



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been an interesting term to say the least! I was listening to a webinar this week by Dr Todd Whitaker who is a leading presenter in the field of education. His message was that even in challenging times we must focus on the positives. We certainly have had many positives this term. One of the biggest obstacles of remote learning was that there was no dress rehearsal – we went straight to opening night and our students (and families and staff) rose to the occasion admirably! We certainly are blessed with an amazing school community and I am so thankful for our staff, students and parents. I pray that you all have a restful and safe holiday and come back refreshed and energized.



### CASUAL CLOTHES DAY TOMORROW

We have been successful in receiving a grant to plant some fruit trees in our garden and establish an orchard between the sport courts and the carpark. Tomorrow the children will be part of the planting stage and we ask that they come to school in casual clothes. It might be a good idea to bring some gumboots and a coat and to dress warmly.

## REMINDER

We are nearly there! Just a reminder that school finishes at **2.15pm tomorrow** for the term holidays and we resume on Monday 13 July.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

We have several scholarships that are available to any student for 2021. The scholarships provide up to half remission of tuition fees for up to three years with the possibility of extension into the senior years. If you would like further information, please contact the office for an application form.



## SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

 Semester 1 reports have been sent home today and Parent/Teacher conferences will be available during Week 3 of next term. Appointments can be made via the PAM portal. If you need assistance, please contact the office.

## TIN DRIVE P/1/2

The pile of tins has been growing considerably near the library door and all students would like to thank you so much for donating items for the Salvation Army. The tins will be delivered during the holidays.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to our parents for all you are doing to keep our school safe. All staff members would like to thank you so much for being cautious and keeping children at home if they are feeling unwell. We pray that all families will be able to relax and have a well-deserved break after a very long and challenging term.



## From the Principal...

### CHAPEL

Chapel services are continuing to be delivered to each class every Friday morning. This week's Chapel service is based on the Gospel reading for this week – Matthew 10:40-42 and is titled *Welcome*.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note that in our first week back, school photos will be on Tuesday 14 July. As we require all students to be dressed in full winter uniform, **sport lessons will be changed to Wednesday 15 July.**

### WARM LUNCHES

Next term, Fun Food Friday will return including warm milo which will be available every Tuesday lunchtime. Whilst we would like to heat up lunches for all students, it is not practical for staff to do so. One option that seems to work well is that parents send warm food in a thermos and students then do not have to wait for their food to be warmed. Alternatively, students can look forward to a warm lunch on Fun Food Fridays! More information will be made available next term.

### SURVEY ABOUT REMOTE LEARNING

The Victorian Education Minister, James Merlino, is encouraging principals, teachers, families and students to have their say on remote and flexible learning, to gain insights into how our education system can be improved as a result of the unprecedented experience of COVID 19.

Feedback is being collected via a community consultation survey and will help the government understand what lessons were learned during remote and flexible learning, and the challenges or opportunities to consider for strengthening the future of school education in Victoria. The survey complements an independent analysis being undertaken across the government, independent and Catholic school sectors, and a Summit to be held during July with students, school leaders and peak associations.

The GSGLEN in partnership with the Glenelg Beyond the Bell Local Action Group (LAG) sees this as a great opportunity for the experience of the schools, families, students and other stakeholders in **our region to be heard** from a rural and remote perspective. We are therefore writing to you to **encourage you to participate** in one of two ways:

#### Complete the department online survey yourself.

You are able to provide your input individually here to the key question "**What can be learned from the period of remote and flexible learning to strengthen school education in Victoria?**" by clicking on the enclosed link <https://engage.vic.gov.au/lessons-remote-and-flexible-learning>. Responses can be made anonymously; the survey closes on **30 June**.

#### Take part in a collated response from the region

If you would prefer to contribute your thoughts to a group response or don't have time for a full response but would like to contribute, GSG LEN in partnership with the Glenelg Beyond the Bell LAG is offering to collate contributions from across Glenelg and Southern Grampians region. The response will be a true representation of feedback received rather than a particular LLEN/ Beyond the Bell position, edited only to fit the word limit (8,000 characters). Information will only be reported as a whole, with individual responses remaining confidential. If you would like to provide input to the group response, please click on this survey monkey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R2NX6DS> The survey monkey will close at **11.55pm on Sunday 28 June**.

# Child Safety...

## WELLBEING AND CHILD SAFETY

The Institute of Positive Education has many resources to support wellbeing in children. Parents are also able to access resources to support their children at home.

Click on the following link to receive episodes with suggested resources and stories about wellbeing. You will also be able to access a podcast series about the 24 character strengths <https://positiveeducation.myshopify.com/collections/free-resources/products/strengths-spotlight-podcast-series>



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### WEEK 10—RECIPIENTS

#### Foundation/Year 1

- ☺ Josh Banks
- ☺ Arlee Hogan



#### Year 1/2

- ☺ Scarlett Spencer
- ☺ Anne Carrington

#### Year 3/4

- ☺ Jasper Pye
- ☺ Zach Reeves

#### Year 4/5/6

- ☺ Lauchlon Sanders
- ☺ Jessica Saliba

### BE YOUR BEST AWARD WEEK 10 RECIPIENT

*Annabella Miles*



## CAN YOU SPARE?

Miss Stiles and the Grade 3/4 class are wanting donations of clean **single/double/queen** sheets. Any colour will be suitable. If you have any spare can you please drop them in to the Grade 3/4 classroom? Thank you.

## WANTED—STEM RESOURCES

Can you please help Mr P restock our STEM resources?

Mr P is looking for the following:

1. Plastic bottles of any size and shape—clean please
2. Newspapers and magazines
3. Any other useful “JUNK” that you think the STEM room can use.

If you have any of the above please drop off in the undercover area near the grade 4/5/6 room door.

# Devotion...

## THE BEST SECURITY SYSTEM EVER

*"The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust Him, and He helps me."*  
Psalm 28:7 (ICB)



I am your Strength and Shield. Long before you get out of bed each morning, I am there, prepping and planning your day. Instead of wondering what will happen and worrying about how you will handle it, talk to Me about it. I've already got it all figured out. If you ask for My help, My Strength will flow freely into you. You will be strong enough to face whatever comes.

If you start to feel afraid, remember that I am your Shield. I'm not just a piece of cold metal—I am alive, always on the alert. I watch over you every minute, protecting you from both known and unknown dangers. I never sleep; I never take a break; I never get distracted.

Trust yourself to My Strength and My Shield—I am the best security system you'll ever find!

**READ ON YOUR OWN:** Matthew 6:34; Psalm 56:3-4; Genesis 28:15

*Taken from "Jesus Calling—365 Devotions for Kids" by Sarah Young*



**Remote community undeterred by COVID-19**

Read this week's story at  
[www.lca.org.au/sow](http://www.lca.org.au/sow)

**STORY OF THE WEEK**  
Read or view the video at  
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## Offerings for Luis

