



THE PULSE



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The new school year is well underway, and our students are very settled and engaged with their learning tasks. This week we had a group of students represent our school at the Portland District Swimming. Due to COVID the carnival was cancelled but our students still were able to have their swim time recorded. We now have a team in the Divisional Swimming Championships to be held in Warrnambool on Friday 4 March. Congratulations to all our swimmers for a fantastic effort and to Olive, Fynn, Cody and Jordan who have qualified for the next level.

Playgroup

Next week our playgroup will restart, and we are very blessed to have Mrs Jess Cook as our playgroup co-ordinator. Playgroup will be held every Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00-11.00am in the front room of the Unity Centre and the undercover area. In line with Government regulations, COVID-19 protocols (mask wearing, social distancing, QR code, proof of Vac. Status etc.) will apply on-site.



Our payment system is the same as last year; each session is \$5.00 per family, or free for those who have a sibling already attending our school or if your child is enrolled as a future student. For more information or updates visit our playgroup Facebook page – St John's Lutheran School Playgroup – Portland.

Hockey

We are excited to welcome the Hockey Victoria Roadshow to our school next Tuesday 22 February. If any student would like to continue with their hockey experience, they can join a local Hookin2Hockey program www.hookin2hockey.com.au.



Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday on 2 March, marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent – a time set aside for focus on repentance and preparation for Easter. To help the students gain a better understanding of the season of Lent, the students will make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday which is on the 1st of March. Rather than holding chapel at our regular time on Friday morning, our Chapel service for Week 5 will be on **Ash Wednesday**. A separate letter will be sent home which explains more about our Ash Wednesday Chapel service.

School Award

This year our school captains have chosen a special soft toy to be the school award. The award will be selected by staff each week and presented to a student who has displayed excellent behaviour, manners, work habits and attitude. At the end of the year all recipients will have their name put in a hat, and the student whose name is drawn will get to take the award home to keep. Cody and Katie are looking forward to presenting the school award at assembly tomorrow after Chapel.





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From Mrs Pritchard Cont'd...

Sports uniform

Just a reminder that students wear sport's uniform on Tuesday for their specialist PE lesson. Students have the option of wearing sport or normal school uniform on Fridays. Please remember that sport uniform consists of the navy sport shorts or tracksuit pants and sport tops, that are available for purchase at the front office. Black leggings are not part of the sport uniform, but navy skorts are also available to purchase at the office.

COVID-19 Update

Thank you everyone for continuing to support the previously mentioned COVID safe practices at our school. Thank you in advance for helping us provide a safe environment that meets the needs of all our children.



Applications for CSEF is open now.

"Camps Sports and Excursion Funding (CSEF)

Government assistance is available if you are/have:

- *Centrelink Health Care Card (Valid on 31 January 2022 for term 1 or 26 April 2022 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 visit the CSEF website

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

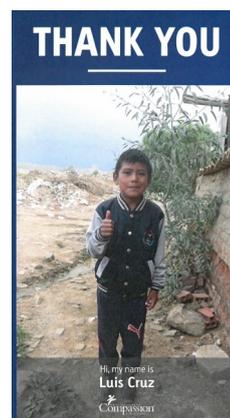
Please download the Application Form or collect one from our office. Completed applications should be returned to the school office as soon as possible, prior to the end of term at the latest."

Chapel

Our Chapel service will be tomorrow morning in the undercover area followed by assembly.

Each week our Chapel offerings go towards our sponsor child Luis. **\$13.00** was collected during last weeks Chapel, and so far, this year, **\$13.00** has been generously received.

Thank you for helping us bless Luis.





Student Awards

WEEK 2—RECIPIENTS

Foundation

- ☆ Ezekiel Jeffries
- ☆ Lily Potter

Year 1/2

- ☆ Cooper Logan
- ☆ Harper Ponturo

Year 3/4

- ☆ Jordan Hein
- ☆ Molly Mibus
- ☆ Keedan Ponturo

Year 5/6

- ☆ Zachariah Reeves
- ☆ Angus O'Donnell



Story of the week

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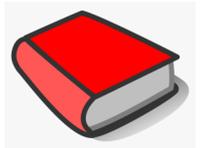
Read or view the video at

www.lca.org.au/sow

GOOD NEWS
story of the week

Sharing love
– no small
bickies

Read this week's story at
www.lca.org.au/sow



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 Aishia or Marnie at the front desk for VSC Online Training instructions. 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.



Devotion..

THE ONLY GOOD THING

Genesis 45:3-8a, 9-10a, 11a, 15a - And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. ... Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me ... There I will provide for you...' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them.

The story of Joseph is a story of great evil. It's the story of a spoiled young man whose brothers sell him into slavery and tell their father he is dead. Joseph ends up in Egypt far away, where he sinks even lower, winding up in jail for years. And there, in the jail, he does a kindness to a government official—only to have him forget all about Joseph's plea for freedom.

Surely if anybody had reason to lose his faith in God, Joseph did. He had lost everything not just once but three times over. What good could possibly come out of this evil?

Joseph didn't know, but he clung to God—possibly out of sheer desperation.

You may have never been a slave, but I'm guessing you know that place—the place where you have nothing left to cling to but God Himself. The point where you know in your gut that your faith is no credit to you, because you have no other options. The point where Jesus becomes your life and hope and comfort, because you can no longer run away to other false gods—your life has taken them all away.

Joseph is looking back at that when he talks to his brothers. They are still caught in the web of fear and hatred and guilt and pain, but Joseph is not. He has come out of the crucible with the only thing worthwhile—with God Himself. Strangely enough, he can even see God's hand in the evil that happened to him. Terrible as it was, God has brought good out of it. The evil was real, yes—but so is God's redemption.

You might be able to look back at your life already and say, "Yes, God brought good out of that great evil I lived through." Or you might still be in the suffering, clinging to Jesus with all your heart. Either way you know what Joseph did—that Jesus is all in all to you, your only Savior, the One who holds on to you. And because you know that, sooner or later He can make you a channel of His help and comfort to others as well.

**Dear Lord, hold on to me in times of trouble, and keep me trusting You.
Amen.**

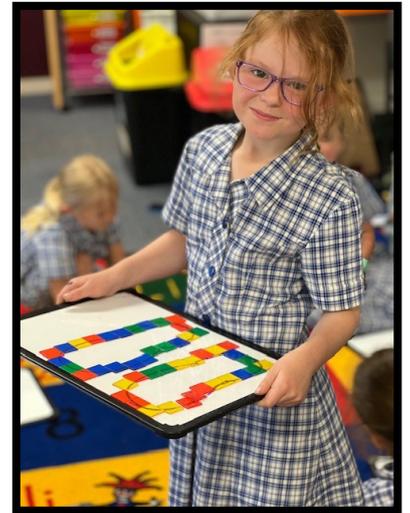




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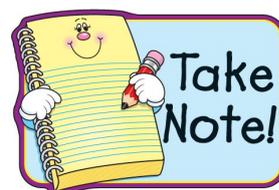


What's been happening





What's coming up ...



OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 4	21 FEBRUARY	22 FEBRUARY <i>Hockey Clinic</i>	23 FEBRUARY <i>Foundation Rest Day</i>	24 FEBRUARY	25 FEBRUARY 9am Chapel & Assembly	26/27 FEBRUARY
WEEK 5	28 FEBRUARY	1 MARCH SHROVE TUESDAY	2 MARCH ASH WEDNESDAY 9am Chapel <i>Foundation Rest Day</i>	3 MARCH District Tennis	4 MARCH 9am Assembly Division Swimming— Warrnambool	5/6 MARCH
WEEK 6	7 MARCH	8 MARCH	9 MARCH <i>Foundation Rest Day</i>	10 MARCH	11 MARCH 9am Chapel & Assembly	12/13 MARCH
WEEK 7	14 MARCH Labour Day - public holiday	15 MARCH	16 MARCH <i>Foundations begin full time</i>	17 MARCH	18 MARCH 9am Chapel & Assembly	19/20 MARCH





Community Notices...

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT



School Nurse, Liz Leahy, will be visiting our school within the next 2 weeks to conduct free health assessments for some of our Foundation Students.

- Parental Consent is required before any health assessment is undertaken
- Foundation Students would have received a large white envelope with the health Questionnaire

Please complete the Questionnaire and sign the Consent and return to school within the next week.

If you decide that you do not want a health assessment for your child, please sign the non-consent part of the questionnaire and return to school within the next week

**PORTLAND SOCCER CLUB
2022 PRE-SEASON LAUNCH**

SOCCER TRAINING

Under 12 and Under 14
Thursday 3 February - 5 - 6pm
Every Thursday during February

Under 17, Women and Men
Wednesday 2 February - 6 - 7:30pm
Every Wednesday during February

MiniRoos
5 - 9 year olds
Saturday 12th February
11am
Contact Les 0414 559 106

Friendly Society Park - Glenelg St
Contact David for more information 0409 419 813

Pre season training starts for 2022

PTJFC are looking to field 3 sides in 2022

Under 11s
(U11s must be 8 yrs @ 1.1.2022)

Under 14s
(GSWJFL looking to adjust to U17 2022)

Exciting times ahead!
Monday 7th March

Hanlon Park

Starts 4: 30 pm

Monday 7th March training starts 4:30pm Hanlon Park, all past and new players welcome, bring a mate have a kick, all abilities welcome no experience needed.
BYO drinks etc, follow COVID guidelines please do not attend if feeling unwell.

For more details please contact
email: portlandtigersjfc@gmail.com
Simon: 0409 521 789

PORTLAND TIGERS NETBALL JUNIORS

We are seeking players for the following teams:
13/U, 15/U, 17/U Res & 17/U

Please note: Girls and Boys are invited to try out for the U/13 team. Boys must still be 12 by 3/4/22

Training: Thursday 24th February
5pm- Hanlon Park



Enquiries: Lauren Hockley- 0417148268

MiniRoos Soccer

Saturdays at 11.00 AM
Portland Soccer Club
For boys and girls aged 5-9

Please bring water and a hat.

Register at www.playfootball.com.au/minirooms
(Search for MiniRoos Kickoff at Portland)

Ring Les 0414 559 106 for more information.

Term Dates 2022

School Office Opens	19 January 2022 @ 9am
School Office Closes	16 December 2022 @ 3:30pm

Term Dates

Term	Event	Date	Day
Term 1 (10 weeks)	Foundation – Year 6 commence	31 January	Monday
	Concludes	8 April	Friday
Term 2 (9 weeks)	Foundation – Year 6 commence	26 April	Tuesday
	Concludes	24 June	Friday
Term 3 (10 weeks)	Foundation – Year 6 commence	11 July	Monday
	Concludes	16 September	Friday
Term 4 (10 weeks)	Foundation – Year 6 commence	3 October	Monday
	Concludes	9 December	Friday

Staff Days and Public Holidays

Term	Date	Day	Event
Term 1	January 24	Monday	Staff Day – Training Day
	January 25	Tuesday	Staff Day – Training Day
	January 26	Wednesday	Australia Day – Public Holiday
	January 27	Thursday	Staff Day
	January 28	Friday	Staff Day
	January 31	Monday	Term 1 begins for Foundation – Year 6
	March 14	Monday	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Term 2	April 25	Monday	Anzac Day – Public Holiday
	June 10	Friday	Report Writing Day (School closed)
	June 13	Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Term 3	August 5 TBC	Friday	Western HUB Conference (School closed)
Term 4	November 25	Friday	Report Writing Day (School closed)
	November 1	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Other School Dates

Term	Event	Date	Day
Term 1	Grandparents Day	1 April	Friday
Term 2	School Photos	19 May	Thursday
Term 3	Book Week	22-26 August TBC	
Term 4	Concert	1 December	Thursday

Please Note: Dates may be subject to change

STATEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

St John's Lutheran Primary School Ltd is committed to the principles of a liberal democracy.

- We believe in an accountable, democratically elected government.
- We respect and observe the rule of law and believe that no person is above the law.
- We believe in equal rights for all before the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender or other attributes.
- We believe not only in the freedom of religion, but also the need to practise tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs.
- We believe in the value of freedom of speech and freedom of association, but also acknowledge that we have the responsibility not to abuse this freedom.
- We believe in the values of openness and tolerance, and value and respect all members of the School community regardless of background.



How to enrol in Valuing Safe Communities: Volunteers

Lutheran schools seek to ensure that each member of the school community enjoys a positive, safe, healthy and respectful place of learning. To meet this expectation, school staff and volunteers are obliged to meet the requirements of the LCA Safe Place Policy, which requires the completion of the Valuing Safe Communities (VSC) program.

This handout provides information about how volunteers can complete the Valuing Safe Communities training. Please note that to participate in this course, there is a two-stage process which is required to ensure the integrity and safety of the training content. The first stage is registering on the training system: iLearn (Part 1) and the second stage is enrolling in the training module (step 7 and 8).

Stage 1 *Note: if you have already registered through iLearn before and have a username and password then skip straight to Stage 2*

Step 1: Visit the following website: vscvolandrs.lutheran.edu.au

Step 2: Click on the button that looks like this. →

Create new account

Step 3: Complete the registration form, including the fields under the title 'Valuing Safe Communities'. If the fields are hidden, click on the title ('Valuing Safe Communities') to reveal them, otherwise select your school.

Step 4: Click on the button that looks like this. →

Create my new account

Step 5: Check your inbox for an email from 'iLearn Support' <ilearnsupport@alc.edu.au>
Subject: iLearn – Australian Lutheran College: account confirmation

If you can't see it in your inbox, check your junk or spam folder.

Please note that delivery times vary and it may take from a minute to a few hours to receive the confirmation email. Click on the **confirmation link** contained in the email.

Step 6: After you click the confirmation link in the email, iLearn opens to confirm your registration. Before commencing Stage 2, please 'log-out' from the dashboard (top left-hand corner).

Stage 2

Step 7: Once you have registered OR if you have registered previously with 'iLearn', visit the following website: vscvolandrs.lutheran.edu.au

Step 8: Log in to 'iLearn' entering your username and password.

Step 9: Click on 'Staff Training VSC' under the Enrolment options

Step 10: Enter the Enrolment Key: **VSC3_Volunt33r**

Step 11: Commence the training by following the online prompts. Once the training is completed you will receive an electronic copy of a certificate. **You can print a copy for your records and your completion date will be saved in the system.**

If you require any help during this process please email ilearnsupport@alc.edu.au

Thank you for taking part in this important training.