



Term 1 Week 11 2023

explore together | thrive together | serve together

Optical Illusions

***“Neither he nor his parents sinned,”
Jesus answered, “He was born blind so
That the works of God might be displayed
In him.”” John 9:3***



We all have experienced looking at something and seeing different things. Perhaps you've seen the famous optical illusion of a tree that also looks like a gorilla or a lion. Or maybe you've seen the duck/rabbit illusion that appears differently depending on how you look at it.

In our daily lives, we may encounter situations where we don't see things as they really are. It can be frustrating, confusing, or even discouraging. But as read in John 9, we find comfort and hope in the story of the man born blind.

Some people believed that the man's blindness was due to sin. But Jesus revealed that it was not about sin at all. Instead, it was an opportunity for God's glory to be revealed and for the man to receive light and life. The man's physical eyes were opened, and his spiritual eyes were also opened to the truth of Jesus as the Son of God.

As we reflect on this story, we are reminded that God's ways are higher than our ways. We may not always understand why things happen or how they will turn out, but we can trust that God is always working for our good and for His glory. We may see things from our limited perspective, but God sees the big picture and knows what's best for us.

So let us keep our eyes open to the amazing things that God is doing around us. Let us have faith and trust in His plans, even when we don't understand them. And let us be a shining light to those around us, reflecting God's love and glory in all that we do.

Devotion by Steph Kriewaldt

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From the Principal

As we come to the end of another successful term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the amazing achievements of our students and the incredible support of our Lobethal Lutheran community. It has been inspiring to see our students embrace our school values of Explore, Thrive, and Serve, and demonstrate them in their daily lives.

Our students have truly excelled in their learning and personal growth, whether it be through their academic achievements or their involvement in extracurricular activities such as music, sport, and community service. It is a testament to their hard work and dedication, and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our Lobethal Lutheran community. Whether it be through volunteering their time, contributing to fundraising efforts, or simply cheering on our students at events, the support and encouragement of our community have been truly invaluable.

As we look ahead to the next term, I am filled with excitement and optimism for what is to come. With the continued support of our amazing community and the dedication of our talented staff, I have no doubt that our students will continue to thrive and make us proud.

So let us take a moment to celebrate our successes this term and to thank each other for the part we have played in making it such a memorable and successful term. Thank you to our Lobethal Lutheran community for being such a fabulous support system and for being an integral part of our school's success.

Blessings, Steph



Sports Day





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Easter Service

Last Thursday, April 6th, we celebrated Easter with our community through a touching Passion Service. Our talented Year 5/6 students led the service, which beautifully honoured the resurrection of Jesus and the power of new beginnings. We were deeply moved by the students' heartfelt performances and the community's overwhelming support.

Learning Walk-Thru

At Lobethal Lutheran we are so proud of the amazing work our students produce.

On the last day of school, April 14th, we welcome parents and families into classrooms for an informal walk-thru, an opportunity for our students to share their learning with the special people in their lives. Classroom doors will open from 12:30, with early dismissal from 1pm, the bus will depart at 1pm.



Casual Day & Movie Day

On the last day of school, April 14th, students are encouraged to wear casual clothes and enjoy a school movie day as our students raise money for ALWS with a gold coin donation.

Sports Day

We want to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped make our recent sports day such a success! From the dedicated staff who worked tirelessly to make sure everything ran smoothly, including Mr. Adler who led the event, to the enthusiastic participation of our students, and the amazing support of our community who came out to cheer them on, we couldn't have asked for a better day.

A special thanks also goes out to the church for their delicious sausage sizzle that kept us energized throughout the day, and to the PFA who ran a fantastic donut stall and coffee cart that kept us warm and satisfied. It's moments like these that make us grateful for the strong community we have here at our school, and we can't wait to see what we can accomplish together in the future.



Hufendorf Garten





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PFA

Join our PFA in supporting the Birdwood Drive N Jive Event on Sunday April 23rd at the Birdwood Community Park. As an approved stall holder, we will be working with the School Coffee Cart to provide hot and cold drinks throughout the day. We are seeking volunteers to help us make this event a success and support our ongoing fundraising efforts for the new nature playground and inter-school sports tops. Coffee cart volunteers will receive free entry passes for the day. Please let the front office know as soon as possible if you can help. We also want to express our gratitude to our canteen helpers for their outstanding work in running our first fortnightly Wednesday school canteen. We invite all parents to volunteer and be a part of this treasured experience.

Choir

I would like to express our gratitude to Mrs Kelsey Polglase for facilitating our fortnightly choir. Our students had a blast during their first practice, where they sang beautifully and passionately. The choir is a space where our students feel seen, heard, and celebrated, and we are proud to have Mrs Polglase lead them in their musical journey.

We are grateful to our community for their continued support and participation in our school events. We look forward to more exciting events in the future.



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Beyond

Our beloved "Beyond" program will be recommencing next term, with sessions scheduled every other week. This outdoor learning program is a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop important skills and resilience while exploring the beautiful natural environment around us.

Please note that students will be required to wear waterproof shoes and long pants for these sessions to ensure they stay comfortable and safe during their outdoor adventures. We strongly encourage all students to participate in this program as it offers unique opportunities for growth and learning that cannot be replicated in a classroom setting.

Through the "Beyond" program, students will have the chance to engage in a range of activities that will challenge them physically and mentally, helping them to develop problem-solving skills, teamwork, and confidence. We can't wait to see all the amazing things our students will accomplish as they take on the challenges of the great outdoors!

World Day of Prayer

Our recent World Day of Prayer event was a huge success. It was wonderful to see people of all ages coming together to celebrate and learn about new cultures, as well as enjoy some delicious food in the form of dumplings and boba.

The intergenerational fellowship that took place at this event was truly inspiring, with everyone coming together to pray for Taiwan. We learned so much from one another, and it was clear that everyone left with a newfound appreciation for the diversity and richness of our world.

Mount Pleasant Show

We are thrilled to announce that our school recently achieved great success at the Mount Pleasant Show by winning prizes in all year levels in the Sustainability Awards. Our students and teachers have been working incredibly hard to promote sustainability in our school garden and community, and this recognition is a testament to their dedication and hard work.

Winning prizes in all year levels is a huge accomplishment, and we are so proud of our students and Mrs Jones for their outstanding efforts. We believe that sustainability is an important issue that affects us all, and we are committed to continuing our work in this area. Congratulations to all involved in making this achievement possible!

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Lunchboxes

As parents, we all want our children to grow up healthy and strong. One way we can help achieve this is by encouraging healthy eating habits, particularly during their school years. One effective way to involve your children in making healthy choices is by encouraging them to plan and prepare their own lunchboxes. This not only helps them learn about healthy eating but also empowers them to make decisions about what they will eat during the day. By discussing healthier food and drink choices together, writing a shopping list, and taking them shopping with you, children can actively participate in creating their own healthy lunch.

A healthy lunchbox should include a variety of foods from each of the five food groups, including fruit, vegetables, dairy, meat or meat alternatives, and grain or cereal foods. Fresh or tinned fruit, crunchy vegetable sticks with dip, and dairy products are all great options to consider. For meat or meat alternatives, lean meat like chicken strips or a hard-boiled egg are great choices. For grain or cereal foods, try wholegrain or wholemeal options like a bread roll, flatbread, fruit bread, rice or crackers. Finally, water is the best choice for drinks.

When packing your child's lunchbox, consider cutting large pieces of fruit into smaller portions to make them easier to eat. Half a sandwich or roll can be given for morning recess to provide a healthy fill. In hot weather, frozen snacks like milk, yoghurt, water, or orange segments make a great refreshing option that also helps to keep the lunchbox cool. Adding a variety of colourful vegetables and fruit also makes for an engaging and visually appealing lunchbox.

By involving your children in the planning and preparation of their own healthy lunchbox, you can teach them valuable lessons about making healthy food choices that will benefit them throughout their lives.



Fiona Castle-Schmidt



I am delighted to welcome you all to our learning community at Lobethal Lutheran School for the start of the academic year. As Chair of the School Board, I am honoured to have the opportunity to work with our dedicated team of teachers, staff, parents and community members to ensure that your children receive the best possible education. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and families, and to those returning, welcome back! We hope that you have settled in well during this first term and this year will be filled with excitement, joy and many new learning experiences. I would also like to take a moment to thank our Principal Steph, and staff for their hard work in preparing for the school year. Their commitment and dedication to ensuring that our students receive a quality education is truly commendable. I pray that all the staff have a wonderful time of rest and recuperation in these upcoming holidays.

As we explore together, thrive together and serve together - we encourage parents and carers to continue their wonderful involvement in P&F in our school community, as we believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for the success of our students.

Thank you for entrusting your child's education to us. We look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

I can be contacted via email at fcastleschmidt@gmail.com with any School Governance questions or queries. I also attend Chapel most Friday's - see you there!



Term 2 Dates

First Day Term 2

Monday 1st May

Cross Country

Tuesday 9th May

Mother's Day

High Tea & Stall

Friday 12th May

Pirate Day

Monday 15th May

Principal's Tour

Tuesday 16th May

Foundation Worship

Friday 26th May

Reconciliation Week

Monday 29th May

Year 6 HILS Day

Friday 2nd June

Principal's Tour

Thursday 8th June

King's Birthday

Monday 12th June

Last Day Term 2 /

Grandparents Day /

Open Day

Friday 30th June

Private Music Tuition 2023 with Tamara Koop

Join me in my 21st year teaching at Lobethal Lutheran!

Now is the time to book in for music lessons for next year!
30 minute Lessons are given during school time on Fridays

Learn the Piano / Electric Keyboard - Yr 1 and up

Learn the acoustic Guitar - Yr 3, 4, 5 and 6

Learn the Bass guitar - Yr 5 and 6

Learn the drum kit - Yrs 4, 5 and 6.

VERY IMPORTANT: All students need to own their own appropriate sized instruments from the very first lesson. Guitar students in Years 3 and 4 must start with an **acoustic guitar**, not steel string, and the correct 3/4 size classical guitar. Older students in Yr 5 or 6 will need a full sized nylon string guitar.

Bass guitar students need a short scale smaller bass guitar to start with, and an amp!

Drum students need a full sized drum kit at home to practice on right from the first lesson.

Cost: \$32 for 8 lessons per term. Music Books are extra.

Any bookings, questions or advice needed please contact Tamara on 0413 944 636 or email tamaraj6677@gmail.com.



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CROSS COUNTRY

9 am

Year 5/6

9:20 am

Year 3/4

9:40 am

Foundation
Year 1/2

MAY

18

**FAMILIES
WELCOME**



**support your
team in maroon
& gold**



PIRATE DAY

15 MAY, 2023

CASUAL DAY
GOLD COIN
DONATION

TURN THE TIDES
ON CHILDHOOD
BRAIN CANCER