

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Last Friday our sporting fields were a sea of colour with students participating in athletic events whilst parents, grandparents and friends enjoyed cheering, supporting, and enjoying the beautiful weather! I was so impressed with how every student had a go, encouraged others, and showed determination. I would like to thank Mrs Megan Alexander for all her hard work in organising the sports

and getting the students skilled in athletic events during sport lessons. Thank you to Mr. Neil McDonald for spending many hours preparing the grounds, marking lines, and filling in rabbit holes! Thank you to Mr. Adam Alexander for getting the jumping sandpit prepared and to Mrs Trish Coverdale for cooking the BBQ and serving lunch. I would also like to say a big thank you to the students at Bayview College who assisted on the day and to the many parents who also helped with events. It certainly is a team effort in getting special days like the Athletics day organized, and we sincerely thank everyone who helped make our day so successful for our students. Congratulations to the Surrey team who won the shield and to all those who received age championship medals.

Miss Ebony Stiles captured some amazing photos of our Sport's Day on camera and has displayed them in the Unity Centre. Make sure you have a look and marvel at our talented students as they ran, jumped, threw, and enjoyed the day!



We have a large cohort of students who have qualified for the Interschool Sports held next Tuesday 30 March. A separate note has been sent home to your child if they are participating in this event.



Next Thursday, 1 April, is Grandparent's Day. The children are really looking forward to this special day. To assist with our planning, we would appreciate knowing in advance if Grandparent's are planning to attend. The day will begin at 9.00am with a Chapel in the Unity Centre followed by classroom visits. Guests will then be asked to make their way back to the Unity Centre at 10.45 for a brief musical performance concluded with morning tea at 11.00am.

As next Thursday is our last day of the term, this will be our last newsletter for the term. I would like to thank everyone for such a positive start to the year and for all your support to our little people and their learning. We have so many amazing things planned for next term including the Year 5/6 camp to the Sovereign Hill costume school. Easter is such a special time of the year and I pray for God's richest blessings with you, and your family as you reflect on how much He loves you. Our display in front foyer is to remind you of His Amazing Love; He sent Jesus for you.



## From Mrs Pritchard...



### SCHOLARSHIPS

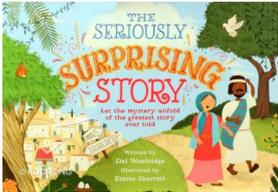
We have available several scholarships for any new students starting our school in 2022. If you would like a Scholarship Application Form, please contact our Business Manager, Mrs Hayley Bristow [hbristow@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au](mailto:hbristow@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au)

### P&F

Just a reminder that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 31 March, 7.00pm in the school library.



PARENTS  
&  
FRIENDS



### EASTER STORY BOOKS

Next week every family will receive an Easter storybook titled, 'The seriously surprising story'. The story tells of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Thank you to Rebecca Saliba for sourcing these books for our school families.

### GET ACTIVE

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their children involved in organized sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each. Children must be aged 4 to 18 and named on valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare card to be eligible. To find out how to apply visit [www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers)



### EASTER HAMPER

Thank you so much to those who have already donated items for the Easter hamper. Please continue to send in items.

### CHAPEL

Our Chapel service for tomorrow has been organised by Mrs Pritchard. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend however, please remember to sign in using the QR code, hand sanitize and wear a face mask.

Each week our Chapel offerings go towards our sponsor child Luis. Last week **\$2.45** was collected and so far, this year, **\$88.55** has been generously received. Thank you for helping us bless Luis.



## Sports Day News...

### STUDENTS RESULTS

#### AGE CHAMPIONS

- 12 year old Boys
  - ☺ Jaron MacLeod
- 12 year old Girls
  - ☺ Petal Phillips
- 11 year old Boys
  - ☺ Elijah Reeves
- 11 year old Girls
  - ☺ Olive Watt
- 10 year old Boys
  - ☺ Cody Hein
- 10 year old Girls
  - ☺ Zali Bottrall
- 9 year old Boys
  - ☺ Chaz Hann-Robb
- 9 year old Girls
  - ☺ Shylah Nagorcka
- 8 year old Boys
  - ☺ Jordan Hein
- 8 year old Girls
  - ☺ Lexi Alexander
- 7 year old Boys
  - ☺ Joshua Banks
- 7 year old Girls
  - ☺ Amber Hein
- Foundation Boys
  - ☺ Maximus Carr
- Foundation Girls
  - ☺ Charlie Kamphuis

#### RUNNERS-UP

- 12 year old Boys
  - ☺ Koda MacLeod
- 12 year old Girls
  - ☺ Elora Cleary
- 11 year old Boys
  - ☺ Nate Spencer
- 11 year old Girls
  - ☺ Katie Pitts
- 10 year old Boys
  - ☺ Zach Reeves
- 10 year old Girls
  - ☺ Katie Saliba
- 9 year old Boys
  - ☺ Banjo Watt
- 9 year old Girls
  - ☺ Ebony Hawker
- 8 year old Boys
  - ☺ Marius Carr
- 8 year old Girls
  - ☺ Scarlett Spencer
- 7 year old Boys
  - ☺ Dustin Hofmaier
- 7 year old Girls
  - ☺ Penelope Copley
- Foundation Boys
  - ☺ Flynn Reeves
- Foundation Girls
  - ☺ Marli Chapman

### SPORTS HOUSE RESULTS

**Surrey**—1850 points

**Fitzroy**—1733 points

**Glenelg**—1652 points

Congratulations to Surrey for winning and congratulations to all students for your wonderful sportsmanship on the day.



**Congratulations!**

## Child Safety...

The Australian Government has launched resources to empower parents (and schools) to protect children and prepare them to be resilient, responsible, and respectful adults.



- [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) – resources that promote online safety including tackling image-based abuse and a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying.
- [www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au](http://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au) – support for students, parents, and teachers to create a learning environment that promotes student wellbeing and the development of respectful relationships.
- [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) – advice for kids, parents, and schools on how to combat and respond to bullying.
- [www.beyou.edu.au](http://www.beyou.edu.au) – an online platform that provides educators with tools and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of young Australians.

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



## Devotion...

### RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another."*  
EPHESIANS 4:32 NIV

When we belong to the Lord, we mirror the qualities of the Holy Spirit. Kindness is among those listed. Being kind to others is a direct result of the love of God in our lives.



Ask yourself if you are thoughtful, considerate, and kind. Try to find little ways to bless others. The recipient will appreciate any small deed, thoughtfully executed. A random act of kindness is offering an unexpected gift or performing a compassionate act, often to a stranger. Be deliberate in your actions and look for opportunities to offer kindness.

***Dear God, thank you for your many kindnesses to me. Help me to find ways to be thoughtful in my words and my actions. I want to bless others in helpful ways. Help me to find opportunities to show compassion.***



**Story of the Week**

**Be still and really get to know God**

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)

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
Aussie Love  
Compassion in Life

### What's Coming Up...

#### OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>WEEK 10</b>	29 MARCH	30 MARCH <i>INTERSCHOOL SPORTS</i>	31 MARCH	1 APRIL <i>GRANDPARENTS DAY</i> 9am Chapel 2:15pm Term 1 ends—Students Dismissed	2 APRIL <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	3/4 APRIL <i>EASTER SATURDAY</i> <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>
<b>WK 1-TERM 2</b>	19 APRIL	20 APRIL	21 APRIL	22 APRIL <b>OPEN DAY</b>	23 APRIL 9am Chapel & Assembly <i>Lutheran Ladies Guild visit</i>	24/25 APRIL SUN— <i>ANZAC DAY</i>
<b>WK 2-TERM 2</b>	26 APRIL	27 APRIL	28 APRIL 9-11am Playgroup	29 APRIL 9-11am Playgroup	30 APRIL 9am Chapel & Assembly <i>CROSS COUNTRY</i>	1/2 MAY
<b>WK 3-TERM 2</b>	3 MAY	4 MAY	5 MAY 9-11am Playgroup	6 MAY 9-11am Playgroup <i>SCHOOL PHOTOS</i> <b>OPEN DAY</b>	7 MAY 9am Chapel & Assembly <i>DIVISION ATHLETICS</i>	8/9 MAY SUNDAY— <i>MOTHERS DAY</i>

### OPEN DAYS

We have several Open Days scheduled for the coming months. Invite your friends and family to come and see our school in action!  
The dates are: **April 22; May 6 and 20**





## Sports Day @ St John's...



From SRC...



**TOMORROW** is our **Teddy Bear Day**, we are raising money for dress ups and books for the classrooms. For a gold coin donation, students are invited to bring their favourite teddy bear to school for the day. The SRC team will also be holding a 'guess the name' of the teddy bear competition, at a cost of **\$1 per guess**. The student who correctly guesses the name of the teddy bear will be announced at assembly the following week and the winner will be able to take the teddy bear home.

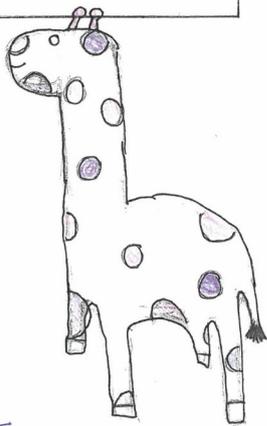
# TEDDY DAY!

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March  
Friday 26

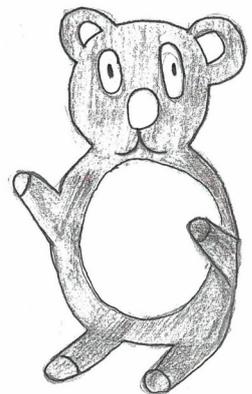
COST

Gold Coin to bring  
a teddy One dollar  
to guess name of teddy



What is MY .....

NAME



Brianna.T  
Ishia Saliba

## *Community Notices...*



### **PORTLAND AUSKICK CENTRE**

**WHERE:** HANLON PARK, PORTLAND, VIC

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY April 21st and 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th,  
June 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

**TIME:** 5:00 PM—6:00 PM

**COST:** \$85.00 INCLUDES AUSKICK PACK , All SESSIONS Term 2 , 2021.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

<https://play.afl/auskick>

[Portland Auskick Centre | PlayHQ](#)

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