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NEWSLETTER NO.23  
FRIDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,  
Wow, wow, wow! As I said at the end of each of our 2019 production performances, "Hidden talent and a little bit of magic was presented by each and every one of our students."

The three performances of 'Where's the Green Sheep' could not have happened without the support of so many of you who assisted Eloise Meyer (our performing arts teacher) to put together the props, the costumes, makeup and instil so much enthusiasm into our students through your own actions. Eloise greatly appreciated the enormous support she felt and how many parents shared their own skills, time and knowledge to make this year's performances so magical. Photos taken will be up on display on our hallway TV next week. A big thank you to Sacred Heart College for providing their theatre, resources and personnel.

Kindest regards,  
Debbie Geisler - Principal



## Dates for the Diary

### Term 3 Week 5

**Monday: 12.08**

- Staff Prayer & Briefing: 8.15am

**Tuesday: 13.08**

- ESO Meeting 2.30pm
- **CDSSA Basketball**
- School nurse to visit Prep students

**Wednesday: 14.08**

- **Whole School Class Mass for the Feast of the Assumption – 9.30am: Hosted by Grade 1/2T & 4/5F**
- School nurse to visit Prep students
- **NO CANTEEN**

**Thursday: 15.08**

- PLT Focus: (Snr) - Mathematics
- Staff Meeting 3.45pm: School Review

**Friday: 16.08**

- Canteen Day
- Gr 5/6 Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
- PLT Focus: (Jnr) - Mathematics
- ONWZ Principals Network

**Saturday: 17.08**

- **Class Family Mass Gr 5/6P & 5/6M**

**Sunday: 18.08**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Week 6

**Monday: 19.08**

- Staff Prayer & Briefing: 8.15am
- **School Assembly: 2.55pm**

**Tuesday: 20.08**

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**Wednesday: 21.08**

- **Class Mass – 9.30am: Grade 2T**
- Canteen Day

**Thursday: 22.08**

- Deputy Principals Conference
- PLT Focus:
- Staff Meeting – 3.45pm

**Friday: 23.08**

- Deputy Principals Conference
- PLT Focus: (Jnr)
- Canteen Day

**Saturday: 24.08**

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**Sunday: 25.08**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Week 7

**Monday: 26.08**

- Staff Prayer & Briefing: 8.15am
- **Book Fair Parade – 9.15am**

**Tuesday: 27.08**

- ESO Meeting 2.30pm
- **Book Fair**

**Wednesday: 28.08**

- **Book Fair**

- o Canteen Day

**Thursday: 29.08**

- o **Book Fair**
- o Staff Meeting – 3.45pm
- o PLT Focus: (Snr)
- o Learning Diversity Network

**Friday: 30.08**

- o **Father's Day Breakfast – 7.30am**
- o **Father's Day Stall**
- o **Footy Colours Day**
- o PLT Focus: (Jnr)
- o Canteen Day

**Saturday: 31.08**

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**Sunday: 01.09**

- o 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- o Father's Day

## Week 8

**Monday: 02.09**

- o Staff Prayer & Briefing: 8.15am
- o **School Assembly**

**Tuesday: 03.09**

- o Day set aside for excursions

**Wednesday: 04.09**

- o **Class Mass – 9.30am Grade 3/4M**
- o Canteen Day

**Thursday: 05.09**

- o PLT Focus: (Snr) - Mathematics
- o Staff Meeting – 3.45pm: RE Curriculum & Forward Planning

**Friday: 06.09**

- o PLT Focus: (Jnr) - Mathematics
- o Canteen Day

**Saturday: 07.09**

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**Sunday: 08.09**

- o 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Week 9

**Monday: 09.09**

- o Staff Prayer & Briefing: 8.15am

**Tuesday: 10.09**

- o ESO Meeting 2.30pm

**Wednesday: 11.09**

- o Canteen Day
- o **Class Mass – 9.30am Grade 3/4PB**
- o Cyber Safety Information Night 6-7pm

**Thursday: 12.09**

- o Staff Meeting 3.45pm:
- o PLT Focus: Forward Planning Term 4 (SNR)

**Friday: 13.09**

- o PLT Focus: Forward Planning Term 4 (JNR)
- o Canteen Day

**Saturday: 14.09**

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**Sunday: 15.09**

- o 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Week 10

**Monday: 16.09**

- o Staff Prayer & Briefing: 8.15am
- o **School Assembly 2.55pm**

**Tuesday: 17.09**

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**Wednesday: 18.09**

- o Canteen Day

**Thursday: 19.09**

- o **End of Term Mass: (TBA)**
- o **End of Term Dismissal Time: 3.30pm**

**Friday: 20.09**

- o School Closure – Staff Retreat

# WHERE'S THE GREEN SHEEP PRODUCTION 2019





We had a wonderful start to our Kids Garden Club on Tuesday. Up to nearly 30 students came together under the guidance of Meagan Stewart and her parent helpers. The students' first job was to weed all the raised garden beds in preparation for planting. Then some potatoes were planted in one of the garden beds. It was amazing how much was achieved in just one lunchtime.



Next week some 'greens' will be planted in some of the other vegetable garden beds. Meagan is looking forward to seeing more enthusiastic 'green thumbs' next Tuesday 13th August at lunchtime.



## My Strange Day Out Fishing

I went to the ocean to go fishing off Rogers's boat with day, my Baylee, Roger and I.

We were having lots of fun fishing and I caught 25 fish all by myself! When I caught them they put up a very good fight. I was so tired.

I caught one more fish but it was so big and I shouted, "I've got an octopus on my line." I was completely bewildered! I pulled it onto the boat and we took photos of it. I was patting it and it let me! It felt different and weird.

Then it reached its tentacles into the water and brought up fish with its suckers!

Stay tuned...Chapter Two next week😊

By: Tyler 3/4M

## The Show



The lights dimmed and the music began. I had rehearsed and rehearsed for this moment. I didn't want to mess up and I didn't. I danced across the stage then I ran off. I only had a singlet and leggings on so it was going to be an easy change. I took them off and quickly put my gold, sparkly and black leotard on. Then I ran back on and did the actions I had rehearsed. I finished the dance and every rose to their feet and clapped.

By: Isla 1/2T



I was shaking, literally shaking because it was our biggest performance yet!!!

It was Friday the 2nd of August. We stood in our order, walked down the steep stairs which I like to call them "The Suspense Stairs!" I named them that because I get a tingly suspense feeling down my spine.

Suddenly...FLASH!!! Blue lights came on to signal that we were ready. The lights were blue because our song was Blue (Da ba dee) and we had flashing lights connected to us. All of course were blue. It was hard not to turn them on to test if they worked but they worked well.

Suddenly the performance that was before us ended. It was show time.

My heart sank repetitively but when our song started, I felt confident. It was time to turn our lights on!! We turned them on at the same time. The crowd went wild and the dance wasn't even over. I was thrilled!

After the dance we walked up "the suspense stairs" and enjoyed the rest of the night.

By Ben 3/4PB



Lights! Camera! Action! 3/4PB were nearly on stage. On Friday the 2nd of August we performed in Where's the Green Sheep production in Kyneton at Sacred Heart.

I was so nervous and excited at the same time. BUT in a flash we were on stage singing to Blue. Three...Two...One...Zero and we GLOWED, GLOWED, GLOWED Blue! In our dance we did some slow tutting and some fast tutting. We flashed fast and slow all in pitch black.

After our dance we watched a movie called Inside out. I liked it! We had FUN because it was FUN!

Soon it was time to go home. It was very, very, very late at night. We drove home and went to bed. We all had a fun night watching and dancing.

By Tilly 3/4PB

## THE NED SHOW - REVIEW

Hahahaha! I just got back from the comedic and motivating show, The N.E.D Show. NED's letters stand for something **N** for never give up, **E** for encouraging others and **D** for do your best. Overall it was very funny and very motivating. It will make me chase my dreams with more passion.

By Luke 4/5F



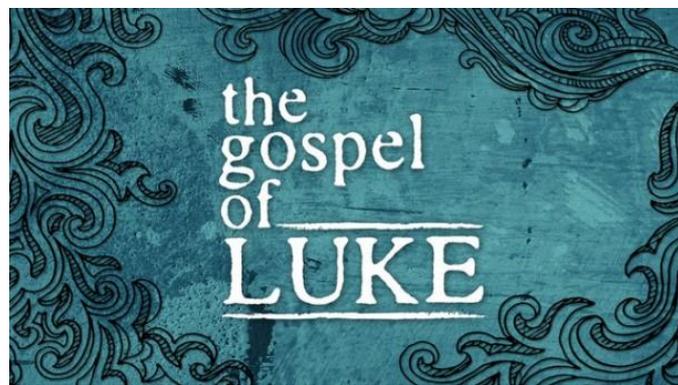
Find out more by visiting the Parents or Kids section at: <http://mindsetmission.com/>

# Gospel Reflection –

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also **live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives.** It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible. We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. **Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.**

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## This Weekends Gospel

Luke 12:35-40

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



are  
you  
ready!

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# STUDENT AWARDS

**Prep E Amity C**

For always contributing to class discussions and putting in a great effort towards her writing.

**Prep E Poppy O**

For showing great listening skills and participating enthusiastically in our school production!!

**Prep M Joshua B**

For sharing and explaining his thinking during Number Talks.

**Prep M Annabelle W**

For her enthusiasm and creativity when writing.

**1/2R Mary C**

For being an enthusiastic performer at the school production.

**1/2R Ayden H**

For being an active participant during SMART spelling activities.

**1/2TW Austin S**

For participating in the school production happily!

**1/2TW Maeve D**

For trying hard and staying focused to produce her best writing.

**2T Liv S**

For her persistence when reading and using strategies to help with unknown words!

**2T John P**

For listening to feedback to improve his learning.

**3/4M Millie S**

For consistent hard work in all tasks.

**3/4M Rachael F**

For her persistence with improving her handwriting.

**3/4M Seb B**

For his focus while writing his narrative.

**3/4M Fiachra**

For finding interesting facts about freezing and melting.

**3/4PB Jemima D**

For consistently putting in her best efforts during learning tasks.

**3/4PB Ben C**

For using great expression and interesting vocabulary when writing.

**4/5F Aidan W**

“Super Spelling” attempts at difficult words!

**4/5F Adelaide L**

For always showing a caring attitude to others!

**5/6M Georgia B**

For her continued excellence during our school production.

**5/6M Harrison T**

For always being the first to put his hand up “to lend a hand!” Perfect!

**5/6P Bronte M**

For always staying on task during down time at rehearsals.

**5/6P Lucy P**

For her excellent performance during the production.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS

**Riley C** – Strengthen positive behaviour

**Alexandra M** – Include everyone



30 July

Flynn F (5/6P)

31 July

Alessio L (2T)

2 August

Elijah E (1/2R)

Millie S (3/4M)

Noah S (3/4PB)

5 August

Mary F (5/6M)

7 August

Amelia S (Prep M)

William M (5/6M)

8 August

Indie R (1/2TW)

9 August

Mila H (1/2TW)

10 August

Noah N (3/4PB)

11 August

Kira V (Prep E)



# FOOTY COLOURS DAY... IS COMING!

Dear St Ambrose Families,

Wear your 'Footy Colours' on **Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August** and bring a gold coin to raise money for children with cancer! This annual fundraiser coincides with the **Father's Day Breakfast** which begins at **7.30am** on the same day. We encourage all our Dads to wear their favourite sporting teams colours on the morning too!

## Taking her place on the 2019 Footy Colours Day team is Swai!



Joining the Footy Colours Day lineup in 2019 and capturing our hearts with her cheeky smile is nine-year-old Swai.

Swai who loves riding her bike, surfing, reading and creating started showing signs that all was not right in late 2016 when she began to complain of leg and arm pain and was losing weight. Despite many trips to the doctors, it wasn't until a family camping trip in January 2017 when Swai could no longer walk that her parents were advised to take her to the hospital. Following several tests her parents were delivered the devastating news that Swai had Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia.

Swai's mum, Sam, recalls her daughter's no-fuss attitude to the news, "I remember breaking the news to her and the first thing Swai said was 'So how do we get rid of it?'. That was her first reaction and I remember thinking, 'Yep that's pretty much it. How DO we get rid of it?'"

Swai's diagnosis and subsequent invasive and constant treatment meant she missed attending most of Year 2 at school.

"It wasn't until people started asking me in the community 'Will she have to repeat?' that I thought 'Oh I don't think so'. Fortunately she didn't have to, but it does happen."

Swai was fortunate to have the same amazing teacher for Year 2 as she did for Year 1 who was able to provide Swai with work she could do at home and in hospital with the Fight Cancer Foundation's education support team.

Swai was also able to play games, link up with her school, and complete some math and reading

activities when she felt well enough to join our education support team who run lessons in the waiting area of the Oncology Clinic.

Swai's determined nature spurred her return to school full time the year after.

"She had a different teacher in Year 3, whom was awesome as well which meant it was a really smooth transition back to school. We started with her staying up to recess and after the first day she said 'No, I want to go the whole day', so it was just the first day she did till recess," said Sam.

In year 4 now, Swai enjoys math, reading, writing, art and science. Like any other nine-year-old her future career plans continue to change from paleontologist to teacher and now singer/actor! Sam who has always regularly donated to charity says their family now knows firsthand the importance of supporting charities like Fight Cancer Foundation.

"Now that we know what it feels like to be one of those families that has gone through something like this we understand how important it is to do a fundraiser like Footy Colours Day. Footy Colours Day provides a really fun way for everyone to get involved.



St Ambrose Mini Vinnies/Social Justice Team 2019  
(Heidi, Georgia, Mia, Isabelle, Lucy, Nash, Zac & Archie)



# Welcome

## Mrs. Parnis



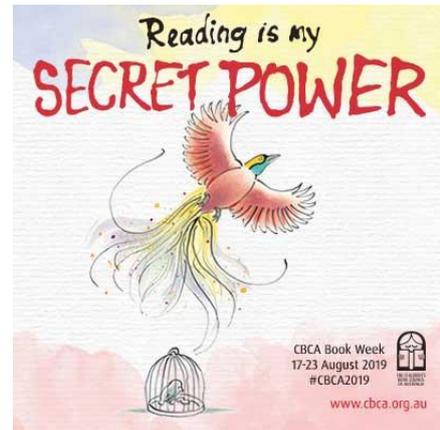
We would like to warmly welcome Mrs. Bernadette Parnis to our St Ambrose staff and community. Mrs.

Parnis has kindly taken on the role of Reading Recovery Teacher for the rest of this year.

Bernadette has worked in many Catholic Primary Schools and brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise in all areas of learning and teaching. We haven't been able to give Bernadette a warm welcome with our Woodend weather but please, if you see Bernadette in the corridors of a morning, say 'Hello.'



## Book Week 2019



### Have you got your Book Week Costume sorted yet?

You might like to consider the Book Week Theme for this year which is "Reading is my Secret Power" or perhaps focus on a character from your favourite book. There are a lot of costume ideas here:

<http://childrensbooksdaily.com/top-30-book-week-costumes-for-find-your-treasure/>

Children are invited on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August** to come dressed as something or someone reflected in a book they are familiar with.

Our annual **Book Parade** will happen at **9:15am** – you are all warmly invited to attend.

Book Fair is a celebration of the wonderful gift of books and we are running our Book Fair sales again this year. You might like to support your child to make a purchase before or after school.

### Book Fair Sales Time

**Tuesday – Thursday**

**Before School: 8.30am – 9am**

**After School: 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

The Book Fair is a major fundraiser for the Library – for every dollar spent we are allocated Scholastic Reward Points, it is with these Reward Points that we are able to have such a wonderfully robust selection of books in our Library for the children to enjoy. Having said all of this please be reassured that purchasing books is completely optional.

Thanks for your continued support.  
Tracey Paton







