



St. Luke's Catholic Primary School Community Newsletter

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Annual Theme:
2016: Be the Face of Mercy

Term: 4 Week: 11
Friday 16th December

*Journeying
Together
in Christ*

School Finishes at
3.15pm TODAY

What's on next week?

19th	School Holidays Students return on Tuesday 31st January, 2017
20th	
21st	
22nd	
23rd	

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



Buon Natale a tutti
Merry Christmas to all
Irish Christmas blessing
(author unknown)

*“May you be blessed
With the spirit of the season,
which is peace,
The gladness of the season,
which is hope,
And the heart of the season,
which is love.”*

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:

As we near the **end of the school year** and 2016 there will be goodbyes and well wishes. Christmas is a special time. As we welcome the 4th Sunday of ADVENT we are encouraged to TRUST God. God sends a special messenger to Joseph in a dream and Joseph must trust God. We light the 4th violet candle this Sunday which signals that the birth of Jesus is near.

I would like to congratulate our students on doing their best most of the time. It is not just about doing your best academically, but displaying your personal values. Our Catholic school values and your qualities help form what our school stands for. We all make mistakes, but we all have the ability to say sorry and forgive.

Thank you Fr. Joe, Fr. Bernie and most recently Fr. Sebastian for the work you do in our parish. Your presence amongst us and at school helps us on our journey with God. We are part of the parish and we extend our gratitude to all parishioners for supporting St. Luke's, St. Brendan's and Notre Dame.

Thankyou staff! I have loved my first year at St. Luke's. We have worked hard, but most of the time have had a lot of fun and we should be satisfied with our general effort. We keep striving for excellence and this will be no different in 2017. A successful school is built on relationships.

Thank you Paul Ranson (Board Chair) and Lucy Gallace (Community Group Chair) for your support and leadership. 2016 has been great and 2017 looks very exciting already. These two people represent the parent body and those who are a part of each group do the same with the best interests of the children at the centre of all decisions and ideas.

The Catholic Education Office support us in so many ways. Our entire community wish all those at Catholic Education Sandhurst a Merry Christmas.

We farewell Miss Annie Mellino and Mrs Federica Mancusi. We wish them all the best. Mrs Danae Muston was part-time this year and will return as a CRT in 2017. Mrs Jess Johnson will hopefully have some exciting news in the near future and will not be with us in 2017. Thank you to Miss Katrina Christopher for taking over 1/2J. Mrs. Gerada Hoskin takes some well-deserved Long Service Leave for 2017.

Congratulations to Miss Gabriella Mercuri who graduates from University today. She will join us on a full time basis in 2017.

As I sign off on the last newsletter for 2016, I am so glad that I followed my heart and St. Luke's Shepparton became a major part of my life. Shepparton is the Keenan's home now and we look forward to the future years at St. Luke's and being part of the St. Brendan's Parish.

Merry Christmas.

David Keenan- Principal



Mr Keenan chatting to the students at yesterday's Big Day Out celebrations where the students received their journey stones

School Information:

EcoPark
AN INITIATIVE OF SHEPPARTON ACCESS
Creating Pathways into the Community

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

eco store
Promoting Sustainability
245 Wyndham Street Shepparton

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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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

FAIRLEYS SUPA IGA
www.fairleysiga.com.au

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.

Smartphone school to parent communication

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 11 our social skills focus is **CELEBRATING:**

1. Being positive in work, sport and play
2. Being happy
3. Smiling

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:

Praise the Lord! Praise him with trumpet sound! Psalm 150:1-6

MJR: God Moments:

There are
constant acts
of goodness
all around you!



Thank you for the great turn out last night at our **End of Year Mass.**

It was fantastic to have so many of our families join us to celebrate the end of the year & farewell our Year 6's.

The weather was kind to us and a fun time was had by all at our picnic tea back at St Luke's!



School:



**Allergy & Anaphylaxis
Australia**
Your trusted charity for allergy support



A timely reminder for all families to be allergy aware, particularly during the festive season when we are attending gatherings and about in the community.

<https://www.allergyfacts.org.au/> **for more information**

Community Group:

The Community Group have now got the new team of Classroom delegates for 2017. More information will follow in the new year.

Thank you to the past, present & new delegates for accepting these roles.

Awards:



		Encouragement Award	You Can Do it Award
PREP	Prep H	Swimming	Swimming
	Prep K	Swimming	Swimming
YEAR 1/2	1/2 B	Emme Cole	Felicity Grant
	1/2 J	Talia De Rose	Grace Novotony
	1/2 R	Lola Wren	Lachlan Glover
YEAR 3/4	3/4 C	Kade Metcalf	Teagan Moffatt
	3/4 H/S	Seamus Whitzell	Maddi Lees
	3/4 M	Harper Simpson	Liam Prior
YEAR 5/6	5/6 D	Caitlyn Tuohey	Mitchell Boschetti
	5/6 H	Hailey MOffatt	Jeremy O'Brien

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.

11. On long car trips you might like to build a story, where each person adds a new part in turn. Make sure you include the following important parts;

A setting: 'who' the story is about, 'where' the story is taking place and 'when' the story is taking place,
A problem which arises in the story or a kick off event

Feelings: how the character feels about the problem,
A plan, action and solution to the problem,
And an ending.

You can make it as humorous or as far- fetched as you like, most importantly it has to be fun!

Other:

SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETITION

WIN A TICKET TO

How to Prepare like a Pro

AN EVENING WITH...

Anna Meares

AUSTRALIA'S MOST SUCCESSFUL OLYMPIC TRACK CYCLIST

HOW TO ENTER:
Record a video of yourself outlining:

- Why you would like to meet Anna Meares
- One or Two questions you would like to ask Anna
- Why you should be chosen to attend 'How to Prepare Like a Pro'

Upload the video to MyoCycles facebook page for your chance to WIN
Videos need to be uploaded by Friday 27th January 2017

* Participants must be under the age of 18
(a ticket will also be supplied to the winning students parent/guardian)

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NOTRE DAME / ST BRENDANS CRICKET CLUB SCORES

U/14s :

Notre Dame/ St Brendan's 185
P Cormican 40, H Green 30, W Browne 32, J Nieuwenhuizen 16, A McGregor 12, L Moroney 10 vs Mooroopna

U/12 A Grade:

Notre Dame/ St Brendan's 7/54
vs Shepparton Untied Maroon 3/122

U/12 B Grade:

Notre Dame/ St Brendan's 1/94 (cc)
H Baker 16*, S Holland 13*, R Schwarz 10*
def Northerners Green 5/93 (cc) – H Baker 1/2, H Bennett 1/16, L Prior 1/13, Y Malhi 1/18

We congratulate our Class of 2016!!



Zaine Al-Kafajy

Lidia Amadei

Danni Baker

Alex Braaksma

Angus Cole

Alex Corazza

Jack Crawford

Emily Damianopoulos

Joshua Latorre

Zac Metcalf

Hailey Moffatt

Comfort Nanhanga

Noah O'Dwyer

Lily Prior

Lachlan Rumbiolo

Ben Sfetcopoulos

Caitlyn Tuohey

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
121 KNIGHT ST., SHEPPARTON
www.sheppartoncatholic.org.au

CHRISTMAS 2016

Christmas Eve Mass
Mercy Centennial Stadium
(Corner Skene and Knights Streets,
Shepparton)

Carols to begin at 6:30pm
Mass at 7:30pm.

Students from St. Brendan's and St. Luke's Catholic Primary Schools will present a selection of carols before Mass.

Students should come in casual clothes and arrive around 6:15 for a 6:30 start.

"Look! The virgin is with child and will give birth to a son whom they will call Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us.'" - MAT 1:23