Dear School Community

During our Thankful Friday devotion last week, Jessica Trinkle shared what she was thankful for. The few thoughts and reflections she shared blessed me richly. They are recorded at the end of this newsletter.

Although I am the facilitator of our Thankful Friday devotions, students often don’t realise how much God uses them to speak to me. Friday is the last day of the school week. An approaching weekend is usually very welcome. I am amazed at how children’s hearts overflow with thanks. Unlike maths or written language tasks, they rarely raise their hand for help during these moments.

Children can see past the struggles and difficulties they have had in their week of learning. They can pause and genuinely find a list of things which they are thankful for. They give no thought for the week ahead of them. They have the ability to recognise the significance of things I often overlook or even consider insignificant.

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Geography Field Trip with Miss Linda Allen and Mrs Ziegelmann.
Grand Opening of Domino Servite College
A warm welcome is extended to family and friends to attend this special occasion. Lord willing, we look forward to welcoming Miss Dorothy Newlands (Principal of Domino Servite School, South Africa) to address us. We also look forward to welcoming His Excellency the Governor General and other dignitaries. We trust that the school and our students will testify of God’s goodness.

A flyer is available for you to pass on to others. Please see the front office staff for more information.

Choir Performance for the Bible Society
Children will be singing at the Birdwood Lutheran Church this Sunday afternoon at 2pm. The event is a fundraiser for the Bible Society.

Students are required to wear full formal uniform and be accompanied by their parents.

Year 7/8 Geography Field Trip
Murray Mouth

On Thursday, 18th August, the year 7/8 Geography class were fortunate enough to embark on their first field trip. The focus of the trip was to investigate the Murray Mouth. We set off at 8:30 on a warm but windy day and arrived at our first site, the Goolwa Barrage, in time to meet one of the barrage workers who kindly spoke to us about the history and function of the barrages. It was a stimulating start to the day as the wind tried to blow us away, but we were able to walk along the barrage and see the ‘logs’ used to open and close water flows, see the controversial New Zealand Fur Seals lolling about on the railings, and watch the pelicans fishing. The barrage worker willingly answered all of our survey questions in a good natured fashion and we then set off to explore sand hills and identify all the geomorphic features of the landscape.

The trip also included stopping at the Goolwa Warf, the Hindmarsh Marina, and the Murray Mouth Lookout to gather photos of the landscape and developments, and to carry out a survey of any willing participants. Students cautiously approached fishermen, information desk staff, and tourists to introduce themselves and invite them to participate in their surveys. The students were encouraged by the warm and interested response of many of those whom they approached who were happy to share their own knowledge about the area. By the end of the day students had collected sufficient data and photographs for their research projects, and enjoyed the beautiful clean sand and sea around the Murray Mouth. We arrived safely back at school on schedule. A successful conclusion to a lovely day.
**Being Thankful**

Thankful Friday Reflections

Today I am thankful for:
- A house
- A sleepover
- A boat
- My friends
- An art teacher
- A new school

**Lucas**

Today I am thankful for the lovely weather we had yesterday and that we could play in the sunshine, and do our maths mental and prime outside. I am thankful that we could make boats and cars for tech, because it’s really fun making them and seeing the boats speed off on the water. I’m thankful that we can do devotions at school, because in some countries that is banned.

**Jael**

Today I am thankful for the most unusual things that are always just normal to us like pencils. I don’t know how we would cope without writing. The rubbers and whiteout are just what we need when we make a mistake. Our glue stick helps us stick things down and so does sticky tape. The last things is one lonely pair of scissors. When the day is done it flops down in the middle of no-where and has not one single goodnight.

*Pens, textas and pencils are things that you write with.*

**Louise**

Today I am thankful for my mummy’s kind heart because she does not fight and is kind to me. She washes clothes and makes my lunch. She cleans the kitchen and vacuums the floor. She cleans the house when I am at school, so when I come home the house is nice and clean, and most of all she loves me.

**Jessica Trinkle**

Today I am thankful for my chickens so that we can get eggs and my house so that we can be safe and warm. I am also thankful for my kind and loving parents that care for me 24/7.

**Brandon**