

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### VANUATU HOSPITAL

What an amazing effort by our school community. We have raised a total of \$1893.10 from the Walkathon, \$30.50 from the jellybean competition and \$158.20 from Fun Food Friday and \$78.20 for PJ day to give us a total of \$2160 to donate to the Melanie Jewson Foundation <https://www.melaniejewsonfoundation.com.au> Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored and supported our students. If you haven't returned your contributions it's not too late as we are still collecting. Congratulations to Gracie and John who both guessed a total of **305 jellybeans** and shared the prize! Thank you to everyone for making a difference and for encouraging our students to work together for a very worthwhile cause.



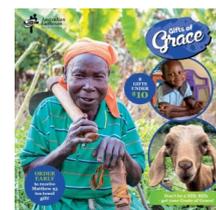
### TRANSITION – FOUNDATION 2021

Our **Getting Ready For School** transition program for our 2021 Foundation students continues next Monday 9 November. Students will get to meet their new teacher for next year, Mrs Grace Greenham. Parents will get a chance to meet Grace over the coming weeks and we look forward to welcoming Grace to our school community. We normally have a Parent Information night for our new Foundation parents. This has been scheduled for Monday 23 November. Due to COVID, we will need to adjust the Information sessions as currently the guidelines only allow for a group size of 10 people. Parents will receive a form on Monday whereby times can be selected for attending an Information session.

Students have also been busy posting work samples and photos on their Seesaw account during the transition days. Please remember to sign into the Seesaw app so that you can see notifications and view your child's journal. Instructions are in the front of their scrapbook.

### GIFTS OF GRACE

Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) provides the opportunity for people to purchase a gift to provide practical aid support to families and communities in countries like Burundi, Cambodia, Nepal and Kenya. Every family should have received a Gifts of Grace catalogue last week which outlines what the gifts are and their cost. More information can be found at [www.alws.org.au](http://www.alws.org.au)



### REPORTS

Staff are busy completing student assessments and writing Semester Two reports. The format of the reports will be very similar to last semester. If parents would like to make a time to discuss their child's achievements and learning goals, there will be an opportunity to speak with the classroom teacher during Week 9. Bookings will be able to be made via PAM. For assistance, please ask at the front office.

### MODIFIED GRADUATION CLOSING SERVICE

Our Graduation Closing Service scheduled for Thursday 10 December, is usually held in our Unity Centre from 7pm-8pm and in a normal year, is open to all students, parents/carers and other family members and friends. **However, due to COVID, the guidelines stipulate that only students and staff can attend this year.** Therefore, staff and students will celebrate the 2020 school year and farewell our Year 6 students during the day on Monday 7 December. The event will be recorded, and parents will be sent a link on Thursday 10 December. Whilst it is disappointing for our school community, we are thankful that our students will be able to formally farewell our Year 6 students and welcome our senior leaders for 2021.



## From Mrs Pritchard...

### LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Normally, we would encourage all to come and listen to the Year 5 students present their leadership speeches on Tuesday 24 November at 9.30am. However, due to COVID guidelines, only staff and students are able to attend. We are planning an alternative solution for our Year 5 parents and will communicate with you shortly. There will be two school captains selected, irrespective of gender. Our other Year 5 students will all receive a position of leadership which will be announced at the beginning of the 2021 school year. It is important that all students and parents are aware of the selection process for School Captains and Leadership positions. The selection process for School Captain positions in 2021 will have three parts which are as follows:



1. All students in Year 5 will present a speech to the school community outlining their attributes and how they will contribute if elected as School Captain. All students will vote for their preferred leader after hearing the leadership speeches.
2. The Year 5 students will walk Mrs Grace Greenham around our school. They will be promoting and sharing their passion for the school. This is a semi-formal way of articulating what makes our school special and provides an opportunity to share our school values and demonstrate their communication skills.
3. Every Year 5 student will then have an interview with staff to talk about how they envisage the role and outline their ideas and thoughts about being a leader. They will also answer any questions staff may have. The staff and Principal will make the final decision based on the outcome of the speeches, tour and interviews. The leadership positions will be announced at the end of year Closing Service.



### SCHOLARSHIPS

St John's Lutheran Primary School has several scholarships, offers of fee assistance to help support our families in educating their children, and awards that are designed to encourage academic excellence and promote a high standard of achievement.

The Portland-Heywood Lutheran Church congregation have generously donated two scholarships for 2021 that will be determined by the staff. Students do not have to register their interest in the Academic Scholarships as all students from Foundation to Year 6 will be eligible for consideration. The scholarships will apply to students who demonstrate excellence in academics, display excellent attitude and behaviour, and consistently strive for a high standard of work. Both scholarships are to the value of \$250 each and recipients will be announced at the end of year Closing Service.



### UNIFORM VOUCHER

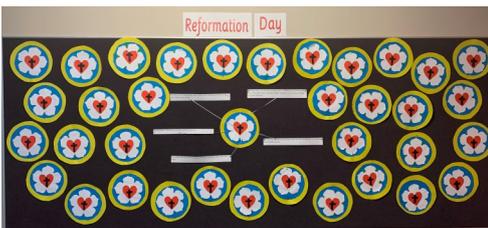
Students who are enrolled in the Foundation level, automatically receive a \$100 voucher to go towards purchasing their Sports Uniform.

## From Mrs Pritchard cont'd...

### CITIZENSHIP AWARD TROPHY

The St John's Lutheran Primary School Citizenship Trophy is a prestigious award presented to one girl and one boy from any year level within the school. The awards will be presented at the end of year Closing Service. The citizenship qualities that will be considered in making the selection include;

1. Students who are well mannered, courteous, co-operative.
2. Show respect for both teachers and other students and is highly respected within the school.
3. Readily accepts responsibility and leadership within the school.
4. Applies him/herself diligently to study.
5. Readily participates in school activities.
6. Is an ambassador for the school in the community.
7. Demonstrates our school values of love, compassion, justice, forgiveness, service, humility, courage, hope, quality and appreciation.



### REFORMATION

Last week our students have been learning all about Reformation and Martin Luther who was a 16<sup>th</sup> century monk and one of the most significant figures in Christian history. He posted his 95 theses or statements on the door of Wittenberg Castle Church on October 31, 1517.

Just like us, he wasn't perfect, but he felt things weren't right and this started a big debate with the Catholic Church about how we can't earn our way to heaven. Rather it is because of Jesus' death and resurrection that we are saved. The junior students made a Luther's seal which is the most easily recognized symbol for Lutheranism. It was common in Luther's day for people to create a seal or coat of arms for their families, and that seal told the world what the family cared about or did for a living. It's no surprise, then, that Luther's seal was all about Jesus! The senior students made an edible version of Luther's seal and the Year 3/4 students decorated a cross.



### ICY POLES

Don't forget that each Tuesday lunchtime is Icy Pole day! Please remember to send in 50 cents with your child each Tuesday if they would like an icy pole. This excludes those students who have paid in advance.

## Child Safety...

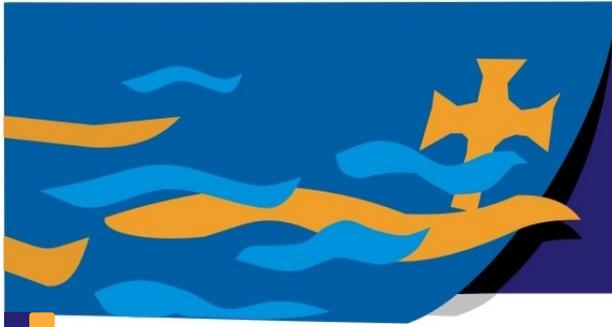
As a parent, you can play an important role in helping your children have safe and positive experiences online. By becoming aware of how children and young people use the internet, some of the risks they face and strategies to manage these risks, you can help guide your children to enjoy the best of the online world. A good link can be accessed at:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues>



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





## *Playground & Looking Fun...*



## St. John's Star Students



### WEEK 4—RECIPIENTS

#### Foundation/Year 1

- ☆ Joshua Banks
- ☆ Arlee Hogan

#### Year 1/2

- ☆ Ruby Smith
- ☆ Zeke Cleary

#### Year 3/4

- ☆ Jai Wombwell
- ☆ Nate Spencer

#### Year 4/5/6

- ☆ Cruz Smith
- ☆ Lauchlon Sanders

### BE YOUR BEST AWARD WEEK 4 RECIPIENT

*Zach Reeves*



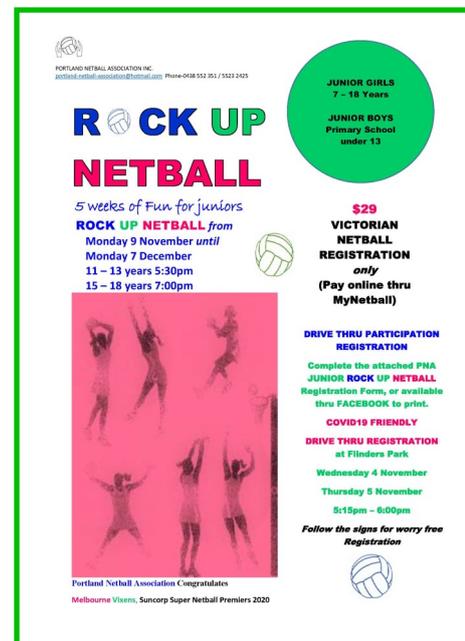
## Community Notices...



Portland Soccer Club are running a four week MiniRoos program from Saturday 7th November until 28th November

from 11am - 12pm for boys and girls aged 5 - 9 years.

This will be a free program. For more information please contact Les Horovitz on 0414559106 or David Stafford on 0409419813.



PORTLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.  
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## ROCK UP NETBALL

5 weeks of Fun for Juniors  
ROCK UP NETBALL from  
Monday 9 November until  
Monday 7 December  
11 - 13 years 5:30pm  
15 - 18 years 7:00pm

**JUNIOR GIRLS**  
7 - 18 Years

**JUNIOR BOYS**  
Primary School  
under 13

**\$29**  
VICTORIAN  
NETBALL  
REGISTRATION  
only  
(Pay online thru  
MyNetball)

**DRIVE THRU PARTICIPATION  
REGISTRATION**  
Complete the attached PNA  
JUNIOR ROCK UP NETBALL  
Registration Form, or available  
thru FACEBOOK to print.

**COVID19 FRIENDLY**  
DRIVE THRU REGISTRATION  
at Flinders Park  
Wednesday 4 November  
Thursday 5 November  
5:15pm - 6:00pm  
Follow the signs for worry free  
Registration

Portland Netball Association Congratulates  
Melbourne Vixens, SunCorp Super Netball Premiers 2020

## Devotion...

### WHAT I WANT MOST

*"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."* Deuteronomy 6:5

Staying close to Me is really all about love—My Love for you and your love for Me.

Too many people believe their faith is all about what they do. They give Me their time, their money, and their service, but they don't give Me the one thing I want most—their hearts.

Be careful not to let your faith become a set of rules to follow: church on Sunday, read your Bible, pray ten minutes each day. Rules lead to habits—things you do without even thinking—lulling your soul to sleep.

What I search for in My children is *an awakened soul* that finds My Presence thrilling! There is abundant Joy in My Presence—and it is for *you*. After all, I created you to glorify Me and enjoy Me forever. I provide the Joy; your job is to live close to Me. This brings Glory to Me and Joy to you!

**READ ON YOUR OWN:** Colossians 3:23; Psalm 16:11

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



## Lost Property...

Can you please remember to **CLEARLY NAME** your child/s **school uniform, including hat, lunch box and drink bottle**. A lot of these items are left in the yard after recess and lunch and it is often difficult to locate the correct owner. Thank you for your cooperation.



LEFT: We have some items in the office that have no owner, if you recognise any of these please let the front office know and we can return them.



Story of the Week

**Embracing change for his kingdom**

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 [www.lca.org.au/sow](http://www.lca.org.au/sow)