



**LUMEN CHRISTI  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## NEWSLETTER: Term 4 - Week 8

Dear Family and Friends,

It seems a little too late to say that we are about to welcome Summer after the heat we have experienced recently, although the forecast for the next few days looks nothing like Summer!

The year is coming to a close at breakneck speed and the excitement of Christmas is upon us. Last week we had the Bethlehem Bazaar to kick start our Vinnies Christmas fundraising, already we have been able to use some of the money raised to make purchases for the Vinnies hampers and these items are on display in the foyer. Next week we will have a casual clothes day as another fundraising activity. On Monday students can come dressed in their summer gear as we celebrate Summer Day. Students are each asked to bring some Christmas hamper food to donate to our collection. Can I also ask families to think about ways you could add to the hamper collection by seeking donations from family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. If you would like to make a cash donation big or small, or your business or workplace would like to contribute cash or goods please feel free to see me.

As the excitement builds in preparation of finishing a year so does the nervousness around the beginning of a new year. The process to organise both staffing and classes for a school year is an extensive one and we take into account many factors. As I have previously advised, we are bidding farewell to a number of staff. After many years Mrs. Pauline Bugeja, Mrs. Jo Leviston and Mrs. Jo Ruane are retiring from teaching, and all three of these long term staff members have made many contributions to Lumen Christi - above and beyond their job descriptions. We also say goodbye to Jessica Johnson as she leaves to have their first baby, while Lara Savige will also take maternity leave a few weeks into the 2019 school year. With goodbyes along come welcomes, and we are excited to announce that we have appointed some outstanding educators to join us next year.

### **2019 New Staff:**

Mrs. Cathy Colaciello will join us in the role as Religious Education Leader, Italian and Visual Arts

Mrs. Janelle Szkwerek will teach Music and also some classroom teaching roles

Miss Elly Smith will join us full-time after completing her internship with us this year

Mrs. Lauren Wilson returns after maternity leave to take on the Library role

Miss Jessica Hutchinson takes on a full time Learning Support Officer role

Miss Sarah Watson also takes on a full time Learning Support Officer role

The structure for the classes next year will remain the same as this year, with the teachers being:

**Year Prep** - Mrs. Noreen Webster & Mrs. Holly Peterson (Fri)

**Year 1** - Miss Elly Smith

**Year 2/3** - Mr. Brad Watson

**Year 3/4** - Mr. Brandon Mahoney

**Year 5/6** - Mrs. Marina Dosen

Next Thursday the process of appointing the new staff members will be completed soon and they too will be given opportunities to join us. The Prep 2019 class will have their Orientation Day the following week (Tues 11th Dec) and also on that day, we will be having transition activities for the other classes to become familiar with their new teacher, classmates and classroom.

It is easy to get caught in the stress of this time of year, or even lose sight of the meaning of Christmas by being overwhelmed by all the commercialism. This weekend the Catholic Church begins the season of Advent, which lasts for the weeks including the next four Sundays before Christmas. Advent is a time of anticipation, excitement and joy as we await the birth of Jesus. I pray that this time for you personally, for your families and our school community is full of hope and happiness.

Yours,

Dave Cooper

## Student Awards

|                      |               |            |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>Prep</b>          | Zayd Kingston | Maeve      |
| <b>1</b>             | Ellie         | Tyson      |
| <b>2/3</b>           | Tij           | Jacob      |
| <b>3/4</b>           | Tia           | Markus     |
| <b>5/6</b>           | Sam S         | Taylor     |
| <b>Raffle Winner</b> |               | Sam Jack B |

### HELP NEEDED

I'm looking around the school at a few gardening and maintenance jobs that could be done. Some could be completed this year while others better suited done as the school year starts. Please make contact if you could help out in anyway. (Eg: Taking away the branches/limbs in the yard for your bonfire). Thanks, Dave

### PARENTS & FRIENDS

#### LUMEN CHRISTI PARENTS AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2018

Tickets \$2 each

30 awesome prizes to be won - thanks to our local community!

Every family will receive a book of tickets this week - please help sell as many as you can!  
 Take them to work, sell them to friends, buy them yourself!  
 Extra books will be available at the Office. If you cannot sell some or all of them, please return to the office so they can be redistributed.  
**SOLD BOOKLETS TO BE RETURNED BY 10 DECEMBER.**

**END OF YEAR DISCO:** Thursday 6th December. Information was sent home today. Cost \$5 per person.

**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).

## TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

| Event  | Day       | Date  | Time     |
|--|-----------|-------|----------|
| <b>Week 8</b>                                      |           |       |          |
| <b>Swimming Week</b>                               |           |       |          |
| NO MASS  | Thursday  | 29/11 | 9am      |
| Assembly   | Friday    | 30/11 | 2pm      |
| <b>Week 9</b>                                      |           |       |          |
| Life Education Van Visit - Day 1                   | Monday    | 3/12  |          |
| Life Education Van Visit - Day 2                   | Tuesday   | 4/12  |          |
| Playgroup  | Wednesday | 5/12  | 9am-11am |
| First Reconciliation                               | Wednesday | 5/12  | 5pm      |
| Whole School Mass Advent Mass                      | Thursday  | 6/12  | 9am      |
| End of Year Disco                                  | Thursday  | 6/12  | 6pm      |
| Assembly   | Friday    | 7/12  | 2pm      |
| <b>Week 10</b>                                     |           |       |          |
| Proposed Year 6 Fun Day                            | Monday    | 10/12 |          |
| Family Breakfast                                   | Tuesday   | 11-12 | 7.45am   |
| Orientation Day                                    | Tuesday   | 11/12 |          |
| Last Playgroup -TBC                                | Wednesday | 12/12 | 9am-11am |
| End of Year Family Picnic at Lake Hyland Churchill | Wednesday | 12/12 | 11.15am  |
| End of Year Mass - Please come along               | Thursday  | 13/12 | 9am      |
| Year 6 Graduation Mass & Awards Nights             | Thursday  | 13/12 | 6pm      |
| <b>Week 11</b>                                     |           |       |          |

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|---------------------------|---------|-------|-----|
| Nativity Play             | Monday  | 17/12 | 9am |
| Christmas Carols          | Tuesday | 18/12 | 9am |
| 2018 School Year finishes | Tuesday | 18/12 | 3pm |
| <b>FURTHER EVENTS</b>     |         |       |     |
|                           |         |       |     |

## 2019 TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Event                     | Day                  | Date    | Time       |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------|------------|
| <b>Week 1 -</b>           |                      |         |            |
| School Office opens       | Tuesday              | 29/1    | 9am        |
| Assessment Interviews     | Wednesday - Thursday | 30&31/1 | As advised |
| Classes begin Prep - Yr.6 | Friday               | 1st Feb | 8.35am     |
| <b>Week 2</b>             |                      |         |            |
| Prep Rest Day             | Wednesday            | 6/2     | No School  |
| Mass                      | Thursday             | 7/2     | 9am        |
| Assembly                  | Friday               | 8/2     | 2pm        |

### FROM THE OFFICE

**FEES:** Term Four Fees (\$395) are now overdue. If you have arrears and are not on a direct debit plan, please ensure all fees are paid immediately or contact the school office to discuss.

#### **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](http://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.

## SCHOOL MASSES:

**END OF YEAR MASS** - Thursday 13 December at 9am  
End of Year Mass will be followed by Morning Tea in the Eco-Centre.

**GRADUATION MASS** - Thursday 13 December at 6pm  
Mass will be followed by Awards and Supper in the Eco-Centre

**SCHOOL CHOIR EVENTS:** Sunday 9 December: 9am Parish Mass and  
Thursday 13 December: 6pm Graduation Mass

Our School Choir has been part of several Parish Masses during the year. Their efforts have been outstanding and greatly appreciated by the Parishioners and all in attendance. The school has been invited to lead the music at the 9am Mass on Sunday 9 December and Graduation Mass at 6pm on Thursday 13 December. Notices have been distributed seeking students to form choirs for these Masses. Hopefully the response is overwhelming and the school can once again join in a Parish celebration of the Mass and the Graduation Mass for our own Grade 6 students.

**END OF YEAR SCHOOL PICNIC:** Our December Walk to School activity will include a school picnic. The proposed date is Wednesday 12 December, subject to weather conditions. We are planning to walk from the school to Lake Hyland at about 11am where we will enjoy a walk around the lake, feed the birds and play on the playground. We are intending to have a sausage sizzle lunch as well. We will then walk back to school. Our backup date for the picnic is the following day, Thursday 13th December. Families are welcome to join us. There will be no cost for this activity.

**FAMILY BREAKFAST: TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 7.45AM IN THE ECO CENTRE.** All families are invited to attend. We have also invited our new 2019 families and look forward to meeting everyone. Our new 2019 students will be able to stay at school until 12.30 for Orientation Day.

## 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 at Lumen Christi:** Saturday 6pm and Sunday at 9am. We welcome all families to attend!

### Sacraments-Reconciliation:

**First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday 5 December 2018 at 5pm.** Classes for Reconciliation candidates will continue at 9am Mass this Sunday.

**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

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