



St. Luke's Catholic Primary School Community Newsletter

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Annual Theme:
2016: Be the Face of Mercy

Term: 4 Week: 8
Friday 25th November

*Journeying
Together
in Christ*

What's on next week?

28th	Assembly 2.20pm
29th	
30th	
1st	
2nd	Staff Planning Day - Pupil Free

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

ADVENT

The new liturgical year begins this Sunday (Year A)

WALK IN GOD'S LIGHT. We do not know when Christ will come again in glory.

Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.



(Google image- source unknown)

Pope Francis sends message to Australia's Indigenous Community

As we prepare to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St John Paul II's iconic words to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Alice Springs

His Holiness expresses his esteem for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture



on 29 November 1986, we are strengthened and emboldened by a message of hope and a blessing received directly from the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

In recent weeks, NATSICC, with the assistance of the Bishops Conference used a video message to request a blessing from the Holy Father. Recorded in Alice Springs, the video features people that were present at Blatherskite Park in 1986. These people experienced firsthand the impact that St John Paul II's words made.

A letter accompanied the video, along with Spanish translations, which expressed the power of the event in Alice Springs.

Pope Francis wrote, "This anniversary affords me the happy opportunity to express my deep esteem for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and for your ancient cultural heritage". Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is built on mutual respect and dignity and is holiness' opening message is most appropriate.

Drawing upon St John Paul II's words, Pope Francis reminds us that the culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is precious, with much to offer the Catholic Church around the world.

"Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost."

"We are overjoyed upon the receipt of the letter and blessing from his holiness," said NATSICC Chairperson John Lochowiak. "It is more than just a blessing, it is confirmation that we, as first Australians are appreciated and respected by the Catholic Church. "We, and the Church in Australia, are now challenged to continue to bring this respect to life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics."

"Pope Francis' statement about his spiritual closeness with us is very important and we want this message to resonate across the length and breadth of this country," Mr Lochowiak said.

This Sunday 27 November 2016, NATSICC calls the Church across Australia to come together in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and use the power of faith and unity to bring to life Pope Francis' hope that "we offer a convincing and tangible sign that we are no longer strangers and sojourners, but ... fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (Eph2:19).

(<http://www.natsicc.org.au/pope-francis-message-to-indigenous-australians.html>)

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:

Last Friday we were treated to a cultural performance by our P-6 students. We celebrated our Italian language focus at St. Luke's. Our three specialist classes (Italian, Music and Art) joined together to create a 45 minute performance involving all the students. We finished with some 'yummy' gelato. Well done Mrs Mancusi, Mrs O'Keeffe and Miss Mellino.



Staff Planning Day

This is next Friday 2nd December. There is **NO** school for the **students**.

Orientation Day is Tuesday 6th December 11:00am for any new children for 2017.
Session 11:30-1:00.

Our **2017 Preps** have finished their three transitions at St. Luke's. They will return on the 6th December with everyone. The sessions have been very beneficial. When I heard the children running in yesterday ready for Day 3, and leaving mum/dad behind, I knew things must be going ok.

REPORTS

You will receive your child's report in a couple of weeks. This will be the last time receiving the semester reports in their current format. A few things have contributed to this.

1. Introduction of the new VIC curriculum in 2017
2. Reporting provider discontinued
3. Review this year of the current reports (Staff and School Board)
4. Discussion at a board level regarding the introduction of a parent portal

In 2017 you will still receive a formal report in Semester 1/2, it will just be in a different format.

We have three weeks of school left. There have been a few niggles on the playground which could turn into more serious issues at this time of the year. Please remind your children to play fairly, that things don't always go their way and they may not agree with a peer decision. It is every child's responsibility to play well.

It looks like a beautiful weekend in the GV.

ENJOY!

School Information:

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

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Working with nature
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

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

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Contact Numbers:

PRE LOVED UNIFORMS

Paula Holland 0438 311 991
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

UNIFORM SHOP

GV School Uniforms (Joy) 5831 3355

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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

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

Skoolbag
Smartphone school to parent communication

twitter

Find us on

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 8 our social skills focus is **FAIRNESS:**

1. Treating boys and girls equally
2. Sharing equitably

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:

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God Micah 6:8

MJR: Happy Chappy and Nasty Pastie:

Be a W.E.S.T person:
Welcome.
Encourage.
Sorry.
Thanks.



ADVENT Prayer Celebrations Assembly

Monday 28th Nov
(Week 9)

**First Sunday of ADVENT
Junior LC Black**

Monday 5th Dec
(Week 10)

**Second Sunday of ADVENT
Foundation LC Kent**

Monday 12th Dec
(Week 11)
**Third Sunday of ADVENT
Middle LC Murray**

Full School Mass

(Week 11)

When: Thursday 15 Dec

What: Graduation Mass

Where: St Brendan's Catholic Church

Time: 6pm



Acts of Solidarity

Christmas Giving Appeal

During ADVENT - Donation collection for St Vincent De Paul.



School:

"Egg Sale \$5 a carton"

**Eco Park Eggs
available from
the office on
Monday's.**



Book Club Order

Just a reminder that you do have the option of picking up your order from the office if you wish.



Book Club



Please contact Robyn Daunt on 0438015773 to arrange this.

School Italian Performance

If anyone who has photos from the performance last Friday, that would like to share them, please email them to me.

Thanks

Annie Mellino

amellino@slshepparton.catholic.edu.au



Awards:



		Encouragement Award	You Can Do it Award
PREP	Prep H	Alyssa Pinnock	Isla Putman
	Prep K	Isobel Wren	Phoebe Hoare
YEAR 1 / 2	1/2 B	Emily Putman	Faith Bailey
	1/2 J	Liam Broom	Victoria Scarcella
	1/2 R	Lachlan Glover	Rocco Santini
YEAR 3 / 4	3/4 C	Sophie Paterson	Fenil Dom
	3/4 H/S	Keith Woo	Thomas Ranson
	3/4 M	Jacob Draper	Tia Bailey
YEAR 5 / 6	5/6 D	Comfort Nhanhanga	Zaineb Al-Kafajy
	5/6 H	Eliza Corazza	Zavier Gallace

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.

8. While sharing a story with your child, change a predictable part to something totally outrageous that does not fit with the story or pictures. See if your child notices and can suggest something more appropriate.

School:

2016 School Fees

Outstanding Fees & Statements

Thank you to the families who have finalised their school fees for 2016. We ask that all outstanding fees be paid by 2nd December.

Direct Debit payments have now completed for 2016 unless your account still has an amount owing.

Should you be experiencing any difficulties with payment of fees, please contact the school office on 58221834 to make an appointment to speak with David.

New fees structures for 2017 will be published in next weeks newsletter.

Volunteers Needed to help cover books!

Thank you to those helpers who received a bag of books to cover this week. Remember if you can no longer help with this task, please just send them back.

If there are any other people who would like to help with this task please notify the office staff and they will notify me. We have plenty of books to cover. They will be sent home ,with instructions, with your child on the occasions we need books to be covered. Ne deadline. Plenty of great books for your child to browse and you'll certainly be helping St. Luke's.

Happy Reading
Mary Pendergast, Library Volunteer



Book Club Order

Scholastic Book Club catalogues will come home next week.



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Sport:

SHEPPARTON JUNIOR CLASSIC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th December 2016

Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club
10&u, 12&u, 14&u, 16&u, 18&u singles and doubles
featuring John Starritt Schoolboys Championship
and Adele Ellis Schoolgirls Championship
Consolation draws will be held for all events.

Entry fees: \$20 singles, \$15 doubles per player.
Age at 31 December 2016.

Enter online at tournaments.tennis.com.au
Entries close Wednesday 30th November 2016
Enquiries to tournaments@sheppartonlawntennisclub.com.au
Full details in the tournament entry form at
www.sheppartonlawntennisclub.com.au

NOTRE DAME / ST BRENDANS CRICKET CLUB SCORES

Under 14s :

Notre Dame/ St Brendan's 87 – A Kruger 8, J Nieuwenhuizen 8 def by Karramomus 8/172 (cc) - P Cormican 1/8, S Simpson 1/8, R Ahmed 1/9, J Nieuwenhuizen 1/10.

Under 12 A Grade:

Notre Dame/ St Brendan's 9/116 – X Schmedje 26, K Hogeboom 22 def by Mooroopna 5/235 – X Schmedje 2/37, H Hassan 1/23, T Huffer 2/21.

Under 12 B Grade :

Notre Dame/ St Brendans 6/76(cc) E Beck 16* Y Mahli 10* def by Old Students White 5/87(cc) E Beck 2/3 H Boyd 1/7 S Holland 1/8.

U14/U16/YG - Shepparton United Juniors Pre Season Training

Training starts Monday 28/11/16 at the Rumbalara Football Oval
5.30pm to 7pm

This will be for a light run followed by a Sausage sizzle; this will be a great chance to meet all of the 2017 coaches and Committee members.

For all enquires please contact Junior President: Jason Ritchie - Phone: 0407160195 - Email: jason@camiastockfeed.com.au



Other News:

WIN OUR SCHOOL A VILLAGE CINEMAS FUNDRAISING PACK

Everyone loves the movies, so why not give those that matter what they really want this Christmas - a great Village Cinemas experience! It's the ultimate risk free gift!

With Christmas right around the corner, Village Cinemas has an exciting range of gifting products available with the added bonus of earning points for our school!

For every dollar spent on gifting products at Village Cinemas Shepparton between 20th October and 24th December 2016, our school will earn points for a chance to win a Village Cinemas Fundraising Pack valued at up to \$480.

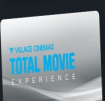
To earn points all you need to do is write the name of our school on the back of your receipt and place it in the Entry Box located within the cinema.

Terms & Conditions

1 point earned for every dollar spent.

The winner will be drawn on 1st February 2017 and notified on this said date via email and phone.

The Village Cinemas Fundraising Pack "The Prize" will be available for collection from 2nd February 2017.



This Christmas, treat the movie lover in your life.



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BUNNINGS - SHEPPARTON WAREHOUSE
SATURDAY - DECEMBER 10th 10am - 12noon

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