



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The term has started well, and students are excited to be back at school. I have heard many students share their stories of travels throughout the holidays and fun times had with family and friends. We look forward to a great term ahead!

Thank you to those students who represented our school at the Anzac Day ceremonies on Monday. We had Olive and Taya read a poem out at the Dawn Service and a number of students participated in the march at the later service. Our school leaders, Katie and Elijah, laid a wreath on behalf of our school. It was very special to be part of this community event.

Students are looking forward to our Cross-Country event which will be held next Tuesday, the 3rd of May on our school grounds. We will start at 11.30am and begin with the juniors. Students will be running in age groups and will need to wear their sports uniform and bring a spare change of shoes and/or school uniform clothes.

Parents are welcome to come along and support their child/ren. If you can assist on the day, please let the front office know or Mrs Megan Alexander.

Next week our Year 6 students are attending a Leadership Day in Tarrington with all the other Lutheran schools in the region. A separate note has been sent home with details.

### Hats

Please remember to send back student hats to school after washing them over the holidays. Students are encouraged to wear their hats whenever UV levels are forecast to reach three or above. UV levels are typically 3 and above from mid-August to the end of April but all students require their hats at school all year round.



### Uniform

For the remainder of this week and next week, students have the choice of wearing either summer or winter uniform, however, please do not mix and match. Tights are not to be worn with the summer uniform and socks must be the correct colour and length (no low cut or below ankle).

### Scholarships and Bursaries 2023

Applications for scholarships and bursaries being offered in 2023 for new students commencing Foundation – Year 6 are now being accepted. The scholarships and bursaries, cover 50% of our annual tuition fee. If you would like further information or would like an application form, please contact the front office or email

[admin@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@stjohnsportland.vic.edu.au)

### Playgroup

Our Playgroup has resumed this week and will continue every Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00-11.00am. For more information, please contact our front office on 5523 3833, Facebook page or our Playgroup Coordinator, Mrs Jess Cook

[jessmarycook@outlook.com](mailto:jessmarycook@outlook.com)





## From Mrs Pritchard Cont'd...

### Allowing Space

How quickly does your week fill up? The term starts and once again it's full swing back into school activities, after school activities, church activities and sport. We spend many hours in the car going from place to place, participating in wholesome, important and growing opportunities, but I wonder how often you get time to pause?

How much space is there in your day for the accidental? The shared conversation? The time to be really present?

I was encouraged this year to think about the idea of allowing margin in my day. To really be present to a space and some time that isn't scheduled. You might call it a little bit of wriggle room. But a little bit of wriggle room that might just let God in. Too often, I've caught myself at the end of the day, saying prayers with my children and the thought has crossed my mind that this is the first time I've spoken with God today.

I've missed the opportunity to go visit my elderly neighbour because I thought I had more pressing things to get done. I've forgotten that when my husband walks through the door, we've not shared the last 8 hours together and I diminish how he is feeling in my non-acknowledgement to 'get dinner ready.' Far too often, God is my last resort, or my non-thought or not on my 'list' until I'm desperate. How can God get in when we fill our days to the full?

**We can create space, or allow a time of margin.**

We can plan for a time of day that centres on him. It might be just once a week, but it's a wonderful small step. Think about the things that really influence your faith – reading the Bible, praying, being in nature, walking along the beach, singing songs of worship etc.

Where is the space you feel most is connected with God? Jesus showed us that time alone was important to his relationship with God, and he also showed us the time with others is important in growing in our relationship together and with God. Allowing space in my week for myself and more space for my family has become such a blessing. It has become something I yearn more and more for. I pray it becomes your breathing space too, and a blessing for your family.

Written by: Rachel Schilling <https://www.growministries.org.au/2022/04/14/allowing-space/>

### Chapel

Our Chapel service for tomorrow has been organised by Chaplain Jurgen. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend.

Each week our Chapel offerings go towards our sponsor child Luis. Last term, **\$19.95** was collected and so far, this year, **\$401.80** has been generously received. Thank you for helping us bless Luis.





## From Mrs Pritchard Cont'd..

### Letter from Luis

Luis has sent us a letter over the holidays which can be read below:

Queridos St John's Lutheran School  
primeramente les envié un saludo muy cordial saludo a cada uno de ustedes  
Les cuento que en mis vacaciones estuve muy ocupado junto con mi Hermano Juan Gabriel fuimos hacer varios análisis de mi hermana que se enfermo de la vesícula, me preocupe mucho por la salud de mi hermana, ella gracias a Dios esta mejorando día a día  
les cuento también ya comenzaron mis clases presenciales y me esta yendo bien, conocí nuevos compañeros se llaman Brayán y Oliver y espero conocerlos mas  
me despido con mucho cariño Luis  
pido sus oraciones para que mi hermana se recupere pronto.

Dear St John's Lutheran School,

First of all, I send you a warm greeting where you are. During my school break, my brother, Juan Gabriel and I were busy. We went to do several tests because my sister got sick with her gallbladder. I was very worried about my sister's health. Thank God, she is getting better every day. My in-person classes have started and I am doing well. I met new classmates named Brayán and Oliver and I look forward to getting to know them more. I say goodbye with love, Luis. I ask you to pray for my sister so that she recovers soon.

### SRC News



## Mother's Day Stall

**The SRC will be holding a Mother's Day Stall fundraiser next week in the Parent Room.**

**Students will be able to purchase gifts for their Mums with prices ranging from \$2 to \$5.**

**The stall will be open before and after school.**





# From Mrs Pritchard Cont'd..

## Lost Property

We have a table set up outside the library with quite a few lost property items. Please make sure all property is clearly labelled.



# Devotion..

The fourth chapter of Mark's Gospel includes a most interesting account. It begins with Jesus, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, saying to his disciples, *"Let us go over to the other side."* (Mark 4:35). We are then told, *"Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat."* (v36) It is not difficult to imagine the disciples relishing this opportunity to take charge. They had just been observing Jesus do what He alone could do: performing miracles and teaching with great authority. Now they saw this as their opportunity to show their worth. After all, among their number were experienced fisherman, well acquainted with this body of water. However, a major problem soon arose. *"A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped."* (v 37). The storm must have been unusually fierce, for soon the disciples, in desperation, turned to Jesus, who was asleep in the stern. *"The disciples woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"* (v38). In response, Jesus *"got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!'"* (v39). Immediately the wind died down and the sea was suddenly completely calm. Jesus then turned to His disciples and asked, *"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"* (v40). Let's quickly examine how the disciples were lacking in faith. From the outset, they failed to accept that the same voice that told them they were going to the other side, was the voice that had originally spoken all creation into existence. If Jesus said they were going to the other side, nothing could possibly have prevented it. Instead of deciding to take charge, they would have done well to stop and ask Jesus how He intended to get to the other side. Perhaps He wanted to walk on the water again as he had previously done. Or He may have wanted to go around the lake. Faith always allows Jesus to take charge. Finally, in the midst of the storm, instead of wrongly accusing Jesus, they should have simply said something like this: "Lord, this storm seems to be preventing us from doing what You said. How should we respond?"

This story can be seen as a great analogy for our lives today. As we embark on a new school term, we have a choice. We can either follow the disciples' example here, deciding to take charge ourselves, only calling on Jesus in times of emergency; or we can look to Jesus from the outset, letting Him guide us where he intends, in the way He knows best.



# Child Safety...

## New Child Safe Standards to strengthen child safety

The Child Safe Standards commenced in Victoria in January 2016. After five years, the Standards have improved safety for children and young people. Changes are being made to make the Standards even stronger and our school is committed to comply with new Standards by 1 July 2022. The new Standards set out minimum requirements and outline the actions organisations must take to keep children and young people safe. They provide more clarity and are more consistent with Standards in the rest of Australia.

The 11 new Standards are:

Standard 1: Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued

Standard 2: Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture

Standard 3: Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously

Standard 4: Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing

Standard 5: Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice

Standard 6: People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice

Standard 7: Processes for complaints and concerns are child-focused

Standard 8: Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training

Standard 9: Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed

Standard 10: Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved

Standard 11: Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people



## Student Awards



### WEEK 10—RECIPIENTS

#### Foundation

- ☆ Micah Greening
- ☆ Lilly Pye
- ☆ Ezzianah Finch

#### Year 1/2

- ☆ Marli Chapman
- ☆ Eva Prentice



### WEEK 10—RECIPIENTS

#### Year 3/4

- ☆ Scarlett Spencer
- ☆ Camerin Trewick

#### Year 5/6

- ☆ Katie Pitts
- ☆ Elijah Reeves



### Story of the week

#### STORY OF THE WEEK

Read or view the video at

[www.lca.org.au/sow](http://www.lca.org.au/sow)

#### GOOD NEWS

story of the week



Resource heralds new season for Malay-speakers



*'Encourage one another...'*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Read your GOOD NEWS Story of the Week at [www.lca.org.au/sow](http://www.lca.org.au/sow)

### Rotary Club Portland News

Portland Rotary Club is collecting plastic lids and bread tags for two wide environmental projects. Lids for Kids and Aussie bread tags.

All soft drink, water bottle and lids that have the number 2 and 4 under the removable white seal are accepted.

Aussie Bread Tags send all funds from the sale of plastic bread tags to South Africa where wheelchairs are manufactured for people in need.

They are also collecting the metal ring pulls off the top of soft drink cans.

There will be a box at the front office where you can drop them off.



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# Around the School





## What's coming up ...



### OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>Term 2 Week 1</b>	<b>25 APRIL</b> ANZAC Day Public Holiday No School	<b>26 APRIL</b> First Day of Term 2 	<b>27 APRIL</b> Playgroup 9am-11am	<b>28 APRIL</b> Parents & Friends meeting at 2:30pm Playgroup 9am-11am	<b>29 APRIL</b> 9am Chapel & Assembly	<b>30 APRIL 1 MAY</b>
<b>Term 2 Week 2</b>	<b>2 MAY</b> Mother's Day Stall Opens	<b>3 MAY</b> Cross Country 	<b>4 MAY</b> Playgroup 9am-11am Grade 6 Leadership Day—Tarrington	<b>5 MAY</b> Playgroup 9am-11am	<b>6 MAY</b> 9am Chapel & Assembly Division Athletics	<b>7/8 MAY</b> Sunday—Mother's Day
<b>Term 2 Week 3</b>	<b>9 MAY</b> Book club is due	<b>10 MAY</b> Grade 6 GRIP Leadership— Mt Gambier	<b>11 MAY</b> Playgroup 9am-11am	<b>12 MAY</b> Playgroup 9am-11am	<b>13 MAY</b> STOMP Dance Program begins	<b>14/15 MAY</b>
<b>Term 2 Week 4</b>	<b>16 MAY</b>	<b>17 MAY</b>	<b>18 MAY</b> Playgroup 9am-11am	<b>19 MAY</b> Playgroup 9am-11am <i>SCHOOL PHOTOS</i>	<b>20 MAY</b> STOMP Dance Program	<b>21/22 MAY</b>



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## Community Notices...

# Share your thoughts. Shape our future.



Join our Community Panel to discuss what projects and services are most important over the next five years.

This is your chance to represent your community so we can make the right decisions for the future. You will be thanked for your contribution through a \$350 gift card on completion of the panel in May, with other supports available.

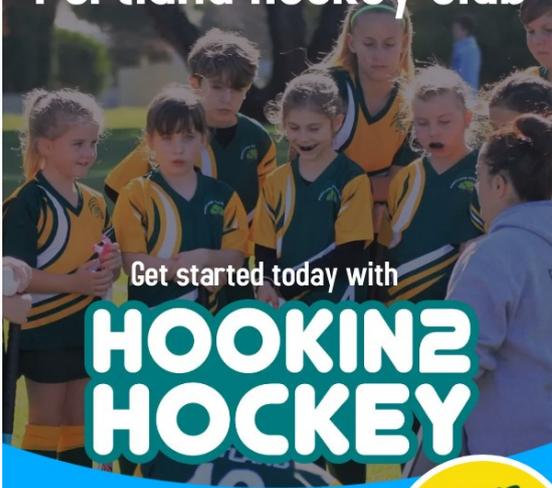
### Interested?

Express your interest at [engageandexplore.wannonwater.com.au](http://engageandexplore.wannonwater.com.au) or freecall 1300 926 666 to receive a paper form.

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## Portland Hockey Club



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# HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

Join us for a 8 week program aimed at Primary School Students (5-12 Years) Starting Sat 5th of March at 10am.

At St. Johns Lutheran Primary School, 43/55 Trangmar St, Portland.

Cost: \$30

Register at [hookin2hockey.com.au](http://hookin2hockey.com.au)

Enquiries: Jemma, 0448 729 218

**NO PRIOR  
HOCKEY  
EXPERIENCE  
NEEDED**



## PORTLAND AUSKICK CENTRE

WHERE: HANLON PARK, PORTLAND, VIC

WHEN: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

DATES: APRIL 27TH TILL JUNE 29TH (10 SESSIONS)

TIME: 5:00 PM — 6:00 PM

COST: \$89.00 INCLUDES AUSKICK PACK , ALL SESSIONS TERM 2 , 2022

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