

***"There was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his gate was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would have gladly eaten his full of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table..."***  
***(Lk 16:19-31)***

This parable was the scripture in a Thursday reflection I was reading. I really liked how the writer made parallels with a game of football.

*"It's the angle. For example, a football game on TV. Watching the replay from one angle, we have one view, from another angle we swear his foot was out of bounds. In the above parable, we get two angles. The rich man is on the inside looking out and Lazarus is on the outside looking in, at the bottom looking up. Which angle gives us a truer picture? Ask ourselves, How does God see this? Can we pick a situation in our lives, and ask the Lord how he sees it. What is his best angle, with no DRS!"*



*Our Pope opens his arms to all, just as God open his arms to all.*

# School Community Newsletter

**2016: Be the Face of Mercy**

**Friday 26th February 2016**

**Term: 1**

**Week: 5**



## **What's on next week?**

### **February:**

Monday 29th.. Assembly @ 2.20pm (3/4C reflection);

### **March:**

Wednesday 2nd. NO PREPS;

Friday 4th. Senior LC Mass @ 12.30pm in the Gathering Space;  
Clean Up Australia Day.

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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.**



**Mentors in My Life**

I said last week, I would pause from my journey and share something different with you. I guess I am not really pausing because mentors are part of my journey and this will continue. We are never too old or young to have a mentor (or mentors). I won't share with you all my mentors but I will share a story about one of them.

A few weeks ago at the Year 6 leadership day Mr. Paul Desmond spoke about a student whom he looked up to and admired. As a teacher I cherish each day, because we witness so many great moments and achievements. I have spoken about this young man at a Christian Men's Breakfast and why I admire his story so far.

I started teaching in 1996 and came across this young boy from a lovely family. I had a bit to do with him and his brother through the parish, school and sport. Like many young people he had dreams. If it is one thing, I love students who have dreams. If they don't quite reach their desired outcome, most of the time they have had a wonderful experience that has helped them develop life skills and important values. This young boy was talented on the sporting field in soccer and cricket; two sports I enjoyed. His parents and grandparents would take him and his brother everywhere (within reason). Throughout the entire journey there was never any pressure from Mum or Dad, just support and fun. This young man had a dream to play cricket for Australia, or be the best he could be. I also had a dream when I was young, along these lines, but maybe it was more like "I think you are dreaming:)" Throughout his journey he never lost sight of how lucky he and his brother were to have a supporting family. He never lost sight of important values (Catholic values). His manners were impeccable, he respected his elders, he never gave up even if he wasn't sure about a coach or didn't like someone. He knew that whoever the coach/manager were, they were doing their best and giving up their time.

The years rolled by and from coaching him at school, to playing in the same team as him and his brother, you knew they may both do well, especially in cricket. You always dream for success of young people, but as a witness you know that playing for your country is something only a few talented people get the opportunity to do. Well, when I was told that Nathan Lyon was making his debut in the BBL for Adelaide, then a few months later was taking his first wicket for Australia in Sri Lanka, I was so happy for him and his family. Yes, Nathan Lyon plays cricket for Australia, but he is still that young man I knew years ago. This is the difference, he knows it is a privilege to play for Australia and he loves his family. Like many of us, after a day's work (a day of test cricket for NL) he loves coming home and being a Dad. So next time you see Nathan Lyon playing cricket, just remember that he went through the Catholic system from P-12, loved playing with his mates after school, did an apprenticeship in Canberra as a green keeper, played sport like many young people, lost and won games, is a little brother to Brendan and loves any chance he gets to see family and friends. Nathan and Brendan have both highlighted to me how important it is to believe in others and show that support through good and tough times.

All of us need to have dreams. One of my dreams is being filled right now and I thank the St. Luke's community. Five years ago, I may not have known that I would end up as Principal at St. Luke's, but I really believe in things happening for a reason. I have a few more dreams and I think my end goals may be fulfilled.

## School Board News

Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 8th March at 6:30pm. A date I would like all parents/carers to place in their diary is Tuesday 12th April at 6:30pm. We have invited Phil Bretherton from the CEO to speak to parents so they may have a better understanding of the role of the School Board. Coming to this does not mean, you will be asked onto the Board. You may be thinking, that at some stage in the future you may like to be part of the School's Board or you just want to know more about the role of the Board. Those on other committees in the school may also benefit from this session. There will be drinks and finger food provided. More information to follow closer to the date.

Other items being discussed: new board members, wellbeing model, visits from CEO, stadium, carpark, maintenance and grounds, Child Safety Standards- Managing the Risk of Child Abuse in Schools (Ministerial order)

The Child Safety standards will be something we will communicate with all parents. Mr. Harmer and I attended the first of the Director's briefing yesterday and the Child Safe Standards were the focus. We will be taking policies to the board in the near future, dealing with Child Safety and making these public via our website. All schools in Victoria are required to meet such standards and we will be working closely with our CEO, as will all schools.

### TIPS FOR PARENTS:

*Talking to our children about school. Tired of asking your child "What did you do at school today?" and being told "Nothing". Try some of these questions:*

What did you play at recess today?

What was the most interesting things you read at school this week?

What was the best part of maths today?

What is the MJR theme for this week? What happened at assembly today?

## STAFFING

After holding interviews earlier this week for the Admin Officer position, we have offered this position to Mrs. Karli Scott. We welcome Karli, her husband Damian and two young children to our St. Luke's community. Karli will start a transition phase with us and officially start by the end of the term.

## THANKYOU

- parents for working with the teachers
- 5/6D- great persuasive writing texts
- Prep- answering some great questions about the book I read
- P-6 playing well on the playground and following rules

## SLIGHT CHANGE TO PLAYGROUND USE

At assembly on Monday we told the students the following:

The following students may use the playground during these times:

Before school (8:30-8:55)- P-6

Recess & Lunch (P-3) There were too many children on the playground. We will monitor this and make sure Years 4-6 have enough equipment and games to play instead of using the playground.

***Children who cannot reach the flying fox while standing under it cannot use it.***

As I wish you all the best for the weekend, I leave school this afternoon and look forward to a visit from a former student who went to school with Nathan. Thomas is now in the Australian Army. He lives in Melbourne, but does a lot of training at Seymour. He is off to Israel in July and will be there as a UN soldier. He also did a stint in Afghanistan a few years ago. He is another student whom I very proud off. He is also a SWANS supporter! Have a good weekend!



Mr. 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.

*'Jesus reminded His followers to listen to understand (Mt 11:15; 13:18; 15:10). Jesus listened and encouraged other to listen.*

**Whole School Social Skills Focus:** For weeks 5 & 6 our social skills focus is **LISTENING**.

1. Look at the person speaking.
2. Nothing in hands.
3. Look interested



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:

### **LISTENING SKILLS**

#### **SENIOR LC MASS - FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2016**

The Senior Learning Community Mass will be held next Friday 4th March in the Gathering Space @ 12.30pm.

Fr Joe will be here to lead our Mass, all are welcome to attend.

#### Learning Community Masses in Term 1.

Fr. Joe will be coming out to school this Term for our Learning Community Masses which will be held in the Gathering Space. All are welcome to attend, dates are as follows:

- March 10th @ 12:30pm - Prep
- March 17th @ 12:30pm - Junior LC
- March 18th @ 12:30pm - Middle LC

#### **ASSEMBLY GOSPEL AND PRAYER**

Each of our Learning groups will coordinate the Gospel and Prayer at assembly each week. Our next Assembly Gospel and Prayer will be led by:

- Monday 29th February ~ Middle LC - 3/4 Calder

Families are always welcome to attend Assembly each Monday 2.20pm in the Gathering Space.

## SCHOOL NEWS:

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES POLICY

There have been cases of Chicken Pox in the past week, please refer to our Infectious Disease policy below:

There are some diseases that require exclusion from school including:

Measles: 4 days after onset of rash;

German Measles: 4 days or a medical certificate of recovery;

Infectious Hepatitis: Medical certificate of recovery;

Whooping Cough: 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment and receipt of medical certificate;

Chicken Pox: Until fully recovered or at least 5 days after the first eruption;

School sores: Until appropriate treatment has commenced and all sores must be covered;

Ringworm: Until one day after treatment has commenced;

Conjunctivitis: Until discharge from eyes has ceased;

Mumps: 9 days or until swelling subsides and receipt of medical certificate;

Head foot and mouth: Until all blisters are dried;

Gastroenteritis: exclude until diarrhoea has ceased or receipt of medical certificate;

Herpes Simplex: exclude young children who may not be able to practice good hygiene while lesion is weeping;

Influenza: exclude until well

The Victorian State Government website has a full list of communicable diseases and minimum exclusion periods at [www.2health.vic.gov.au](http://www.2health.vic.gov.au)

**Children who are known to be or are suspected of being ill should not be sent to school.**

### SUPERVISION TIMES



Just a reminder to families that children are supervised from 8.30am in the morning and until 3.30pm in the afternoon.

Children who get picked up are to wait with Mr. Keenan or the teacher on duty at the northern end of the front path. If children are unsure of pick up arrangements they are to report to the office. Thanks.

### 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.

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS:



### ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Prep Hoskin	Chloe Hoare
Prep Kent	Clancy Keenan
1/2 Black	Thomas Mellington
1/2 Johnson	Fletcher Robinson
1/2 Ryan	Isabel Zampaglione
3/4 Calder	Siyara Palawela
3/4 Harmer/Segrave	Liam Kendall
3/4 Murray	Seth Wilson
5/6 Dainton	Sofia DeRose
5/6 Hicks	Zac Metcalf



### *You Can Do It* AWARD

Prep Hoskin	Cody Munro
Prep Kent	Olivia Beer
1/2 Black	Faith Bailey
1/2 Johnson	Ruby McIntyre
1/2 Ryan	Lachlan Gallace
3/4 Calder	Lily Byers
3/4 Harmer/Segrave	Trinity Cameron
3/4 Murray	Rory Duffy
5/6 Dainton	Sinead Murray
5/6 Hicks	Matilda Keenan

Don't forget to send in your child's achievements to [newsletter@slshepparton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:newsletter@slshepparton.catholic.edu.au)

## Reporting and Assessment 2016

At St. Luke's Catholic Primary School, our formal reporting systems include written reports at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2, Parent/Teacher Interviews in Term 1 and Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews in Term 3. Please note that **there are some changes to the timing of these reporting systems for 2016**, as outlined below:

\* Term 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

\* Term 3 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

These events are noted on our school calendar and further information regarding them will be communicated closer to each date.

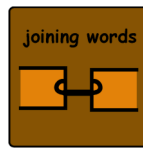
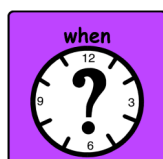
## Children's Chatter Matters!

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.



5. Encourage your child to include the following parts when retelling a story/ experience: who/ where/ when/ what happened/ feelings/ why. Encourage them to use some joining words such as: because, if, when, but, so, however, until, or, unless, then, consequently, before, after, as, instead of. You might like to start a sentence for them to finish.

e.g. Just after breakfast, my brother and I had a fight. He used my Spongebob toothbrush. Yuck!!! I hate it when he uses my Spongebob toothbrush because his breath stinks. Mum wasn't very pleased with us and said we couldn't have a treat after school.



Your teacher will have access to each of these cue cards for you to print off and use to guide your child's language at home.

## REGIONAL SPORT:

### Shepparton Sports Trials.

Congratulations to Jeremy O'Brien and Caitlyn Tuohey who participated in the Shepparton Tennis Trials earlier this term. Both students performed well in very hot conditions at McEwan Reserve Tennis Courts. Jeremy O'Brien finished second and now has the opportunity to play at the Region Trials in Wangaratta on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The Goulburn Murray Division Swimming Trials were also held this week. Congratulations to Lily Prior and Danni Baker for competing in the freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly events. Danni Baker will now progress onto the

Hume Region Trials in March here in Shepparton. Congratulations to all of these Senior students for their commitment and performances.

*Michelle Hicks*

## SPSSA/DIVISION & REGION CALENDAR 2016

We will have further details next week on the upcoming events:

April 18	Division Netball Trials
April 20	Division Football Trials
April 21	Division Soccer Trials
April 22	Division Basketball Trials



Dear parents

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

#### If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

#### If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

BULLYING. NO WAY!

[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

### **Take a Stand Together – Bullying. No Way!**

St. Luke's Catholic Primary School Senior Learning Community will once again be participating in the National Day of Action Against Bullying on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

This will be the **seventh** year of our involvement in this initiative.

The students will participate in a march in the Maude Street Mall, surveying members of the public regarding bullying, handing out information regarding this topic and inviting local businesses to display 'Bullying. No Way!' posters created by the students.

We also hope to gain local media coverage of this topic. Check out our past involvement at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LOySN7wLlo>

We encourage you to come down to the Mall on this day, between 11.30am – 1.00pm and support this important community awareness-raising campaign.

Michelle Hicks and Hannah Dainton  
Senior Learning Community teachers.



## SCHOOL INFORMATION:



### School Banking

## School Banking 2016 – Term 1 WEDNESDAY is School Banking Day!

For every deposit made at school, no matter big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. **Get involved in the School Banking program.**

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver's license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Please do not hesitate to call Stacey East, School Banking Co-ordinator, on phone 0438 426612 or email [stace\\_132@hotmail.com](mailto:stace_132@hotmail.com) for information and help.

School Banking in 2016 is one big outback savings adventure.



## SOCIAL MEDIA @ ST LUKE'S

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](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. The newsletter gets uploaded each week to the APP also!!



**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.



Bourchier Street Primary School  
Congupna Primary School  
Florina Pre School & Daycare  
Goulburn Valley Grammar School  
Gowrie Street Primary School  
Katandra West Primary School  
Nathalia Primary School  
Shepparton Christian College  
Shepparton High School  
St Brendan's Primary School  
St. Luke's Catholic Primary School  
Verney Rd Special School  
Wanganui Park Secondary College

Shepparton CFA  
Victoria State Emergency Service

1st Kialla Scout Group  
419 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets  
Dookie United Football Netball Club



Support your local community group.  
Choose from the following list of  
Registered Community Groups

Encounter Christian Church  
Fairleys Community Fund Grants  
Goulburn Valley Christian Fellowship  
Goulburn Valley Health Foundation  
Goulburn Valley Hospice Care  
GV University of the Third Age [U3A]  
Nth Shep Community & Learning Centre  
Sailability Shepparton  
Shepparton Church of Christ  
Shepparton Neighbourhood Watch  
The Salvation Army Pathways  
Uniting Care Cutting Edge Horses for Hope  
Zaidees Rainbow Foundation

GV Vintage Tractor & Farm Machinery Club  
REV'N' REC  
Shepp South Soccer Club  
Shepparton Golf Bowls Club Inc  
Shepparton North Tennis Club  
Tallygaroopna Bowling Club

### How the program works,

Customers that join Fairleys Supa IGA Community Rewards program receive a bar coded key tag that needs to be scanned at the checkout each time they shop Fairleys Supa IGA supermarket or liquor store in Shepparton, so points can be allocated.

Customers have the choice on joining, to allocate their points to a community group or collect personal rewards for those points. The basis for points is one point for every \$1 spent plus numerous bonus points ranging from 5-50 points for specific single ticketed product purchases.

Community groups that are nominated by the customers to receive these points will receive 1cent for each point at the end of each financial year. The average shopper spending \$100 per week will as a result of this process earn for a charity \$50+ per year therefore 100 supporters shopping regularly could equate to thousands of dollars for your group.

Personal Rewards where customers opt to not donate their points, will be offered from the Rewards showcase in-store as well as selected lines specially ticketed cross the store.



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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## 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.



## 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

## 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.

## 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

# Community Group News

Welcome to St Luke's Community Group for 2016. Our first meeting was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of February. We welcomed new and existing parents and elected the new 2016 executive positions. Many thanks to all those families for their donations and assistants on Shrove Tuesday, which was a success and put a smile on the children's faces.

**President:** Lucy Gallace **Vice President:** Paula Holland

**Secretary:** Anna Corazza **Vice Secretary:** Maree Martin

**Treasurer:** Cheryl Collins **Assistant Treasurer:** Kylie Hellier

**Second hand uniform shop:** Paula Holland **Assistant Second hand uniform:** Kaylene Armstrong

**Student banking co-ordinator:** Stacey East **Book Club Co-ordinators:** Robyn Daunt and Jo O'Neill.

Our list of events for 2016 include (subject to change):

Term 1	Term 2
Shrove Tuesday Easter Raffle	Mother's day Stall 6 <sup>th</sup> May Mother's day Afternoon Tea 22 <sup>nd</sup> May Pie Drive Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June Sausage sizzle 24 <sup>th</sup> June/Multicultural/ harmony day/dress up

Term 3	Term 4
Chocolate drive. Book fair 22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> August. Father's day September 2 <sup>nd</sup> Supporters day. 16 <sup>th</sup> September Hot Dogs Shepparton Marathon. Trivia Night 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Challenge Shepparton 13 <sup>th</sup> November Disco 9 <sup>th</sup> December

A calendar of community group and school events will be ready for distribution by the end of term. If you are a family with a business, **please leave your business card or contact details at the office.** The business cards details will be on the back of our calendar free of charge to encourage families to support **OUR** family's businesses.

A flyer will be coming home asking for parent's/carers assistant for our upcoming events. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to attend the next community group meeting held in the school meeting room on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm** or speak to any community group members.

**Being part of our Community Group Events and sub committees is a great opportunity to not only be involved in your child's school but meet new families and make new friends.**

**"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH." – HELEN KELLER**



**St. Brendan's Parish  
Sacramental Program 2016**  
*~Reconciliation Confirmation Eucharist~*

**ENROLMENT IS THIS WEEKEND**

**Enrolments for the parish Sacramental program can be lodged at one of the following times in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre – (behind the church) –**

*After 6.00pm Mass this Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February or*

*After 11.00am Mass this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February*

Enrolments can also be lodged on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the Parish House between 9am and 3.30pm. A copy of your child's baptism certificate, if they were **not** baptised at St. Brendan's needs to be provided at the time of enrolment. The cost of the program is \$70.00. **Enrolments close on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

If you do not have an information booklet or enrolment form they will be available at the above enrolment sessions or you can email me at [sacramental.coord@bigpond.com](mailto:sacramental.coord@bigpond.com)

Sincerely  
Laura OSullivan  
*Sacramental coordinator*

**St. Brendan's Parish AFL Footy Tipping Competition 2016**

Attention all footy lovers! The St. Brendan's Parish Footy Tipping competition is on again this year, and we would love everyone to sign up and be a part of all the fun. Test your footy brain against all your family and friends. The tips are entered online, so all you need is an email address and access to the internet via computer, tablet, or smartphone and you are set to go. Entry fee is \$25, payable at the parish office before Friday 15 April. This year, we will have prizes for the first four tipsters. The size of our prizes will be announced once everyone has signed up. In addition, as part of the AFL.com competition, all entrants can share in over \$550,000 worth of additional prizes. Joining can be done prior to payment, so follow this link:

<https://tipping.afl.com.au>

Returning players can use their 2015 login details. New players just sign up and follow the instructions. Once registered, click on the "Comps" tab and join "St Brendan's Parish Tipping Competition" (note punctuation) and use invite code "ES3UUUTE". Tipping online each week is then so simple! Anyone with further queries can contact Ashley on 0412475290.

**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.

**St. Brendan's Parish  
Children's Liturgy of  
the Word**

Every Sunday at 11.00am Mass  
during school term.



*All primary school children  
are invited to come and  
hear God's word.*

**VOLUNTEERS desperately needed to help lead Children's Liturgy of the Word. No qualifications needed, just a desire to spread God's word with our young parishioners. You are rostered on with a partner one Sunday a term. Notes and instructions provided. Please contact the Parish Office – 58212633 if you are interested.**



# Goulburn Valley Spirituality in the Pub ‘Palestine-Israel’ an eye-witness account

Monday 29th February 2016  
Terminus Hotel, Shepparton  
7.30 – 9.00

Counter meals available from 6.00 pm (optional)

**Speaker: Rev Joan Fisher**



Joan is a retired Uniting Church Minister, now living in Shepparton. Her many years of ministry included 71/2 in Mooroopna and 5 in Albury-Wodonga. Joan has, for many years, been interested in international justice issues.

In 2013, Joan travelled to Israel, visiting many of the places of Jesus' ministry and hearing from local Jewish, Muslim & Christian people. In Bethlehem, a Palestinian pastor who could trace Palestinian Christians' history back to Pentecost shared their story of 'Al Nakba' ['The Disaster'] as Palestinians describe the creation of the State of Israel. He expressed great concern that thousands of Christian pilgrims come to see the Holy Land's ancient stones, but show no interest in hearing about how Palestinian Christians, the 'living stones', suffer under military occupation.

Joan had previously heard of the **Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine & Israel** coordinated by the World Council of Churches which brings international volunteers to the West Bank to witness life under occupation, to engage with local Palestinians & Israelis pursuing a just peace, to change the international community's involvement in the conflict, urging them to act against injustice in the region. On retirement, she took up this challenge.

In 2015, Joan spent 3 months in the West Bank as an Ecumenical Accompanier.

Joan will present her experience then you get a chance

to share *your thoughts & questions* in an **Open Forum**

Bookings not required – just come along to the pub

Further Information: Kerry 0408 579904; Frank 58214362; Fran 58290301

## SOCCER PLAYERS WANTED!!!

Shepparton Soccer Club is seeking players for our Under 12 and 14 grades. Training will be from 6pm to 7pm on Wednesday and Friday nights at our new home ground, Vibert Reserve on Archer St. Training will start on Wednesday 30th March. For further details contact Martin Bassett on 0417 384 235.



## Blue Light Disco in Mooroopna

**When:** Friday, February 26

**Where:** Hub, Seniors Hall in Mooroopna, entrance via Morrell St (next to the library)

**Time:** 6.30 – 9.30 in the evening

**Cost:** \$8.00 per child

For ages 7 – 14 years, no drugs or alcohol allowed, no pass-outs.

For further information contact Mooroopna Police on 5825 4131, or Ian Saunders on 0413 320 996

## ADULTS

### MAD COW MUD RUN



**12KM OBSTACLE RACE**  
**EXPECT TO HAVE SOME FUN**

AGE GROUP: **16+**

**PRINCESS PARK SHEPPARTON**  
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016 (LONG W/END)  
STARTING FROM 7.00AM

ENTER ON YOUR OWN OR AS A TEAM AS LARGE AS YOU LIKE

REGISTER:  
[WWW.MADCOWMUDRUN.COM.AU](http://WWW.MADCOWMUDRUN.COM.AU)



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## KIDS

### MAD COW MUD RUN



**YOU WILL RUN CRAWL CLIMB CARRY LAUGH**  
AND YES, YOU WILL GET MUDDY!

AGE GROUP: **8-15**

**SPC/ARDMONA KIDS TOWN**  
SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2016 (LONG W/END)  
STARTING FROM 12 NOON

ENTER ON YOUR OWN OR AS A TEAM AS LARGE AS YOU LIKE

REGISTER:  
[WWW.MADCOWMUDRUN.COM.AU/KIDS-EVENT](http://WWW.MADCOWMUDRUN.COM.AU/KIDS-EVENT)

### Junior Stadium Netball

Shepparton Sports Stadium

INDOOR AUSSIE NET Fridays from 4.00pm



**Aussie Net** is an introduction to Netball

for 5 – 7 yrs. The program incorporates ball skills and general movement required for the game of Netball. Activities promote fitness along with learning the words used to progress to games later in the year confidently!

No VNA payment required, Lessons \$5.00

Qualified Instructors

Term 2 starts Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

For information call Kylie 0419 998190

## Join our Easter Family Night

**FREE**



**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 8pm**

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

- Easter D.I.Y. Workshops
- Visit from Easter Bunny
- Fun Easter egg hunt
- Easter activities for the whole family
- Light refreshments provided



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Bookings recommended – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store or go to [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au) and locate your nearest store.

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# What is slavery-free chocolate?



**END SLAVERY**  
in your school and community

**Every person ought to have the awareness that 'purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act'**

Pope Francis - World Peace Day Message 1 Jan

**It's chocolate that is free from exploitative labour practices.**

Presently children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat.

Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age, for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any chance of attending school

**The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates there are**

**500,000 – 1,500,000 children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa.**

A global movement has begun to change this. The movement tackles poverty and empowers producers through trade. When you choose your chocolate look for a label that shows the cocoa has been sourced ethically.

That means it doesn't come from the sweat and tears of children, trafficked or in forced labour.

**Look for these certification labels**



## What can you do?

- ◆ **BUY** slavery-free chocolate—see the Good Egg guide on reverse of this flier
- ◆ **TALK** to others about slavery-free chocolate
- ◆ Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/sfchoccampaign](http://www.facebook.com/sfchoccampaign)
- ◆ When you have a chocolate fundraiser, use slavery-free fundraiser packs
- ◆ If you have an Easter raffle, make sure it contains slavery-free chocolate
- ◆ Ask Coles & Woolworths to commit to double the number of certified products for Easter 2017. Supermarkets will place their 2017 Easter orders soon!

**Be a Good Egg this Easter**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>TERM 1 FEBRUARY:</b> Week 6 - Monday 29th.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm
Wednesday 2nd <b>March</b>	• <b>NO PREPS</b>
Friday 4th.	• Senior LC Mass @ 12.30pm in the Gathering Space • Clean Up Australia Day
Week 7 - Monday 7th	• <b>PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF PD</b>
Wednesday 9th.	• <b>PREPS COMMENCE FULL TIME</b> • Community Group Meeting
Thursday 10th.	• Prep LC Mass @ 12.30pm in the Gathering Space
Week 8 - Monday 14th.	• <b>PUPIL FREE DAY - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 15th.	• 3 Way Interviews Parent/Child/Teacher
Wednesday 16th.	• 3 Way Interviews Parent/Child/Teacher
Thursday 17th.	• Junior LC Mass @ 12.30pm in Gathering Space
Friday 18th.	• Middle LC Mass @ 12.30pm in the Gathering Space • 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