



**LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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END OF TERM

Term 3 will conclude this Friday 21st September at 12.30pm. No buses will be running at lunchtime so please ensure you make arrangements for your child/ren to be collected.

NEWSLETTER: Term 3 - Week 10

Dear Family and Friends,

As we prepare for the beginning of school holidays it is a good opportunity to reflect back on the successes and challenges of the last term. We have had many things to celebrate as well as many things to give thanks for. The students have had a very busy term, with lots of extra-curricular activities and events filling their weekly calendars. As a leader of over one hundred students, plus a few other hundred humans including staff and school families, things don't always seem to run the way I plan them but I give thanks for the generous and flexible spirits I am lucky to interact with in my role as principal of our school. In particular can I also say how appreciative I am of the little pieces of feedback I receive from families. It really 'puts petrol in the tank' when I can share with the staff positive feedback from families.

This term we have begun our 2019 transition sessions for our Prep recruits, and we have also started the budgeting and staff planning for next year. It is with mixed emotion that we prepare to farewell some staff members - some retirements and some pregnancies. After decades of outstanding service to Lumen Christi Mrs. Pauline Bugeja, Mrs. Joanne Leviston and Mrs. Joanne Ruane are all retiring while Mrs. Jessica Johnson and Mrs. Lara Savige will be enjoying the excitement of welcoming some new additions to their families. Over the next few weeks you will notice in the local paper advertisements for their positions, and we look forward to welcoming some new faces to our staff.

Finally, can I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday. We look forward to sharing Term 4 with you. Please take note of the special events listed in the newsletter calendar.

Yours,

Dave Cooper

HELP NEEDED

- Someone to spread some mulch around the new plants
- Someone with a garden mulcher to mulch the tree limbs
- Someone to paint the new verandah posts

THANKS

- Year 1 families who have organised the donation of a popcorn machine for school fundraisers
- All the children that have been busy during their recess and lunch breaks volunteering in the gardens
- Playgroup Crew for coordinating the Pie drive
- Gary Masters for hanging some signage
- Woolworths Churchill for their donation of fruit for Walk-to-School

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Planning Meeting: Interested parents are invited to catch up for a chat on Monday 15th October at 7pm at the Churchill Hotel.

UNIFORMS

The Uniform Shop is now only open on a needs basis. Please contact Jen on MB: 0417788077 to arrange a mutually suitable time if you would like to have a look through or purchase an item. Cash or cheque sales only (chqs payable to Lumen Christi Parents and Friends).

Student Awards

Prep	Liam	Hannah
1	Reed	Darcie
2/3	Hannah	Sienna
3/4	Tyler	Kayla
5/6	All 5/6	Liam
Raffle Winner		Jack & Lily

TERM 3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please monitor the newsletter and website each week for additions & modifications

Event	Day	Date	Time
Week 10			
Term 3 finishes	Friday	21/9	12.30pm
FURTHER EVENTS			

Term 4 commences Monday 8th October (Daylight savings commences Sunday 7th October)

TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Event	Day	Date	Time
Week 1			
Term 4 Starts	Monday	8/10	8.35am
2-6 Tennis	Monday	8/10	10am-1pm
Playgroup	Wednesday	10/10	9am-11am
Mass Whole School Mass	Thursday	11/10	9am
Assembly	Friday	12/10	2pm
Week 2			
2-6 Tennis	Monday	15/10	10am-1pm
Parent Workshop: CALM KIDS CENTRAL	Tuesday	16/10	6pm-7.30pm
Playgroup	Wednesday	17/10	9am-11am
Year Prep & One Prayer Service	Thursday	18/10	9am
Assembly	Friday	19/10	2pm
Week 3			
2-6 Tennis	Monday	22/10	10am-1pm
Playgroup	Wednesday	24/10	9am-11am
Assembly	Friday	26/10	2pm
Week 4			
Year 3/4 Camp	Monday & Tuesday	29-30/10	TBC
Playgroup	Wednesday	31/10	9am-11am
Mass - Whole School All Saints Day	Thursday	1/11	9am
Year 2-6 Tennis	Friday	2/11	10am-1pm
Assembly	Friday	2/11	2pm
Week 5			
School Closure	Monday	5/11	
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	Tuesday	6/11	
Playgroup	Wednesday	7/11	9am-11am
Mass - Year 2-3-4	Thursday	8/11	9am
Assembly	Friday	9/11	2pm

Week 6			
Playgroup	Wednesday	14/11	9am-11am
Mass - Year 5/6	Thursday	15/11	9am
Assembly	Friday	16/11	2pm
Week 7			
Playgroup	Wednesday	21/11	9am-11am
Bethlehem Bazaar Day Dress Up Day & Yr 5/6 fundraising activities for Vinnies Christmas Appeal	Friday	23/11	8.35am
Assembly	Friday	23/11	2pm
Week 8			
Swimming Week			
Playgroup	Wednesday	28/11	9am-11am
NO MASS	Thursday	29/11	9am
Assembly	Friday	30/11	2pm
Life Education Van Visit - Day 1	Friday	30/11	
Week 9			
Life Education Van Visit - Day 2	Monday	3/12	
Playgroup	Wednesday	5/12	9am-11am
Whole School Mass Advent Mass	Thursday	6/12	9am
Assembly	Friday	7/12	2pm
Week 10			
Proposed Year 6 Fun Day	Monday	10/12	
Orientation Day -TBC	Tuesday	11/12	
Last Playgroup -TBC	Wednesday	12/12	9am-11am
End of Year Mass -TBC	Thursday	13/12	9am
Year 6 Graduation Mass & Awards Nights -TBC	Thursday	13/12	7pm
Week 11			
Nativity Play -TBC	Monday	17/12	9am
Christmas Carols -TBC	Tuesday	18/12	9am
2018 School Year finishes-TBC	Tuesday	18/12	3pm
FURTHER EVENTS			

FROM THE OFFICE

ENROLMENT PACKAGES:

Our enrolment process has opened for 2019. An information pack has been dropped off at the local kinders for interested families with an outline of our enrolment process and an invitation to visit the school. Full enrolment packages are available at the office for both current and potential new families. If you know of families who may be interested to join our community please encourage them to make contact with Mr.Cooper, or take an enrolment package from the office for them.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS:

Volunteers help play a major role in our school in supporting all students and strengthening a sense of community. In line with child-safety practices and policies from the Catholic Education Office every volunteer must have a current Working with Children Check. The checks are quite easy to do online and if you are a volunteer the checks are free via www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au If you already have a WWCC and Lumen Christi is not listed please go online and add our school to your card. Our school will then be notified of your WWCC renewal.

HEALTHY TOGETHER

Calm Kid Central (CKC)

Need ideas and support for children who struggle with worry, frustration, anxiety, tough life situations or friendship skills? Calm Kid Central is an online program run by Developing Minds child psychologists - which helps kids feel calm, confident and co-operative. It does this by providing an online website portal giving parents/carers access to:

1. A panel of 5 Clinical Child Psychologists – who will answer unlimited questions from all parent/carers about child wellbeing/anxiety/frustration/development/how to help/respond to and support children to deal with challenging emotional/peer/learning/life situations. All questions are answered within 48 hours.
2. A series of 3 minute animated videos for children (which can be watched on their devices) which help them manage worry, learn to calm down when they are mad or anxious, get along better with their friends/siblings, relax their body, cooperate with adults, use calm words and much more. There are also activity sheets for children to complete and conversation guides for parents to use to help both kids and parents to talk about these topics.
3. Videos, articles and conversation guides for parents to help them feel more confident and calm in supporting kids. These videos and articles help adults know exactly *what to say and do* when dealing with kids who are anxious, frustrated, have meltdowns, don't listen and worry a lot.
We aim to solve problems such as "What to ask children when they are frustrated/worried", "How to use praise in helping children manage big feelings", "Helping children fight less with their siblings" and much more. Each video includes a recording of a child and parent/carer talking about tricky problems so adults can hear exactly what to say to kids to help them learn.

This program is funded by Gippsland Primary Health Network and therefore available for **FREE** to families with children who are primary school aged and live in the Gippsland Region.

Go to: www.calmkidcentral.com and use access voucher code GIPPSLAND18

WALK TO SCHOOL OCTOBER

October is Walk to School Month in Victorian schools. Classes will log students who actively travel to and from school by walking, cycling or scooting. Students can individually register on the website at www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au. If they live too far from school to actively travel the whole way, they could be dropped off at a suitable location and walk the remainder of the way to school. It's an ideal opportunity for family members to accompany young children or for children to walk with a school buddy. Each Thursday in October our staff will facilitate Walk to School by manning our two regular sites, Churchill Police Station and Churchill Tennis Club. Staff will then accompany the children to school. Families are encouraged to join in Walk to School October and help our children to develop healthy habits for life. Information sheets will be sent home this week.

KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

Lumen Christi is part of the Kitchen Garden Program and is working hard to establish our veggie gardens. Our recent newsletter offers the following opportunity for any interested students.

ABC ME show casting call

ABC ME's *What's For Dinner* program is looking for kids aged 8-15, from Victoria, who are passionate about food and how it's celebrated in their family. Anyone interested in taking part in the October filming of the show can email the show's producers at meontv@your.abc.net.au

ALANNAH AND MADELEINE FOUNDATION BUDDY RUN

On October 21 we are holding our first ever Buddy Run - the Anti-Bullying Fun Run - at Alexandra gardens in Melbourne.

The 1km run is the perfect opportunity to get your community, family and friends active for a good cause, enjoying a day packed with entertainment and fun activities such as lawn games, face painting, food trucks and so much more!

The event will promote the themes of inclusion and respect – and send a clear message that bullying is never ok. With a quarter of kids at school being bullied, there's never been a better time to step up and say NO to bullying. Registrations are at www.buddyrun.org.au

PARISH NEWS

Our Parish Vision Statement: *To reflect the light of Christ to all people*

Contacts: Fr. James Fernandez PARISH PRIEST and Fr. Edwin Ogbuka ASSISTANT PRIEST 5134 2849

Weekend Masses:

Fr. Edwin is overseas on holidays so the only weekend Mass is on Sunday at 9am. We welcome all families to attend!

Important Update: We are very pleased that a maintenance project is about to commence to repair the ongoing water damage issues related to the windows in the church. The works will commence on Monday 3rd September and we think the church will be unavailable for two weeks. During this time the Sunday 9am will be held in the Yinnar Church.

Sacraments-Reconciliation:

The Reconciliation program for 2018 begins next term. This is for children who have already been baptised in a Catholic

Church, and are in Year 3. If you would like your child to participate please make contact with either Mrs. Leviston or Mr. Cooper. If you would like your child to participate but they have not been baptised or are older than Year 3 please call by and have a conversation with us so we can organise some arrangements to assist you.

Plenary 2020: The Australian Bishops have called for a gathering called a Plenary. Over the next few years we will all have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion around the future directions, goals and aspirations for the Catholic Church in Australia. Feel free to take a look at the website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

COMMUNITY CORNER

If your community group would like to contribute please contact Mr. Cooper



Free Junior Ranger Activities in Central Gippsland SEPTEMBER 2018

DATE	TIME	DETAILS
MONDAY 24 SEPT 2018	10.00AM TO 11.00AM	Mount Worth State Park – Minibeast Discovery Discover a bug's world at Morwell National Park. Get to know some tiny critters up close and what they mean to our environment. Meet at the Moonlight Creek Picnic Area
TUESDAY 25 SEPT 2018	10.00AM TO 11.00AM	Morwell National Park – Wildlife Detective Become a Wildlife Detective by learning the secrets of the bush. Tune your senses to discover who is hiding out of sight, and use clues to find out who was in the park while no one was looking. Meet at Kerry Road Carpark
TUESDAY 25 SEPT 2018	11.30AM TO 12.30PM	Morwell National Park – Flora Explorer Take a journey of discovery in Morwell National Park, where the forests and undergrowth provide food and shelter for many species of birds and animals. Learn how to identify common native plants and discover the colours and textures of the bush. Meet at Kerry Road Carpark

All Junior Ranger activities are free, and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years
www.juniorrangers.com.au Bookings are essential



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