

*"I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God"*

These words come from the song, No Longer Slaves. We are all children of God, no matter what our circumstances are. We come from so many different backgrounds, stories and family structures. The one constant, is God's love for us.

Be the Face of Mercy

Have we thought about our theme? Romans 12:3-8 says that we are different members of the one body with different gifts - prophecy, service, teaching, ability to forgive...

How about the son who wanted his Father's inheritance. He went off and had a great time and spent all the money. The son was always in his Father's heart and he showed Mercy and forgave him. He was always hopeful and waited!



When Pope Francis opened the doors of the Basilica 8th December 2015, he used the doors as a symbol of Mercy. *Everyone is invited to open their doors, open their hearts and show Mercy. Mercy is greater than any sin. At the Notre Dame mass last Tuesday they celebrated by lifting others: We rise by lifting others. We can all lift others and BE THE FACE OF MERCY.*

School Community Newsletter

2016: Be the Face of Mercy

Friday 4th March 2016 Term: 1

Week: 6



What's on next week?

March:

Monday 7th. NO SCHOOL - PUPIL FREE DAY;
Tuesday 8th. School Board Meeting @ 6.30pm;
Wednesday 9th. PREPS COMMENCE FULLTIME;
Community Group Meeting@ 7.30pm;
Thursday 10th. Prep Mass @ 12.30pm in the Gathering Space;
ICT Information Sessions @ 2pm & 7pm;
Friday 11th. Bishop Leslie Tomlinson visit to school.

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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:

Hello everyone,

Can we believe that Easter is only three weeks away! The students will have three, 4-day weeks to finish off the term. Next Monday 7th the staff will be joined by three other school and CEO staff. We will be led by Dan Petro, a behavioural analyst. The following Monday is the long weekend and the last week of school, we finish on Holy Thursday.

I mentioned attending the Notre Dame mass on Tuesday. It was a beautiful celebration, uplifting and the choir was superb. I attended two Marist schools throughout 7-12. I attend St. Gregory's College in Campbelltown (Sydney) in Years 11/12 which was an all boys school. Listening to the Notre Dame choir brought back a lot of great memories. We had about 95 boarders in our year, so you could imagine us belting out Amazing Grace with the rest of the boarders at Saturday night mass. Music works its magic in so many different ways. Music is one form of prayer and brings people together. The last song I listened to with my Dad at my house, was Amazing Grace, by Mumford & Sons. It was not your typical reflective version of Amazing Grace, but it suited the moment and it was uplifting. As my dad said, "What could be better than a few bushwhackers singing Amazing Grace." I have included the link incase you want to watch the YouTube version- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I97ApXH_oGw

Playground games

With the change of seasons, comes a change in interests on the playground. We have discussed trying to cater for all sport the best way possible. I had a chat to our Year 5/6 students and offered a few suggestions which included:

- 2-3 dedicated areas for soccer
- AFL area
- maybe an area just for Prep (soccer/footy)
- Basketball, netball, cricket should be catered for on the courts

I think by next week we will have some dedicated areas. The leadership team and I will share this with the students next Tuesday (Monday- closure day).

Leadership

Positions of leadership are a privilege. I spoke to Year 5/6 yesterday about some on-the-ground qualities of leadership at their age. We discussed that their real qualities shine through during normal activities. These activities include playing before, during and after school, in the classroom, saying hello to parents, teachers, other students and visitors throughout the day, during weekend activities or at mass. There is NO room for any form of bullying, disrespect or provoking others. All the students and teachers are leaders at St. Luke's. We learn from the good choices we make and others make and we also learn from our mistakes. Students need to accept any consequences if they go against our school's values. No person plans to make the wrong choice. Before we judge others, show MERCY, talk to a staff member or talk to me. Our students are good students, but at times we just need to remind them of their commitment as students at St. Luke's Catholic Primary School. As I get to be involved in the community and meet people, I am more and more proud of saying that I am Principal at St. Luke's.

Supervision/Buses

Just a reminder that we provide supervision from 8:30am in the morning and until 3:30pm for car pick up. There are always some one off circumstances out of our control and you do let us know, which we are grateful. I am also aware that some children arrive at school before 8:30am on the early bus and at times being dropped off. We will continue to discuss how we can best cater for everyone's needs, especially in the morning but we are following guidelines and doing the best we can.

I am aware that our children share the bus with other schools. I spoke to Susan Nabbs (Emmaus) and Peter Chalkley (MCP) back in week 2 and we will continue our communication and monitor behaviours.

Community Group and Board

Both groups meet next week.

Board- Tuesday night at 6:00pm

Community Group- Wednesday night at 7:30pm

Board Discussion- We will be looking at: *Capital Works* (Master plan, car aprk, stadium, oval etc). This is on the agenda at all meetings as it takes time and while we wait for certain state/federal grant news, we can be looking at smaller projects which we can achieve as a school community. *Well being model, Child Safe Standards and Policies, Board formation*

Community group- We will be looking at: Family directory, events calendar (and all the events), pavers and welcome packs.

My story continued...

My years in Temora were great and Temora is just about in the middle of Griffith and Young, where both our parents were born and bred. I believe new opportunities come along for a reason. Leaving Young back in 2006 was different to leaving Temora at the end of 2015. When we left Young, Matilda was a baby and it was about Nicole and I. Leaving Temora with a 5 and 10 year old was a different situation. I believe opportunities are about growth. St. Anne's Temora will benefit from a new Principal, I benefited from spending 9 years at a Josephite school and in a great community, and now I have been inspired by the community of St. Luke's, St. Brendan's Parish and Shepparton. Shepparton was not entirely foreign to me. While I was at university, I would come and watch my older brother play for Yoogali in the soccer. Yoogali and Hanwood have often been part of this league. I played in several soccer carnivals in Shepparton as a teenager. I came and watched Joanne Parker's (Nolan now) brother play in the U'18s (Matt I think) back in the early 90s. I probably didn't think at the time that I would be a school Principal in Shepparton. When I saw the advertisement for Principal, Nicole and I really started doing our homework, because we were not just moving to another town. We received a good mark!

As I head into the weekend, I take with me some beautiful moments from today. This morning I had some students thank me for getting some soccer goals and trying to work out where to put them. The Prep students sang the Our Father this morning when I visited and sang for the office ladies and I after recess; a beautiful song about their names being special. Before lunch I joined Year 5/6 for mass. I could not think of a better way to finish the week.

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.

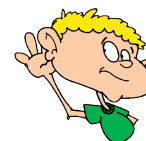
- * Be a GIVER rather than a taker.
- * Be a better team player at home (doing as they are asked cheerfully and saying thanks at home a least 4 times daily).
- * Positive attitude to people and life, Believe in themselves (B.I.Y).
- * Be a Grinner and Winner rather a moaner and groaner, Take the good 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

FOUNDATION LC MASS - THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2016

The Foundation Learning Community Mass will be held next Thursday 10th 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 21st March ~ Junior LC

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



CARITAS HELPING FIJIANS FOLLOWING CYCLONE WINSTON

The Catholic Church, supported by Caritas Oceania agencies including Caritas Australia and Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, is responding in Fiji, following the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Winston. The cyclone left a trail of destruction in its wake and wreaked havoc in the Tongan islands of Vava'u and Ha'apai before devastating Fijian centres on 20-21 February. "We are encouraging our supporters to raise funds for our current Project Compassion Lenten Appeal which helps vulnerable Pacific communities such as Tonga and Fiji respond to emergencies build back stronger and prepare for future disasters," said Caritas Australia's Pacific Programs Manager, Stephanie Lalor.

Mark Harmer
Catholic Identity & Religious Education Coordinator

SCHOOL NEWS:



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 commence full time NEXT WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH (after the Pupil Free day on Monday).

Thank you.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS:



ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Prep Hoskin	Levi Duffy
Prep Kent	Phoebe Hoare
1/2 Black	Emme Cole
1/2 Johnson	Kiara Payne
1/2 Ryan	Fergus Martin
3/4 Calder	Liam Tuohey
3/4 Harmer/Segrave	Caidan Phillips
3/4 Murray	Anouskha Wijesingha
5/6 Dainton	Noah O'Dwyer
5/6 Hicks	Hailey Moffatt



You Can Do It AWARD

Prep Hoskin	Indianna Payne
Prep Kent	Hunter Montgomery
1/2 Black	Danica Daunt
1/2 Johnson	Max Bicknell
1/2 Ryan	Emily Dooling
3/4 Calder	Xavier Janke
3/4 Harmer/Segrave	Makayla Dichiera
3/4 Murray	Thisendee Senaratne
5/6 Dainton	Tiana Daunt
5/6 Hicks	Alla Matthews

Don't forget to send in your child's achievements to newsletter@slshepparton.catholic.edu.au

CURRICULUM UPDATE:



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 15th March and Wednesday 16th March

* Term 3 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 26th July and Wednesday 27th 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.

6. Encourage your child to listen to sounds at the *end* of words. Choose two words from their reader/book and ask them to judge if the two words end with the same sound (say some that match and some that do not). Encourage them to say the words too, and feel the sounds at the end of the words. Then, point out the two sounds at the end.

After mastering this, you might then say two words and ask your child which word has a certain sound at the end. For example, "Which word has the 'd' sound at the end: bed or man (bed)".

ICT INFORMATION SESSIONS - THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2016



An ICT meeting for parents of new children and children in the middle and senior learning communities is being held on Thursday 10th March at 2pm and 7pm. Notes went home with the children yesterday.

Each year students and families are required to re-familiarise themselves with the schools' Acceptable Use Guidelines. New students to the middle and senior school laptop program will also require a parent/guardian to attend an information session regarding the use of technology in the Middle and Senior learning communities. The invitation to attend the session is also open for all families who have previously attended, as new tools such as Google Apps For Education will be a main focus.

Thank you

Jess Johnson

Technology Coordinator

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 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 to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

BULLYING. NO WAY!

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, 18th 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.

GOULBURN MURRAY DIVISION TRIALS FOR FOOTBALL/NETBALL/SOCCER/BASKETBALL

SPORT	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Netball	Monday 18 April	4.30pm	Shepparton Netball Courts Brauman St, Shepparton
Football	Wednesday 20 April	3.00pm	Princes Park Oval, Shepparton
Soccer	Thursday 21 April	2.00pm	McEwen Reserve Soccer Fields Brauman St, Shepparton
Basketball	Friday 22 April	10.00am	Shepparton Stadium 120 Numurkah Rd, Shepparton

Here are the steps outlined by School Sport Victoria: how to register online for these trials:

The online registration process is open and will close on the **16 March 2016**.

Students who turn 13 this year are not eligible to trial.

Step 1: Students consult with Sport teacher/Principal prior to registering on line.

They will give permission for the student to proceed with registering on line only should the student be deemed capable to represent the school and participate in a state level trial. For Division trials schools are required to endorse students with advanced skills.

Step 2: Once the student has been given permission from the Sport Teacher/Principal at their school to register, the family of the student can then proceed to register online and pay the Non-Refundable \$25 Fee. www.ssv.edu.au/teamvic

Step 3: Once registered the family will receive an email confirming receipt of registration. This email will contain 2 attachments, one will be a tax receipt and the second will be an e-ticket.

Step 4: The student must take this ticket back to their school to obtain the signature of the Sport Teacher & Principal. This signature must be obtained before the date of the division trial. This signed e-ticket must then be handed to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day of the trial. **(No Ticket, No Trial)**

Step 5: Shortly after the registration for Division Trials close, Division Coordinators will email the registered students and inform them of the time & place of the trial.

Step 6: After the Division trials are conducted successful students will be given information regarding Region Trials. Those students who are selected at Region Trials will proceed to State Trials (these students will need to re-register and pay the applicable registration fee)

Basketball only - After the Division Trials are conducted students who are asked to proceed will attend a Conference Trial (additional fees are applicable at this level)

Kind regards,

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

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 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

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

Meeting Wednesday, 9th March 7.30pm in the Gathering Space

At next weeks meeting, the community group will discuss

- Community Group events for 2016.
- Classroom delegates (former welcoming coordinator's).
- Brainstorm where **WE** want the community group profits to go to for 2016.
- Meeting Norms.

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

HELEN KELLER

**IF YOU CANT ATTEND NEXT
WEEKS MEETING, PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO** contact one of the community
group executives or alternatively drop in an
envelope with **YOUR** ideas, suggestions or
feedback.



If you haven't
already received one
of the following flyers,
please see
the office for
your copy:

- Easter egg
raffle
tickets
- Community Group
directory

**Don't forget to bring
in your business
cards to the office for
FREE advertising on
our Community Group
calendar.**

Stay Tuned for a
flyer coming home in
regards to:

- Classroom
delegates
- High Tea fundraiser
- Events sub committees
- Survey



2016 St Luke's Soccer Club

Soccer Co-ordinator: Peter O'Brien

Welcome to the 2016 St Luke's Soccer Season!

We are very excited to once again register the following teams in the Shepparton Junior Soccer Association, representing St Luke's Sports Club dependent on numbers.:

U6, U7, U8, U10 and U12.

FEES:	
St Luke's Sports Club	\$95.00 <i>(includes new gift levy - \$10)</i> <i>Gift levy monies will be used to purchase a gift for each coach and team manager at the end of the season by the Sports Club Committee. Eliminating the need for collection by parents at years end.</i>

Below are age groups and proposed training nights and times which are all on Wednesday nights after school. These may change depending on coaches' availabilities.

DAY	TEAM	AGE LEVEL	TIMES
Wednesday	Under 12	Under 12 as of 01/01/16	3:30 – 4:15pm
Wednesday	Under 10	Under 10 as of 01/01/16	3:30 – 4:15pm
Wednesday	Under 8	Under 8 as of 01/01/16	3:30 – 4:15pm
Wednesday	Under 7	Under 7 as of 01/01/16	3:30 – 4:15pm
Wednesday	Under 6	Under 6 as of 01/01/16	3:30 – 4:15pm

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Sports Club Registrations Forms Payment Due to office: FFA Registration Online Complete SJSA Form Filled in and Signed Code of Conduct read and understood and signed on SJSA form. Payment of Fees	Friday 18 th March 2016
SJSA Release Fixture for 2016	Monday 4 th of April
1 st Training Night	Wednesday 13 th of April
SJSA Season Commences	Saturday 16 th April 2016

Please carefully read the Code of Conducts and sign that you have read it with your child.

No registration forms will be accepted without full payment and signature stating that you have read the Parent & Player Codes of Conduct.

A quick reference is available with instructions on how to register on-line with Football Federation Australia (FFA) as this **MUST** be completed prior to handing in your St Luke's Sports Club Registration Form. Please remember no online payments required for soccer, one payment to the school only. If you were unable to make the information night all forms and instructions are available under the downloads section on the school website.

For all teams to take the pitch we need a coach and team manager to assist, if you are in a position to help out in anyway please contact myself on below number. No experience required, it is about the kids enjoying themselves and participation. The sports club will assist you as much as possible with education, training plans etc. as required. Please remember no coach no team!

Thank you,
 Peter O'Brien
 Mob: 0412 594 194



2016 St Luke's Netball Club

Netball Co-ordinator: Jo Zampaglione 0448 218 784

Welcome to the 2016 St Luke's Netball Season!

We are very excited to once again register the following teams in the Shepparton Netball Association, representing St Luke's Sports Club:

13&U, 11&U, 9&U, Set Go 9&U modified.

FEES:	
Netball Victoria Memberships 9, 11, 13 & Unders & NetSetGo	\$49.00 <i>(plus \$2 transaction fee)</i>
St Luke's Sports Club	\$100.00 <i>(includes new gift levy - \$10)</i>
<i>Cheques made payable to: St Luke's Sports Club</i>	

We are also calling on expressions of interest for those interested in registering for the NET Program (5-7yr olds)
If NET goes ahead it will be held on school grounds during the week.

Proposed training nights and times are as follows:

DAY	TEAM	YEAR LEVEL	TIMES
Tuesday	13&U	Yr 6	3:45 – 5:00pm
Tuesday	11&U	Yr 5 – top age	3:45 – 5:00pm
Wednesday	11&U	Yr 4 – bottom age	3:45 – 4:45pm
Wednesday	9&U	Yr 3 – top age	3:45 – 4:45pm
Wednesday	9&U modified	Yr 2 – bottom age	3:45 – 4:45pm

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON COACHES AVAILABILITY
TIMES & DAYS WILL BE CONFIRMED ONCE REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Netball Victoria Online Registrations Due	Prior to handing in your sports club registration forms.
Sports Club Registrations Forms Payment Due	Friday 18 th March 2016
Dress Fittings (during school hours)	Monday 21 st March 2016
Year 6 & 5 - 1 st Training Night	Tuesday 22 nd March 2016
Year 4, 3, 2 – 1 st Training Night	Wednesday 23 rd March 2016
Net Program – Year 1	TBC
SNA Association Season Commences	Saturday 16 th April 2016

Forms are available on our school website under Downloads.

Please carefully read Code of Conducts and sign that you have read it with your child.

No registration forms will be accepted without full payment and signature stating that you have read the Parent & Player Codes of Conduct.

Instructions on how to register on-line with Netball Victoria are also available on our website, this **MUST** be completed prior to handing in your St Luke's Sports Club Registration Form.

I, along with the Sports Club Committee, will endeavour to keep you up to date through the newsletter and training sessions. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Jo Zampaglione
Mob: 0448 218 784
Email: jozampag@bigpond.com

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 "ES3UUVTE". 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.

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



TERM TWO 2016 REGISTER NOW!

Echuca
 Thursday, 28th April 2016
Developing Social Skills
 9.30am—12.30pm
 Campaspe College Of Adult Education
 103-109 Hare St, Echuca

Register your attendance at the link below!

Echuca Half Day (Developing Social Skills):

<http://www.trybooking.com/186591>

Alternatively, phone/email us to request an invoice!

Workshop Fees — Term Two 2016

Professionals: Workshops \$67 (Normally \$87) **SPECIAL FOR AUTISM Month**
 (Including Certificate of Attendance)
 (A light morning tea is included)

Parents / Individuals with Diverse Needs \$57 per Workshop

Please contact us if you would like to book for the Parent Rate



Funding support may be available for parents/carers with thanks to EACH and the Family Relationship Support for Carers program—please contact us directly to register!

Workshop Facilitators

Education Consultants specialising in Autism Spectrum



Sherri Cincotta

BEd Grad Cert Ed Stud Cert IV TAE

With an extensive background in education and parent to three children on the Autism Spectrum, Sherri brings ASD experience and expertise from both a professional and personal perspective.



Elissa Plumridge

BEd Grad Dip Ed Cert IV TAE

Elissa's own lived experience on the Autism Spectrum combines with professional expertise in the areas of education and disability support to provide valuable insight for supporting those with diverse needs.

..... Some Feedback from Previous Workshops

"Thank you for a valuable workshop. You have given me plenty of strategies I can use at my centre" (Leonie)

"It was enlightening to have a very practical and useful seminar that I can implement immediately and very easily." (Sue)



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Community Update

Message reference number: 217748

Blue Green Algal Bloom Murray River

ISSUED: 01/03/16 2:07 PM

This update is being issued by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning for the Murray River.

Incident Information:

High levels of blue-green algae have been detected in the River Murray between Lake Mulwala and Torrumbarry Weir, the Murray Valley Irrigation Area, Broken Creek and parts of the Torrumbarry Irrigation Area East of the Loddon River. Towns within the affected area include Barham, Cobram, Cohuna, Echuca, Gunbower, Nathalia, Numurkah, Torrumbarry, Yarrawonga

High levels of blue-green algae is potentially toxic to humans and animals.

For your safety, avoid direct contact with this water.

People who come into contact with affected water should wash affected skin immediately with cold clean water.

Water supply from town water systems is safe to drink.

We recommend that people and pets do not enter the water.

An alternative water supply should be sought for stock and pets.

Do not use the affected water for cooking, drinking, washing or showering. Boiling the affected water will not make it safe for these purposes.

Boating is still allowed.

Health & Wellbeing Information:

Visit www.gmwater.com.au for the most recent blue-green algae alerts and public warnings

Anyone with concerns about their health should seek medical advice or call NURSE-ON-CALL on **1300 60 60 24**.

Useful Information:

Via www.emergency.vic.gov.au

Visit www.gmwater.com.au for the most recent blue-green algae alerts and public warnings

Stay Informed:

Tune to ABC Local radio and commercial radio stations.

Deaf, hard of hearing or if you have a speech/communication impairment you can contact VBIL via the National Relay Service on **1800 555 677**.

For help with English. call the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** (freecall) and ask them to telephone VBIL. If you know someone who cannot speak English, provide them with this number.

HOOKIN2HOCKEY
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CLUB: Goulburn Valley Hockey Association

CONTACT NAME: Rachelle Collins **CONTACT NUMBER:** 0438 312 887

LOCATION: Shepparton Hockey Precinct, Braumann Street, Shepparton, VIC, 3630

START DATE: Friday 4th March, 2016 **TIME:** 4:30pm

EMAIL: rachelle_collins@hotmail.com **WEB:** www.gvhockey.com.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION All players must wear a mouth guard. Please remember a drink bottle. A mouthguard is part of the \$40-00 starter pack which is non compulsory. Sticks, shin guards & balls can be borrowed each week.

The poster features a collage of photos showing hockey players in action. At the bottom, there are logos for Hookin2Hockey, Australian Government Australian Sports Commission, Hockey Australia, Hockey Victoria, and Murrumbidgee.

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
- ◆ 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

OVER 2 WEEKENDS

FAIRLEY FOUNDATION – LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – SHEPPARTON FESTIVAL

4 EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS

DRIVING MOMENTOUS SOCIAL & CULTURAL CHANGE IN GREATER SHEPPARTON



FLINDERS QUARTET

Flinders Quartet is instantly recognisable as one of Australia's most loved chamber music ensembles. A quartet for the twenty first century.

Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven: together, their string quartets have inspired and intimidated composers for centuries. This program sees Melbourne's Flinders Quartet pairing Stuart Greenbaum's sixth quartet (commissioned by Julian Burnside AO QC) with these three essential giants of the genre. Greenbaum cites Mozart in particular as having been a guiding force in his string quartet writing:

"...in the best works of Mozart, the elegance is genuine from the smallest harmonic sequence through to the larger architectural design."

Dates: Sunday 13 March

Times: Masterclass 11am – 1pm, Performance 3.30pm

Cost: Free event

Bookings M: flindersquartetmasterclass.eventbrite.com.au

Bookings P: flindersquartetperformance.eventbrite.com.au

Venue: La Trobe University, 210 Fryers St, Shepparton



ANDY RIGBY / MARIMBA WORKSHOP

Andy Rigby leads a marimba workshop, including the making of one or more marimbas with participants, and the teaching of one or two pieces of ensemble music.

The instruments used will be the marimba(s) made in Shepparton on the day, and others that Andy brings from home in Malmesbury, Central Victoria. These marimbas accommodate three players each, and are a hybrid design from Andy's work in Botswana and Zimbabwe in the 1980s and Jon Madin's further development in Victoria during the 1990s.

Many hundreds have been built in Australia and overseas. The parts are simple to play but combine to make a great ensemble sound, mixed with percussion and maybe horns as well.

Dates: Saturday 5 March

Times: 10.30am

Cost: Free event

Bookings: andyrigbymarimba.eventbrite.com.au

Venue: La Trobe University, 210 Fryers St, Shepparton



The Yarra Brass Quintet is:
Tony Frantz, Allison Wright, Sydney Braunfeld,
Jessica Jacobs, Simon Baldwin

YARRA BRASS QUINTET

Join the Yarra Brass Quintet in concert!

With five of Melbourne's best young musicians, including former Shepparton resident Simon Baldwin, the Yarra Brass Quintet will present a recital featuring stories drawn from across the ages, including medieval Europe, Australia before the First Fleet and 1950s New York City.

Local brass musicians are encouraged to register for the massed brass choir that will perform at the concert. Led by members of the quintet, the choir will perform works by composers such as JS Bach and Venice's Giovanni Gabrieli, after a short rehearsal earlier in the day. Parts will be tailored to experience and ability levels and will be available in advance, so register early!

Dates: Sunday 6 March

Times: Masterclass 1pm – 3pm, Performance 6pm

Cost: Free event

Bookings M: yarrabrassquintetmasterclass.eventbrite.com.au

Bookings P: yarrabrassquintetperformance.eventbrite.com.au

Venue: La Trobe University, 210 Fryers St, Shepparton



DANSE BACCHANALE

Regional Chamber Ballet is an exciting new collective of dancers and musicians, dedicated to bringing Classical and new art to all Australians. Regionally based, the company wish to entice fresh audiences from regional and rural areas, to be entertained and educated by exquisite ballet and music.

Danse Bacchanale is a feast of chamber music and dance, celebrating folk culture from regions of the world. Dance and folk culture have long since inspired composers of art music, creating works that evoke the peculiar accent of the region. Regional Chamber Ballet will entice you to tango, piroquette and folk dance to the music of Bartok, De Falla, Kats-Chernin and Piazzolla.

Dates: Monday 14 March

Times: 6pm

Cost: Free event

Bookings: Riverlink Box Office (03) 6832 9511

Venue: Eastbank Centre, 70 Welford St, Shepparton



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**AGE GROUP:
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SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016 (LONG W/END)
STARTING FROM 7.00AM**

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**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

SUPPORTED BY:

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 1 MARCH: Week 7 - Monday 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF PD
Tuesday 8th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Board meeting
Wednesday 9th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PREPS COMMENCE FULL TIME • Community Group Meeting @ 7.30pm
Thursday 10th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep LC Mass @ 12.30pm in the Gathering Space • ICT Parent meetings @ 2pm & 7pm
Friday 11th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Leslie Tomlinson visit to school
Week 8 - Monday 14th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUPIL FREE DAY - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 15th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 16th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 17th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior LC Mass @ 12.30pm in Gathering Space
Friday 18th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle LC Mass @ 12.30pm in the Gathering Space • National Day of Action Against Bullying - Year 5/6 March • Sports club registrations due
Week 9 - Monday 21st.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly @ 2.20pm • Holy Week
Thursday 24th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Thursday • Last day of Term 1 - dismissal at 2.15pm
TERM 2: APRIL Week 1 - Monday 11th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Resumes • Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 12th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Board Meeting
Wednesday 13th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Group Meeting
Sunday 17th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment Mass
Week 2 - Monday 18th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 19th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Board meeting • Adult Faith Gathering
Week 3 - Monday 25th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anzac Day Public Holiday
Week 4 - Monday 2nd. MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly @ 2.20pm • Life Ed Van here
Tuesday 3rd .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Ed Van here
Friday 6th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Day morning tea
Week 5 - Monday 9th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 10th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Group meeting
Week 6 - Monday 16th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly @ 2.20pm • Year 6 interschool sport
Tuesday 17th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 interschool sport
Wednesday 18th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 interschool sport • Year 5/6 Reedy Swamp Day
Thursday 19th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 interschool sport
Week 7 - Monday 23rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 24th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Reconciliation
Friday 27th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUPIL FREE DAY

Subject to change