

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Everyone is so excited to be back at school after our 5-day lockdown. Thank you so much to our amazing staff who continue to show constant flexibility in providing ongoing learning programs and being able to quickly adapt to either onsite or remote learning. Thank you also to our parents and carers for supporting our students whilst they were home completing remote learning.

A MASSIVE
THANK
YOU



Whilst we are extremely hopeful that school will remain open, we have learnt that COVID is very unpredictable and we have to be ready for any changes that may be announced by the Victorian Government. Therefore, to prepare particularly our new Foundation families who are new to remote learning, we would like to offer the opportunity for any parents who would like a demonstration of how our Seesaw online platform works, and what to expect in remote learning. **We are offering a parent information session next Thursday 25 February from 3.30.** The library will be open for students who need to be supervised whilst parents meet with teachers. To register your interest to attend, please let the front office know. Likewise, if you are unable to attend but would like to make another time with your classroom teacher, please let the front office know.

Thank you so much for continuing to adhere to the school COVID protocols.
Just a reminder to please:

1. Stay home if you are feeling unwell.
2. Keep your distance (1.5 metres).
3. If entering school buildings, you must sign in (QR code).
4. Wear a face mask as physical distancing between yourself and other adults may be difficult.
5. Use hand sanitiser before entering school buildings.
6. We do have density limits of one person per two square metres for public areas – please be mindful of this.
7. Avoid congregating around the school.
8. We encourage parents to continue to use the quick drop off and pick-up area. Staff will assist students to their vehicle.



We have noticed that some children are sharing or swapping food during recess and lunchtime. Can you please remind your child/ren to only eat what is in their lunchbox. We would also like to remind students and parents that we are registered as a *Healthy School* so would prefer your child/ren not to bring lollies in their lunchbox. When celebrating birthdays, please see the classroom teacher or the front office for guidance.

CHAPEL

Our Chapel service for tomorrow will be about **Ash Wednesday**. Due to COVID-19, rather than the sign of the cross in ashes offered to students, a card printed with an ashen cross will be given out at the end of the service. Parents are welcome to attend however, please remember to sign in using the QR code, hand sanitize and wear a face mask.



From Mrs Pritchard...



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CAMPS SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUNDING (CSEF)

Application for CSEF are now open.

Full details are available at:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Government assistance available if you are/have:

- Centrelink Health Care Card (Valid on 27 January 2021 for term 1 or 19 April 2021 for term 2)
- Centrelink Pension Concession Card
- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Temporary foster carers
- Parent/carer of student with Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card

Payments are \$125 per eligible primary student and \$225 per eligible secondary student. Students starting prep or year 7 who are eligible for CSEF may also receive assistance toward cost of school uniforms. For more information, click on the website link above. Please download the Application Form or collect one from the front office. Please return completed applications as soon as possible, before the end of term at the latest.

Child Safety...

For all parents wishing to volunteer at school to help in the classroom or with other student activities this year, parents must bring the following to the front office; a current Working with Children Check and a certificate of completion of one-hour Valuing Safe Community training session on-line within the past three years. As a school of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA), staff and volunteers are obliged to meet the requirements of the LCA Safe Place Policy. Valuing Safe Communities (VSC) is a program to comply with this expectation. Please see Kylie or Marnie at the front desk for VSC Online Training instructions.



Valuing Safe Communities

To apply for a WWCC:

1. Fill out an online application form at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au
2. Upon completion of the application, you will be provided with an online receipt.
3. Take application summary and printed receipt, a passport-sized photo and proof of identity to a participating Australia Post retail outlet.
4. Provide school with a copy.



Working with
Children Check

Devotion...

SOURCE OF COURAGE

"Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear." PSALM 56:3-4 (NKJV)

**BE STRONG
AND
COURAGEOUS**
JOSHUA 1:9

A good history book will often have a timeline that documents many important historical figures and events that have occurred from as far back as can be recorded. Many of these prominent people and events are centred on a simple word: war. History is woven with many stories of soldiers who stood up for their cause and medals of courage to prove it. At home, women courageously put themselves to work to support their families and towns. These stories can inspire us toward bravery.

The old testament also tells stories of bravery and strength. Joshua led the nation of Israel into the Promised Land, David defeated the entire Philistine army with a single stone, and Ruth left her homeland behind to enter in the unknown. In these stories, we find a similar theme: people of courage put their trust in a faithful God. Do you need to be brave today? Jesus is your source. When you are facing overwhelming situations, hand your fear over to Jesus and let him strengthen you to step out in courage.

Jesus, let me be brave today by casting aside fear, holding on to your hands, and stepping out of the boat. Help me to keep my eyes focused on you. Amen.

Taken from "A Little God Time for Teachers"



STORY OF THE WEEK

Read or view the video at www.lca.org.au/sow

week three awards



What's Coming Up...

OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 5	22 FEBRUARY	23 FEBRUARY	24 FEBRUARY 9-11am Playgroup	25 FEBRUARY 9-11am Playgroup 3:30pm SeeSaw Parent Info Session INTERSCHOOL	26 FEBRUARY 9am Chapel & Assembly	27/28 FEBRUARY
WEEK 6	1 MARCH	2 MARCH INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING	3 MARCH 9-11am Playgroup	4 MARCH 9-11am Playgroup	5 MARCH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 9am Chapel & Assembly	6/7 MARCH
WEEK 7	8 MARCH LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	9 MARCH	10 MARCH 9-11am Playgroup	11 MARCH 9-11am Playgroup	12 MARCH 9am Chapel & Assembly DIVISION SWIMMING	13/14 MARCH Sat Relay for Life
WEEK 8	15 MARCH	16 MARCH	17 MARCH 9-11am Playgroup	18 MARCH 9-11am Playgroup	19 MARCH 9am Chapel & Assembly SPORTS DAY	20/21 MARCH

THE LUNCH LADIES

Hassle free school lunches



\$10 per lunch delivered to your school of choice.

Check us out on Facebook @thelunchladies click on the book now button to view the menu.

Or contact Cherith 0430900961 or Erin 0434025718

St. John's Star Students



**STUDENT
AWARD**

WEEK 3—RECIPIENTS

Foundation	Year 3/4
☆ Chase Wilson	☆ Zeke Cleary
	☆ Remi Hofmaier
Year 1/2	Year 5/6
☆ Amber Hein	☆ Harvey Bradbury
☆ Camerin Trewick	☆ Brianna Trewick



CHOOK AWARD

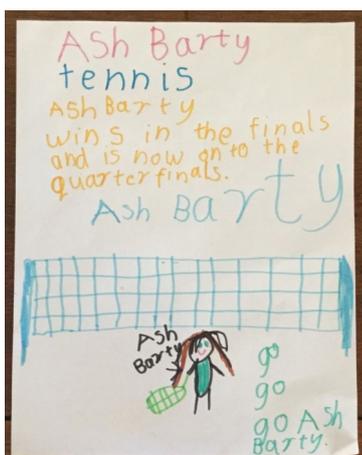
WEEK 3 RECIPIENT

Lexi Alexander

Remote Learning...



We made pancakes



Isabella and I made chocolate chip pikelets. the recipe was 1 cup self-raising flour, 1 cup milk, 1 egg, large handful of choc-chips plus mini marshmallows for serving. Cooked in 1/3cup spoonfuls then served hot so the marshmallows melted a bit. They were delicious.

