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### Jacob and Nick with Mr Austin in Technology THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths" is a great testimony from Proverbs 3:5-6 as to the confidence we have in the Lord God as our Shepherd.

Psalm 23, our current passage for learning, reminds us that He leads us into green pastures, beside the still waters, restores our soul, and takes us through our challenges and is right there with us in all of life.

In fact God has given us a promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever and we know that after this Earthly life is finished, there is an eternity to enjoy God forever for those who love Him and who invite Him to be their Lord, Saviour and make Him the Shepherd of their lives. What a joy it is to know Him in His fullness.

Phil Chapman

# SPECIAL WORKSHOP WITH SIMON CAMILLERI & THE BACKYARD BARD

Castlemaine Church of Christ, 66 Blakeley Road, on Sunday 29th May.

Simon Camilleri will be bringing a dramatized presentation of the Book of Philippians in the 10.30am morning service, then holding a Workshop in the afternoon from 1pm—4pm.

This is an exciting opportunity for students to be involved and a great preparation for Student Convention to be held later this year.

Cost is \$15 per person.

**LOTE NEWS** 

Our LOTE teacher, Miss Jess Brennan, is on leave overseas for a few weeks and Mrs Jan Chapman will be relieving until her return.

Year 5-6 Students on Canberra Trip

In the Newsletter today, you will find a copy of the Auslan alphabet – it would be good to place these in a prominent place for your children to learn – this is especially useful for the ELC and Delta classes which are still mastering these.

Yesterday the Year 7, 8 and 9 classes had a visit from David Oliver from Vic Deaf who reminded us how important it is to protect our hearing.

He encouraged the students to not have their ipods and electronic equipment turned up too loudly or they will damage the fine hairs in the cochlear which aid the transportation of sound to our brains. These hairs never repair once they are damaged.

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Each year the Heart Foundation holds a fund raiser through the schools to continue lifesaving work in research and health programs. As part of our Community Service the students will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. This endeavour involves children collecting donations to raise funds for the Heart Foundation.

On Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> we will stage a tabloid skipping afternoon where some of our Secondary students will demonstrate their skipping rope skills and lead small group challenges for the younger classes.

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Students doing Food Technology will cook a BBQ lunch to assist with the fund raising.

The Heart Foundation provides incentive prizes for amounts raised over specified limits.

In order to register, parents must complete the permission on the Sponsorship Form and return it to school for authorization before any donations are collected. Please get your form into the office by Tuesday if possible.

### TABLOID SPORTS DAY FOR ELC STUDENTS

An interschool activity morning for the ELC is coming up next week (Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>).

A Tabloid Sports morning will be hosted by year 9 students at the Castlemaine Junior Secondary Campus in Blakeley Rd - weather permitting! We will travel by bus to the venue and return to school around 1.15 pm. Children will need to wear their sports uniform and bring along their lunch/snacks/drink, medications and a coat if needed on the day. Please see Mr Treloar if you are available to assist as a helper/spectator.

### PERMISSION FORM ELC TABLOID SPORTS

give permission for my child
Signed

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Castlemaine Church of Christ will be hosting Australia's biggest morning tea on Thursday June 2nd at 10.30am at 66 Blakeley Road Castlemaine.

Come along and enjoy a delicious morning tea, and help to raise funds for Cancer research, prevention and support at the same time.

Entry by Donation. Children welcome. Enquiries Bronwen McCoy 5472 1053

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the LOUREY LOW LYNE and MALTBY Families.

### **COMPETITIONS HELD NEXT WEEK**

Next Wednesday, the Year 9 students will be sitting the Australian History Competition while next Thursday, all secondary students will be completing the Big Rio Science Competition.

## ADVANCE NOTICE FOR SECONDARY HONOUR ROLL THIS TERM

The Secondary Honour Roll Trip this term will be to the AFL Night AFL Match Essendon vs Hawthorn on Friday 24th June. All students are reminded of their need to have completed all set work up to this date to be eligible to attend the trip.

### **ANAPHYLAXIS UPDATE**

This is just a reminder for staff, parents and students to still be vigilant when it comes to nuts and peanut butter sandwiches in the school. We still need to be careful to be aware of any possible anaphylactic reaction from students.

MR CHAPMAN attended the National Policy Forum in Canberra on Monday and Tuesday this week for Executives in Christian Schools across Australia.

Keynote speakers included:

Mr Peter Garrett, Federal Minister for Education, Mr Christopher Pyne, Federal Shadow Minister for Education;

Dr Peter Hill, CEO of ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority);

Mr Tony Mackay, Deputy Chair, ACARA and Chairman of AITSL (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership);

and Kathryn Greiner from the Federal Funding Review Committee.

It was also very encouraging to attend a workshop on Christian Leadership in schools, run by Dr Phil Cummins, CEO of CIRCLE (Centre for Innovation, Research, Creativity and Leadership in Education)

We were reminded again that God is at the centre of Christian Education ministry, and is constantly seeking to raise up student leaders to be the nation's leaders in the future.

We are to encourage our students to be strong in their faith, to move purposefully and passionately towards the call of God on their lives, and to honour Him in their mission.



