Lent is a call to weep for what we could have been and are not. Lent is the grace to grieve for what we should have done and did not. Lent is the opportunity to change what we ought to change but have not. Lent is not about penance. Lent is about becoming, doing and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now. -Sr Joan Chittister OSB

School Community Newsletter

2016: Be the Face of Mercy

Friday 12th February 2016

Term: 1

Week: 3



What's on next week?

February:

Monday 15th. Assembly @ 2.20pm; Tuesday 16th. School Photos;

Sports Club Meeting @ 6pm;

Wednesday 17th. NO PREPS.

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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:

This week has been another great one. The children are well into the swing of things, even though it was consistently warm. I was thinking back to my own school days and I remember the evaporative A/Cs being put in at my Primary school. A luxury not all school's enjoyed. We take A/Cs for granted now. Cooling in a car was an added extra!!

LENT

Although we are experiencing a hot week in summer, we often compare the Church season of LENT to Spring. Fr. Joe spoke beautifully to Years 3/4 & 5/6 on Ash Wednesday referring to LENT as a time to prepare for Easter, a new beginning and NEW LIFE. We may focus on giving up something for LENT, but the extra things we do are so important. These may be as simple as a making someone feel loved, looking out for each other, helping at home and praying. Project compassion is a way we can support financially and help those in need.

I will never forget the year my Dad gave up heavy beer for Lent. After a day on the grape harvest he was sitting down having a beer. I couldn't understand how dad could do that so I asked him why he was having a beer, when he gave it up for Lent. His reply, "This is light beer, I gave up full-strength!" My dad would also attend weekday masses whenever possible, so I can forgive him.

We have enjoyed a Board and Community Group meeting this week and last night we had a Prep information evening. Once again, I thank all involved and the time given to different committees. As parents we want the best for our children, and you are all certainly showing your commitment to being part of your child's education. At the Prep night we joined in some 'Brain Gym' before listening about what our little ones have been doing and what lies ahead. THRASS is one tool/program we use at St. Luke's. THRASS was also in my last school and we were able to follow its impact from P-10. Phonemes, graphemes, digraphs, trigraphs and syllables may be a little tricky, but we are here to help, don't panic!

Today we enjoyed the "Apology" Breakfast and the "Year 6 Leadership" day. I will mention these next week as I compiled my report before these events.

APOLOGY DAY

Saturday 13th February marks the 8th Anniversary of the National Apology to Australia's First Peoples- a sacred moment in our nation's history must never be forgotten. As mentioned above, we as a school joined in a special breakfast this morning and listened to special guest, Paul Briggs OAM. Paul is a Yorta Yorta man with a wealth of experience in Aboriginal community development. Some students joined Mrs. O'Keeffe and myself this morning.

CEO VISITS

We welcomed Bridget Fitzgibbon (Senior Accountant) and Ben Higgins (Assistant to the Director, Finance & Resources). Although, I have been a Principal previously, there are some differences between systems and states and I appreciate their support. Next week we welcome Pauline Fisher and Craig Simpson who are visiting many schools discussing the Service Agreement for School Improvement.

USE OF TOILETS

We had to address some classes about using the toilets properly. Our cleaners should not be greeted by toilet rolls & hats jammed in toilets which cause flooding, doors locked, and holes in the wall. This would not be tolerated at home, and certainly is not tolerated at school.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL- many of you have already done this either by helping in the classroom or coming to 'Hello Night'. If you haven't, it is never too late. The beginning of the year is a great time to get to know where your child spends their time. Come along and meet your child's teacher; see where the classroom is and what it looks like; get a feel for the environment in which your child spends so much time. It is best to make an appointment if you want time with the teacher. Don't forget to get back to the teacher- a note or an email is good, to let them know what you thought. (Next week's Tip: Sharing Experiences)

THANKYOU:

- Prep teachers for leading the information evening
- Board & Community Group for supporting our school
- Mrs. Hicks for leading prayer at the Year 6 leadership day at Mooroopna today Staff > dedication and planning
- Helpers on Shrove Tuesday- magnificent pancakes

- Uniform shop being opened
- Students > T for Thankyou. Beautiful manners this week!
- Our cleaners and maintenance people for keeping our school looking great

My Journey continued... After school, I attended Australian Catholic University, I spent the next 11 years at St. Mary's in Young, NSW. My vocation as a teacher started in a Year 3/4 class. It didn't take me long to realise how special it was to be a teacher and how much I enjoyed it. I wanted more, and my thoughts took me to roles of responsibility: Sport Coordinator, Numeracy, REC and Assistant Principal. Living in a small community allowed me to be involved in many after school sporting activities and coaching. Cricket and soccer were my interests, but I do like many sports and the SWANS are my team. I also met Nicole in Young. After 11 years I needed a change and not too far away from Nicole's family. We had a one-year old daughter and the first grandchild for Nicole's parents. We moved 50 minutes west to Temora. Temora is Paleface Adios territory for those in the Harness Racing world. Some of you may have visited the Temora Aviation Museum and possibly know a few footballers from our way in Luke Breust and Issac Smith. The odd Daniher comes through, along with many Rugby League players who have made it in the NRL. St. Anne's Central School (P-10) was my home for the next 9 years.

Next week we will start reminding people about and give of some important information regarding: food allergies, communication, confidentiality and different learning needs (e.g. Autism & Aspergers).

Enjoy the weekend. I look forward to photos next week!

David Keenan Principal

Making Jesus Real

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

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

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

'Be wise in the way you act towards each others. Your speech should always be pleasant and interesting." Colossians 4: 5.

Whole School Social Skills Focus: For weeks 3 & 4 our social skills focus is MANNERS.

- 1. Saying '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 focus for this fortnight is:

USE THE BIG 'T' WORD - Thanks



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 15th February ~ Middle LC - 3/4 Murray

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

School photo day is on Tuesday 16th February 2016. Photos will be taken by Goulburn Valley School Photography (Dale Wright).



Envelopes and money were due back today, please return yours ASAP if you have not done so already.

Please note as in previous years if you wish to have a family photo (enrolled students only) you will need a <u>separate Family Portrait envelope</u>, please indicate on the form sent home if you also require a separate Family Portrait envelope as only individual student envelopes will be distributed. Alternatively you can pick one up from the office.



Sunsmart (endorsed by VicHealth & Cancer Council Victoria) requires schools to comply with the guidelines set out in their policy document.

Some important points from this policy are;

• Sun protection is enforceable from September to the end of April or whenever the ultraviolet radiation (UV) level reaches 3 or more, not just Term 1 and Term 4.A balance of UV exposure from sunlight is important for health. This is why the morning playtime is not subject to 'no hat no play' school policy.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees have been sent home via the office buckets today. There are a number of facilities available for payment of school fees:

- Direct Debit facility fees are debited from your nominated account on a fortnightly basis over 20 payments from February to November. Forms are included with your statement of fees. NB: A new form must be done each year.
- Eftpos facility available at the school office cheque, savings or credit (not Amex).
- EFT Our school bank account details are printed on your statement and you may pay via direct transfer from your bank institution.
- Cash or Cheque can be paid at the office

Should any family be experiencing difficulty with payment of school fees please do not hesitate to contact David Keenan on 58221834 to discuss your situation.

PREPS - WEDNESDAY'S

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

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS:



ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Prep Hoskin	Ryder Dudgeon
Тертюкш	Ryder Dadgeon
Prep Kent	Blessing Nhanhanga
1/2 Black	Millie Gemmill
1/2 Johnson	Thomas Hudson
1/2 Ryan	Abha Daware
3/4 Calder	Georgia Hoornweg
3/4 Harmer/Segrave	Keith Woo
3/4 Murray	Joshua Thomas
5/6 Dainton	Joshua Lowndes
5/6 Hicks	Joshua Latorre



Prep Hoskin	Harper Daniel
Prep Kent	Jessee Martin
1/2 Black	Zara Moffatt
1/2 Johnson	Callum Glover
1/2 Ryan	Tanner Bensch
3/4 Calder	Harrison Baker
3/4 Harmer/Segrave	Maddi Lees
3/4 Murray	Amy Lees
5/6 Dainton	Cooper O'Neill
5/6 Hicks	Jeremy O'Brien

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP TEAMS - TERM 1









Study*ladder*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This is a courtesy letter to inform you that your child's class is now using a free version of Studyladder, an online educational program which allows students to learn at their own pace.

About Studyladder

Studyladder is a web based educational program designed by teachers. The program is curriculum based and covers Mathematics, Literacy as well as other subjects. Your child has been given a username and password which can be used to access Studyladder.

Recovering previous points and rewards

If your child had a previous account, use the following steps to recover their past rewards and points:

- 1. Log in to their NEW school account
- 2. Click on the MENU option
- 3. Select RECOVER POINTS and enter the OLD username/password

All of their past rewards will be recovered. This will also upgrade their new account if the previous account had premium paid access.

Using Studyladder

It is not compulsory for your child to use Studyladder at home, however regular access will help them reinforce what they have been taught in school. It will also help to build their confidence through practice.

Safe Internet Usage

Your child will NOT be able to chat with anyone using Studyladder. However, we still encourage you to supervise your child at all times when using the internet.

Using Studyladder from home

Simply go to www.studyladder.com.au and login using your child's school username and password. The free version allows students to access tasks set by their teacher (it is optional for parents to upgrade if they wish to give their child unlimited home access). As a parent you can join Studyladder for free if you wish to monitor your child's progress.

Your child's access details will be provided by their classroom teacher.

If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher or email support@studyladder.com.au

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.

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!





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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.

SOCIAL MEDIA @ ST LUKE'S

Skoolbag A 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!!



School Banking in 2016 is one



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

DON'T FORGET TO

DONATE your non

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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 Fairlys 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

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



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





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.







Promoting Sustainability

245 Wyndham Street Shepparton



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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

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.

the St. Vinnie's collection bin

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

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.

There is no need to sign up; children come forward when invited by the celebrant.

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.

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. LUKE'S SPORTS CLUB:

ST. LUKE'S SPORTS CLUB AGM - NEXT WEEK

When: Tuesday 16th February 2016

Where: St Luke's Catholic Primary School Board Room

Time: 6.00pm then General meeting to follow @ 7.00pm

All are welcome to attend, anyone interested in helping out and being on the Sports Club please feel free to come along.

Hope to see you there.

NOTRE DAME / ST BRENDANS CRICKET SCORES

U/14 A: Euroa 4/130 (P Cormican 2/16, W Browne 1/14, F Kruger 1/16) def Notre Dame/ St. Brendan's 47 (P Cormican 13) U/12: Shepparton United Blue 7/172 (C Ritchie 2/13, A Bennett 1/15, A Cole 2/9, I Cox 1/15, S Lewis 1/17) def Notre Dame/ St. Brendan's 90 (A Kruger 19, A Cole 14)



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December 2015

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BERRY STREET

Post Separation

Co-Operative Parenting Program

3 Hour Seminar to help separated parents have healthy and strong relationships with their children.

Seminar includes:

- Ways of communicating with the other parent
- Impact of separation and conflict on children
- Setting goals for future parenting

Once participants complete the Intake Process they are registered to attend the seminar.

To register or for more information please contact:

Berry Street, Post Separation Services. Phone 5822 8100



Kid's Turn Around

Kids Turn Around (KTA) is a program for children aged between 7 - 11 who have or are experiencing family separation.

KTA operates for three days during school holidays. Next dates are April 5th, 7th & 8th.

Family separation is a major change for children that can leave children worrying about their future, feeling uncertain and anxious. KTA provides an opportunity for children to explore and express feelings associated with parental separation or divorce and conflict, with other children going through similar experiences. Children develop coping strategies, stress management and problem solving skills- to assist them to make a more resourceful and confident transition.

Topics explored are:

Getting to Know You

Recognising Feelings

Exploring Feelings

Learning New Skills and Coping Plans

Promoting Positive Self Esteem - What's Special About Me

Moving Forward and Celebrating the Future

To register or for more information please contact:

Berry Street, Post Separation Services. Phone 5822 8100





IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 1 FEBRUARY: Week 4 - Monday 15th.	Assembly @ 2.20pm
Tuesday 16th.	School PhotosSports Club Meeting
Wednesday 17th.	· NO PREPS
Week 5 - Monday 22nd.	Assembly @ 2.20pm
Wednesday 24th.	· NO PREPS
Week 6 - Monday 29th.	Assembly @ 2.20pm
Wednesday 2nd March	· NO PREPS
Week 7 - Monday 7th	• PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF PD
Wednesday 9th.	PREPS COMMENCE FULL TIME Community Group Meeting
Week 8 - Monday 14th.	• PUPIL FREE DAY - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Friday 18th.	National Day of Action Against Bullying - Year 5/6 March.
Week 9 - Monday 21st.	Assembly @ 2.20pm Holy Week
Thursday 24th.	Holy ThursdayLast day of Term 1