From Pastor Gus
The joy of serving

Living on a farm, all of us kids were given a variety of daily tasks. I was expected to milk the cows and feed the different farm pets – more than just a few cats to keep the mice at bay. So each morning and evening I would carry the milk buckets to the cow shed, followed by the cats. They would sit at a distance and watch.

Being industrious already at a young age, I contemplated how I might be able to do two tasks at once. So it was two squirts of milk into the bucket to one squirt into the cats face! They didn’t even flinch. They would calmly proceed to rub their paws over their face to get the milk off and then lick the milk off their paws. And then wait for the next squirt. Their spirit of co-operation made things very easy for me.

Mission accomplished! And with much joy. For I think I took more delight in this than the cats. Life is really good when you can turn menial tasks into activities that give pleasure!

Now whoever said that the male of our species was incapable of ‘multi-tasking’?

It’s good to invite even our little children to do different tasks around the home. They can also learn the important life lesson of contributing and giving, rather than simply sitting back and receiving. God’s word even quotes Jesus as having said that: ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive.’ (Acts 20:35)

Thank you to those who always look to contribute and give in different ways around the school. And thank you to the many who have supported and participated in the school’s activities at the Field Days. Well done!

‘You … were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.’ (Galatians 5:13)

Prayer
Thank you Lord Jesus, for being our servant king. For giving up your life on the cross, so that we might be your people. Help us to love and serve you, by serving others. Amen.

Prayer Points
We pray for:
- Favorable weather for our Sports Days next week
- A speedy recovery for Sophie & Andrea Marshall

School will be closed on Monday 14th March - Labour Day Holiday
From the Principal

There was a moment on Tuesday as I was driving our Hong Kong visitors to Melbourne via Bendigo, that I became aware of the noise, or more accurately, a lack of noise. One minute there was quite a lot of chattering going on and the next, just peace and quiet. A quick scan in the mirror revealed closed eyes, heads drooped to the side and a peaceful calmness on many faces, but not all. Some had assumed the head back and mouth open sleeping position and that meant the potential for one thing and one thing only, snoring. And sure enough, from various locations within the bus came the faint sounds of audible intake and expulsion of air through nasal cavities. It was just a quiet symphony of snores at first until, just like a solo trumpet player, one sound broke free and dominated the bus. Albert! This man is full of energy and never walks if he can run, never scowls if he can smile, never criticizes if he can encourage, never stands back if he can help and never fasts if he can eat. Albert is a man who brings much joy and happiness to those around him, but at the end of the tour to Australia he was very tired.

All of our guests were very tired and used the journey back to Melbourne as an opportunity to rest before their long flight home. Their tiredness can be attributed to the many activities prepared for them by the staff at school and the wide range of activities organized by our wonderful host families. The bonds of friendship that developed over their time with us are very strong and this was very evident in the number of tears shed as they said goodbye and the many wonderful memories spoken about during that last day. I would really like to thank our host families and staff for opening up their homes and families to take care of these very special friends.

Our Fred Hollows Foundation Appeal continues to grow and because of your generosity, we have been able to reset our target and challenge ourselves further. This week’s Chapel offering will go towards the Appeal. I continue to encourage our students to give to this deserving service appeal.

Mr. Jeff Gork
Principal

2017 Prep Enrolments
Enrolment interviews for next year’s Prep intake will be held during the Easter holiday period and we are currently holding a very high number of applications for enrolment for 2017 and 2018. Parents are encouraged to make application for your child within the next few weeks to avoid the possibility of missing out. If you have made an application, you will be contacted shortly to arrange an interview time. Please contact the Office for further details.

Chapel
This Friday Mrs Cooke and the Year 3C class will lead Chapel. Visitors are welcome to join us for this Service at 9.00am.

Chapel Offerings
Last week’s offering totalled $328.25.

Foundation - First Wednesday
A reminder to Foundation parents that as from Wednesday 9th March, all foundation students will start attending school on Wednesdays.

Chapel - Faith Bag Presentation
During Chapel on Friday 11th March, Foundation students will be presented with their Faith Bags. Visitors are invited to attend this special Service at 9am in the Hall.

Easter Bunny Fundraiser
Please support the PTFA Easter Bunny Fundraiser. Tasty Chocolate Bunnies will be sold for $1.00 each or boxes of 24 are available. From the proceeds of each bunny, 50c will be donated to the Christian Emergency Food Centre and 50c to HTLS PTFA. Order forms have been distributed today and are due back by Friday 18th March. If you have any enquiries please contact Kerri Nichols 0429 810774.

Crazy Hair & Free Dress Day
Thank you to everyone who supported our Crazy Hair and Free Dress Day, $438 was raised for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Canteen & Lunch Orders
There will be no lunch orders available and the canteen will not be open on Thursday 10th March due to Sports Day.

Fred Hollows Foundation
For four weeks we are raising money to give people sight. $25 gives sight to one person

Target $1,500
$1448.40 - 57 people
$682.15 - 27 people
$353.90 - 14 people

Uniform Shop Hours
Tuesdays 3 - 4pm
Fridays 9 - 10am

Lucky Banker
Cody, pictured below is the Lutheran Lucky Banker for this week.
Share Care Program
There are many opportunities within the school community when families might require special care. This is the foundation of the Share Care program. The purpose of Share Care is to reach out to those who may need a little assistance, celebrate special occasions or connect with new families. This may include provision of meals and/or prayers following surgery, illness or death in the family, sending a card to celebrate the birth of a baby, or reaching out to new families. Each class has been assigned a Share Care parent volunteer. When a need arises Sue Starbuck or Anne Penny speak to the family first to see what support may be needed, how that support will be provided, and who will be providing that support. Confidentiality is very important to the coordinators and parent volunteers. If the family wishes to receive support from Share Care, contact is then made with the Share Care parent volunteer for that family’s class. The parent volunteer will then follow through with providing support for the family. Classroom parents may be called upon to provide meals if necessary, but confidentiality is important and only the Share Care coordinator and relevant parent volunteer are aware of the family’s need unless the family wishes otherwise. Please contact either Sue or Anne if you wish to speak further about Share Care. Also please look out for the Share Care brochures which will be sent home in the next week which include a program form.

Scholastic Book Club
Bookclub brochures have been distributed. All orders for this edition of the Bookclub must be returned to school by TUESDAY, March 8th. (Please note change of day, due to Term 1 being short). Cheques should be made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’. Credit cards may also be used. If parents choose to pay by credit card, and multiple orders from the one family are being placed, please feel free to combine the total of all orders onto one credit card slip, instead of phoning for multiple payment receipt numbers and filling out several slips.

Kay Schultz, Library Assistant

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CONGRATULATIONS

CRAZY HAIR & FREE DRESS DAY

Book Covering Assistance
From time to time, there are a significant number of books needing to be covered. These may include classroom readers, Lexile books and the like. In order that these books are able to be put to their intended use as early as possible, some timely assistance with covering them would be very much appreciated. If any parent, grandparent, etc. feels they may be able to assist in this way on an irregular basis, and would be interested in finding out more, please contact Kay in the Library.

Directory
Our parent directory has been distributed, please let the office know if any changes are required.
Jess’s Jargon (Sports News)
HTLS 400m & 800m Day
Notes were sent home Wednesday afternoon with information regarding the 400m/800m day that will be held tomorrow morning, Friday 4th of March. Students in Years 4 - 9 (10 year olds to 15 year olds) are to wear their full sports uniform for the day. Parents are welcome to come along and support the students as they compete. Students will be awarded points based on their finishing position, which will go towards the overall Individual Championship Medal and the House Athletics Shield. Results will also help with interschool team selection. Best of luck to all the students competing.

HTLS Athletics Carnival 2016
This year we will be holding two Athletics Sports Days, a Senior and a Junior Sports Day. Notes have been sent home with information. Please note the following dates:

Wednesday 9th of March: Senior Athletics Sports Day (Years 4 - 9) - Dudley Cornell Park
Thursday 10th of March: Junior Athletics Sports Day (Foundation - Year 3) - Holy Trinity Lutheran School
Thursday 10th of March: Foundation – Year 9 Championship Sprints, Relays and Presentations (1:00pm – 3:00pm) - Holy Trinity Lutheran School

Please note there will be no canteen operating or lunch orders on Thursday 10th March. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to help at our Senior Athletics. Information regarding roles parent volunteers will be allocated, will be sent home closer to the day of the carnival. If you are available to help at our Senior Athletics but have not yet returned your volunteer slip, please do so. All help is greatly appreciated.

Little Desert Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all of our students who competed at the Little Desert Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. They all did a fantastic job of representing the school and were very competitive. A full list of results will be in next week’s newsletter.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Playgroup
Fridays 10 - 11.30am - All welcome
Cost: A piece of fruit to share
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Hall
Cnr Baillie & McPherson St
Contact Lynda 0422 821 829

Erth’s Dinosaur Zoo - Horsham Town Hall
18th March 6pm & 19th March 2pm
Bookings visit horshamtownhall.com.au or phone HelloWorld 5382 6699

Bunnings Horsham - Easter Family Night
Thursday 17th March 6-8pm
For bookings phone 5381 7900 or internet Bunnings, Horsham web page
Enter the colouring comp for chance to win $50

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Noticeboard
Horsham After School Activities Program
Come and join a FREE “After School Activities Program” for primary and secondary school students in Horsham. Every Wednesday (during school terms) from 4 - 6pm at Volunteering Western Victoria (Wimmera HUB) Further information ring Julie Flaherty 5381 6504 or Maggie Bridgewater 0428 891370

Horsham City Netball Saturday Competition & NetSetGo - for registration details please contact Grenville on 5382 4969

Chanel, Zyla, Saxon, Sophie, Jacob, Armani, Jordan, Thomas, Luca and Cella