

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There was much excitement in the junior wing of the school today, with many students dressed up as clowns, lions, ring masters, acrobats, and other circus characters! The junior students have had a fun day of dressing up, cooking, and trying circus skills such as juggling. We are so thankful that our students can be back on site and enjoy fun activities like today that link with what they are learning in class.



Just a reminder that there **WILL BE** school tomorrow for all students as the pupil free day has been cancelled due to remote learning last week.



Written reports will be available at the end of this term via the Parent Access Module (PAM). If you would like a hard copy of your child/ren report, please contact the front office. Appointments can be made to meet with the class teacher to discuss learning goals also via PAM. The Year 1/2 Parent Teacher interviews will be held in Week 9 and the Foundation, 3-6 Parent Teacher interviews will be held in Week 10. The SIMON Everywhere APP makes it a lot easier to access PAM and a separate note has been sent home with your login details. Please do not hesitate to ask the front office for assistance in accessing PAM or making an appointment.

Students have participated in a whole school activity to create a mural at the front entrance to recognise National Reconciliation Week. Thankyou Mrs Greenham for organising this activity for our students.



**ATTENTION!** We have had such a fantastic response with families enrolling their child in Foundation for next year. At this stage, we are considering a second Foundation class if we get some more interest. Even though we cannot have school tours at present due to COVID regulations, please let anyone know who may be considering our school to contact us, so that we can arrange to meet as soon as the restrictions ease.

In Term 4, we will be offering our Transition Program for our 2022 Foundation students. The students will start to learn letters, numbers and other skills in an exciting environment whilst getting used to the school routines. This will allow new students and their parents to familiarize themselves with our school. This orientation program will take place every Monday and will be available free of charge to all students who have enrolled for Foundation next year.

Our school participated in the recent Glenelg Shire Council Bushfire Colouring Competition. Congratulations to Charlie Kamphuis and Kayden Treloar who were each awarded with a \$50.00 Sports Power voucher. Our school was also awarded with a \$240.00 Sports Power voucher. We would like to thank Mrs Maree Stanford and the Glenelg Shire for these very generous prizes, and appreciate this competition which has brought awareness to our students, of the need to be prepared for bushfires.



## From Mrs Pritchard...



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

### CSEF PAYMENTS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like swimming camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sports programs, outdoor education programs and excursions and incursions. Families holding a means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is available for primary aged students. Please see Mrs. Hayley Bristow if you believe that you are eligible and would like an application form.

### PLAYGROUP

We are hoping that our Playgroup will be able to operate again next Wednesday **and** Thursday from 9.00-11.00am, depending on COVID regulations. For updates about our playgroup, please visit our Playgroup Facebook page. Our Playgroup Co-Ordinator, Mrs. Tanya Harders is excited to welcome you back when we can safely do so.



### COMMUNICATION

We use a vast range of platforms that are intended to support our partnership and foster good communication between school and home.

These include:

1. Our school uses the Seesaw app to communicate classroom news and individual student work samples. You can directly communicate to your teacher and child and receive updates about activities happening in class. This is a secure site and requires individual passwords.
2. Parents can use **PAM** via the website [pam@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au](mailto:pam@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au) or by downloading the **SIMON EVERYWHERE** app, to make appointments for parent teacher conferences. Our new families and anyone who hasn't accessed **PAM** in the past will have received new log in details. All families should have received log in details before remote learning commenced, if you have misplaced the letter with your log in details please call the front office and Kylie will assist you. **PAM** is a web-based program used in conjunction with our **SIMON** program used for roll marking and report writing. Parents will need to make sure they have access to **PAM** to download their child/s report.
3. Every Thursday our weekly newsletter has important information. Please take the time to read the newsletter.
4. The Year 1/2 class also send home a weekly newsletter.
5. At the start of the year, every family received a Parent Handbook that provides relevant and important information.

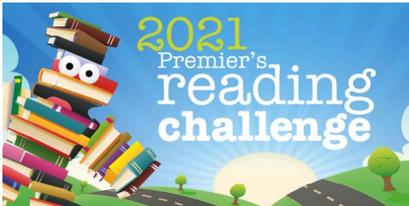
Some of our policies are available on our website. You can also ask for a hardcopy of the following policies at the front desk: *Behaviour Management Policy, Child Protection & Safety Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct, Privacy Policy, First Aid Policy, Grievance Policy and Uniform Policy.*

### NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)

Every school in Australia regardless of sector, is required by law to send data to the Government about students with a disability. This nationally consistent approach to data collection provides a clear picture of the number of students receiving adjustments. The information provided will not explicitly identify individual students as only figures are provided, not names.



## From Mrs Pritchard...



### PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Students are invited to participate in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. As you know, reading helps students to build important literacy skills that will be with them for life. When students complete the Challenge, they will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. For students from Foundation to Year 2, the challenge is to read or experience 30 books. For students in Years 3-6, the challenge is to read 15 books. If you would like to find more information about the Premiers' Reading Challenge, go to [www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc).

### 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)



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### GROW TOGETHER

Tuesday every family received the latest Grow Together family newsletter which is published by the Lutheran Church of Australia and aims to nurture faith in homes. It is a resource full of inspiration and ideas.

### CHAPEL

Our Chapel service for tomorrow will be led by Mrs Pritchard. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to have parents and visitors join us.



Each week our Chapel offerings go towards our sponsor child Luis. Last week we didn't receive any offerings unfortunately but this year to date, **\$380.90** has been generously received. Thank you for helping us bless Luis.

**Please find below a letter from Luis:**

Date: April 22, 2021

Dear St John's Lutheran School:

I greet you all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is Ana, Luis's tutor, writing to you on his behalf. He is doing well. Even though the pandemic has affected his family, they kept going forward and searched for new ways to work and pull through.

Luis went back to school recently and he was so excited because he thought they would never return. He enjoyed his first day back in school very much.

Luis has a lot of siblings and he likes to spend time with his family. They grew a lot closer during this time.

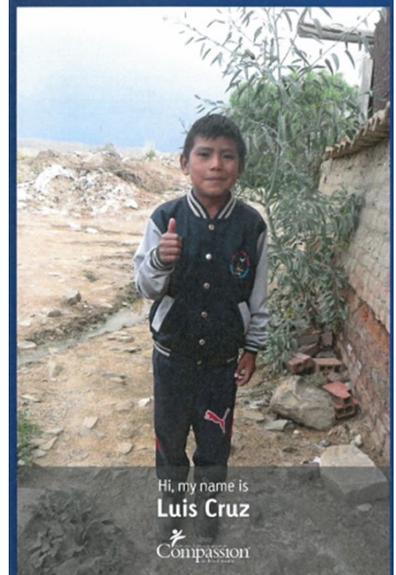
At the Compassion Project, Luis continues to learn about God's word, although he does this through virtual lessons.

He wants to thank you with all his heart for your great support.

We say goodbye with love. Luis and Ana (tutor)

My prayer request: Pray for Luis's family and for his studies, that he can learn properly and pay attention in class.

# THANK YOU



## Child Safety...

Character strengths are a set of behaviours to help individuals reach their full potential. We have made a display of these character strengths in the library. A great YouTube link called, 'Raising kids to have a healthy self-esteem' by Michael Grose & Andrew Fuller is available on [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fj\\_KNizylr4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fj_KNizylr4) It talks about developing one character strength of self-esteem. A healthy self-esteem in a child is essential, and parents can nurture a healthy self-esteem in their children as well as build resilience.

### STUDENT WELLBEING

#### Healthy Sleep Patterns

##### Main points:

- Getting a good night's sleep helps your child stay settled, healthy, happy and ready for school the next day.
- Positive habits and routines will assist children to feel sleepy and ready for bed at the right time.
- Helping your child relax before bedtime may reduce the frequency of bad dreams and nightmares

For more information about how to develop healthy sleep patterns, visit the website:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/sleep-children>

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



## News from SRC...



The SRC are organising a disco on Friday 25th June to celebrate the last day of Term 2! The disco will be held in the hall between recess and lunch. Students can come to school in casual clothes for a gold coin donation.

**Dancing, games and popcorn!!  
Lots of fun to be had!!**



## Devotion...

### THE TOUGH STUFF

*"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* 1 PETER 2:9 NIV

Depression saps a person's strength. Easy tasks become insurmountable hurdles, roadblocks to future progress. We become self-focused and dwell on pain, rather than isolating opportunities for change and stepping into the victory of forward living.

Instead of forgetting ourselves upon the couch of despair and grief, we may rest in Jesus. At his side, we tackle each dilemma from a place of belonging, worth, and victory. Jesus draws us up out of dark situations swirling about us. They can no longer abate our peace. With Jesus, we work on the tough stuff of this world's troubles that try to rob us of our joy. Earthly trials cannot steal our victory. After all, Jesus is life, and we love life!

***Jesus, you are my hallelujah! Thank you for establishing me as a precious, chosen, holy, royal person. I have had difficulty moving forward at times, but you have ordained me for this race. You are the one who strengthens me and calls me by name. I stand because you are my strength. Amen.***

*Taken from "A Little God Time for Teachers"*



Story  
of the  
Week

Walking with  
our overseas  
partners

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)

### What's Coming Up...

#### OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 9	14 JUNE <b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY NO SCHOOL</b>	15 JUNE <i>Parent Teacher Interviews—1/2</i>	16 JUNE 9-11am Playgroup  <i>Parent Teacher Interviews—1/2</i>	17 JUNE 9-11am Playgroup  <i>Parent Teacher Interviews—1/2</i>	18 JUNE 9am Chapel & Assembly	19/20 JUNE
	21 JUNE <i>Parent Teacher Interviews—F, 3-6</i>	22 JUNE <i>Parent Teacher Interviews—F, 3-6</i>	23 JUNE 9-11am Playgroup  <i>Parent Teacher Interviews—F, 3-6</i>	24 JUNE 9-11am Playgroup	25 JUNE 9am Chapel & Assembly  2:15pm Term 2 Ends—Students Dismissed	26/27 JUNE
TERM 3 - WK 9	12 JULY	13 JULY	14 JULY	15 JULY	16 JULY 9am Chapel & Assembly	17/18 JULY
TERM 3 - WK 10	19 JULY	20 JULY	21 JULY 9-11am Playgroup	22 JULY 9-11am Playgroup	23 JULY 9am Chapel & Assembly	24/25 JULY

#### FUN FOOD FRIDAY

Fun Food Friday is on again next Friday.  
P&F are cooking **Spaghetti Bolognese**  
(including Gluten Free)

A note was sent home Wednesday with your  
child/ren inviting them to place an order.

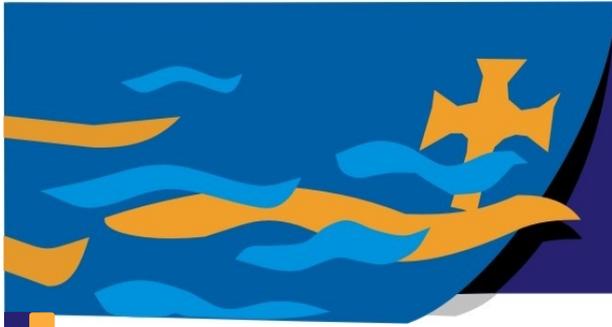
***A serving of Spaghetti Bolognese with or  
without cheese is \$3.50.***

All orders need to be returned, with  
payment by next Thursday. 😊

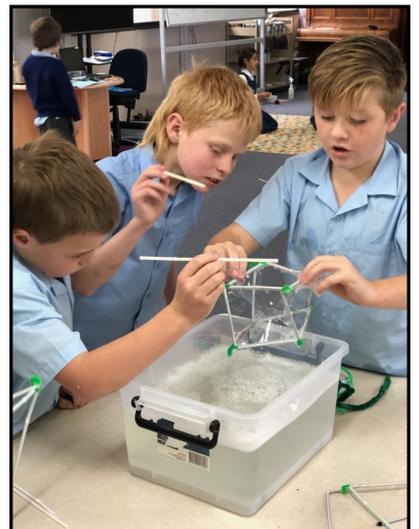
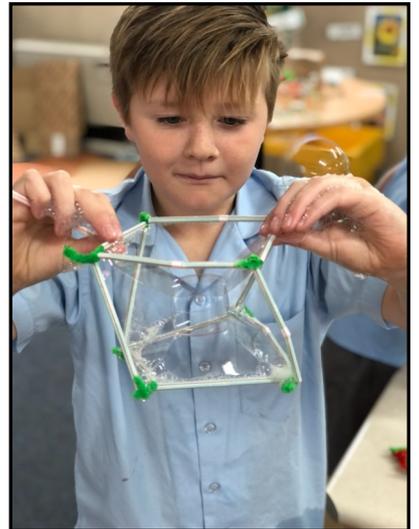
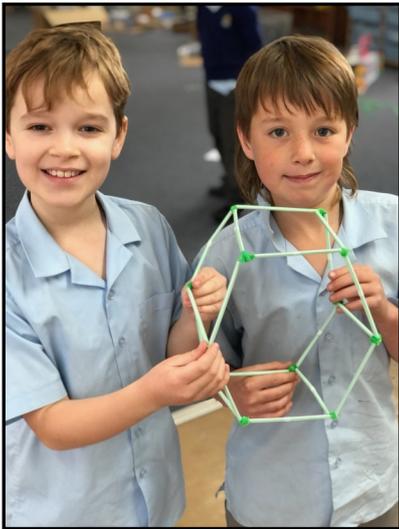
#### HOT MILO THURSDAYS

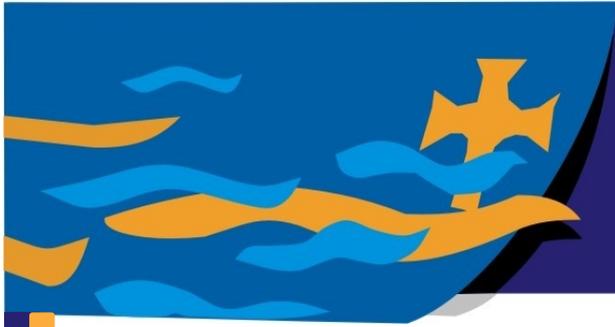
Each lunchtime on  
Thursdays students will be  
offered a Hot Milo (or  
Gluten Free option).

The cost is 50c per week.



## *3/4 Fun with 3/4s...*





## *F-2 Circus Fun...*



## Community Notices...



Dear Portland families,

The Ballarat Y would like to take this opportunity to highlight our Afterschool Care program operating from All Saint's Primary School.

The Afterschool Care service is open Monday thru to Friday and operates daily from 3.20pm until 6.30pm. We provide a bus which collects from children from St John's, Portland Primary School, North Primary and South Portland Primary which transports them to the All saints Primary School. We also have a walking school bus from Bundarra school. The bus is supervised by one of the Afterschool Care educators.

To Enrol your child/ren simply copy and paste the link below:

[https://prodadmin.myexplor.com/enrollment\\_v2/centre/qjyqgWB942311vtA8xhvnQb50w](https://prodadmin.myexplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/qjyqgWB942311vtA8xhvnQb50w)

Once complete, the service will receive a notification and one of our educators will be in touch to finalise your enrolment.

You can also log into [grampians.ymca.org.au](http://grampians.ymca.org.au)

Click on what do we do

Children services

Then go to Portland after school care

Scroll down and click on enrol and manage your bookings

Complete the enrolment form

The Vacation Care program operates school holidays from 7.30am to 5.30pm, your child/ren have the option to attend for full or half days. Children can participate in a number of excursions, incursions and have the opportunity to meet children from various Portland Primary Schools.

A copy of the Vacation Care program flyer will be distributed to each local Primary school a month prior to the school holidays commencing, early enrolment is encouraged.

Families are welcome to contact the Outside School Hours service from 1-30pm, Monday thru to Friday on **0419904056**.

The Service Coordinator, Belinda is available to answer questions you may have and provide enrolment support if required.

Outside of those hours you can also email: [portland.oshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:portland.oshc@ymca.org.au)

## Community Notices...

# KARAOKE

## FOR A CAUSE

**Songs for Dolly's Library**  
Hosted by Jeff Mizzi.

Join us for a fun-filled night to raise money for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Pre-select two of Dolly's most loved songs, practise, dress up and get ready to perform them on the night for a chance to win some great prizes! Sign up to sing by yourself, with friends or co-workers.

**FRIDAY 2 JULY 2021**

**7:30pm - 9:30pm**

**Portland Football Netball Club**

**TIX \$15**  
Per person

**TEAM PRIZES!**

**Auction + Raffles**



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Contact United Way Glenelg on 0410 513 305



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