



# St. Luke's Catholic Primary School Community Newsletter

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**Annual Theme:**  
**2017: Be Our Best For Jesus**

**Term: 1      Week: 3**  
**Friday 17th February 2017**

*Journeying  
Together  
in Christ*

**What's on next week?**  
Click [here](#)

13th	2.20pm Assembly
14th	
15th	7pm Sports Club Info Night
16th	
17th	

to see the full calendar of  
events or view via the skoolbag  
app under calendar

*Matthew 5:38-48*

*Jesus said, "You have learnt: an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, if a man slaps your right cheek, offer your left as well. If he takes your shirt, give him your coat as well. It was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy', but I say, 'love your enemies and pray for those who punish you.'"*



It's easy to love those who love us. We must pray for those who need help. We pray, that we can give mercy to others and that peace comes to those who are troubled.

**Be Our Best For Jesus**

Our theme this year is in line with our Diocesan theme. Our theme will underpin so much of the work we all do to bring about positive learning opportunities and experiences. How do we as a school be our best?, How did St. Luke be his best for Jesus?, As a student how do I do my best for Jesus?

We will continue to explore this theme and our Identity Statements, our Patron Saint, Scripture passages, living as disciples by welcoming all cultures and our MJR (Making Jesus Real) focus each week.

St. Luke's Catholic Primary School would like to acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation, whose clans include Bangerang, Kaitheban, Wollithiga, Moira, Ulupna, Kwat Kwat, Yalaba Yalaba and Ngurai-illiam-wurrung, as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our schools are situated.



# PRINCIPALS REPORT:

**9th Anniversary- Apology to the Nation 13th February 2008 by Kevin Rudd**



On Monday four students joined me for breakfast. The Apology was a sacred moment in our nation's history that must never be forgotten. The commemoration was very well attended by the public and many schools from Shepparton/ Mooroopna.



## Parenting Ideas this week

Developing independence in primary school by Michael Grose

<http://www3.slshepparton.catholic.edu.au/downloads/current-newsletters/244-parenting-ideas-1/file>

parenting \* ideas  
**insights**  
Developing independence in primary school



## Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 28th February we will celebrate 'Shrove Tuesday' (Pancake Day) with Notre Dame (Emmaus Year 9 students and staff). This will be the first time the two schools have come together for this. We are very excited about walking over to Emmaus and eating pancakes with them.

This is the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

## Why consume pancakes?

It is a day of celebration as well as penitence. So traditionally, Shrove Tuesday is the last day to feast and celebrate. Lent is a time of preparation and fasting. Sometimes we go without things during Lent and also do extra things to 'be more like Jesus.' So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the days of Lent without going off



# School Information:

**EcoPark**  
AN INITIATIVE OF SHEPPARTON ACCESS  
Creating Pathways into the Community

Working with nature

EcoPark provides practical approaches to sustainability. The park explores food production, recycling, solar energy and water conservation. EcoPark promotes a healthy and sustainable environment.

EcoPark brings ecological sustainability to life with a variety of learning adventures. The adventures are exciting, diverse and accessible. These include growing food, recycling, worm farming, raising chooks and our wood working shed. Many people who work at EcoPark have introduced the skills to their home gardens, having chooks and growing vegetables.

03 5831 6180 [www.sheppaccess.com.au](http://www.sheppaccess.com.au)

**eco store**  
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EcoStore is a retail outlet to sell much of the produce from EcoPark. A variety of seasonal herbs and vegetables, soups, 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.

245 Wyndham Street Shepparton

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## Contact Numbers:

### PRE LOVED UNIFORMS

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Kaylene Armstrong 0417 454 250

### TOWN BUS:

Shepparton Transit 5831 2150

### COUNTRY BUS:

Co-Ord: Paul Lucas 5825 2344

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

Stepping Stones 1300 665 699

### SCHOOL BANKING

Stacey East 0438 426 612 / [stace\\_132@hotmail.com](mailto:stace_132@hotmail.com)

### UNIFORM SHOP

GV School Uniforms (Joy) 5831 3355

**FAIRLEYS SUPA IGA**  
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**Community REWARDS**  
FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

## 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.

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.

*Please only use the large brown lunch bags available from the office - \$2 for 50.*

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# PRINCIPALS REPORT:

## ECO park

Our first meeting for 2017 was held on Tuesday. We are looking at how the children can get as much out of this wonderful resource. Eco park will be involved in the following this year:

- Father's Day- eggs for the BBQ
- St. Patrick's Day- potatoes for some of the children
- Guiding each class on growing a ingredient for a salad.
- Weekly class visits
- Being part of one of our major events and having their Open Day
- Offering the Eco store for a coffee meeting or Board/Community Group mtg

## Board Shorts

We had our first Board meeting during the week for 2017. Your Board Reps are (no changes from 2016)

- Paul Ranson (Chair)
- David Keenan (Principal)
- Mark Harmer (DP)
- Fr. Joe Taylor (Canonical Administrator)
- David Pinnock, Matt Collins, Emma Dowling, Damien Preston, Jarrett Draper, Mark Metcalf (Parent reps)



## Discussions Points:

- Inviting Phil Bretherton (CEO) each year to discuss the role of the school board
- Creating a document so you can view our goals for 2017/2018. We worked on these throughout 2016- Parent Engagement, Wellbeing, Teaching & Learning
- Drainage, Irrigation & Oval work
- Landscaping,
- Grant Application submitted in December 2016
- New Reporting template will be shown at the next meeting
- Social Justice

-Survey conducted by Years 3-6 last November

-tour of staff kitchen, staff room and Prep rooms- we have moved the photocopier out of the kitchen, because our staff is growing. Added some furniture to the cubby of the Prep rooms. Painting the concrete squares outside the prep rooms. This tour created a discussion about learning environments in the future and catering for all needs.

## Carpark Driving

We want to avoid any possible accidents. Please take care:

- Slow down
- Aware of reversing cars
- No mobile phones
- Pedestrian crossings- PLEASE use these and be aware of these when driving
- DO NOT wave your children over to you in the middle of the carpark



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## FIRST AID

All staff turned out for First Aid from 4:00pm-9:00pm last Wednesday. At St. Luke's we work on a cycle, so some of us had to do a little extra to catch up so we are all on the same timeline. It is very important to keep updated as things are always changing, even if only a slight change.

After a lovely week of weather, I hope you enjoy a pleasant weekend.

David Keenan  
Principal

# Making Jesus Real:

MJR is centered on the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all those around us. We are his representatives and our actions should reflect His values”.



## MJR Focus

### Whole School Social Skills Focus:

For week 3 our social skills focus is **Manners**;

1. Say 'Please' when asking
2. Saying 'Thank you' when something is done for you

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 scripture for this fortnight is:** *'Be wise in the way you act towards others. Your speech should always be pleasant and interesting'*  
**Colossians 4: 5**

## Good Manners



# Opening Mass





## Curriculum Update:

### 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.

**Week 3** As you read with your child, practice breaking words up into syllables. For example, chick-en (chicken) has two syllables and el-e-phant (elephant) has 3 syllables. Clapping out the word into syllables can help. Talk about how longer words have more syllables.

Search for words with the same number of claps in a book. For example, words with 3 syllables/claps in the story "Miniboy in Danger" (Joy Cowley) are: Miniboy, dangerous, delicious, suddenly, etc.

You might also like to play 'What's the word, Mr. Wolf'. Rather than stepping out the time, the wolf must call out a word and participants can step out the syllables. Watch out for dinner time!

## School:

### Important Learning Dates 2017

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in Term 1, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and 5 students will be conducted on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in Term 3. On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

### Home Readers

A reminder to everyone to ensure they are using our Home Readers in a respectful manner. Students should ensure they are transporting readers to and from school in their reader bags to protect the books from food or water damage.

It is important that books are returned promptly to school and not left piling up at home where they are of no use to anyone else.

Please keep the books away from toddlers and younger children who may not yet understand how to care for our books properly.

With everyone using our readers correctly, we will have many books available to enjoy and assist with our learning.

Thank you.

## Sport:

### St Luke's Sports Club Season 2017



**Information Night**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 7pm**  
**Gathering Space**

#### Registration Forms & Payments Due

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

#### Bunnings BBQ

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

SNA commences Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April Brauman St Courts

SJSA commences Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April McEwen Reserve

### Saints Football Club

The Saints Football Club (SFC) will be holding a registration night for 2017 Under 10 and Under 12 - All boys & girls welcome

**When:**

Registration - Thursday 23 February 2017 - 4.00pm - 5.00pm

**Where:**

St Brendan's PS Hall - Knight St Shepparton

Registration Forms can be collected from office, or by contacting club secretary

**Membership / Registration Fees:**

**2017 Registration fee \$100 per player**

Fees MUST be paid prior to the first game, if not players will not be covered by AFL insurance and therefore not allowed to participate on game days.

**Code of Conduct**

SFC Code of Conduct must also be returned prior to the first game, signed by player and parents. CoC included with Registration form

**Sporting Pulse Registration:**

All players are required to register online.

Information /instructions included with form

**Training:** Will commence Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 at Emmaus Football Oval 4.30pm - 5.30pm (No training during school holidays)

**1<sup>st</sup> Game of 2017 Season**—Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

Game times are from 9.00am (No Games played during school holidays)

**Uniforms:** Jumper provided for season by the club. Player to purchase Saints Football Shorts & Socks

**The Saints Football Club advocates that players wear a helmet and a mouth guard**

**Coaching & Game Day Assistance:** Any parents available to assist the club committee, coach or umpire, would be greatly appreciated.

For further information please contact

Damien Preston - 0408 597 369

Greg Bicknell - 0428 622 860

Tina Pellegrino - Secretary - 04170 35500





# Ladies Night Out

You are invited to the

## Anaya Wine & Tapas Bar

(26 Fryers Street, Shepparton  
- the Red building opposite  
Flanagan's Bar)

**Date: Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**Time: 6.30pm- onwards**

Drop in for a casual, relaxing evening and enjoy  
an extensive list of drinks and tapas.

Stay for an hour, or as long  
as you like.

Prices and menu on their facebook site:

<https://www.facebook.com/26Fryers/>

**For more information contact:**

**Sue Preston 0408 597 469**

## School Banking Co-ordinator

The Community Group are looking for a School  
Banking Coordinator.



If you are interested in this role please contact Lucy Gallace 0417 995  
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