

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Year of Mercy

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s Mercy”

Pope Francis announced a year of Mercy from 8/12/2015 – 20/11/2016. The Holy Door was opened becoming the ‘Door of Mercy’. The 8th December is the Solemnity of the ‘Immaculate Conception’ and the 20th November is the Solemnity of ‘Christ the King’. Pope Francis expressed that: “As we seal the Holy Door, we shall be filled with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace.

The Father, “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4).

School Community Newsletter



Friday 29th January 2016

Term: 1

Week: 1

What's on next week?

February:

Monday 1st. Assembly @ 2.20pm;
Wednesday 3rd. NO PREPS;
Thursday 4th. Hello Night from 5.00pm;
Friday 5th. Opening School Mass @ St Brendan's Church @ 12.30pm.

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St. Luke's Catholic Primary School acknowledges the Bangarang and Yorta Yorta people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We commit to working in partnership with Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.



PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Welcome back to school,

We have witnessed much excitement amongst the staff, students and parents over the past three days. As a new Principal, not only to the school, but also to Shepparton and Victoria, I have been overwhelmed by the welcome to my family and I. We first experienced your kind and caring environment when we attended mass in December and visited the school late last year. This has continued as we have started to settle in Shepparton. I also thank Fr Joe Taylor and the parish for their welcome.

During the past few weeks I have been able to say hello to staff while they have been preparing for 2016. I was so impressed by their commitment and teamwork in their Learning Communities. It also gave us the chance to chat informally and start the journey together. On Wednesday we gathered as a staff and I gave them some background about my journey and how this has led me to St. Luke's. Over the next few weeks I will share a little about my vocation as a Principal with you. We reflected on our personal values, what makes Australia a great country and why St. Luke's is a great school, which will guide us in developing a school theme for 2016. The rest of the day focused on daily routines and administration.

The first day for the students went quite smoothly. Being on morning duty was a blessing as I could say hello to families as they arrived and I could see the excitement as the children saw their mates again. For some, they may not have seen each other since last year. We all love a holiday, but it is exciting for all of us to return for a new school year. It is so beautiful to greet our NEW PREP children and their families. For some families, this is the first child at school, for others the last and for some, there are more children to come to St. Luke's in the near future. For me personally, it was extra exciting because I was greeting all of you and also seeing my second child start Prep. Nicole and I also have a daughter in Year 5. I think Nicole gained a fair insight into our day as we all expressed our excitement. In Clancy's (Prep) words: "It was the bestest day ever."

What made yesterday complete was the gathering of parents for a cuppa after the bell sounded and my visits throughout the day to all the classrooms. I look forward to future gatherings and my time in the classrooms working with the students and staff.

Opportunities to say hello

There will be many opportunities to visit the school, see your class teacher and socialize with other families. The first of these will be next Thursday at the "HELLO" Night, where you can visit your child's classroom from 5:00pm-6:00pm, then stay for dinner. Other opportunities include our Opening Mass, information evenings and weekly assemblies.

Welcome new staff members

Danae Muston, who will be teaching in Year 3/4 Calder on Wednesday. Federica Mancusi who will be teaching Italian on Tuesday and Wednesday. Annie Mellino, who will be teaching Visual Arts on Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope they all enjoy 2016.

We also wish Fr. Joe, Fr. Bernie and Fr. Joseph all the best for 2016. For the new families to St. Luke's, Fr. Joe is our Canonical Administrator and he will be our school's chaplain this year. Each term we have one mass in at St. Brendan's church in Knight street, and a class mass once a term at school.

Congratulations

We congratulate Courtney Warnett and Lee on the birth of a daughter, Sienna Mae over the holidays.

Car park, Grass & Stadium

I am sure you are all impressed with what has taken place since the end of 2015 until now. The stadium flooring looks great and we will continue to look at developing it into a fine establishment to be used for many purposes. The Car park was in full swing yesterday and the flow of traffic was much better. The grass area in the middle of the playground has taken off really well. The rain has come at the right time. I just hope the rain is not affecting the fruit and getting it off. Being originally from Griffith and off the land (wine grapes and citrus), I know the importance of good weather at the right times.

Thank you

- staff - for all their work and before school started. For welcoming me and other new staff members.
- all parents - I have met many and will continue to over the term. I really appreciate your friendliness.
- School Board & Community groups - have worked behind the scenes to make things happen (car park, stadium flooring and top dressing). The cuppa for parents yesterday was great and I heard the lunch went well too!
- Students - for coming back with a smile and showing your teachers that you are mostly excited about the new year.
- Year 5/6 students - being great buddies for the Prep children.

Have a great weekend and I can't wait to see you all next Monday



David Keenan
Principal

Making Jesus Real

The main aim of the Making Jesus Real (MJR) program & the bottom line of Catholic Education is to get students to be aware that they have the spirit of Jesus within them. This is expressed each day by the simple little things we do and say (smile, wave, saying please and thank you, helping people, giving encouraging words, volunteering at home etc, just like you do in your busy life. MJR is simple as we are already doing it and it is just a matter of being switched onto the way we G.T.S. (Greet Treat and Speak to people). These are some of the great MJR initiatives that students can do to bring the spirit alive within themselves and those around them.

- * Be a GIVER rather than a taker.
- * Be a better team player at home (doing as they are asked cheerfully and saying thanks at home a least 4 times daily).
- * Positive attitude to people and life, Believe in themselves (B.I.Y).
- * Be a Grinner and Winner rather a moaner and groaner, Take the good with the bad.
- * Search for the hero inside yourself, search for the secrets you hide.
- * Model at all times WEST attitude
- * Looking at qualities and they picking 3 that they aim to be by the end of the year.
(kind Friendly Encouraging, compassionate, helpful, giving of themselves, include others, welcoming, attitude of Gratitude, humble, forgiving, etc.).
- * Peer pressure. "If you want to fly like an eagle don't hang around with the turkeys."
- * Born to try, "the future lies in my hands"
- * Reflecting over my day, 3 things that I should be thankful for that happened today. "A day is wasted if you don't reflect on it. Where was the spirit of Jesus in my life today?"
- Compass points for life. Class go through MJR pick 20 attitudes they want for life, bring it down to 10 then 5 and then 1 which is the "Key to their life" the 10 are their compass points for life, we then do orienteering with compasses around the school to get the message.

Scripture Focus: Each fortnight our school community will focus on a piece of scripture linked to a social skills focus to make that important connection between our lives and the life-giving message of God's Holy Word.

'Listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says,

"Do not be afraid, I have called you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1-2.

Whole School Social Skills Focus: For weeks 1 & 2 our social skills focus is **USING NAMES OF PEOPLE.**

1. Teachers' names.
2. Students' names.
3. Parents' names.
4. Greeting others in the mornings.

Throughout the year we invite our families to reinforce each set of social skills that are the focus for our fortnight. These social skills link with the Making Jesus Real (MJR) program in our school. Our MJR focus for this fortnight is:

WELCOME - INCLUDE

USE THE BIG 'E' WORD - Encouraging Words

Sensational

Well
done

You're
fantastic

Great
Effort



OPENING SCHOOL MASS - FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2016

We will gather next Friday at 12.30pm at St Brendan's Church for our Opening School Mass. Children will travel by bus to and from church. A permission note will go home in the next few days with further details. Children who have been asked to do a reading or special job will be notified in the next few days also. All are welcome to come along.

SCHOOL NEWS:



LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Orders will commence next Wednesday 3rd February. A menu has gone home today and a menu will also be available on the website.

Please note orders must be in the Lunch order tubs by 9.15am.

Lunch order bags are available from the office at a cost of \$2.00 for 50 bags. Please not only these large bags can be used.

PREPS - WEDNESDAY'S

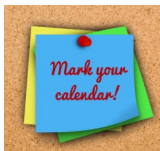
Just a reminder that Preps do not attend on Wednesday's until Wednesday 9th March (after the Pupil Free day on the 7th).

Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

School photo day is on Tuesday 16th February 2016.

Notes and photo envelopes will be distributed in the next couple of weeks.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please note the deadline for newsletter items is 12pm Thursday. Items can be emailed to newsletter@slshepparton.catholic.edu.au

2016 SHEPP TRANSIT SCHOOL BUS FARES:

Shepp Transit Bus Fares for 2016 are as follows:

\$1.20	Single/one way
\$2.40	Daily return
\$11.20	Weekly return
\$66.70	Term/single, same for each Term of 2016 available only at Shepp Transit, Fordyce St Shepparton
\$113.40	Term/return, same for each Term of 2016 available only at Shepp Transit, Fordyce St Shepparton

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Children's Chatter Matters!



Why is it important that children are given opportunities for a longer turn to talk and listen? Research suggests that the lengthy "chats" we have with our children are linked to school success. As children progress through the grades they must learn to use extended discourse in telling stories, giving explanations, reporting, expressing an opinion or writing an essay. Asking children "if, why and how" type questions allows them to deepen their thinking and prepare longer and more complex responses. It makes sense to build confidence with extended discourse gradually, beginning with simple oral tasks.

In each weekly newsletter this year, our school's Speech Pathologist will provide some "family friendly", fun oral language tasks aimed to enhance learning and literacy skills.

We encourage you to set some time aside so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child. In a busy household sometimes the car is the best place for these focused activities. The key ingredients for a creative interaction are a time, a place, a willing talking partner or audience and an engaging topic or activity.

If your child is reading a particular book at home or in class, try to incorporate words or ideas from that text into your activity. For example; if you are building your child's use of describing words, select a character from your child's reader to describe. Encourage increasingly expensive words such as the beautiful, gorgeous, stunning, breath-taking princess.

Positive communication experiences at home help children feel accepted and valued. Growth in spoken language skills will build children's self-confidence and help them learn to negotiate social interactions at school. This often transfers to other aspects of their learning and life.

Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level. Ten activities will be provided over this term targeting phonological awareness skills. Phonological awareness is one of the key building blocks for reading and writing. It is listening to, and thinking about the sounds in words.

1. As you read a story with your child, practice breaking up sentences into words. Say a sentence, and encourage your child to repeat it out loud. Then, ask your child to tap, jump or count on his/her fingers the number of words in the sentence. This is important to help your child hear and discriminate word boundaries. For example, 'Tap for each word you hear in this sentence: "It is racing after me" (5 taps).

For older kids, say a sentence out of their reader/book and see if you can reorder the words to make new sentences. For example, the sentence "I can run fast and swim far" can be reordered to make: "I can run far and swim fast" or "can I run fast and swim far?"

Here are some sentences to start you off (remember to choose sentences from your child's book/reader):

- A. Mike has a red lolly and Sarah has a blue ball.
- B. She went to the shops after she went to the pool.
- C. Please move quickly to the door.
- D. Lucy painted a picture of Mike while he rode his bike.

The Aussie Camino Pilgrimage Walk

Portland to Penola in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

departing on Monday 11th April returning on Tuesday 19th of April, 2016.

The Penola pilgrimage walk was inspired by the life and journeys of *Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop* and offers pilgrims a challenging but spectacular experience with many opportunities for personal solitude, peace and spiritual reflection.

Limited numbers, expression of interest needed by end of January. Information sessions will be held in the Parish with all the information you will need to know.

Phone Anthony Kilmartin for further information on 0408 269426.

Information is also available on the website www.aussiecamino.org

Gluten Free Hosts

If you would like to receive Holy Communion but have trouble with coeliac or food intolerances we have a supply of gluten free hosts. Please see Father (Sacristy door in the west entrance) before Mass so a pix can be arranged for you.

Parish Hours:

Please note Parish Hours are
Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm.
Contact Number: 58212633.

SCHOOL INFORMATION:



Lunch Orders: Lunch order day is Wednesday, please remind your child to place their lunch order in the lunch tub first thing in the morning. please only large brown lunch bags available from the office - \$2 for 50. If there are any discrepancies with lunch orders, the matter is to be dealt with on the day of the lunch order. Children need to tell their teacher or come to the Office straight away. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET TO

DONATE your non fragile goods into the St. Vinnie's collection bin located to the right of the Gathering Space, close to the staff carpark. We welcome regular donations of clothing, blankets, linen etc. for distribution through our local Vinnies' Store. Thank you.



PRE LOVED UNIFORMS:

Please contact Paula Holland on 0438 311 991 for all of your pre-loved uniform needs.



Out Of School Hours Care

Stepping Stones Children's Services:

All bookings & enquires regarding care or changes to bookings, cancellations, payments etc. should be directed through Stepping Stones on: 1300 665 699.



EcoStore is a retail outlet to sell much of the produce from EcoPark. A variety of seasonal herbs and vegetables, sauces, chutneys, eggs and wooden and ceramic craft items are available to the community.

Come in and explore the many items that are on display and purchase your favourite produce.

EcoStore provides experience for people to further their work skills and create pathways to employment.



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Creating Pathways
into the Community

SOCIAL MEDIA @ ST LUKE'S

St. Luke's Catholic Primary School's Facebook page, Twitter, and Skoolbag App are now live and up and running. There are now several ways to keep up to date with what is happening at our school. Follow the links below for Facebook & Twitter.

<https://www.facebook.com/slshepparton>

https://twitter.com/StLukes_PS

If you haven't already downloaded our Skoolbag APP, go to the Appstore and search for St. Lukes Catholic Primary School Shepparton, it's easy and free to download.



Bus Contact Numbers:

For queries relating to the COUNTRY and TOWN bus systems please contact

TOWN BUS:

Shepparton Transit
Ph: 5831 2150

COUNTRY BUS:

Co-Ord: Paul Lucas
Ph: 5825 2344

ST. LUKE'S UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Goulburn Valley
School Uniforms
66 High St
Shepparton

are the **SOLE** supplier of School Uniforms to our school community. Please contact **JOY** for your uniform needs on 5831 3355

OTHER NEWS:

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2016 Melbourne weekend dates : 8-10 April, 17-19 June, 19-21 Aug, 11-13 Nov

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH Marianne & Marcel 03 97330997

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au



You're invited to join the Junior Swans pre-season training for U/14's & 16's with the opportunity of becoming a 2016 player.

Under 14 Coaches: Brett Warburton 0438 412 326 & Jarrod Sutherland 0408 272 627

Under 16's Coach: Jika Ford 0427 506 753

Starting off: Wednesday, 3rd February 2016
Tryouts each Wednesday and each Friday in February
2016 Princess Park Oval - 5pm to 6pm

Wayne Steward President SSJFC - Phone: 0458 222 906

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 1 FEBRUARY: Week 2 - Monday 1st.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm
Wednesday 3rd.	• NO PREPS
Thursday 4th.	• Hello Night from 5pm
Friday 5th.	• Opening School Mass @ St. Brendan's @ 12.30pm
Week 3 - Monday 8th.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 9th.	• Shrove Tuesday • Board Meeting
Wednesday 10th.	• NO PREPS • Ash Wednesday • Community Group Meeting
Friday 11th.	• Year Six Leadership Day at St. Mary's, Mooroopna.
Week 4 - Monday 15th.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 16th.	• School Photos
Wednesday 17th.	• NO PREPS
Week 5 - Monday 22nd.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm
Wednesday 24th.	• NO PREPS
Week 6 - Monday 29th.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm
Wednesday 2nd March	• NO PREPS
Week 7 - Monday 7th	• PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF PD
Wednesday 9th.	• PREPS COMMENCE FULL TIME • Community Group Meeting
Week 8 - Monday 14th.	• PUPIL FREE DAY - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Friday 18th.	• National Day of Action Against Bullying - Year 5/6 March.
Week 9 - Monday 21st.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm • Holy Week
Thursday 24th.	• Holy Thursday • Last day of Term 1

Subject to change