

# St Ita's Newsletter

FAITH - WISDOM - KNOWLEDGE

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## 5th Sunday:

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the way of service and self-sacrifice, a way that sharply contrasts with contemporary societal messages that too often lead us to ask, "What's in it for me?"

Family life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize and attend to a variety of competing needs. We learn the value of putting others' needs ahead of our own. In family life we also learn that when we make personal sacrifices to serve others, we gain so much more than we may have lost.

As you gather as a family this week, talk about how important it is to your family life to gladly serve one another. Ask each family member to consider the last time that another family member asked for help. What was your response?

Did you cheerfully try to honour the request, or did you ask "Why me?"

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** Invite each family member to make a commitment for the next week to try to respond cheerfully to requests for help. Pray together, asking God's help with this commitment. Pray the Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

## *Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Father of mercy,  
bring us face to face  
with our own weakness  
when we are tempted  
to judge others.  
May we find peace and life  
in simply stepping back  
and allowing you  
to be the merciful Judge of us all.  
Amen.

### IMPORTANT DATES this week:

**TONIGHT** Wednesday 14th—**Sacrament of Reconciliation**—St Ita's Church—7pm

Thursday 15th—Whole school Mass—9.30am

Friday 23rd—Senior Athletics Grade 3-6—9am

Friday 23rd—hall assembly—2.45pm

*Principal's message*

As outlined in communications last year, St Ita's now comes under the governance of the CEO Sale, which in simple speak means that they are now our new employer. With the new employment agreement comes expectations that all Sale Diocese schools are fully aligned with the CEO Sale Educational Learning Reform Agenda and the CEO Sale Strategic Plan as set out by the CEO Sale.

One of the expectations is that all Sale Diocese schools are building the capacity of their middle level leaders throughout their learning communities by developing those teachers who aspire to take a lead teacher role in one of three different initiatives;

1. The CEO Sale Teaching and Learning Networks
2. The CEO Sale Literacy and Numeracy Collectives
3. The CEO Sale Masters of Clinical Teaching

To align ourselves with the CEO Sale Learning Reform Agenda and Strategic Plan will require our leadership staff to be out of their classroom at certain times each term to participate in the Professional Learning on the understanding that this learning will be brought back and shared with all St Ita's teaching staff.

The staff that will be attending the Professional Learning are;

- Andrew Osler in the role of school Principal
- Stephen Pitt and Robyn Lewry in the role of Deputy Principal
- Cory Monckton and Rosie Van den Broek in the role of Literacy and Numeracy Collectives
- Ann Gleeson in the role of Learning Adjustments Leader
- Leonie Treller in the role of Family partnerships Leader
- Megan McKellar, Stephen Pitt and Cory Monckton in the role of Level Leaders
- Rosie Van den Broek and Nicola Ablett in the role of Masters of Clinical Teaching Leader

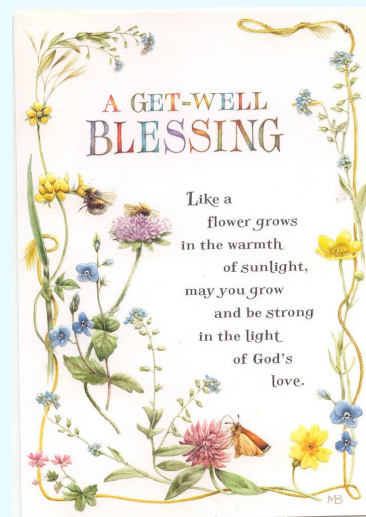
On days that the teachers listed above are out of the classroom, we use our bank of CRT's, (Casual Relief Teachers) to work in your child's classroom. CRT's are fully qualified teachers who will work in your child's classroom and follow the exact teaching plan that has been set out by the class teacher so that is support previous teachings. Where possible, we will try to use the same CRT in each classroom so that children have consistency.

As the year progresses, I will keep the St Ita's school community informed of future developments that evolve from the Teaching and Learning Network, the Literacy / Numeracy Collectives and the Masters of Clinical Teaching.

We thank you for your ongoing support in the partnership of your child's learning.

**MRS. LEWRY ON SICK LEAVE**

Please keep Mrs. Lewry in our thoughts and Prayers. Robyn was recently hospitalised with a bout of pneumonia and is recovering slowly. She will be on sick leave for the rest of this term and a replacement CRT will be sought to work in the 5-6 level to support Mr Pitt. We wish her a speedy recovery.





*Principal's message:*

### **Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity (ECSI) Surveys**

St Ita's School is a proudly Catholic primary school that strives to improve the learning and faith outcomes for all students. As part of our preparations for our school review in 2019, we are collecting evidence and data to help us reset our goals for student growth and learning. The data from the ECSI Surveys will help us to assess our successes of the last three years and set new targets to achieve in the coming four years (2019-2022). The Catholic University in Leuven (Belgium), was commissioned by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) to design a process and tools, based on sound research, to accomplish the goal of understanding our current Catholic identity and where the school community might like to see it in the future.

The online survey gathers responses from students in Years 5 and 6, all staff, and a representative sample of parents. We are asking as many parents as possible to complete the online surveys to help us collect this important data. Last week we sent home information on how to complete the surveys online, including website details, school codes and other information. The survey will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Please contact the office if you require the log-in details again.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



On Thursday 29th March, our Grade 5/6 students will be performing the Stations of the Cross for the school as a reflection on the events leading up to Easter. Every year the senior students depict the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and re-enacting Jesus' final hours and death on the cross.

It is a very moving experience for our students to witness and is an important way to end our term. The service will begin in the St Ita's Church at 11.30am and conclude around 12.30pm.

At the conclusion of the performance all students leave the hall in silence, remembering the death of Jesus on Good Friday. Parents are very welcome to attend this special event.

After this event, the P&F committee will draw the Easter Raffle prizes.

Please note there will be no assembly in the afternoon and school dismissal is at 2.20pm.

If you intend to pick your children up before dismissal time please inform your child's teacher & sign your children out of the office. Students will need to be collected from their classrooms.

### **END OF TERM ONE**

Term one ends on Thursday 29th March, at 2.20pm. Buses will run at 2.30pm.

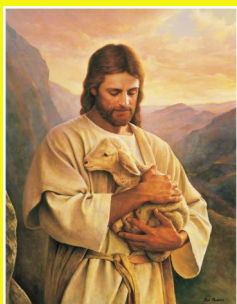
Classes resume for Term Two on Monday 16th April when the wearing of our Winter Uniform also commences.

Our annual school photos will take place the first week back at school on Thursday 19th April.

All students must be in full winter uniform on school photo day.

School uniforms are now purchased from the Beleza Uniform Shop in Williams Square, Warragul and we recommend purchasing your winter uniform early to ensure there is stock on hand.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES



### SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION TONIGHT

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation, will be celebrated TONIGHT:**  
**Wednesday 14th March** at 7:00pm in **St Ita's Church, Drouin.** OR  
**Thursday 15th March** at 7:00pm in **St Joseph's Church, Warragul.**

**Parents please remember to bring your child's Baptism sash.**

Please keep these children & families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. All Enquiries: Thérèse p:5623 1642 or email

[sacraments@warragulparish.org.au](mailto:sacraments@warragulparish.org.au) (Tue, Wed, Thur)

## EASTER EGG FOR A FREE DRESS DAY

The P&F committee are inviting all students to bring along an Easter egg or Easter gift in exchange for a free dress day on **Tuesday 27th March**. The Easter eggs will then be made into Hampers and raffled off on the last day of term, Thursday 29th March. Tickets are \$1 each and a booklet of 20 tickets was sent home to all families last week. More books are available from the office if required. Please return all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) & money by Tuesday 27th March & bring your Easter egg or gift to your classroom on this day.

## LUNCH TREATS



On Tuesday 27th March, the P&F lunch treats team will hold their first lunch treat day for the year. Lunch treat forms were sent home today. Please return your order with your money to your classroom teacher by Friday 23rd March. Late orders will not be accepted as food has to be ordered on the Friday. For those who are new to lunch treats, (it is different to the regular, weekly lunch orders) we prepare and serve lunch from the canteen in the hall. On the day of lunch treats, the yellow order forms are returned to your child and at lunch time, they line up at the canteen with their teacher and their order form and the "lunch treats team" will serve them lunch as per their order form.

We will try and accommodate any special dietary requirements. Please mark on your order form what special diet your child requires or contact Alli on [alli\\_1976@hotmail.com](mailto:alli_1976@hotmail.com). We hope your children enjoy LUNCH TREATS this year and if you have any thoughts/ comments/ feedback you can contact me on the above email address.

## Bereavement Ministry

On **Tuesday 10th April at 7.30 pm in the Marian Room**, Mrs Arda Tymensen will be our guest speaker addressing the subject of **COPING WITH GRIEF**. Arda is a very experienced Counsellor in the area of death and bereavement.



An invitation to attend is extended to all parishioners and friends from both Warragul and Drouin Parishes as well as members of our school communities who feel they would benefit from listening to Arda.

At some time in our lives we are confronted with the loss of a loved one and need support as we learn to cope with our grief. Please avail yourself of this opportunity. You are most welcome.

For more information you can contact: Susan Collis: 0407231292,  
Joan Robertson: 56231642 or Barbara Durand: 56254406

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**



**HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2018**

**RECONCILIATION 2<sup>ND</sup> RITE**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Warragul

**HOLY THURSDAY: 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper:**

Drouin: 7.30pm (Adoration until 10pm)

Neerim South: 7.30pm

**GOOD FRIDAY: 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Stations of the Cross**

Warragul: 10am

Drouin: 10.30am

**Celebrations of the Lord's Passion**

Warragul: 3.00pm

Drouin: 3.00pm

**HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL: 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Warragul: 7.30pm

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Warragul: 9.00

Neerim South: 9.00am

Drouin: 10.30am

**EXTRA INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATIONS?**

Warragul: Wednesday: 9.00am – 9.25

Drouin Saturday: 9.30am - 10.00am

Warragul: Saturday: 10.30am – 11.00am

## IMPORTANT NOTICES



### JOIN THE CHOIR

St. Joseph's Chorale invites all school students (Grade 2 and above) who are interested in learning to sing choral music. We practice every Friday during term at St Joseph's Church Warragul starting with afternoon tea from 3.30pm-4pm and practice from 4-4.30pm. We then sing once a month at St. Joseph's 7pm Saturday evening Mass, and other musical development opportunities exist, including the formation of a chamber choir (from term 2) and a yearly Christmas concert. If you are interested, please call Jenn on 0430 131 445 or drop in at one of our practices on Friday.

### URGENT: FAMILY MEALS REQUIRED



We are seeking the urgent assistance of generous cooks within our school community to help provide some hearty family cooked meals for our food bank freezer. These meals are kept in our school freezer and are distributed to all families within our school community that may be experiencing some temporary family stress to help provide a little comfort and convenience when it may be needed. (eg casseroles, pasta dishes, sausage rolls, soup, rice, lasagne, cake etc). Plastic and foil containers are available from the school office if required to fill with your cooked meal. Please label with a list of ingredients and the date that it was cooked. If at any time you are in need or know of someone in need, please contact the school office and we will do our best to help out. All information is handled sensitively and confidentially.

### PARENT INDUCTION & WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK

As teachers we really encourage and value any parents to assist in the classrooms, on excursions or for various sporting activities. To be able to assist, we do require all parents & volunteers to participate in a short parent induction session at school and a 'working with childrens' check is also required. The parent induction session only takes 10 minutes. These sessions are conducted by Leonie Treller in the Grade 2 classroom portable near the Drouin Rec Reserve gate. Please chat or email with Leonie to arrange an induction time. Email: [LTreller@stidrouin.catholic.edu.au](mailto:LTreller@stidrouin.catholic.edu.au).

Once you have these 2 pre-requisites, please make contact with your child's classroom teacher for ways in which you can assist.

### COLES—SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS Vouchers

Thank you to all the families who are sending in the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers, we currently have over **10,000 vouchers** & there are still plenty more that we have to count !! Please continue to send to school and drop in the box at the school office or in the **St Ita's box** at **Coles Drouin** Supermarket. The more we collect the more sports equipment we can claim.

Thank you again for your continued support.





## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### SCHOOL VEGGIE PATCH

The grade 2 students and teachers would like to thank the following families for donating items for our school veggie patch, without your generous support we could not put into action our integrated studies:

- The Kennedy & Garner family for outdoor paint
- The Jackson family for compost
- The Prewett family for seedlings
- Bunnings Warragul for assisting with paint tint and seedlings
- All families for their plastic lids—more are still required.



We are still collecting coloured **plastic** lids and bottle tops of all sizes & colours—think laundry detergents & Nappysan, drink bottles etc).

As long as they are plastic please keep, wash and send into school.

We are hoping to collect all **different colours & sizes** to create some fence art around the school veggie patch. Thank you for your help, Leonie Treller, Mandy Buttner & Liz Schellekens, Grade 2.





## SPORTS NEWS *by Mr Carroll*

### Division Swimming

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 17 students competed at the Division Swimming Carnival at the Warragul Outdoor Pool. It was perfect conditions for the swimmers and St. Ita's performed admirably against some high quality competitors and schools. Like the earlier District carnival, the team spirit and support amongst the St. Ita's group was fantastic. Each of the students performed very well and there was a couple of standout performances from Poppy Barry and Chloe Joiner. 9 students have now progressed through to the Gippsland Region Swimming Carnival to be held in Sale on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Results

##### **Freestyle**

12/13 Girls – Ashleigh Cunico 4<sup>th</sup>

11 Girls – Poppy Barry 1<sup>st</sup>

9/10 Girls – Chloe Joiner 1<sup>st</sup>, Harper Saddington 4<sup>th</sup>

##### **Backstroke**

12/13 Girls – Elloise Campbell 3<sup>rd</sup>

9/10 Boys – Harry Gargan 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### **Breaststroke**

12/13 Girls – Ashleigh Cunico 3<sup>rd</sup>

11 Girls – Poppy Barry 1<sup>st</sup>

9/10 Boys – Nate Joiner 4<sup>th</sup>

9/10 Girls – Mia Harrington 2<sup>nd</sup>, Zoe Harrington 4<sup>th</sup>

##### **Butterfly**

12/13 Girls – Heidi Spratt 3<sup>rd</sup>, Georgia Cumming 4<sup>th</sup>

9/10 Girls – Chloe Joiner 1<sup>st</sup> Mia Harrington 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### **4 x 50 m Freestyle Relays**

12/13 Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup>

11 Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup>

9/10 Boys – 3<sup>rd</sup>

9/10 Girls – 1<sup>st</sup>

##### **Open Medley Relay**

Girls – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Competitors who finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Individual events have progressed through to the Region Carnival. The Girls 9/10, 4 x 50 metre freestyle relay and the Girls open medley relay have also qualified. We wish the following students all the best in Sale on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.: *Poppy Barry, Elloise Campbell, Harry Gargan, Ashleigh Cunico, Mia Harrington, Heidi Spratt, Chloe Joiner, Zoe Harrington & Harper Saddington*





### SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 23rd March the annual Senior (Grade 3-6) Athletics Carnival will be held at the Drouin Recreation Reserve and the top Junior school Playground. This event will commence at 9 am and will finish at around 1.30 pm. Students should wear their house colours on this day and ensure they arrive to school wearing sunscreen. They must wear their hat and bring a drink bottle with them that they can carry to the different events and locations. We require parent helpers on the day. Please let Mr Carroll know if you can assist.

Students will be placed into a group based on their gender and age, with 8 groups in total. The age groups are the following: 8/9, 10, 11 and 12/13. Please note, however, that this carnival will also form as a qualifier for the District Carnival which will be held on the 23rd April and that performing very well in a group at the school carnival will not necessarily mean qualification for the District carnival. At the District level and the various School Sport Victoria (SSV) competitions, the age groups are different and are 9/10, 11 and 12/13 years. Students are placed into age groups based on the age they are turning (or have turned) in 2018. For example, if a student is turning 11 before the 31st December, 2018, they will be in the 11 years age group.

Each group will move through eight different rotations (events) on the day. These events are the 200 metres, 100 metres, hurdles, discus, shot put, long jump and there will also be two novelty events.

### PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS & PERFORMANCE NIGHT

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN  
AT ST ITAS FOR TERM 2!



\$30 Per Lesson  
\*SINGING LESSONS  
\*GUITAR LESSONS  
\$20 per lesson  
\*DRUM LESSONS

CONTACT MEG: 0419 291 081  
EMAIL: megdohertymusic@gmail.com

'Performance Night' for all students

Date: Wednesday 28th March 2018

Where: Longwarry Hall

Time: 7pm till Late

Snacks & Beverages served



Please RSVP to Meg on 0419 291 081  
by the 20th March 2018



Marist-Sion College  
Year 7 2019  
**ENROLMENTS  
NOW OPEN**  
Enrolments Close  
March 28, 2018

For enrolment enquiries please call our  
Enrolment Officer on 5623 5944



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# DROUIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION TIME

Visit [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) to register

**STARTS:** 20/04/2018 - **ENDS:** 29/06/2018  
**TIME:** 5PM **SESSION:** 90 MINUTES  
**PRICE:** \$91.00 **LOCATION:** BELLBIRD PARK

Email: [andrewmckenzie73@gmail.com](mailto:andrewmckenzie73@gmail.com)



**CONTACT: ANDREW MCKENZIE 0457 447 181**

## GREYHOUND HOLIDAY FUN DAY

**WARRAGUL**  
GREYHOUND RACING CLUB

Logan Park, Korumburra-Warragul Road, Warragul

**07 APRIL**  
**2018**

**FREE**  
Day of Fun

**& WARRAGUL TRACK  
REOPENING**  
Find out more at  
[warragul.grv.org.au](http://warragul.grv.org.au)  
Gates Open  
5:00pm

**TURBO**

Is coming to your local greyhound racing club this school holidays for a **FREE** day of fun, competitions and giveaways the whole family can enjoy.

**FREE GIVEAWAYS  
AND MEALS  
FOR KIDS**

**INFLATABLE RIDES**

**THE GREYHOUND  
GAMES**

**WARRAGUL REOPENING**  
\$25pp all you can eat 6-8pm  
& KIDS EAT FREE!



**COME AND  
TRY**



Warragul United MiniRoos  
Season starts - April 21



**9am Saturday March 17th**

**Geoff Watt Track**

**Ages 4-9**  
[wusminirooms@hotmail.com](mailto:wusminirooms@hotmail.com)





# ST ITA'S SCHOOL CALENDAR

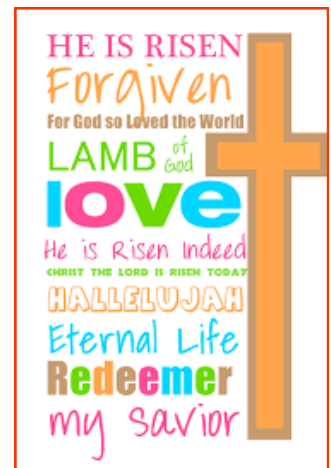
## TERM 1—2018

### MARCH

Wednesday 14th	Foundation students commence Wednesday classes
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	<b>First Reconciliation—St Ita's Church 7pm.</b>
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	<b>Whole school Mass—9.30am.</b>
Thursday 15th	Regional swimming @ Sale.
Wednesday 21st	Foundation students have classes.
Friday 23rd	Senior Athletics Sports Day –Gr 3-6.
Friday 23rd	Whole school hall assembly—2.45pm
Tuesday 27th	Lunch Treats day. <b>Return raffle tickets.</b>
Tuesday 27th	P&F fundraiser—An Easter egg for a free dress day.
Wednesday 28th	Foundation students have classes
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	<b>Holy Thursday. Whole school liturgy 11.30am.</b>
Thursday 29th	Easter raffle drawn.
Thursday 29th	End of term 1 @ 2.20pm.
<b>Friday 30th</b>	<b>Good Friday.</b>

### APRIL

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>Easter Sunday.</b>
Tuesday 10th	Parish Coping with Grief Guest speaker
Monday 16th	Term 2 commences—Winter uniform
Thursday 19th	School photo day—Winter uniform



### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Warragul : Saturday night 7:00 p.m. & Sunday morning 9:00 a.m.**

**Drouin : Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Neerim South : Saturday evening 5:30 p.m.**

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