



Jesus went to the Mount of Olives (John 8:1-11). We often see in the scriptures that Jesus does much of his ministry up a mountain, in the desert, amongst the people! This Sunday's Gospel sees Jesus teaching in the Temple and all the people came to him. They test Jesus about sin and forgiveness. Jesus' reply, *"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone..."*

Not only in this Year of Mercy, but everyday, we are challenged to forgive and display acts of Mercy.

A simple prayer to say and reflect upon:

"I am from God. I am made in the image and likeness of God"

When we talk about places in the bible it is great if we can show where places are, such as the Mount of Olives. Our students get a sense of what it was really like for Jesus to walk around during his ministry.



(Google images)

School Community Newsletter

2016: *Be the Face of Mercy*

Friday 11th March 2016 Term: 1

Week: 7



What's on next week?

March:

Monday 14th. NO SCHOOL - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY;
 Tuesday 15th. Parent/Teacher Interviews;
 Wednesday 16th. Parent/Teacher Interviews;
 Thursday 17th. Junior LC Mass @ 12.30pm in the Gathering Space;
 Friday 18th. Middle LC Mass @ 12.30pm in the Gathering Space
 National Day of Action Against Bullying - Year 5/6 March;
 Sports Club Registrations due.

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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:

As you read this newsletter you may be smiling because it is the start of our long weekend. If you are heading away I hope you have a great time and if staying in Shepparton, I hope you have a restful weekend just at home. As I am writing my section in the newsletter I am experiencing a beautiful sun shower. I love the morning out here at St. Luke's. There is a peacefulness as the day is beginning. I know it is not a lot of rain, but there is still a freshness in the air. There is some beautiful fruit around at the moment, so hoping all is going well for our farmers. Back in Temora, any rain will be welcomed as they lead into sowing time around ANZAC Day and into May/June. I know it is much the same here as well.

Staff Spirituality

On Wednesday we went into St. Brendan's Church and went on a journey with Fr. Joe. It was very special and Fr. Joe walked us through significant events, icons, artworks, the baptismal font, stained glass windows, stations of the cross, the altar & tabernacle, special gardens etc. Fr. Joe and Fr. Bernie often visit us at St. Luke's. It was nice for staff to return the favour and spend some special time in the Church with Fr. Joe.



"Board" Shorts

On Tuesday night at the School Board Meeting we had a fruitful discussion around the Agenda items.

Updates:

Carpark- we will be installing two lights which was part of the planning

Stadium- finalising best option for AC, make contact with the architect regarding acoustics, storage for seating tables

Master Plan- we are getting a landscape architect to work with our architect in finalising a final plan. We know slight changes may take place over the years, but one final plan is our goal. Two major items are new/additional classrooms and the oval.

Well Being Model- The conversations around this from staff, parents and students are positive. Our major focus is on being consistent with communication. Each individual is unique and that is our approach to any issue which we may face. When reviewing our Pastoral Care policy, we cannot have 'set in concrete' steps and consequences. What we can do is be consistent with our approach. Every situation is unique!

Board Formation- we are inviting people to a 1 hour presentation by Phil Bretherton (CEO) on Tuesday 12th April at 6:00pm. Considering being a board member may not be for you right now, but it may be a possibility in future years. Phil's presentation informs you about the role of the board. Coming along does not automatically signal to me that you want to be part of the board. You may just want to know how a board should operate. I welcome any conversation if you would like to be part of the School Board in the future.

Community Group

A great meeting where we looked at the year ahead:

Calendar- finalising dates etc so this can be sent home. It will also be in PDF format and we can edit this throughout the year

Survey Monkey- we will use this format to advertise and get your thoughts on events for the year

Family Directory- is getting close to completion.

Welcome packs- will be for new families to Shepparton

Other Events were discussed and will stay on the agenda.

Footy Tipping Family Competition

We are having an AFL footy tipping comp!! Any family who would like to be part of our Footy Tipping competition simply needs to send in \$10 and your email address in an envelope titled, Footy Tipping and your name. We will invite you via the ESPN Footy Tipping link. If you cannot do this by Friday 18th March, please email principal@slshepparton.catholic.edu.au and we will add you to the invite. All money to be collected by the end of Term 1. Prize money- 1/3 of money collected will go towards 1st, 2nd & 3rd. The rest will go towards equipment for the playground and sandpit.

Thank you:

We can't cover all the good work each week, but we try not to miss too many people.

- Parent- we had a special mum turn up and weed our front round-a-bout on Thursday- very nice!
- Students- for weeding our reflection garden
- Prep & Fr. Bernie- beautiful mass with Fr. Bernie
- Welcoming parents- continue to see this in the playground and the Prep parents were invited to a cuppa in town
- Board & Community Group- continued support
- Soccer goals- Year 5/6 assembling these

Mr. Keenan was once a child too!

My story this week focuses on a little snippet of my childhood. I have mentioned growing up on the family farm (grapes, oranges & lemons). While driving around and seeing all the activity on our fruit farms in Shepparton, I have been reminded of the values I learnt picking grapes and oranges (and also a lot of fun). Dad would pay me the same as the fruit pickers (15c in the dollar tax I think at that stage). For me that was ok, because come July, a tax refund was quite nice. When you look back now, Mum and Dad were teaching me about good work ethic. While working I had the opportunity to communicate with pickers from many different cultures and learn about their culture. Everything relied on a good season, and when those hail/storm clouds rolled in, or if a frost was predicted in Sept/Oct, you lived this worry with Mum and Dad. I guess, up until my teenage years this was not high in my thoughts because Mum/Dad protected us from such worries. As you get older you learn to appreciate what family does for each other. I certainly do not take for granted my fortunate upbringing. My family loved every moment on the farm, but Mum and Dad also wanted their four children to explore other skills and career pathways if that is what we desired. I think Mum and Dad are happy that they have two teachers, a plumber and an accountant in the family. No, none of us went back on the farm, and we do miss it, but our upbringing on the farm gave us the courage to explore our dreams and faith.

I am really looking forward to my first long weekend in Victoria. This Labour day weekend is in October in NSW, so I am liking the early long weekend!

Take care and have a great weekend. Don't forget that Bishop Leslie Tomlinson is celebrating all masses in the Parish this weekend.

Take care
David Keenan

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.

*'Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the greatest commandment, 'said Jesus. ' Matt.22: 37-38.*

Whole School Social Skills Focus: For weeks 7 & 8 our social skills focus is **PRESENTATION OF WORK.**

1. Ruled pages.
2. Colourful heading.
3. Name and date on all work.
4. Neatest writing.

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:

MENTAL TOUGHNESS

JUNIOR LC MASS - THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 2016

The Junior Learning Community Mass will be held next Thursday 17th 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 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.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

No awards this week as due to no assembly on Monday's Pupil free day.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:



2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

A reminder for any Year 2-6 students wishing to participate in the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), that all orders and entry fee's must be in by **Friday 18th March**. No entries will be accepted after this date.

Thank you,

Lauren Calder

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.

Z. When learning to read and spell words, children need to be able to blend individual sounds together to form new words. For example, t – o – p = top. You can support your child to practice blending sounds together by separating sounds in words and asking them to say what the word is. Use words from their book.

You could also incorporate this into everyday conversation, e.g. "Can you please put this in the b – i – n (bin)", "We are going to t – ar – g – et (target) to buy a your friend a present", "Put on you b – oo – t – s (boots)".



[WordWizz](#) is a great new App created by teachers to help students become more confident and independent writers. It's a fun and interactive App that provides a huge bank of really useful words for writers of all ages.

[WordWizz](#) is great for school writing tasks as well as homework and assignments. It's also helpful for students who are learning English.

[WordWizz](#) can give your child's writing the WOW factor!

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- **Over 300 word lists for students in all year levels.**
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wordwizz.com.au

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.

GO GREEN FOR RELIEF

Happy St Patrick's Day!



THURSDAY

17th
MARCH

WEAR GREEN AND
BRING A GOLD COIN TO
GO TO THE SANDHURST
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TO HELP SCHOOLS IN
DISASTERS.

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

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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



2016 St Luke's Netball Club

Netball Co-ordinator: Jo Zampaglione 0448 218 784

Reminder: Netball Registrations are due on Friday 18th March 2016

Please note we are introducing netball to Grade 2 girls this year. The team will play on a Saturday morning with the game being modified.

The rings are dropped down lower than normal standard and lenient rules apply. This is a great introduction to netball while learning the skills of the game. We need numbers to register all teams.

Grade 3 girls can also play a modified game if the need be. It is important to know that your girls do not need to know how to play netball to register for the junior competition. The girls will be taught the basic skills under the Net, (age 5-7) SetGo, (age 8-10) programs.

Primary School Competition is all about learning and enjoying the great game that Netball is.

Any queries please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Thanks Jo



Our Girls enjoying watching the Melbourne Vixens play over the weekend at the Visy Centre.

And you never know. We may very well have a future state player come thru our ranks. Thru hard work and dedication, anything is possible!



SAINTS FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Training for all grades (Under 10 Grade 3,4 Under 12 Grade 5,6) will be at the Emmaus Campus on Wednesday the 16th and 23rd of March. Start time 4.30.

Registration forms for football can be found at St Brendan's school reception or at training, these must be filled out before the first game and can be returned at any training or back to reception.

There is still plenty of time to register so parent needn't stress. The season won't start for another 6-7 weeks.

Due to the Emmaus Campus being booked on Thursday's our training day and location will change in April. After the Easter school holidays the club will be training back at St Brendan's Football Oval on Thursdays at 4.30pm. We will still be playing all home games at the Emmaus Campus.

Regards

The Saints



MARIST NDC BASKETBALL CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT:

Friday 18th March 2016 at Mercy Stadium.

Winter Comp registration enquires from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Summer Comp presentation night from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Pizza & Drinks for everyone straight after.

Singlets tops to be returned on this night,

if not playing in Sunday's Grand Final Day 20/3/2016

email: maristndc@gsba.com.au

Contact: Angela Di Conza 0419 507629



St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2016



Completed Profile

All children enrolled in the Sacramental Program should have received a Profile Pack. If you did not receive a pack, please contact Laura ASAP.

Your child's completed profile can be returned to school and placed in the school bucket. The earlier the better and no later than Wednesday 23rd March.

Sincerely

Laura OSullivan

St. Brendan's Parish Sacramental coordinator

5821 2633 Wednesday mornings

Sacramental.coord@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

OTHER NEWS:



ACD CONNECT

Put yourself in the driver's seat

"I always knew that I wanted my son to have the same opportunities as everyone else – to live independently, have a job and experience the usual rites of passage associated with adulthood. We just needed to work out how to achieve it."

Janie Chan, Manager ACD Educate and mum to young man with disability

ACD CONNECT is a free peer support network for families seeking to manage their child's supports to achieve a fulfilling and purposeful life.

But it will be years before NDIS will be in my region!

Much of what you learn in ACD CONNECT will be useful to you NOW. The knowledge and skills gained from these sessions can be applied to your current situation whatever funding or supports your child has.

What will I learn?

- > Navigating the system before the NDIS roll out
- > Setting goals and planning
- > Managing your funding and support
- > Advocating for your child
- > Developing community connections
- > Introduction to the NDIS – the basics

Is ACD CONNECT for me?

- ✓ Are you the parent or carer of a child with a disability aged 0–18
- ✓ Do you want to learn how to plan, manage and direct your child's services and supports?
- ✓ Are you keen to connect with other families in your community?

ACD CONNECT: Shepparton

Session Dates: Wednesdays 20th April, 4th May, 18th May, 1st June, 15th June, 13th July, 27th July and 10th August
Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre, 23 Alexandra St Mooroopna
To register: Contact Nicole O'Brien on 0484 856 976 or nicoleo@acd.org.au

Light refreshments will be provided. ACD members will be given preference in event of over booking.

For further information please visit: www.acd.org.au/acd-connect

Have your say

Autism Spectrum Disorder Information Forum

The Parliament of Victoria's Family and Community Development Committee is holding an Inquiry into Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder. We are encouraging people with Autism, their families, carers and service providers to make a submission to the Inquiry.

Guest Speakers



Dr Peter Eastaugh
Paediatrician

Braedan Hogan
Amaze

Convenor: Suzanna Sheed

WHEN:
Wednesday March 16
5:30pm to 7pm

WHERE:
Senior Citizens Centre
90 Welsford Street
Shepparton

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Parents, family members, care staff, educators, clinicians — anyone wanting to understand more about Autism Spectrum Disorder and how to support children and adults with an ASD.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a lifelong developmental disability characterised by marked difficulties in social interaction, impaired communication, restricted and repetitive interests and behaviours, and sensory sensitivities. ASD includes autistic disorder (or 'classic' autism); Asperger's disorder; and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS), also known as atypical autism.



RSVP: Monday March 14
Leanne.Raditsas@parliament.vic.gov.au
or 03 5831 6944

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activities in the park

FREE AND LOW COST ACTIVITIES IN GREATER SHEPPARTON

STARGAZING IN THE PARK

activities in the park

Friday 18 March 2016
8.30pm
Toolamba Recreation Reserve

Join the Bendigo District Astronomical Society members and explore the beauty of the stars, planets and nebulae through their large telescopes

FIND OUT MORE

For regular updates and information.

- Visit our website getmooving-shepparton.com.au
- Like us on Facebook [Get Mooving Greater Shepparton](https://www.facebook.com/GetMoovingGreaterShepparton)
- Follow us on Instagram [@getmooving](https://www.instagram.com/getmooving) #GetMooving
- Download our app [getmooving](https://www.getmooving.com.au)
- Active Living Department (03) 5832 9434

SPORTING CHANCE

Guidelines

Sporting Chance aims to provide support to Greater Shepparton residents to become more active in sporting clubs and the local community.

To be eligible applicants must be

- ✓ A resident of Greater Shepparton, although their sporting activity may be outside the municipality
- ✓ In possession of a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card
- ✗ Clubs, businesses and groups are not eligible to apply

Conditions

- Scholarships up to \$150 per applicant are available
- No assistance will be given for retrospective expenses (expenses already paid)
- Funding will not be provided directly to applicants. FamilyCare will arrange direct payments to clubs, businesses or organisations.
- Successful applicants agree to provide feedback on their playing experiences so outcomes can be recorded
- Only one application per person can be submitted within a 12 month period
- Submitting an application does not guarantee funding
- Incomplete applications may not be considered
- Applicants over the age of 18 years who are no longer full-time at secondary school are required to volunteer their time equivalent to the grant amount applied for. Volunteering is calculated at \$25 per hour. To obtain a grant for \$150, a total of 6 hours of volunteering is required to be eligible for example. Applicants are required to obtain a Volunteer Passport to complete their volunteer hours at an approved volunteering organisation.
- Applicants seeking sports equipment, footwear or uniforms agree to obtain these items from the Greater Shepparton Sports Equipment Library located at the Shepparton Sports Stadium, 120 Numurkah Road Shepparton as their first preference. If the Sports Equipment Library does not have suitable items, an application can be made for new items from a list we will provide.
- Applicants seeking football boots agree to obtain their boots from the AFL Goulburn Murray Boot Bank located at Kialla Park Community Centre, Reserve Street Kialla. If the Boot Bank does not have suitable boots an application can be made for a new pair, from a list we will provide.

What can be funded?

- First preference will be given to applicants applying for club membership and/or participation fees
- Sports equipment, footwear and uniforms - based on the condition that there are no suitable items from the Greater Shepparton Sports Equipment Library or AFL Goulburn Murray Boot Bank

Closing dates

Applications must be submitted by the closing date, by email, post or delivery to FamilyCare, 19 Welsford Street Shepparton.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by a panel consisting of FamilyCare and Greater Shepparton City Council representatives.

More information

For further information or questions contact FamilyCare on 5823 7000 email: info@familycare.net.au

In specific circumstances of hardship or applicants do not meet the eligibility criteria please contact FamilyCare on 1300 854 944 prior to submitting an application.

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 1 MARCH: Week 8 - Monday 14th.	• PUPIL FREE DAY - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 15th.	• Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 16th.	• Parent/Teacher Interviews
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 • Sports club registrations due
Week 9 - Monday 21st.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm • Holy Week
Thursday 24th.	• Holy Thursday • Last day of Term 1 - dismissal at 2.15pm
TERM 2: APRIL Week 1 - Monday 11th.	• School Resumes • Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 12th.	• School Board Meeting
Wednesday 13th.	• Community Group Meeting
Sunday 17th.	• Commitment Mass
Week 2 - Monday 18th.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 19th.	• School Board meeting • Adult Faith Gathering
Week 3 - Monday 25th.	• ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Week 4 - Monday 2nd. MAY	• Assembly @ 2.20pm • Life Ed Van here
Tuesday 3rd .	• Life Ed Van here
Friday 6th.	• May Day morning tea
Week 5 - Monday 9th.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 10th.	• Community Group meeting
Week 6 - Monday 16th.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm • Year 6 interschool sport
Tuesday 17th.	• Year 5 interschool sport
Wednesday 18th.	• Year 4 interschool sport • Year 5/6 Reedy Swamp Day
Thursday 19th.	• Year 3 interschool sport
Week 7 - Monday 23rd.	• Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 24th.	• First Reconciliation
Friday 27th.	• PUPIL FREE DAY

Subject to change