Dear Friends

Some words from Colossians 3:12 have been with me these days. ‘Clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience’. These words are easily read without thinking much about their significance. We regard them as a pile of words on a page. But when I slowed down to consider the meaning, I began to see the depth of these words and the challenge God sets before us.

Imagine if we would actually live out tenderhearted mercy by considering the other person’s needs rather than insisting on getting what I want and my rights. Imagine substituting anger and frustration with words of kindness. Replacing dominance with humility. Gentleness, rather than harshness, and a patience that knows no limits.

Now imagine a bit further - that we practise these things all the time. We apply these things and make them our daily life - not just when we feel fantastic and ‘on top of the world’.

We would be different people. Our families would be changed. The home would be a refuge, a place of healing rather than hurting. Schools would be filled with peace. This world would be a better place. These may not seem like big and great things, but they have the potential to make a great big difference!

It’s not too late to start. Although at times it may seem impossible to practise these qualities, we can be confident that it is possible. God wouldn’t expect us to do something unachievable. He gives us everything we need to live it out.

Let us put the goal before us. Let’s aim high and reach out to the goal.

Have a safe and blessed term break. We look forward to working together again in Term 4.

Martin Jaeger
College News
Friday 29 September, 2016

Term 3 Reporting

Although report cards are not issued at the end of Terms 1 and 3, we encourage you to peruse your child’s assessment book. Weekly assessment tasks are a good way to monitor progress. Teachers use this data each week to inform the teaching and learning program.

Parents can also request an interview to discuss any concerns they have with their class teacher or the principal. Please notify our receptionist to book a time if you require an interview.

A Visit from Pastor Kuss

It was a privilege to have Pastor Kuss visit and speak to us about his work among the Aboriginal People in central Australia. He shared some of his experiences and the difficulties which are faced in these remote areas by showing images in a presentation. It was particularly interesting to hear the language of the Arrarnta people and some of the characteristics of it.

By the time we got to the end of the presentation, the children were ready to learn some songs in Arrarnta. Pastor Kuss taught them to sing Amazing Grace and What a Friend we have in Jesus. The children did surprisingly well and it warmed our hearts. Although Pastor Kuss is currently serving at the Lutheran Church in Birdwood, his heart is still with the Arrarnta people and he goes back whenever he gets an opportunity.

Thank you Pastor Kuss for sharing your passion with us and may God use you to save many souls.

Carols by the Mount

Each year a Carols Evening is held at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Mount Torrens. Our school has been invited to perform at this event on Sunday 18 December at 7pm. A note will be sent home closer to this date.

Time for Celebration!

End of term celebrations will include a special treasure hunt for students, a whole-school party, and our usual closing assembly.

The closing assembly is scheduled for 1.45pm on Friday afternoon. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend.
Mission Kwasizabantu Australia Concert

The Lobethal community and surrounds were richly blessed with the concert on Sunday 18 September. The children were such a blessing. It was wonderful to see their big smiles and beautiful voices praising God through their singing. A big thank you to all parents and families who put in so much time and effort to ensure this event was a success.

School Badges

Several volunteer badges have gone missing. Could all volunteers please check to see if they have unintentionally taken one home. Please return them to the office. Thank you.

Term 4 Summer Uniform

We look forward to sunnier days in term 4! Please remember to prepare for the switch to summer uniform after the holidays. Please refer to the parent hand book to refresh your memory on summer uniform requirements. Remember that hats will need to be brought to school as well during term 4. Thank you.

Enrolments for 2017

If you know of anyone interested in our school, we encourage you to direct enrolment enquiries for 2017 to our receptionist, Mrs George. We are more than happy to post out enrolment packs for anyone interested in enrolling in 2017 and beyond. School tours are also available at any time. Please contact the reception to book a time.

School Photos

Please be reminded that order forms must be completed and returned to the school office.
Student Notes

Bridge Building

Year 7 and 8 students displayed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm in their bridge building challenge this term. Students were given 200 pop sticks, a set of specifications, and some very basic tools. Results were astonishing, with some bridges proving too strong for our bridge breaking equipment!

Thank you again, Mr Trinkle for your expertise in this area.
Table Tennis

Thanks to the Adelaide Hills Council (AHC), we now have a near-new table tennis in the assembly hall. It has proved to be a real ‘hit’ with the children putting in overtime before and after school! The table wasn’t being used in a community facility so the AHC donated it to the College earlier this term.

Scripture Memorisation Term 3

Congratulations to the following students on the recitation of Psalm 27:

1. Jonathan Trinkle
2. Louise Trinkle
3. Kezia Ziegelmann

Work Samples from the 1-3 Class...

Students have been looking at the development and progress of everyday technologies. A time-line of the development of computers was explored. Students were fascinated by the very first calculating machine, the abacus, used 500BC! Students were asked to conjecture the capacity of computers of the future...
7&8 Class Poetry Samples

Busy Bees

Buzz buzz is the sound of the bees
Who work in the fields and under the trees,
The sweet nectar in the flowers
The bees collect takes them many hours,
Hush hush for the bees will scatter
If they hear the sound of the walking clatter.

The sun shines down its golden beams
With beauty like in children’s sweetest dreams,
The fuzzy little creatures work with all their might
until the day turns into night,
They fly towards their house in the tree,
Where they so long to be.

Poem by Euniec and Jessica George

Those Days

Back in the day, when things were right
When people worked all day and night,
They kept the Sabbath Holy and always would,
When everyone had their minds set on good.

These days the world is upside down
Where people walk with a great glum frown.
Where people’s faces are glued to thinking screens,
The largest culprits are the rebellious teens.

Encourage everyone to turn back to the way of the
good old days,
Which were like purified gold, during that Godly phase.

Poem by Benjo, Michael and Jeremiah

Founding DSC

The day I first stepped upon DSC fields
The mid-summer sun shone against the face shields
The children sat settled in neat rows of three
Where parents could see the excitement to be
On DSC fields where we wanted stay

Mondays were long, although information filled
Tuesdays were a break from our previous build
Wednesday started with English but closed with art

School whipped by; here one minute and gone the next

Poem by Nicki and Heidi