

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Even though our students are very busy at this time of the year, there are many positive things happening around the school. Last week I was amazed to read some books that have been written by our senior students. I also marveled at the high level of thinking in our STEM classes by our junior students who designed an insect and created a habitat. This week our 'Getting Ready For School' transition program continued and our Year 5/6 students participated in a surfing instructional day at Bridgewater. Tomorrow our junior students have an excursion to Warrnambool.



Next week our Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches on Tuesday, the Years 3-6 students will be travelling to the Halls Gap Zoo on Thursday, while the senior students have their school Swimming Carnival on Friday.

### MUSIC 2021



There is so much research in education that supports the importance of music. Learning music can increase thinking skills, enrich strategies for learning and creativity, and enhance connections across subjects. The latest research strongly links music to helping students with Mathematics and the "neurological benefits of music education and its contribution to personal and skills development" were showcased in the ABC TV series 'Don't Stop the Music'. Next year our curriculum program will feature Music as a specialist subject, and I am thrilled to welcome on staff, local musician/singer/songwriter Mrs Jess Cook.

### PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Thank you so much to those parents who completed the Parent Satisfaction Survey. We have now received the results and it will help us to gain a better understanding of your views on the quality of your child's schooling.



### 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 will receive a Gifts of Grace catalogue which outlines what the gifts are and their cost. More information can be found at [www.alws.org.au](http://www.alws.org.au)



**LEFT:** When Mr P came to school over the weekend he spotted a Mother Koala with her baby on her back in the undercover area.

# St. John's Star Students



## WEEK 6—RECIPIENTS

### Foundation/Year 1

- ☆ Eva Prentice
- ☆ Lexi Alexander

### Year 1/2

- ☆ Noah Hill
- ☆ Jessica Sheehan

### Year 3/4

- ☆ Zahli Alexander
- ☆ Olive Watt

### Year 4/5/6

- ☆ Elora Cleary
- ☆ Petal Phillips

**BE YOUR BEST AWARD  
WEEK 6 RECIPIENT**

*Harvey Bradbury*



## Child Safety...

Access the following link for a Child Safety tip sheet about older children at home alone.

<https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/assets/resources/tipsheet-older-children-home-alone.pdf>



COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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



## Devotion...

### A PRAYER I LOVE TO ANSWER

*"When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.""* Genesis 28:16

When Jacob ran away from his angry brother, Esau, he went to sleep on a stone pillow in a land that seemed empty and gloomy. But he dreamed about heaven and angels and promises of My Presence. And when he awoke, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it."

Jacob's discovery was not only for himself, but for everyone who seeks Me. I am everywhere. I am above you, below you, and all around you. There is no place that I am not. So if you find yourself feeling distant from Me, say: "Surely the Lord is in this place!" Then ask Me to open the eyes of your heart so that you can "see" My Presence. This is a prayer I love to answer!

**READ ON YOUR OWN:** Psalm 31:20; Genesis 28:11-15

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



**Story of the Week**

**Stawell stalwarts get choppin'**

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

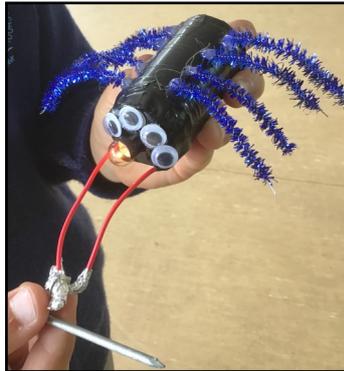
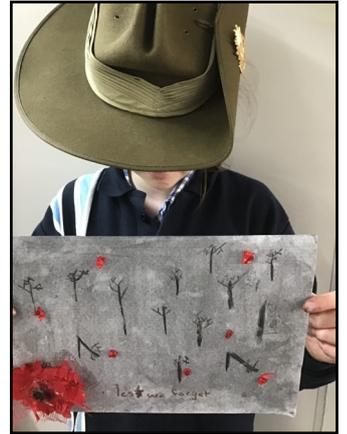
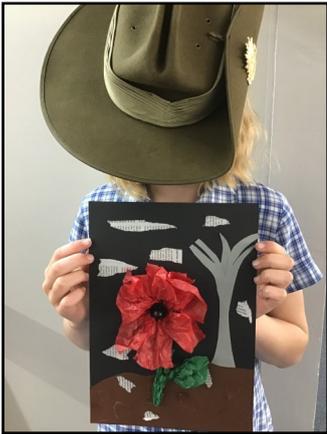
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### STORY OF THE WEEK

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

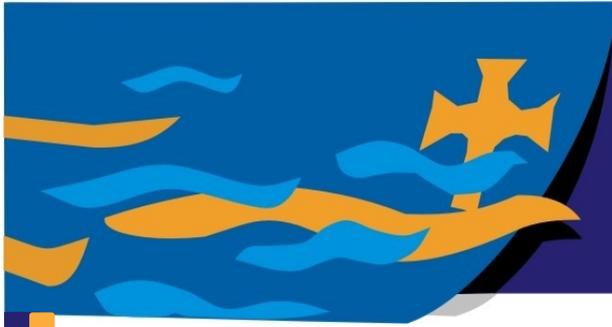


## Classroom & Playground Fun...



## *Music with Pre-Foundation...*





## Year 5/6 Surfing...





## **PORTLAND LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE** **SEASON 2020-21**

**The Portland Little Athletics Centre's 2020-21 season has begun, and there are still places available for young athletes.**

- WHAT:** Athletics-based events, with emphasis on self-improvement (personal best times/distances).  
Athletes will take part in four events each Thursday, rotating through three programs.  
Running events, throwing events, jumping events.
- WHEN:** Every Thursday (5pm to approximately 6.30pm),  
Term 4, 2020, and Term 1, 2021.
- WHERE:** Nelson Park, Portland (Cape Nelson Rd)
- AGE GROUPS:** Under-6 (must have turned 5) to Under-16
- COST:** \$110 first child      \$105 second child      \$100 third child  
This includes insurance through Little Athletics Victoria.  
No other competition fees.
- COME + TRY:** Little Athletics Victoria offers a Trial Athlete program, where new athletes are encouraged to come and try for two nights, free of charge, before signing up.  
Trial athletes should be registered at least one day prior to first attending.
- REGISTRATIONS:** To register (Trial Athlete or returning member) go to the Little Athletics Victoria website – [www.lavlc.com.au](http://www.lavlc.com.au) (Note: works best using Chrome or Firefox as your web browser)  
No refunds can be given once fees are paid.
- ENQUIRIES:** Denis Belden (secretary) 0417 316 084  
Email [portland@lavlc.com.au](mailto:portland@lavlc.com.au)
- PARENTS:** It is an expectation that any child who is registered be accompanied by a parent/guardian, who will be available to assist with the running of the event. These are simple, but important, roles.
- COVID-19:** This season is being run under COVID-19 guidelines.



**Portland Little Athletics Centre is run by parent volunteers. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.**