

## *Our Lenten Journey*

Lent is a time of prayer and renewal and an opportunity to refocus relationships with God that lead us to the Easter Sunday celebration of our risen Christ.

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.



### ***For Reflection.***

*Take time to sit in silence and draw your mind to the person of Jesus.*



*Our Lord forgives us all our sins - nothing can separate us from the love of God for us in Jesus  
And we are called to forgive others with the same compassion, mercy, patience, and love given to us.*

*Our Lenten practices help us to experience the renewing love of God, and they prepare us for our journey to Easter to celebrate the mystery of our death to self and rebirth in the new life Jesus won for us.*

*'I do not wish the sinner to die', says the Lord, 'but to turn to me and live.' Ezekiel 33*

*Good and loving God,  
source of every grace and blessing, I place myself before you.*

*Creator of my life,  
renew me: bring me to new life in you.  
Touch me and make me feel whole again.*

*Help me to see your love  
in the passion, death and resurrection of your son.*

*Help me to observe Lent  
in a way that allows me to celebrate that love.*

*Prepare me for these weeks of Lent  
as I feel both deep sorrows for my sins  
and your undying love for me. Amen*

## Welcome to Good Samaritan



During the past two weeks we have had the pleasure of welcoming the following children and their families to our school community:

- Maria Al-Shabbani
- Frank Micheal
- Ayad Rafo Al Saghir

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

### No School Monday or Tuesday

A reminder that there is no school for the children on either Monday (public holiday) or Tuesday (staff seminar). The children return to school on Wednesday.

### Learning Technologies Upgrade

I am pleased to announce that over the next 6 - 8 weeks we will be undertaking an upgrade of our existing learning technologies (iPads and laptops). This will involve replacing many existing devices with the latest model as well as purchasing additional iPads and laptops.

As a consequence there will be a significant increase in the number of devices that the children will have access to for their learning. Currently we provide approximately 1 device (iPad/laptop) to every 6.5 children. When our upgrade is complete, we will be able to provide 1 device (iPad/laptop) to every 2 children.



### Coronavirus

I thought it might be timely to provide an update on the latest advice regarding the coronavirus situation and its impact on our school community.

At the present time there is no evidence of transmission in the community in Victoria so we all should continue to go about our business as usual. There is no need to take actions like limiting your movement in the community or keeping your child at home.

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services regularly provides updates and where needed, advice to schools. It has published this excellent and easy to follow advice:

#### Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus

- **Wash** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer.
- **Try** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **Cover** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- **Isolate** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies.
- **Phone** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.

- **Continue** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.
- **Don't** wear a face mask if you are well.
- **Buy** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.
- **Get** the flu shot (available April).
- **Shaking hands** is optional!

At present there is a lot of misinformation circulating within the broader community, so it is important that we all know the facts so that we can act, not only in our own best interest, but in the best interests of the community as a whole. If you would like to find out more about coronavirus, including risk factors, I encourage you to visit <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>.



Best Wishes,

*Paul Sedunary*

PAUL SEDUNARY

Principal

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## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Family Learning Conversations

Thank you for your great support of the Family Learning Conversations (FLCs). I was in the privileged position to see families as they left with big smiles on their faces, the feedback was very positive. Many parents noted their kids made them discuss their hopes and dreams as a family which was much appreciated by parents. 'It was good!' and 'I was very happy' their with conversation.

The FLCs highlight the importance of KNOWING each child and their family, and the role of parents in their children's learning.

The Essential Assessment workshops were an overwhelming success. Many of you were thrilled to hear our message regarding learning at home: '20 minutes reading and a minimum of 20 minutes a day of on-line maths'.

Thank you one and all for activating 'Learning by the power of 3'. As we begin to work on developing our vision for the next strategic plan for 2021 -2026 it is important to understand and value the aspirations of all in our community.



Best Wishes,

*Helen Smith*

HELEN SMITH

Deputy Principal

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, LEARNING AND TEACHING



Italian

The children have made a great start to learning Italian and are already using it throughout the school. Words that we've been learning so far include:

*BUONGIORNO* (HELLO),

*ARRIVEDERCI* (GOODBYE),

*GRAZIE* (THANKS),

*PREGO* (YOU ARE WELCOME)

*PER FAVORE* (PLEASE)

*COME STAI* (HOW ARE YOU?)

*STO BENE* (I'M WELL)

*STO MALE* (I'M NOT WELL? NOT FEELING GREAT)

*COSI COSI* (SO, SO)

*E TU* (AND YOU?)

*UNO, DUE, TRE OCCHI A ME* ( 1,2,3 EYES ON ME)

*QUATTRO, CINQUE, SEI, OCCI A TE* (4,5,6 EYES ON YOU)

*SIGNORE* (MISTER)

*SIGNORA* (MISSUS)

*SIGNORINA* (MISS)

Don't hesitate to contact our Italian Teacher, *Signorina Roberta Smarrelli* ([rsmarrelli@goodsam.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rsmarrelli@goodsam.catholic.edu.au)), should you have any questions about the Italian program



Best Wishes,

*Leanne Murray*

LEANNE MURRAY

Deputy Principal, Learning and Teaching

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## FROM AROUND THE LEARNING VILLAGES

### Jordan



### Jordan Village Foundation Assembly

We welcome our Jordan families to the Foundation assembly every fortnight commencing at 2:30pm on a Tuesday.

Each class takes a turn in leading the assembly and performing an item and have an opportunity to share and celebrate their learning.

The children would love to share this with their families, so if you have time before the end of the school day, please come along and support our learners.

Our next assembly will be on Tuesday 17th March in F Green

## Bethany



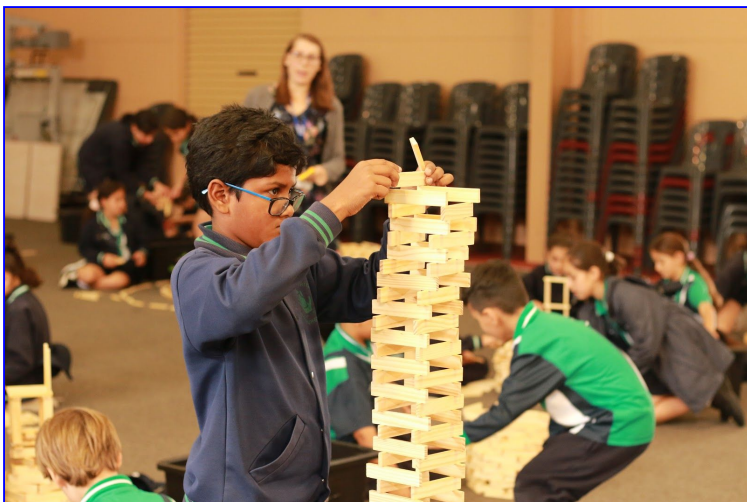
### Learning is Fun

The children in the Bethany Village had a terrific incursion with the Green Hats Planks Company in Week 3.



They are exploring what it takes to be happy, healthy and safe and an important part of the answer to this is getting along with others.

Through the incursion, the children were learning how to collaborate in positive and effective ways whilst building structures together using wooden planks.



The children had to communicate, share, take turns, persist and be resilient when things went wrong!

It was an important lesson in how being happy, healthy and safe is not just about food and exercise!!

## Emmaus

Modelling this year's



Jacket of Choices



## In Year 6 Everyone Can Lead

On Tuesday our year sixers received their year 6 jacket. This is not just any type of jacket, but a '**Jacket of Choices**'.

Every time one of our year sixers puts on their jacket, they are confirming their **commitment to be a positive role model** in our school community. In doing so they wear their jacket as a sign that they understand that...

### Leadership is a Choice to...

Always try to do your best

Treat everyone with respect

Be friendly to everyone

Be positive

Collaborate and Work in a team

Control your feelings

Show care for others feelings

Be reliable and trustworthy

## NOTICES

### Fundraising 2020



Thank you to the Good Samaritan Community for your continued support in our fundraising efforts last year. The money we have raised will go to help purchase shade cloth in the school yard for the children.

In Term 1, we will have an **Easter Raffle** and are asking parents for donations of Easter Eggs, baskets & gifts for the raffle prizes. These can be dropped off to the school office. Tickets will come home soon.



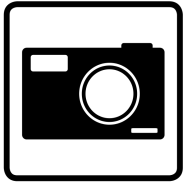
Please return tickets by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.



Our *Annual Mother's Day Stall* will be held on *Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May*. Children can bring money to purchase a gift for mum, grandmother or special women in their life. Gifts are priced from \$2.00-\$10.00. If you are able to help on the day please contact Rosa via the School Office. Many hands make light work!!



Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts! Every cent we raise goes directly to supporting the children.



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note that the original date for school photos has had to be rescheduled. The photographer will soon confirm a new date, which is likely to be in term 2.



### UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder that the Uniform Shop is now open each week of the school term at the following times:

**Monday 2:30 - 4:00pm**

**Wednesday 8:30 - 10:00am**



### ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

It's important for us to have your current contact details and personal information.

If anything has changed (phone number, address, emergency contact, employment details, living situation, etc.), please pass the details on to the School Office as soon as possible.

### 4 TIPS FOR MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S SCREEN TIME

1. Be involved. Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.



2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities is a fun way to get younger children on board.

3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technology limitations so, being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount.

4. Set device-free zones and times at home Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home: • no devices in the bedroom for younger children • all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children • all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime • all family members switch off at dinner time.



## COMING UP THIS TERM.....

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Monday 9 Mar  A	<b>NO SCHOOL TODAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL TODAY STAFF SEMINAR</b>			 <b>Sausage Sizzle Today</b>
Monday 16 Mar  B	Year 5 Mt Evelyn Camp <b>Bus leaves at 8.00am</b>	Year 5 Mt Evelyn Camp  St Patrick's Day Excursion  7:00pm School Advisory Council	Year 5 Mt Evelyn Camp		
Monday 23 Mar  A	Year 6 Phillip Island Camp <b>Bus leaves at 8.00am</b>  Easter Raffle tickets due back today	Year 6 Phillip Island Camp  7:00pm Celebration of First Reconciliation	Year 6 Phillip Island Camp	 Easter Raffle drawn today	<b>NO SCHOOL TODAY STAFF PLANNING</b>

## OUR LADY'S PARISH MASS TIMES

For more parish news visit <https://www.our-ladys.org/>

<b>Saturday</b>	9:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
	6:30 pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
	9:30am	Good Samaritan
	11:00am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
	6:00pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn
<b>Monday</b>	No Masses	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00pm	Good Samaritan
<b>Thursday</b>	9:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn



<b>Friday</b>	9:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
<b>1st Friday</b>	7:00pm	Our Lady's Craigieburn

### Reconciliation

<b>Saturday</b>	10:15am	Our Lady's Craigieburn
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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Catholic Education Today

Published each term, Catholic Education Today celebrates the faith, life, achievements and culture of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

You can access the latest issue by clicking [here](#).

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