged Care

*Alleluia!*



He is risen

EASTER SERVICES AROUND THE PARISH			
	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
Kingaroy	7.00pm (HC)	9.30am Lay	9.30am (HC)
Kumbia	Combined with Kingaroy	8.00am Lay	8.00am (HC)
Murgon	No service	9.45am (HC)	Combined with Wondai
Wondai	No service	7.45am (HC)	5.45am (HC)
Yarraman	No service	3.00pm (HC)	8.00am Lay

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and all those who live and believe in me will never die."*

*John 11:25-26*

# PASTOR'S PAGE - DISTINCTIONS WITHIN 'FORGIVENESS'

Julie and I once attended training on 'Reconciling Marital Conflict'. The trainer (Judy Dabler – an experienced marital conciliator) made some helpful distinctions to better understand 'forgiveness'. You see, for many people, 'forgiveness' can mean '*letting them get away with what they did so they can do it to me again*', which is why many are reluctant to forgive.

She explained how it is helpful to make distinctions between:

## **Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Restoration.**

Firstly there is **forgiveness**.

*This is what we offer to someone who has sinned against us.*

When we forgive someone, we free them from a debt to us. This is based on the way God has freed us of the debt of our own wrongs against God through the payment of Christ's crucifixion. We bear the cost of grace (the cost of the forgiveness) in ourselves and set them free from having to pay us back or make up for what they did.

Sometimes we think when we forgive someone it means what they did was ok. However, the fact we need to forgive them means what they did was *not* ok! On the other hand, when we forgive someone, we're saying we won't hold this against them, they don't have to make up for what they did, we won't gossip to others about it, and we're not going to dwell on it any longer.

This is the forgiveness we have from God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. When we hear God's forgiveness, we're confident he doesn't hold our sin against us, he won't dwell on what we did, he won't expect us to make up for it, and he's not going to advertise our sin to anyone else.

**Forgiveness is something we're commanded to do** (after all, we're told to forgive as the Lord forgave us – see Matthew 6:12 and Colossians 3:13). We're empowered by God to forgive even if the other person never acknowledges their sin or asks for grace. Therefore, the act of forgiveness can be unilateral (meaning a one-way action) and it can be done *even if there is no reconciliation*. Just because the other person won't forgive you, doesn't mean you can't forgive them.

This forgiveness helps us to move forward in our life with peace and without the baggage of regret, shame, or the need for exacting revenge. It helps us to live peaceably with people, even if we disagree with them.

Secondly there is **reconciliation**.

*This is the act of healing the relationship that is damaged by sin.*

This is always a bilateral activity (meaning it involves two or more people working toward forgiveness so they can be reconciled in their relationship). Where there is confession and forgiveness between two or more people, the relationship can be healed and repaired.

**We're commanded for our own part in our conflict to do all we can to reconcile** ('as much as it depends on you live at peace with everyone' – Romans 12:18). However, while we're called by God to be reconciled (see Matthew 5:24), this can be frustrated when the other person refuses to be reconciled with us. This doesn't excuse us from doing everything we can on our part. In obedience to Christ, we're always to be ready to reconcile but acknowledge there are relationships which may not be able to be reconciled because the other person refuses.

Thirdly there is **restoration**.

*Restoration has to do with returning things to the way in which they were before.*

Sometimes this is desirable and possible. For example if a married couple is seeking to be reconciled with each other after conflict (even if there was a separation), they'll want to restore the relationship in such a way their relationship can be as good as, if not better than, before. They may seek ways to restore their trust and intimacy. Sometimes this might be done quickly, but other times there may be a longer and carefully planned process so their trust and intimacy can be slowly restored without putting either person at extreme risk.

However, some relationships may not and should not be restored. For example it would be a fair and reasonable expectation that a paedophile should not be restored to leading the children's ministry! In the same way, a pastor may never be able to resume pastoring a community where he has been involved in serious misconduct. When trust has been destroyed (and cannot be restored), some relationships can't, and shouldn't, continue, even after any acts of forgiveness.

**Restoration is not commanded in the same way that forgiveness is,  
nor is it always desirable in the way that reconciliation is.**

Forgiveness may lead to reconciliation and restoration, but it's also possible *only* forgiveness can take place because reconciliation and/or restoration may be impossible, undesirable, or potentially harmful.

I find these distinctions helpful when talking with people in regards to forgiveness. We're commanded to forgive, which will hopefully lead to reconciliation and restoration. But even if reconciliation and/or restoration isn't possible, it doesn't get us off the hook from offering our own forgiveness to those who have hurt us.

God has graciously *forgiven* us through the suffering, death, and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ, and offers full *reconciliation* and *restoration* to us so we can have a peaceful relationship with him for an eternity.

This heavenly ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation is now ours here on earth (see 2 Corinthians 5:17-21). With God's help (and through the power of the Holy Spirit), we're able to forgive each other, hopefully be reconciled with each other, and (by God's grace) be restored in our relationships with each other.

Let's keep hearing the promises of the gospel of God's forgiveness for all our sin so we may in turn forgive others as we're commanded to do. And, if we're struggling to reconcile or restore any relationships, may the Holy Spirit bring us peace and unity.

May our celebrations at Easter, as we celebrate our forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration with God through the sufferings, death, and resurrection of Jesus, reflect the ministry of grace God has given us so the peace of Christ will reign in our hearts and lives and relationships.

Peace be with you.

**Pastor Stuart**



“IT IS FINISHED”

With fading breath, as death drew nigh,  
The Son of God Most High,  
Gave all his strength, a final cry,  
My Father, “It is finished.”

Satan whispers, “It’s not true,”  
He lies, condemns me too.  
I grab my sword and run him through,  
I tell him, “It is finished!”

Three words he used to indicate,  
No longer we must wait.  
He rescued man’s eternal fate,  
With those words, “It is finished!”

An echo through eternity,  
Resounds inside of me,  
No longer bound, I am set free,  
Praise Jesus, “It is finished!”

The cross of Christ, in love displayed,  
The cornerstone was laid,  
The price has now been fully paid,  
Hallelujah, “It is finished!”

## PEACE KUMBIA/TAABINGA

On Saturday, the 29th of March, we witnessed four members of our congregation and two from St John's Kingaroy, confess their faith in their living God and Saviour. Corey Campbell, Madison Campbell, Lucanna Campbell, Cleo Jones, Charlotte Fechner and Sophia Fechner were welcomed into God's family as communing members to the delight of their family and friends. May God continue to walk with them every day of their lives.

A small group gathered at Peace Kumbia, to celebrate World Day of Prayer. This year, the focus was on the nation of the Cook Islands and the program was centred around the Isaiah bible verse "You are wonderfully and fearfully made by God". This was enhanced by a very heart-felt presentation by the guest speaker, Margie Heuseler, after which everyone enjoyed fellowship over afternoon tea.

At the beginning of February, the congregation saw new carpet laid in the church building. It replaced the original carpet and has given a new look to the interior. Thanks to RES Wind Farm Community Fund for their donation to assist in the completion of the project.



*Left: Pastor Noel Noack handing each confirmer their certificate, after the rite of Confirmation was performed by Pastor Stuart Kleinig.*

*Right: Corey, Madison, Lucanna Cleo, Charlotte and Sophia with their special Confirmation cake*



# ST JOHN'S KINGAROY

A new year is a time to reflect on God's faithfulness and seek His guidance for the future. For some, 2025 will bring changes – some good, some bad. But for us all, it will bring opportunities to grow in our faith, and experience more of God's grace and infinite love. It will also bring opportunities for us to extend this love and grace to others.

We had opportunity to do this, as a congregation, when we once again provided and served meals to people in need through South Burnett Support Alliance's Meals Project on the 12th of February. The people we served may not all be homeless, but they are lonely, hurting, and may just need to know that someone cares.

On the 23rd of February, after worship, we heard about the work of Gideons from Roger Livingstone. Members of Gideons place scriptures in all sorts of places, like schools, hospitals, prisons and motels, where they can be accessed by anyone who is needing a word of hope. This might be the turning point in their lives. A retiring offering was received for the ongoing work of Gideons.

Recently, David Folker gave a presentation to the congregation about the faith focus at St John's school for this year. It is entitled "Free To Flourish", and each term, students will focus on one of four themes – Adventurous, Compassionate, Relational and Purposeful. Members are encouraged to share their own personal stories with students, either in written form, or via a video recorded interview. If any parish members have a faith story they would like to share with young people, please contact David [dfol@sjls.qld.edu.au](mailto:dfol@sjls.qld.edu.au) at the school.

On the 16th of March, the new principal of St John's Lutheran School, Ruth Ferguson, was installed by Bishop Mark Vainikka at a worship service held at the school. Our prayers are with Ruth as she leads the staff in making St John's a place where students can feel loved and accepted, and encouraged to do and be the very best they can.

Four young people from Kingaroy have recently been confirmed in their faith. Charlotte and Sophia Fechner were confirmed with the Kumbia students at Kumbia on the 29th of March, while Breeyah Perkins and Benjamin Reilly were confirmed in their faith at Kingaroy on the 30th of March by Pastor Stuart and Pastor Noel. We warmly welcome these young people, and pray that their eyes will be fixed on Jesus as they travel on their faith journeys.

All parish members and friends are encouraged to join us for a meal on Maundy Thursday, at 6pm at Kingaroy. This will be before the worship service which will begin at 7pm.

As we progress through Lent towards Easter, we remember the journey of our Lord and Saviour towards the cross. We remember the suffering and pain, the humiliation and injustice he willingly endured for our sakes, so that we might be reconciled to him and share eternity with him. May the wonder of such love never become dim in our lives!

*Del Schwenke*



*Ben and Breeah on their confirmation day*

# ST JOHN'S KINGAROY LADIES FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE NEWS

We continue to welcome members and friends in our church hall supper room on the first Thursday of the month at 9.30am. Bible study led by Pastor Stuart is enjoyed followed by fellowship over morning tea, devotion and discussions. In February, we finished the study titled "Applying the gospel to our life - how to rightly understand the gospel". We have now begun a bible study on our identity in Christ and its relationship to conflict. Anyone wishing to attend our bible studies only are always most welcome.

On the 20th of February, we were visited by ladies from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Buderim. This visit was in regards to learning about packing hygiene kits for girls in poverty in South Africa. This was most interesting and well attended by our ladies. Thanks were extended to the Buderim women.

The St John's Kindy children came by bus to our church in March accompanied by their teacher Jenny, kindy assistants and parent helpers. After lots of questions and answers, a good look around the church, some book reading, and a dramatisation of Palm Sunday led by Jenny and the children, it was time to go outside for morning tea provided and served by our ladies under the rotunda. It's always a blessing and a joy for us to host the Kindy. We love it.

Some of our members travelled out to Kumbia for the World Day of Prayer Service held at Peace Lutheran Church and will be travelling to St Paul's Lutheran Church, Murgon, on Thursday, the 10th of April, for the Lutheran Women Qld Wide Bay/Burnett Zone Rally Day.

On the 16th to the 18th of May, Lutheran women from all over Qld will be coming to Kingaroy for the Lutheran Women of Qld Retreat/Convention. Ladies of the parish are invited to attend some or all of the week-end program for a time of Christian fellowship, worship time, praise singing, and special guest speakers. The theme is 'Looking Forward, Looking Back' (Isaiah 46:3&4).

God bless you all and we thank God for our many blessings,  
from the Members of St John's Kingaroy Ladies Friendship Circle.

*Joan Crumpton*



## **Ringling of the Bell (Ode to St Paul's Murgon Bell)**

We hear the call to worship, with the ringing of the bell.  
To hear the ageless story, the Bible has to tell.  
From beginning God's creation, echoed down the halls of time,  
Onward through the ages, with prophecies sublime.  
To Noah with his wisdom, came the call to build an Ark,  
For his faithful family, and all animals embark.  
The story of how Moses led God's people through the sea.  
Of Joseph sold to slavery, how that was meant to be.  
A bright star led the shepherds, to a lowly stable in the morn.  
To Joseph and to Mary, the Christ child was born.  
Through the years He grew in wisdom, no sin was found in Him.  
A life of miracles and healing,  
With parables and teaching, many souls to win  
Then angry misguided people nailed Jesus to Calvary's cross.  
Little did they realise, great would be their loss  
Death could not contain Him, He arose in victory from the tomb.  
Onward then to Heaven, we await His promised return  
We hear the call to worship, with the ringing of the bell.  
To share the wondrous story, Jesus has to tell  
Onward Christian soldiers, the great victory has been won.  
Through grace, love and sacrifice, from the Father and the Son.

*Glen Perrett 8 November 2024*

# ST PAUL'S MURGON

**Wedding Celebration:** In June 2023, Bruce and Veronica Sommerfeld, travelled to the USA to attend the marriage of their son, Joel, to Amanda. Veronica's parents, Keith and Florence and most of their immediate family attended the wedding. December, 2024 was Joel and Amanda's first visit to Australia as husband and wife. Amanda's parents also made the trip and Bruce and Veronica hosted a celebration. Pastor Jordan led a special service during which Joel and Amanda renewed their marriage vows, surrounded by family and friends. This gave opportunity for so many people to personally offer their congratulations and wish the young couple every blessing for their future.

**Baptism:** During the service on the 16th of March, Pastor Stuart baptised Arthur William Simpson into the family of God. Arthur is the second child of Brett and Anne Simpson (nee Rose). We pray God will continue to bless this young family throughout the coming years.

**St Paul's Guild:** Our members are looking forward to hosting the WBB Zone Rally on Thursday, the 10th of April. Our Theme is 'Persistence – Perseverance' (Romans 5: 3-5). On this day, we will also celebrate the formation of the Guild 90 years ago.

**Penny Ruthenberg** moved back to the South Burnett some years ago, and resides in Goomeri. She is an active member of our congregation. Penny was one of the young people Pastor R. Schmaal taught and confirmed while he was our pastor.

Penny has a talent that was unknown to many of us until she accepted an invitation from the Wondai Regional Art Gallery.

From the Art Gallery's flyer: "How I see the world" by Penny Ruthenberg.

'Penny's style is ever-evolving – neither right nor wrong, simply a reflection of how she sees the world. She creates art that is raw, spontaneous, vibrant and electric, drawing inspiration from meaningful connections across the past, present and future. This marks Penny's first ever art exhibition since embarking on her journey as a self-taught artist at Goomeri Creatives. While she explores different mediums, Penny primarily works with acrylics and watercolours. The creative process itself has been a source of healing, joy, and tranquillity, offering both therapeutic and artistic fulfillment. Over 70 paintings are displayed during March.'

Penny, congratulations! Keep developing the talent God has given you, and enjoy.

**John Van Harskamp is 70!** John and Ian Reynolds have been good mates for many, many years. When John comes to visit Ian, he worships with us and has come along to our home group if it's on while he is here. On this visit, John turned 70, and Ian hosted a luncheon to celebrate this special milestone. Those able to attend enjoyed the time together. We trust John will have happy memories of this birthday.

**In Memoriam:** Roy William Dennien 22-02-1948 – 18-01-2025. We extend Christian sympathy to the members of Roy's family. Roy is deeply missed.

We extend Easter greetings to all parish members and their families. May we appreciate anew the great sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf, to know the forgiveness we have from our loving heavenly Father.

*Nola Zerner*

*The baptism of  
Arthur Simpson*



*Penny Ruthenberg  
with one of her  
paintings*



*The Sommerfeld family  
celebration*



*Happy Birthday  
to John Van  
Harskamp*

## FOR THE ONE WHO'S HEARD THE EASTER STORY COUNTLESS TIMES

*Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified." Mark 15:15 (NIV)*

Growing up, I heard the gospel often. But one Easter, I remember walking into church, singing the songs, hearing the verses read ... and feeling nothing.

I used to be the girl sobbing in church when the pastor explained the gospel, feeling the Spirit during worship. But then, without me even realising it, the Good News suddenly felt like old news. I could go through the motions of Easter and never take more than five minutes to thank God.

Not only that, but sin had become more common for me. Overlooking the gospel caused me to overlook peace, conviction and joy. My selfish living was causing me restlessness.

Many of us can acknowledge we have heard the gospel countless times. Many of us have heard that the Son of God was sent as a servant, and although he was flawless, he took on the punishment we deserve. Because he was a perfect sacrifice and suffered death on a cross, we can finally be forgiven. Three days later, his tomb was empty. He defeated death and was resurrected from the grave, so now we have the opportunity to believe in his death and resurrection and spend eternity in heaven.

Or maybe you have never heard this before - and if that's the case, I invite you to read the gospel by starting in the book of John. And I invite you to accept Christ as your Saviour and decide to follow him!

This message changed my life. However, in the midst of a busy life, errands and daily duties at work or school, I became numb to it. Suddenly, hearing and believing the gospel became something I put on my to-do list but easily skipped over.

Is this true for you right now? Maybe you kind of know Jesus, at least in your head, but when temptation is too strong in your heart, you give in. When the world is loud, you listen to it over your Saviour.

When I felt this way toward the gospel, I remember reading Mark 15 and relating to Pontius Pilate. He was the governor who made the official order for Jesus to be crucified - not because he thought Jesus was bad or deserved this punishment, but because the crowd wanted Jesus dead.

*"Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified." (Mark 15:15)*

I'm not the governor of anything, and the only thing I'm in charge of is bringing the mac and cheese to Easter brunch (which I like to believe is a big duty) ... but like Pilate, I have denied Jesus publicly. And I've listened to the crowd over the man who came to save my soul. Because frankly it isn't always convenient to stand by him, right?

When we feel numb to the cross, it's often because we're distracted, and through our daily choices, we're denying Jesus as our Saviour and listening to the crowd. There may not be a crowd yelling at us to crucify Jesus, but each day, we reside in a world that shouts lies about our Saviour and our identity in him. And without even realising it, we begin to believe these lies.

Jesus isn't just a "good guy" — he's our Saviour, worthy of all praise and attention. We were made for a relationship with him, a consistent prayer life with him, and a committed practice of reading his word. Even in the busyness of our lives, we must tend to our relationship with Jesus. Only then will our hearts thaw to the gospel.

So if you feel restless and the gospel has become old news, stop what you're doing and talk to Jesus honestly. Pray for conviction and a heart that doesn't get distracted by the crowd. Add prayer time and worship to your routine, and walk with faithful friends who daily point you to Jesus, even when the crowd is loud.

*Dear God, remind me this Easter not to let myself become numb to the gospel. Please soften my heart and allow me to remember all you've done for me and all you continue to do. Help me to remember your power this Easter. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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# ST JOHN TRINITY WONDAI

Easter - a time to reflect on the huge sacrifice that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ made for us all. A time to thank and praise our heavenly Father for this great gift of salvation, knowing we have an eternal home with him one day.

Once again, the Wondai congregation is holding an early morning service on Easter Sunday, on the hill at 141 Rex Schultz Road, Greenview, commencing at 5.45am, with Pastor Stuart, and celebrating Holy Communion. All are welcome. Let us hope that the weather is kinder this year.

Congratulations to Eileen Beer, who celebrated her 90th birthday on New Years Eve. Eileen continues with her church work, leading worship services at Forest View, and is Wondai's representative at the Barambah Ministers Association.

Many thanks to Neil and Felicity Jorgensen for undertaking the church repairs following the recent wind storms. A job well done and very much appreciated.

It is great to see Cynthia back with us after knee surgery, and a few hiccups afterwards. However, now our prayers are with Rowley following surgery in Toowoomba last Friday. We also wish Lois a speedy recovery, as she too has had recent knee surgery.

Easter blessings to one and all.

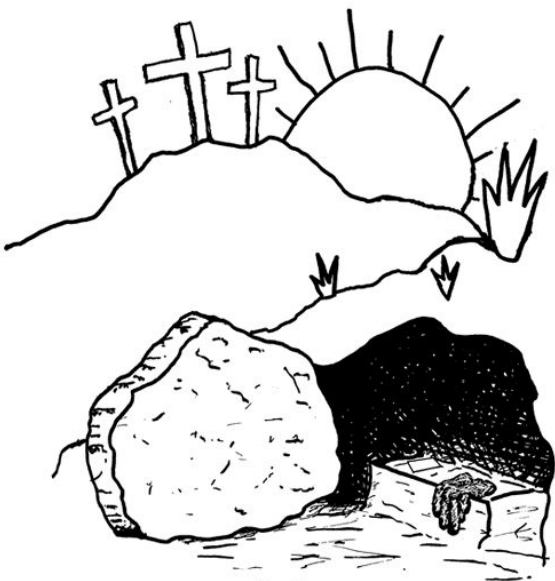
*Judy Guse*



*Eileen Beer celebrating her 90th Birthday*



*A triple celebration:  
Mel Eisenmenger 80th, Hazel Keding 92nd,  
and Garth Kapernick 80th*



**He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.  
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.  
Matthew 28:6**

## ***Almost, but not quite***

For his church's Easter program, five-year-old Billy was asked to recite Luke 24:6: "He is not here, he is risen." Despite practicing it several times, when he stood in front of the church, he froze and couldn't remember what to say.

The director leaned over and whispered the verse in the little boy's ear. Billy smiled, grabbed the microphone, and confidently proclaimed, "He's not here. He's in prison!"

*Many people know the story of how Jesus has risen from the dead. However, some of them still have not experienced the real freedom that comes from accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. When we do this, the chains of sin are broken and the prison doors that have held us captive are opened.*

# CALVARY YARRAMAN

Connections time again, so just a note from Yarraman.

Sadly we have lost a few of our members recently.

Ivy Wrembeck passed away on the 25th of February, and her funeral was held in Calvary Church on the 6th of March. Ivy was an active member of the church in the earlier days, teaching Sunday School and as the president of the Ladies Guild. She helped with catering at weddings and played a role in other church activities. She is sadly missed, especially by her husband Roy.

Also, Keith and Doreen Sander have gone to live in a unit at Orana Retirement and Aged Care. We farewelled them with a special morning tea and kind words after church.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on the 23rd of March. Bradley Frohloff was elected as the new chairman and George Venz has now taken the position of vice-chairman. Kaylene Trace continues on as secretary and Murray Steger as treasurer.

On Good Friday, we will have our usual WALK IN FAITH combined with the Uniting and Anglican churches. Bible readings, a hymn and prayer are held at each church. We are proud to honour the name of Jesus in this way.

*Audrey Frohloff*



*Keith and Doreen Sander settling in at Orana.*

## *Personal thoughts from Audrey at Easter:*

Yes, Jesus did die on the cross to save us from our sins, but do we really think about the suffering that he went through. He was an innocent man, without sin. He didn't deserve to die. He prayed earnestly to his Father to take this cup of suffering from him, but he knew that he had to go through with it to save mankind, to save those who would give their lives to him.

He was rejected by his own people. He was betrayed by his own disciple, Judas, and Peter denied him three times. The Roman soldiers came with clubs and swords to capture him and they bound him and took him to the house of the high priest. Then to Pilate the governor, to King Herod, then back to Pilate. None of these found that he was worthy of death. The people made false accusations against him and cried "Crucify him, crucify him."

Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged till his skin was broken and he bled. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and pressed it into his head. Can you imagine the pain and torture he was going through? The humiliation – they blindfolded him and placed a purple robe on him. Making fun of him they said, "Hail, King of the Jews", slapped him around his head, and spat on him.

Pilate brought him back to the crowd. Again they cried, "Crucify him, crucify him." Then they led him out, carrying his own cross to Golgotha, the place of the skull. They hammered nails into him and hung him on the cross to die. He hung there naked between two criminals, in agony, separated from his Father. People walked past and hurled insults at him. "You saved others. Save yourself and come down from the cross." He died a cruel death, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus buried him, but Jesus defeated death. He rose again and won the victory for us. Thank you, Jesus!

# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

As we move through the first term of the year, we are filled with excitement and gratitude for all the wonderful moments and achievements that have already taken place here at St John's Lutheran School. It has truly been a fantastic start to the year, and we are thrilled to share some of the highlights with our school community.

We extend a warm welcome to our new principal, Ms Ruth Ferguson, who has already become an integral part of our community. We are excited to have her leadership and vision guiding our school into the future. Along with Ms Ferguson, we are also thrilled to welcome all the new families who have joined us this year. Their presence enriches our community, and we are so glad they have chosen our school for your child's education.

Our Prep students have had a wonderful start to the year, and we were delighted to host a successful Prep Open Day. We were amazed by the large number of enrolment applications we've received for Prep in 2026. It's clear that St John's is a school of choice for many, and we encourage any families who are considering enrolling their children here to submit their applications as soon as possible, as spots fill up quickly.

Across the school, classrooms have been buzzing with activity, as students from all year levels dive into their studies and extracurricular activities. With over 680 students enrolled this year, it's inspiring to see the enthusiasm and energy from all corners of the school.

This term, we've already enjoyed some big events, including our annual Cross Country event, which took place earlier this week. Congratulations to Boondooma House for taking out the win! It was a wonderful day of friendly competition, teamwork, and school spirit.

Looking ahead, there are many exciting events to look forward to in the coming months. Several excursions and camps have been planned to enrich our students' learning experiences and foster growth in and out of the classroom.

Unfortunately, due to the unpredictable weather conditions we've had this term, our swimming carnival had to be postponed. We have rescheduled it for Term 4, and we look forward to seeing all the students dive into action later in the year.

As always, we are so grateful for the support and involvement of our school community. We look forward to a busy and successful year ahead and thank everyone for making Term 1 such a great start to the school year.

We pray that God will grant us a the year filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences!



**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." — John 3:16**