



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to commend all students, families and staff for another positive week of remote learning. Our teachers are working very hard to provide learning via our remote platform whilst also providing students with skills to think creatively and critically. I know we would all rather be back to 'normal', but it is important to remember that God is in control and He loves us so much. He has a plan for our future, and He gives us the strength and energy to be positive and get through what each day brings. We are thoroughly enjoying all the wonderful work that is being posted via Seesaw. Please send us some photos so that we can add them to our weekly newsletter.



What is happening at school? Each week I will try to update our students on what is happening around school. Please tell them that this week:

- ◆ Our fruit trees in the orchard are budding.
- ◆ The chooks are laying about 5 eggs per day.
- ◆ The basketball rings have been fixed and have new string on the hoops.
- ◆ The native trees and bushes we planted around the school yard are all looking good and the rabbits have only eaten one small plant.

## SHORT MOVIE COMPETITION



With students now **working from home**, a **great project** for them to tackle is a short movie competition organised by Lutheran Media.

The aim of this competition is to give students the opportunity to create an **original and creative short movie** under **4 minutes** long that is engaging, entertaining, and shareable and contains a **message of hope to deal with life's**

**challenges.** (e.g. stress, anxiety, loss, relationships etc)

It's not too late to submit your entry for the **Lutheran Media Movie competition** closing on the 11th September 2020. There is prize money for the best 3 videos and a gift pack for each entry.

Go to [www.lutheranmedia.org.au/competition](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au/competition) for more information and entry details.

## CHAPEL

This week's Chapel service has been prepared by Chaplain Jurgen and will be available via Seesaw on Friday morning.



## PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY



Our school participates in school surveys as a way of self-evaluating, planning and improving what we do. A Parent Opinion survey has been set up and you will receive an invitation this week to participate in the survey. The aim of this questionnaire is to help us understand your perceptions of the quality of your child's educational experience at this school. Your feedback will be used to help improve the quality of education for students. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Either parent may fill out the questionnaire or both parents may complete the survey together. Confidentiality is of paramount importance and the survey is completely anonymous. The data is analyzed by Independent Schools Victoria and is reported back to the school in aggregate only. We value the input of our parent body and thank you in advance for taking the time to help us reflect on how we can do things better.

## Child Safety...

Now that students are learning at home again and using online technologies, it is so important to keep them safe. **Please remember:**

- Parental monitoring is VITAL – make sure you are aware of what your child is doing on a computer or iPad.
- Do not let them 'google' aimlessly with no supervision. Most of our class activities that we send have a direct URL link or QR code to take them directly to a site.
- Check your filters and other blocking software to minimise dangers.
- We expect students to use their manners when online and to respond with comments that are respectful and courteous.

For further information about cybersafety visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



### Mental Health and Well-Being

#### WELLBEING SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Chaplain Jurgen is here to support you if you have any concerns or would like our support in any way. Other support services include:

- ⇒ Kids Helpline Log in <https://kidshelpline.com.au/> or phone 1800 55 1800
- ⇒ Beyondblue <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>
- ⇒ Partners in Parenting <https://app.partnersinparenting.com.au/home>
- ⇒ Growth Ministries <https://www.growministries.org.au/>

Looking for an app for children aged 4-7 to play? The Happyland app can be downloaded from the App Store on your iPhone or iPad and Happyland Stories are available to watch on the website.



**St. John's Lutheran Primary School is a Child Safe School**



## Devotion...

### I AM GOOD

*"Examine and see how good the Lord is. Happy is the person who trusts the Lord."* Psalm 34:8 (ICB)

I am good. Walk with Me today and see that for yourself. The more time you spend with Me, the more you will see just how good I am. And I promise to do only what is good for you.

When hard times come, many people start to doubt My goodness. But troubles are just part of living in this imperfect world. And I can use your troubles to grow your faith.

I know that doesn't always make sense to you. You won't always understand the "why" of things. I am God, and My thoughts and My ways are incredibly bigger and more complicated than yours. When you don't understand, just trust that I am good—and that I always work for good in your life.

**READ ON YOUR OWN:** Isaiah 55:8-9



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



### STORY OF THE WEEK

Read or view the video at [www.lca.org.au/sow](http://www.lca.org.au/sow)



### WEEK 4—RECIPIENTS

#### Foundation/Year 1

- ☺ Dustin Hofmaier
- ☺ Ava Alexander

#### Year 1/2

- ☺ Aria Reeves
- ☺ Marius Carr

#### Year 3/4

- ☺ Zach Reeves
- ☺ Isabella Smith

#### Year 4/5/6

- ☺ Jaron MacLeod
- ☺ Aisha Harris



**BE YOUR BEST AWARD  
WEEK 4 RECIPIENT**

*Banjo Watt*





## Remote Learning St. John's Style...

