

**NEWSLETTER No . 2 : 12th February, 2015****Dear Parents,****Gospel Reflection Luke 7 - 16**

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an out-cast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorized as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'.

Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code.

For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

Lord Jesus, you bring healing to all. You show compassion to all who cry out to you:

You take on our burdens and pain. Stretch out your hand and heal the hurt that each of us carry.

Peace & Best Wishes

Noel Dillon
Principal

**SCHOOL MASSES****Opening School Mass**

Our opening school mass will be held tomorrow, Friday 13th February at the Church. The mass will be at 11.00am. We would love parents and families to join in our celebration.

Class Masses

Each Thursday a class mass will be celebrated in the School Chapel.

Welcome BBQ

Thanks you to many families who attended our welcome BBQ last Monday night. This was a great opportunity to welcome all our families to the new school year, and in particular welcome our many new families. Thank you to the families who attended and supplied salad and to Michelle Scoble and Nat Craig for organising the food.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES

We will be cooking pancakes for the children this Tuesday 17th February. Please advise the school if your child has allergies that prevent them from eating the generic pancake. Helpers are needed to cook the pancakes from 10.00am on Tuesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

The students will be attending the Ash Wednesday mass on next Wednesday 18th February. Mass will be in the church commencing at 11.00am. All welcome.

SCHOOL BOARD

The last School Board meeting was held on Tuesday, 10th February. Items discussed included:

- Future plans / School Improvement Plan
- Start of year school focus and MJR
- Working Bee
- Northern Plains Conference
- Dates for the year / AGM
- OH & S requirements

INFORMATION EVENING : February

An information evening for parents will be held on Monday, 16th February at 7.00pm in the O'Dee.

On this night teachers will provide information on classroom organisation and ways to assist your child at home. It is very important that parents attend this meeting. Parents are first and foremost the major educators of their children. The partnership between school and home is a vital part of children's success at school.

The night will be held in the O'Dee and will run from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

6.30pm – 7.00pm for parents of children in grades

Foundation, 1 and 2 and

7.00pm- 7.30pm for Grades 3 - 6

Important dates

TERM 1 DATES FOR 2015

February

Friday 13 th	:	Opening School Mass 11.00am Church
Monday 16 th	:	Parent Information Night 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 th	:	Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes
Wednesday 18 th	:	Ash Wednesday Mass Church 11.00am Foundation rest day
Thursday 19 th	:	Class Mass Grade 2/3 9.00am Chapel
Wednesday 25 th	:	Foundation rest day
Thursday and Friday 26th and 27th : Northern Plains Conference School Closure Day		

March

Thursday 5 th	:	Class Mass Grade 5 1/2 9.00am Chapel
Friday 6 th	:	March First Friday School Mass 11.30am
Monday 9th	:	Labour Day Holiday
Preps Full Week		
Thursday 12 th	:	March Class Mass Grade 5/6 9.00am Chapel
Friday 13 th	:	Grade 5/6 Leadership Day Echuca
Monday 16th	:	School Closure Day – David Anderson
Tuesday 17 th – 20 th	:	Grade 4/5/6 camp Queenscliff
Thursday 19 th	:	Class mass Grade 1/2 9.00am Chapel
Thursday 26 th	:	Class Mass Grade 2/3 9.00am Chapel
Friday 27 th	:	Last Day Term 1 2.15pm

April

Friday 3 rd	:	Good Friday
Sunday 5 th	:	Easter Sunday
Tuesday 6 th	:	Easter Monday
Monday 13 th	:	Term 2 commences 8.45am
Tuesday 14 th	:	Parent Teacher Interviews.

FOUNDATION TIMETABLE

The Foundation students will come to school each week in February and the first week of March on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be a rest day for the Foundation students. From Tuesday March 10th they will attend school everyday.

Active after school Program : Term one

The Bluearth health and PE program will run for all students on a Wednesday every second week on the odd school weeks, beginning week two Wednesday, 4th February for all grades. The Foundation children will participate in the program when they resume full weeks. Our tennis program will run in Term 2.

SCHOOL TIMES

8.45am-10.45am - Class time
10.45am-11.30am - Recess
11.30am-1.30pm - Class time
1.30pm - 2.15pm - Lunch
2.15pm - 3.15pm - Class time

LOST: School hats belonging to Abigail Matthews and Lily Johnson. Both have name on the brim. If found, please return to the office.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Details will be sent out shortly with information relating to this year's Sacramental program.

School Masses : Class Masses

Each Thursday a class mass will be celebrated in the School Chapel. Each class will have an opportunity to attend a class mass per term. These masses will be held from 9.00am – 9.30am each Thursday. Parents are most welcome to attend. The timetable is as follows:

Thursday, 5th February : Gr. 5/6
Thursday, 12th February : Gr. 3/4
Thursday, 19th February : Gr. 2/3
Thursday, 5th March : Gr. 1/2
Thursday, 12th March : Gr. 5/6
Thursday, 19th March : Gr. 1/2
Thursday, 26th March : Gr. 2/3

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The Breakfast club will start again on Thursday 12th February. This will run from 8.00am – 8.30am and will be held in the O'Dee.

No Breakfast Club in the last week of term.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Due to a short first term, we will hold our parent teacher interviews on Tuesday, 14th April (Week 1 Term 2). Students will attend school as normal on this day. Information will be sent out closer to the day with details of online booking of interview times.

Teachers are also available to meet with you this term if you would like to discuss your child's progress. It is important that you make a time to speak to the teacher rather than during class time.

CAMP : GRS. 4/5/6

The Grade 4/5/6 Camp will be held at the Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff from Tuesday ,17th to Friday, 20th March. Further details will be given to the students shortly.

CAR PARK PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Please make sure that you park in the designated areas when you drop off or collect your children each day. The back car park is used for all drop offs and pick ups. Please reverse park into the designated areas to ensure that you have a good view of all students when you drive out. We all need to work together to ensure the children's safety at all times.



PLEASE, DO NOT DROP OFF / COLLECT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN FROM THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.

To ensure that all children are safe, it is important that parents collect and drop off their children from the shade area near the playground. A number of parents are waiting in the cars and calling their children across the car park. This causes a dangerous situation for the children.

Please ensure that children are dropped off and collected from the pick up area near the tennis court.

PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school. They must not park too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park.

*With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary, stop safely before the crossing. **Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.** City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.*

PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

The playground is not available for children after school.

RIDING TO SCHOOL

Storage of bikes and scooters is near the sports shed. This area is not locked during the day, so you may wish to bring your own bike lock along to secure your bike. Bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden in the school yard.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is important that all children are in correct uniform. Sports gear may only be worn on selected sports days. All items are available from the uniform shop, which is open on **Mondays after Assembly until 10.00am.**

Please ensure that uniform items are purchased and children have the correct uniform. This includes school hats. Holy rosary has a **NO HAT NO PLAY** policy in force. It is important that all students are correctly protected during the hot weather.

BOYS

Summer

School polo shirt
School windcheater
Grey shorts (**NO CARGO**)

Black shoes or sandals
Grey ankle socks
School hat

Winter

School windcheater
School polo shirt
Long grey trousers (**NO CARGO**)

Black shoes
Grey socks

GIRLS

Summer

School windcheater
Blue and white check dress
Black shoes or sandals

White ankle socks
School hat

Winter

School windcheater
School polo shirt
Grey pinafore/trousers (**NO CARGO**)

Black shoes
Grey ankle socks or grey tights

GRADE 6 T-SHIRTS

These have arrived and can be collected from the front office. Payment of \$26.50ea on collection.

AWARDS

School Assemblies will be held on Monday mornings at 8.45am in the O'Dee.

Each week at assembly several children will receive awards. The names of the children receiving the awards will be in the newsletter so parents are able to attend. This week's awards will be presented to:

Respect for Self

Alfie Taylor	Laura Foster
Thomas Johnson	Myneta Craig
Daniel Keep	Matthew Doherty

Making Jesus Real (for excellent manners)

Phoebe Banbury	Sebastien Loraine
Nicole Foster	Majella Roberts
Rebecca Nicalsen	



Diocesan Marriage Day Celebration

The annual Diocesan Marriage Celebration Day this year will be held at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 15th February at the Sacred Heart Cathedral and will coincide with St Valentine's Day. The Bishop's Commission for Pastoral Life launched the St Valentine's Day initiative in 2010 to both reclaim the sacred from the secular and promote and affirm marriage and romantic love in the context of life long marriage.

An invitation is extended to married and engaged couples, families and those committed to the ideal of Christian marriage to attend. The celebration will be an opportunity to re-affirm your commitment to the Sacrament of marriage and recognise and celebrate the gifts marriage provides.

*Free Community Concert
Doors open at 9.00am for a 9.30am start
St. John's Anglican Church
165 High Street, Heathcote*

A fantastic opportunity for the local community to experience one hour of world class music from classical composers Mozart and Beethoven performed by four of the international performers from Sanguine Estate Music Festival.

*Program: Beethoven - Cello & Clarinet Sonata
Mozart - Clarinet Quartet*

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please contact the school by 10.00am if your child is not attending school for the day. On returning to school, students must bring a signed, written note explaining their absence and give it to their classroom teacher.

NORTHERN PLAINS CLUSTER CONFERENCE

All staff will attend the Northern Plains Education Conference on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March. **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS.**

MAKING JESUS REAL

JESUS,
TODAY I OFFER YOU MY WORK, PLAY, JOYS,
LAUGHS AND DISAPPOINMENTS.
AMEN.



Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It provides access to key school information via one single Communication Centre for both parents and students. Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parent smartphones



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users

Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



Android Users

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



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SCHOOL FEES: **\$945.00 per family/year**
(these may be paid by term/month/year or by arrangement)

Direct Debit is available : enquire at the office

COMPREHENSIVE FEE / EXCURSION / INCURSION FEE :

It would be appreciated if these fees were paid before the end of February, 2015

Gr. P/1/2/3/4 = **\$460.00 per pupil / year**
Gr. 5 & 6 = **\$560.00 per pupil / year**

SCHOOL CAMP : GRS 4/5/6
\$150.00 per student
TO BE PAID BEFORE CAMP

The first Direct Debit payment will be processed on Thursday, 19th February. If you wish to use this method of payment, it is urgent that you return your Direct Debit authorisation to the office by Monday, 16th February.

SUN SMART – REMEMBER YOUR HATS



This Sun Smart Policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.

Children will be required to wear school hats during Terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside.

Children without hats will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas – 'NO HAT, NO PLAY' policy to be enforced.

Children will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+). Sunscreen will be provided in each classroom, and on excursions. Sunscreen will be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers.

Sun smart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.

Parents will be encouraged to model Sunsmart behaviour when participating in school functions that are held outdoors.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Why is it important that children are given opportunities for a longer turn to talk and listen?

Research suggests that the lengthy "chats" we have with our children are linked to school success. As children progress through the grades they must learn to use extended discourse in telling stories, giving explanations, reporting, expressing an opinion or writing an essay. Asking children "if, why and how" type questions allows them to deepen their thinking and prepare longer and more complex responses. It makes sense to build confidence with extended discourse gradually, beginning with simple oral tasks.



We encourage you to set some time aside so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child. In a busy household sometimes the car is the best place for these focused activities. The key ingredients for a creative interaction are a time, a place, a willing talking partner or audience and an engaging topic or activity.

If your child is reading a particular book at home or in class, try to incorporate words or ideas from that text into your activity. For example; if you are building your child's use of describing words, select a character from your child's reader to describe. Encourage increasingly expensive words such as the beautiful, gorgeous, stunning, breath-taking princess.

Positive communication experiences at home help children feel accepted and valued. Growth in spoken language skills will build children's self-confidence and help them learn to negotiate social interactions at school. This often transfers to other aspects of their learning and life.

Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level.

If you have any questions you can contact the Speech Pathologist through the school's special education co-ordinator Liz Tobin.

Good luck and most importantly enjoy this very special time with your child.

Children's Chatter Matters!

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

1. Get your child to explain the steps for an everyday activity e.g. making breakfast, tying shoelaces, brushing your teeth. Follow these steps exactly. For example, if your child says, "Pour the milk", then actually begin to pour the milk on the bench. Hopefully your child can repair the sentence and say "Pour the some milk into the bowl". Try this activity again the next day and see if your child can be more specific. Encourage your child to use linking words e.g. initially, first, next, then, afterwards, finally.

SCHEDULE FOR HEATHLETICS CARNIVAL, FEBRUARY, 22ND

The games will begin at 9.00am and finish at 1.00pm

Register for events, collect program, certificate, etc., at the Red Marquee, any time during the morning

As the events in this carnival are against the clock, you and your team can go in any number of events, or have several goes at the same event during the morning, simply by reporting to the officials at the appointed starting place.

Children's events and the Family Decathlon will be run during the first half of every hour. Music will be played during this time. Just report to the Club people in charge of particular items and listen to the announcements over the public address system.

Open age events will be run during the second half of each hour. Simply report to the Club people at the starting point of the event you wish to complete. Most events will start and finish at the Northern end goal square, or at the nearby swimming pool (no music in this time zone to distinguish it from the kids time and to avoid collisions).

Young children should be in responsible care, especially during the second half of each hour. Good food, including vegan option, and coffee for sale. The nearby swimming pool is open and free for the day.

This event is part of the Heathcote Community Sports Weekend auspiced by Heathcote Health Inc.

Catholic College Bendigo



We warmly invite parents of current Grades 4-6 students to attend a **Principal Walk** at Catholic College Bendigo during a regular school day. Other opportunities for parents to visit include **Open Day** on **Sunday 3 May** and **Transition Day** on **Friday 6 June**.

ABOUT

Principal Walks offer the opportunity to meet our Principal, **Mr Brian Turner** and walk around the La Valla campus where our Years 7, 8 and 9 students are based. The walks take approximately one hour, allowing time for questions.

DATES

Thursday 5 March, 9.00-10.00am

Thursday 7 May, 9.00-10.00am

at La Valla, McIvor Highway, Junortoun.

Entry via St Vincent's Road, Gate 3. Please park in the Visitors' Carpark and meet at the General Office.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Spaces are limited, so registration is essential. Please contact **Mrs Trish Martin** on 5449 3466; tmartin@ccb.vic.edu.au.



WELCOME TO THE FIRST EVER HEATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A family-friendly, laissez-faire sporting event at Barrack Reserve, Sunday, 22nd February - 9ish to 1ish

Simply arrive with your team or team up on the day, collect a program from the Red Marquee and enter the various events at your leisure.

A description and schedule of the events is attached.

Incentives and prizes to be advised.

Please note that the Family Decathlon can, and the Heathcote Triathlon does include a swim, and that entry to the pool is free.

Clean change facilities (M&F), gourmet BBQ and vegan option, barista coffee, jumping castle, music and more.

Enquiries and RSVP's most welcome
Bill Featherstone

HFNC Inc Committee : 0419 385 200



Heathcote Football Netball Club's Heathletics Carnival

Combining Athletics with AFL Football & Netball

Sunday 22nd February, 2015

9am—1pm

Free Entry
Including Swim
Relays
Family Games
Jumping Castle



First Ever Carnival
Come & Hold the Record
Gourmet BBQ
(Vegan Option)
Games & Fun for the Kids



Where: Barrack Reserve
High Street, Heathcote

HEATHLETICS CARNIVAL EVENTS ...Oval ball

1. 400m relay (1 lap total distance covered)....team time trial
Team size arbitrary Open age, mixed , mens or womens ,
Begin with kick-in from goal square..keep within running track..carry and pass oval ball according to afl rules for one lap, finish with a goal . Players who have already carried the ball may cross the ground to receive and/or carry again.
2. 800m relay..team time trial 2 laps total , rules as for event 1.
3. Fastest coast to coast, round the post and back goal.. Team composition arbitrary
4. Fastest Coast to Coast round the post and back Soccer goal with oval ball Team mix arbitrary
5. Goal kicking from 30m boundary zone..team average

HEATHLETICS CARNIVAL EVENTS...round ball....team size arbitrary

6. 200m (length of oval) team relay ,passing and moving the ball according to netball rules, Goal.
7. Other team routines involving goal-shooting

HEATHCOTE TRIATHLON. { Entry fee , prizes tba }

8. Open age triathlon, team of 1,2 or 3 people
 - A) Run... One player runs 400 m with oval ball, start the clock with a kickin , stop the clock with a goal
 - B) Swim... One player swims 50m against the clock
 - C) Goal Kicking/ Shooting .. One player, best of 5 kicks from 30m @45 deg or best of 5 throws

9. FAMILY DECATHLON

J Children accompanied... fill out your Certificate of Participation , by completing some or all of the following activities...walk/ jog a lap, skip 50 times, go in sack-race , egg & spoon, wheelbarrow race , shoot some nets , swim a lap, jump in the castle, three legged race , wheel-barrow race etc

TUCKSHOP

Helpers are needed. Please contact Michelle Scoble if you can assist.

CANTEEN MONDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY

NAME:

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CLASSROOM:I wish to orderserve/s

Ham & Cheese Pinwheel ☐

Vegetable & Rice Slice ☐

\$3.00 per serve Money enclosed \$

Please return order & money in an envelope to your classroom tomorrow, Friday, 13th February

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