

Holy Thursday

Special Time for Prayer



LORD, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

(New Saint Joseph People's (Prayer Book))



School Community Newsletter

2016: *Be the Face of Mercy*

Thursday 24th March 2016

Term: 1

Week: 9



What's on next term?

April:

Monday 11th April Term 2 commences;
Assembly @ 2.20pm (Senior LC The Resurrection);
Tuesday 12th April Open Board Info Session @ 6pm
Wednesday 13th April Community Group Meeting.

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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.



EASTER is the greatest event in the Church's calendar. Each year we relive the events of Holy Week and Easter. It is one story I love to experience each year. I like a good movie and can watch some a few times, but I need Easter each year. The prayer in today's newsletter gives us all hope. We pray over this Easter period that people experiencing tough times, feel Jesus is with them even in their most desperate hour. We pray for those experiencing challenging times and the people affected by the recent events in Belgium.

Seeing the children retell the events of Holy Week and make reference to the different scriptural passages is important. For some, this may be their first experience in a Catholic school and they become part of Jesus' story. It is such a beautiful and courageous journey. At assembly I made reference to journeys we often take and we whinge about how long it took, or how hot it was. Well, Jesus did just about everything on foot. Yesterday we walked for an hour to raise money for Caritas and take a moment to pray for those people who are not as fortunate as many of us. We were all very proud of the students and their efforts. One Prep student said I looked taller in my sports gear! Thank you for the compliment.

THANKYOU

The Easter Raffle was huge. Thank you to all involved in making this happen. This is one event where just about everyone in our school are to be thanked. From the organisation, to buying tickets, donations, counting money, getting the tickets in the box, to preparing about 70 prizes- well done!

UNIFORM

Children are to return in their winter uniform. Children are to wear hats all year round. This is a slight change to previous practice.

BEFORE SCHOOL, RECESS & LUNCH PLAY

When we return we will be having a few extra rules and rosters. This will help the students with organised games and designated areas.

TERM 2

Students and staff return on Monday 11th April.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Term 2- Wednesday 25th May (Spirituality Day for staff Shepparton/Mooroopna)

Term 3- Monday 11th July

Term 4- Monday 3rd October (and Melbourne Cup 1st & 2nd November)

When a special guest speaker is invited it doesn't always fit in with the first day back each term. We will attempt to give you plenty of notice if dates have to be changed.

WORKING BEE

We will be looking at a small working bee to remove much of the low lying vegetation at the front of the school (footpath). I will confirm a time and date when we return. I am open to a Friday afternoon for 2-3 hours before we hit winter, or even a Saturday afternoon from 2:00-5:00. Even with commitments to sport or watching the AFL, I think we can work things out.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

Please add the 12th April at 6:00pm to your diary. Phil Bretherton from our CEO will be with us for 1 hour. It is important that you know what the role of the School Board is, even if you are not on it.

HOLIDAYS

At assembly on Monday I asked the children to look after their parents because many will still be working for the two weeks. I hope you do get a little time over this Easter weekend to spend time together. I can't wait to see both sides of our family over the weekend.

Happy Easter

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.

'You must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle.

Fight the good fight of faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called.'

1 Timothy 6:11-12.

Whole School Social Skills Focus: For week 9 our social skills focus is **PATIENCE**.

1. Waiting for others to finish.
2. Letting others in first.
 - class line.
 - doors.

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: **PEOPLE SKILLS**



HOLY WEEK MASSES

Monday 11th April, 2016 @ 2.20pm (assembly) The Resurrection (John: 1—9)

Senior LC

Mark Harmer
Catholic Identity & Religious Education Coordinator

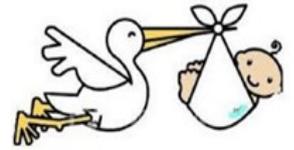
SCHOOL NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following families on the safe arrival of their new bundles of joy

Pearson Family

Zak Family

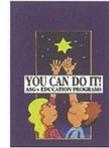


AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS:



ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Prep Hoskin	Isla Putman
Prep Kent	Hugo Reid
1/2 Black	Isaac Beamish
1/2 Johnson	Liana Demase
1/2 Ryan	Aleisha Nardella
3/4 Calder	Amy Jude
3/4 Harmer/Segrave	Sienna Winbanks
3/4 Murray	Will Broom
5/6 Dainton	Grace Tennent
5/6 Hicks	Emily Hoornweg



You Can Do It AWARD

Prep Hoskin	Grace Ford
Prep Kent	Samantha Nardella
1/2 Black	Emil Joseph
1/2 Johnson	Talia Derose
1/2 Ryan	Dean Miller
3/4 Calder	Fenil Dom
3/4 Harmer/Segrave	Charlotte Braaksma
3/4 Murray	Ahwlin Joby
5/6 Dainton	Jordan Munro
5/6 Hicks	Emily Damianopoulos

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.



9. The game 'Sound Thief' is a great way to support your child to develop their manipulation of sounds in words (deleting, adding or swapping sounds). Use real objects or pictures to represent words, then take turns to steal a target sound. The other player/s need to identify the word and the "sound stolen". For example: hat à "at" (you stole the "h" sound from hat).

As a harder task, try swapping a sound in a word. For example: back à "ban" (you changed the 'k' sound to a 'n' sound). Decide with your child first the position of the sound to swap – beginning / middle / end.

Caritas Act of Solidarity



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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.



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.



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.

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

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

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

Shepparton CFA
Victoria State Emergency Service

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



When you see these signs while shopping, you can earn bonus points for each item purchased, every week!



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.

eco
store

Promoting Sustainability

245 Wyndham Street
Shepparton

www.sheppaccess.com.au 03 5831 6180



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:

Thank you to all for your efforts in selling our raffle tickets.

We are pleased to announce we raised

\$2600

and had **70 prizes** up for grabs

A big thank you to everyone for their generous donations. Thank you to all the helpers involved in making this possible.



ST LUKE'S SPORTS CLUB:



St Luke's Soccer Club 2016

Soccer Co-ordinator: Peter O'Brien
0412 594 194

SOCCKER is upon us!!!!!! Our season (first match) commences 16TH APRIL 2016 (first Saturday after holidays).

- A fantastic response to SOCCER this year. We will have 3 U/6 teams, 2 U/7 teams, U/8, U/10 and U/12 teams.
- Our first TRAINING night will be the **13th April (first WEDNESDAY after holidays) at 3.30pm** on the Emmaus Oval (adjacent to the Eco Park). Teams will be announced along with coaches and team managers. Please note that future training nights and times may change and will be confirmed by coaches.
- Children will require soccer boots, shin guards (compulsory), long socks (navy blue or black) and school sport shorts. Soccer tops for Saturday games will be provided by club and distributed by team managers.
- We have over 70 children registered to play soccer this year and as you can imagine training could get quite chaotic at times. As such, we ask if parents can actively supervise their children at training. If you can't attend training, then we request that you nominate a parent who will be at training to supervise your child. Your help in this will be greatly appreciated.
- Parking for training nights will be restricted to St Luke's car park only and NO parking is allowed at the Eco Park or on the Emmaus oval. Once again your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.
- Remember FIRST game 16th April 2016.
- 2016 soccer fixtures will be available on the SJSA website on Monday April 4th.
- Please contact Terence Tuohey (0458 911 003) or Peter O'Brien (0412 594 194) if you have any concerns.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL at 3.30pm.

MASSES

Holy Thursday 24th March - 7pm Mass

Good Friday 25th March - 3pm—*Celebration of our Lord's passion*
8pm—*Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday 26th March - 7pm—*Easter Vigil*

Easter Sunday 27th March—*8am Mass and 11am Mass*

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

Every Sunday at 11.00am Mass during school term.



**We will recommence
Sunday 17th April**



St Brendan's Parish Sacramental Program 2016



Have you returned your child's completed profile?

Your child's completed profile **MUST be returned to the PARISH HOUSE no later than Friday 1st April** (*first week of school holidays*) to ensure it is on display in the Church for our first Commitment Masses.

The Commitment Masses for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on – Saturday 16th April 6.00pm and Sunday 17th April 11am.

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.

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



Friday Night Fun at Deakin Reserve

Auskick <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/>

(select St Brendan centre)

NetSetGo (5-7 age group) <http://netsetgo.asn.au/>

(select St Brendan/Deakin Reserve centre)

Commencing Friday April 15 (5:30-6:30 PM)

Deakin Reserve Shepparton

Sausage Sizzle available to purchase each night

NEW* STUDENT OFFER – 30% off

Keystone Tennis are offering all new* children to Keystone Tennis 30% off term two fees. All new students will also receive a free Player T-Shirt (RRP: \$29.95).

ANZ Hot Shots is Tennis Australia's beginner program for children and only delivered by qualified Tennis Australia qualified coaches.

Suitable for: 3-12year olds

Venue: Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club (opposite Aquamoves and the Lake

CODE: KeystoneTerm2

Code expires on 4.4.2016. To claim the discount, please email 'office@keystonetennis.com' and quote the code.

Website: www.keystonetennis.com | Facebook: 'Keystone Tennis'

*New students are those who have not previously been enrolled with Keystone Tennis. Limited classes available.

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Pathway



AGE 3-5	AGE 5-8	AGE 8-10	AGE 9+
Fundamental and Perceptual Motor Skills (FPMS)			
LAUNCH PAD STAGE	RED STAGE	ORANGE STAGE	GREEN STAGE
<small>Court size: variable tennis ball: red ball (20 per cent compression) recommended racquet size: 18-21 inches</small>	<small>Court size: 3 m x 8.20 m or 6 m x 10.67 m tennis ball: red ball (20 per cent compression) recommended racquet size: 21-25 inches</small>	<small>Court size: 6.5 m x 18 m tennis ball: orange ball (20 per cent compression) recommended racquet size: 20-25 inches</small>	<small>Court size: 10.67 m x 20.76 m (full court) tennis ball: green ball (15 per cent compression) recommended racquet size: 25-27 inches</small>

hotshots.tennis.com.au

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 2: APRIL		
Week 1	Monday 11th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Resumes • Assembly @ 2.20pm (The Resurrection Senior LC)
Week 1	Tuesday 12th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Board Meeting
Week 1	Wednesday 13th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Group Meeting
Week 1	Sunday 17th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment Mass
Week 2	Monday 18th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly @ 2.20pm
Week 2	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
Week 4	Tuesday 3rd .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Ed Van here
Week 4	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
Week 5	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
Week 6	Tuesday 17th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 interschool sport
Week 6	Wednesday 18th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 interschool sport • Year 5/6 Reedy Swamp Day
Week 6	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
Week 7	Tuesday 24th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Reconciliation
Week 7	Friday 27th.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUPIL FREE DAY

Subject to change