

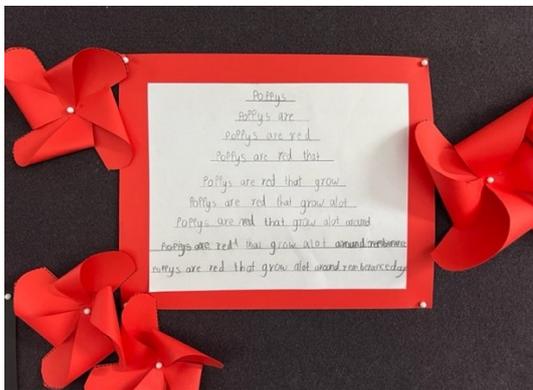
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We were very excited to welcome our 2022 Foundation students to school this week. They all did an amazing job and had lots of fun getting to know one another and our school environment. Transition is a very big step, and we ask that you please pray for our new students and their families. Also please pray for our Year 6 students as they get closer to the end of their primary school education.

Today is Remembrance Day and our students joined with many around the world to observe a minute of silence to remember those who have served their country during war. This practice stems from King

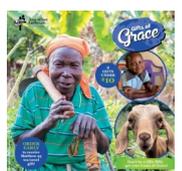
George V's declaration on 6 November 1919 that people throughout the Commonwealth should stop their normal activities to unite in solemn respect and remember all those who served and died for our nation.



The poppy was one of the first plants to grow on the battlefields of France and Belgium. Our students have completed various artworks using poppies.

CANCELLED We have been notified by the Portland swimming pool that our swimming program is not able to proceed this year due to a lack of swimming teachers. As the cost for our swimming program is included in tuition fees, parents will receive a refund of \$100.00.

Every family has received an Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) *Gifts of Grace* catalogue. There are *Gifts of Grace* for everyone to give including 5 gifts under \$10, a barnyard of 5 animals, gifts for those vulnerable and in danger of being forgotten, gifts that fight changing climate conditions and hands-on gifts for farming families. All gifts are tax-deductible.





Our Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches on Tuesday 23 November at 9.15am. Due to COVID, the speeches will be held outside so that parents can attend. 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 2022 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 one of our School Council members 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.

This is just a reminder to parents and carers to please notify the front office by 10.00am if your child is unwell and will not be attending school for the day. Alternatively, you can submit an absence note via PAM or email. In the event of a medical emergency during the weekend, please email a message to tpritchard@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au



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.



Our Graduation Closing Service is scheduled for Monday 6 December from 7pm-8pm. Due to COVID regulations, the service will be held outside so that parents and carers can attend.

All students will be attending a theatre performance at the Portland Arts Centre next Tuesday 16 November. We will be travelling by bus and all costs are included in tuition fees.



Our students in Years 3-6 will be getting dirty tomorrow bagging sheep manure to raise money for people less fortunate than us and in need. Students have been working hard in Christian Studies learning about how we can make a difference for others and thought of selling sheep manure. The sheep manure will be available to purchase at the school entrance next week.

Tomorrow our junior students have a very exciting day as they visit many local attractions and enjoy the opportunity of experiencing our amazing town. A separate note with details has been sent home and we look forward to posting some photos in next week's newsletter.



Chapel this week has been organized by Chaplain Jurgen.

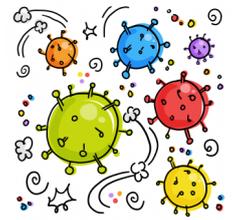


Please remember to keep supporting our sponsor child, Luis Cruz. Every Friday in Chapel we have an offering bowl in each classroom. Please also keep praying for Luis.



COVID-19 update

The Department of Education updated the COVID guidelines this week and it states that, "Parents and Carers **who enter school buildings**, must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had at least two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:



When attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school.

When attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.

When attending for a momentary period that does not involve sustained contact with staff/students, for example, to collect a completed art project.

It also states that meetings and other discussions (such as parent teacher interviews) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements should be held virtually.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements."

We will continue to change and adapt our plans for special end of year activities so that parents and carers are included to the best of our ability whilst also complying with

Government orders. Thank you in advance for being understanding and co-operating with these guidelines.

Child Safety...

The Raising Children network is an online parenting resource that is funded by the Australian Government, reviewed by experts and non-commercial. It includes information for parents and carers on a large number of topics, and is grouped by ages and stages <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>



Devotion...

Remembrance Day

Psalm 98:1-2 - Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

On Remembrance Day, we remember with gratitude the service of men and women in our Armed Forces, those who faithfully serve during days of peace and through times of conflict. They risk their lives and even sacrifice their lives to defend our freedom. The date of Remembrance Day marks the end of World War I, as hostilities ceased at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. What was hopefully but wrongly called "the war to end all wars" had involved countries around the world, and the nations rejoiced to see the horrifying conflict come to an end.

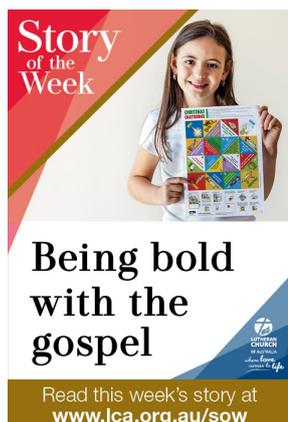
The psalm celebrates another conflict and another victory revealed long ago, "in the sight of the nations." This conflict involved service and sacrifice, not of multiple military forces, but of one individual: The Son of God, Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Christ, God "has made known His salvation." In the sight of the nations, the Son of God was lifted up on a cross, offered up as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world, for our sins. It was not at the 11th hour, but at the 9th hour when, as darkness veiled the land, the Son of God cried out, "It is finished" (John 19:30b). He had accomplished the work He came to do: "to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45b). God's promise was kept, His covenant fulfilled. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God had "made known His salvation."

In World War I, hostilities were declared over on that 11th day, but conflict continued for a time in many places. So now too, our struggle against sin, death, and Satan continues. But through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the victory has already been won. The psalm continues as it celebrates the day of Jesus' return, when every conflict will cease and death, "the last enemy," will be destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:26a). Until that day, we sing "a new song," a song of victory, celebrating anew the marvelous things that our God has done.

THE PRAYER: Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for the wonderful things You have done, for the gift of Your Son, our Saviour, and for the salvation that is ours through faith in His Name. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler.



STORY OF THE WEEK

Read or view the video at

www.lca.org.au/sow



What's Coming Up...

OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 7	15 November 8.30am—3.15pm Transition Program for 2022 Foundation Students	16 November Theatre Performance@ Portland Arts Centre	17 November <div style="background-color: #90EE90; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Grade 3/4 camp Allestree</div>	18 November	19 November 9am In class Chapel & Assembly	20/21 November
WEEK 8	22 November 8.30am—3.15pm Transition Program for 2022 Foundation Students	23 November	24 November	25 November	26 November 9am In Class Chapel & Assembly	27/28 November
WEEK 9	29 November 8.30am—3.15pm Transition Program for 2022 Foundation Students	30 November	1 December	2 December 6:45pm Grade 6 Graduation Dinner	3 December 9am Chapel & Assembly	4/5 December
WEEK 10	6 December 7pm GRADUATION SERVICE	7 December STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY	8 December SCHOOL FUN DAY	9 December <i>End of Term 4</i> 3:15pm Students <i>finish</i>	10 December	11/12 December



Students in Years 3-6 are still required to wear face masks inside.



STUDENT AWARD

WEEK 6—RECIPIENTS

Foundation	Year 3/4
Maximus Carr	Jai Wombwell
	Zali Bottrall
Year 1/2	Year 5/6
Eva Prentice	Katie Pitts
Ellie Samson	Katie Saliba

