



St. Luke's Catholic Primary School Community Newsletter

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Annual Theme:
2016: Be the Face of Mercy

Term: 1 Week: 1
Friday 3rd December

*Journeying
Together
in Christ*

What's on next week?
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6th	Assembly 2.20pm
7th	
8th	No Preps Year 6 Leadership Day
9th	Hello Night
10th	

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

5th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

*'Enjoy the little things,
for one day you may look back
and realise they were the big things.'*
(Robert Brault)

I shared this reflection with staff last Monday. We often experience so many beautiful little things and we deserve to celebrate them.



Let Your Light Shine! We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others. (Sunday Missal)

It is wonderful to be back for the 2017 school year. It was a slightly different excitement for me this year. I knew the surrounds, staff and most families, and loved greeting everyone on Tuesday and welcoming any new students and their families. Yesterday I attended a farewell of a former secretary at my first school in NSW. After 25 years at the same school she is leaving. Seeing her face when I walked into the office was something I will remember. It made me revisit the above reflection I shared with staff last Monday. I thank staff and you for sharing me with

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:

The first week is my favourite. Walking into the classrooms each day has been exciting. The students are feeling their way and the teachers and learning support developing a new rapport with students. Adding to the excitement are the new faces on staff. As they sit at home tonight, I hope they feel part of our school and excited about next week. Well done to all the staff for their preparation for the new school year.



Thank you to our **Community Group team** for helping staff welcome families to the school year. Morning tea last Tuesday was sensational and I heard the lunch at the Peppermill was great as well. Next Week I encourage everyone to come along on **THURSDAY evening to HELLO NIGHT**. It starts with optional class visits and say hello to your child's teachers from 5:00-6:00. Following this is a BYO dinner in our school grounds from 6:00-8:00.

COMMUNITY GROUP AGM postponed

Due to a number of external meetings involving many of the committee we have decided to have **NO meeting** and have the AGM at the next meeting on Wednesday 8th March. In the meantime we will email out any relevant information from class delegates and who they are, send home a link to a survey and advertise a ladies and men's night. We are looking for someone to take on the role of looking after the Pastoral Care freezer. Please email me if you are interested and I will put you in touch with Lucy Gallace (Community Group President). At the AGM we will also need someone to take on the role of treasurer. We also purchased a 0-turn lawn mower during the holidays thanks to the financial contributions of the Community Group (Family fundraising during 2017).

If you haven't been able to visit school and see the **NEW footpaths**, I hope you can soon. They have added so much to network and provided the base to our future Master Plan and landscaping. We have been planning this for sometime along with the drainage, irrigation and oval. I thank Paul Ranson, Damien Preston and Don Gallace for the efforts in making this happen before school returned. Their attention to detail and



expertise in their respective fields of work was really on show for me. As parents they should feel very proud of their contribution. Although this is work for Damien, Donny and their workers I think they liked this job!

SCHOOL TIMES

Formal supervision starts at 8:30am. The only children present before this time should be the early bus people. If your children do arrive early can you wait with them in the car. NO child is to be on the playground before 8:30am unless their parent/carer is with them. Pick up seemed to go well this week. This between 3:15-3:30. Please let the office know if for some reason you cannot make school during this time. Things do pop up at times :). For families who find this challenging, there is after school care available until 6:00pm in our Gathering Space.

If your child is playing after school under your supervision, can you make sure that any equipment is put back.

Finally, well done everyone on getting to Friday. For our little Preps, this was your first week of school. Have a great weekend!

David Keenan
Principal





Dates to remember in FEBRUARY

- 6-** First assembly 2:20pm
- 8-** NO Preps & Year 6 Leadership day
- 9-** Hello Night
- 14-** School Photos & Board mtg 6:30pm
- 15-** Sports Club AGM 7:00pm & PPC mtg 7:30pm
- 17-** Opening school mass 12:00 followed by lunch at a restaurant(TBC) for parents
- 22-** Sports Club Info session (Winter Sports- Netball/Soccer) 7:00pm at School
- 1st March-** ASH Wednesday



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.

Working with nature
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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.








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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.

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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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.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT:

Welcome back to the 2017 school year, I hope the Christmas and New Year period was a restful and relaxing time spent with family.

I thought I'd place a few reminders in this first newsletter...

Pick Up Procedure

Students who are being picked up after school are required to wait with Mr. Keenan out the front of the school in the designated area.



Parents / carers are required to park and exit their car, then at this time the student will be able to safely walk to their parent / car.

Under no circumstances is there to be student pick up by parents / carer pulling up within the flow of traffic. If you are running later than normal or you require a change in pick-up plans, please notify the school.

The staff car park located adjacent to the Gathering Space **can not** be used for school pick up, this is an Occupational Health and Safety Issue due to the width and purpose of the connecting road.

SunSmart

A healthy balance of the sun's ultraviolet radiation (UV) exposure is important for our health. Too much UV from the sun can cause sunburn, skin damage, eye damage and skin cancer. Too little UV from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels.



Children and staff use a combination of skin protection measures when UV levels are high. Particular care is taken between 9am and 3pm when UV levels reach their peak during the day.

The following strategies will be implemented:

No Hat No Play Policy:

Students are required to wear a School (wide brim) hat while outside during Terms 1/2/3/4 (beanie in winter months). Those without a hat will be required to sit in the designated shade areas. This designated area is in front of the Learning Centre. Students are exempt from wearing their hat during the morning play time (8:30am - 8:55am).

No Hat No Play will be effective from Monday 6th February.



Parent / Teacher Communication

One of the key and contributing factors to an effective, enjoyable and meaningful education is the partnership between home and school; parent and teacher.

Parents are welcomed and encouraged to ask questions, regarding their child's academic progress and social well being.

As parents and carers, you are entitled to this understanding.

We encourage a **TEAM** approach to meeting a child's needs and actively seek ways of engaging parents in the educational journey of their child. Whilst quick "catch ups" between parents and teachers are part of the life of the school. It is often more appropriate to arrange a specific time and place to meet more formally to discuss your child's learning.

Staff Professional Development

From time to time, staff will be engaged in professional development opportunities. These opportunities are sourced through a variety of means, such as internally through the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office or externally through specific organisations.

The need for Professional development generally falls into one of three categories;

- a) compliance with regulatory bodies.
- b) school specific / needs based.
- c) enhancing professional practice.



On the occasion your classroom teacher attends professional development, a Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) will be employed. Their responsibility is to continue the normal classroom routine, structure and learning environment created by the classroom teacher.

Professional development is an investment in your child's education.

Be well and enjoy your weekend,

Mark Harmer
Deputy Principal

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**

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 1 our social skills focus is **Using names of people;**

1. Teachers' names
2. Students' names
3. Parents' names
4. Greeting others in the mornings



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: *“Listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, I have called you by name: you are mine.” - Isaiah 43:1-2*

St. Luke's Catholic Primary School

proudly invite you to

Opening School Mass

Friday 17th February, 12.00pm



at *St. Brendan's Catholic Church*

~~ All welcome ~~

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 1. As you read a story with your child, practice breaking up sentences into words. Say a sentence, and encourage your child to repeat it out loud. Then, ask your child to tap, jump or count on his/her fingers the number of words in the sentence. This is important to help your child hear and discriminate word boundaries. For example, 'Tap for each word you hear in this sentence: "It is racing after me" (5 taps).

School:

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 14th February

Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct school uniform

A note and envelope will go home today with your child.



Payment in **correct money** must be placed into the envelope provided and returned with your child to school.

Lunch Orders



Just a friendly reminder that our school lunch orders will start **next week** on Wednesday 8th Feb.

Remember to use the big brown lunch bags (\$2 for 50 from the school office)

Other:

CONGUPNA NETBALL CLUB JUNIOR NETBALL

The Club is inviting all interested players, old and new, to attend the upcoming trials and trainings.

15/U trials - Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th February - 5.45pm-7pm at the Congupna netball courts.

12/U and 13/U training to start on Wednesday 22nd February from 5.30-6.30pm at the Congupna netball courts. Please note- trainings will change to Tuesdays/Thursdays once the season begins (April 8th).

All new and continuing 12/U, 13/U and 15/U players should register via Survey Monkey as soon as possible (link below).

If there are any questions, please contact Bev Bell 0424513992

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FTGVDMS>

What's on:

Honouring the Stolen Generations

We warmly invite you to join us for the

Shepparton Apology Breakfast

to acknowledge the

9th Anniversary of the National Apology

Come and join us

When: Monday 13 February 2017

Time: 7.45am for 8.00am start (Finish at 8.55am)

Where: Queens Gardens, Welsford St, opposite Eastbank

RSVP: Wednesday 10 February 2017

By registering at:
<https://nationalapologybreakfast.eventbrite.com.au>

RSVP is necessary to ensure there is breakfast for all

For more information contact: Dierdre 5821 6600 or Bobby 0434 279 653

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in the park

TWILIGHT STROLL

FRIDAY 17 FEB 2017

5.30PM - 8PM

FREE FAMILY FUN

- JUMPING CASTLE
- BBQ
- RETURN SHUTTLE BUS

- MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES
- LIVE MUSIC
- MUCH MUCH MORE!!!

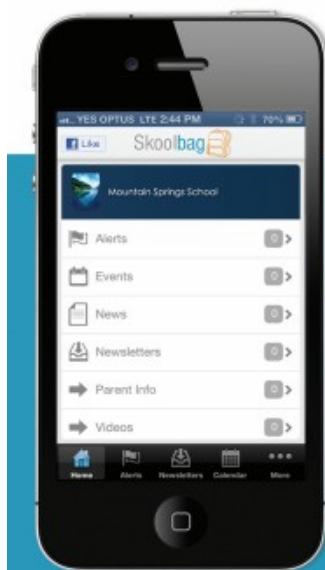
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How to keep up to date with School news:



Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Summer Uniform

GIRLS

Navy & Terracotta Check dress (Peter Pan Collar)

or

Navy Skort & Terracotta Polo Top (Short/long sleeved)

or

Navy Cargo Shorts & Terracotta Polo Top (Short/long sleeved)

Navy Broad Brimmed or Soft Brimmed Hat

Navy Windcheater or Navy Bomber Jacket

St. Luke's White sock or Plain White sock (No anklet socks)

Black lace up shoes or Black Buckle/Velcro shoes.

Hair Accessories: Navy or School Check

(i.e. scrunchies, ties)



BOYS

Navy Cargo Shorts

Terracotta Polo Top (Short/long sleeved)

Navy Windcheater or Navy Bomber Jacket

Navy Broad Brimmed or Soft Brimmed Hat

Plain Navy sock (No anklet socks!)

Black lace up shoes / Black elastic sided boot

Sports Uniform

GIRLS

Navy Basketball Shorts

Terracotta Long / Short Sleeved Polo Top

Navy Track & Field or double knee Tracksuit Pants

Navy Windcheater or Navy Bomber Jacket

St. Luke's White sock or Plain White sock (No anklet socks)

Runners (Laced up/velcro - no skate shoes!)



BOYS

Navy Basketball Shorts

Terracotta Long / Short Sleeved Polo Top

Navy Trackpants (Reinforced Knees)

Navy Windcheater or Navy Bomber Jacket

St. Luke's White sock or Plain White sock (No anklet socks)

Runners (Laced up/velcro - no skate shoes)

OTHER ASPECTS OF UNIFORM:

Compulsory: School Bag (with printed logo)

Available from: *Goulburn Valley School Uniforms*

Optional: Sunglasses (No "named" brands please).

Available from: **St. Luke's Community Group**