From Pastor Gus

The blessing and benefits of God’s Word

Are you a sprinter or a stayer?
Sprinting was never my forte. I do so much better at endurance activities. It was interesting watching the cross country events last Friday. We got to learn something about the children, and hopefully they also learned some things about themselves. Some runners went out hard, perhaps too hard too soon, and they tired and were overrun by other competitors. Others were able to sustain their pace throughout the race. And some left their run too late.

The journey of life is somewhat like a long distance, endurance race. The length of the race varies for us all. The encouragement of God’s Word is for us to ‘run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfector of our faith.’ (Hebrews 12:1-2)

But we need more than encouragement for the journey, we also need direction. God’s Word is our guide for good living. It’s our road map for the journey. It tells us where and it shows us how. The apostle Paul encourages the young Timothy and us all: ‘All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.’ (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT) God’s Word is helpful because it teaches us both how to live productive lives and how to live in harmony with others, bringing blessings to them.

Tomorrow the Year Two children will receive their personal copy of the Bible. An exciting day for them! May we all model a life of reading God’s Word for the young to follow and may we encourage them to also ‘get into the Word’.

Prayer
Thank you Father for giving us your Word. Thank you for pointing us to Jesus and help us to follow him in our lives, so that we may bless others and honour you. Amen

SCHOOL AEROBICS TEAM
We wish all the girls the best of luck in Geelong this weekend.

Prayer Points
We pray for:
- The Year 1 and 2 Sleepover/Games Night
- The Kerr family on the passing of their mum, Renae
- The School Aerobics Team as they compete this weekend
- All those grieving the loss of Renae

In our prayers this week
Our School families
Monday May 2nd
Russell & Leoni Heard and family
Graham & Susie Hedt and family

Tuesday May 3rd
Peter & Kylie Hermans and family
Ashley & Shemi Hicks and family

Wednesday May 4th
Grant & Christy Muller and family
John & Cindy Hirst and family

Thursday May 5th
Peter Hobbs & Tammy Hayter-Hobbs and family
Shaine Hobbs and family

Friday May 6th
Kevin & Nadine Hoffmann and family
David & Avril Hogan and family

Worship Services
HTLS Chapel - Friday 29th April 9am - Year 2C
Yr 2 Bible Presentation & Share Care Installation
Holy Trinity Church
Sunday 1st May
9.00am - Holy Communion
10.00am - Kids' Time
10.30am - Holy Communion
7.00pm - Holy Communion

Jing Award
This week’s Award went to

Ella
Congratulations

Uniform Shop Hours
Tuesdays 9am - 4pm
Fridays 9 - 10am

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Awards
Last week’s Awards went to
FG Maya
FL Lily
FS Brodie
Yr 1B Brodie
Yr 1M Emma
Yr 2C Jake
Yr 2F Indira
Yr 3C Nash
Yr 3D Tess
Yr 4H Armani
Yr 4K Charlotte
Yr 5H Claudia
Yr 5T Amy
Yr 6E Isaac
Yr 6T Ryan
Music Chloe
Sport All House & Vice Captains

From the Principal
During the holidays I spent just over a week interviewing our Preps for next year and this has always been the signal for Margaret to venture down to Melbourne for a woman’s holiday. No shopping for me, no art galleries, no museums, no walking around the CBD until your feet ache, no swelling ankles and no sitting through chick flicks. I would have to struggle through a bachelor’s week; bachelor food and bachelor rules! It was going to be tough, but I was ready to give it a go.

Work was already organized so I really only had to worry about my diet; what I was going to eat and if there was enough sport on telly. I had a squiz in the fridge and saw that Margaret had stocked it with fresh vegies, fruit and other superfoods that I’m sure would add years to my life, but they didn’t really have that MKR wow factor. What was really needed to add balance to my diet were meat pies, sausages and a couple of pork chops.

As I was selecting my protein from the supermarket I happened to wander down a particular aisle and I spied those containers of instant pancake mix. Pancakes for dessert sounded like a great idea but there was no need to buy an instant mix when I could make my own. When I returned home I put a cup of flour, one egg and a cup of milk into a bowl and stirred it around until most of the bigger lumps had disappeared. Not forgetting that I needed to eat fruit, I also put in a handful of sultanas, a few currants and a small dollop of cream just for good luck. No matter what really happened, you’re just going to have to believe me that it was a “one-off” taste sensation!

I began to think that in a simplistic way, we are a little like that bowl of pancake mix. In many ways each of us has the same common things inside a layer of skin and it is what is added to us that contributes a great deal to who and what we are. A good measure of work ethic, a cup of good manners, a tablespoon of respect, a dash of kindness, a pinch of humility, a squeeze of tolerance, a large dollop of love and then stir well. A pretty good recipe for a pretty good person, but the mixture needs to be tended with love and care. Parenting presents us with what appears to be many opposing tensions, such as protecting and controlling what our children do, but not in such a way that it smothers or impedes the necessary degree of independence that they need to acquire. I thank God for the students and parents of this school and pray that the Christian education we offer proves to be a valuable ingredient in your child’s development.

Mr Jeff Gork
Principal

Funeral for Renae Kerr
Renae’s funeral will be held on Thursday 5th May at 1:30pm at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Baillie Street, Horsham. Afternoon tea to follow.

Regular Weekly Chapel
This Friday Mrs Cramer & Mrs Koschmann and the Year 2C class will lead Chapel. Bibles will be presented to the Year 2 students and any new students. Share Care representatives for each class will also be installed. Visitors are welcome to join us for this Service at 9:00am in the Hall.

Chapel Offerings
Last week’s offering totalled $72.30.

As part of our philosophy at HTLS we encourage students to be mindful of people less fortunate than themselves. Bringing a small offering to Chapel on Fridays is a wonderful way to display this. Chapel offerings are donated to various charities throughout the year.

Mother’s Day Celebrations
Junior Red Cross Fundraiser
There are still plenty of tickets available. Replies are due back by next Thursday, 5th May.
If you have already purchased tickets, please check in your child’s bag for a named envelope.

Face Book Photos
When posting photos on facebook, please be mindful that we have families at school who do not wish to publish photos of their child/ren on the internet. If you post photos please ensure they only show your own child.

Lucky Banker
Lily, pictured below is the Lutheran Lucky Banker for this week.

Canteen Roster - Term 2
Serving
5th May - Kara Puls
12th May - Nicole Drendel
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Parent Directory
Please add our new family to your directory -
Jacinta McAlpine, 76 Dooen Road, Horsham
PO Box 41, Murtoa 3390 Mobile 0458 852170
Tuskan - 6E

Lost Property
The following items have been lost:
- Jessica Daniell named Size 10 woollen school jumper
- Toby Allan named Size 6 polar fleece sports jumper
Please check your child/ren have the correct jumpers at home. Thank you.

Weekly Walking Wheeling Wednesday
We encourage everyone to keep on walking, riding or scooting to school every Wednesday.

**FUN FACT**
On average, every minute of walking can extend your life by 1.5-2 minutes.

Chapel Roster - Term 2
Fri 6th May - Yr FL
Fri 13th May - Yr FS
Fri 20th May - Yr FG
Fri 27th May - Yr 1M
Fri 3rd June - Yr 3D
Fri 10th June - Yr 2F
Fri 17th June - Yr 5T
Fri 24th June - Yr 6E
Closing Service

Mother’s Day Activities - Friday 6th May
9:00am Chapel - Led by Foundation L

10:00 - 11:20am Morning Tea
For all Mothers and family visitors, hosted by the Junior Red Cross.

11:30am - 12:30pm Mother's Day Concert
All are welcome to attend the Mother's Day Concert in the school hall at 11.30am. The concert will be hosted by the Year 4 Choir. Performers will include the School Musical Cast, The Energetix Aerobics Team, the Years 4, 2 and 1 Choirs, the FG class and some Middle School Music Elective students.

12:30pm Mother's Day Lunch
After the concert all are invited to a BYO luncheon at the school. The Mother's Day lunch is a traditional and popular event on our school calendar. The students look forward to having lunch with their visitors on this special day. Visitors and children bring their own lunch to school and everyone meets in the quadrangle to eat together.

All are welcome to attend any or all of these events, especially Mothers.

SATURDAY 14TH MAY
7.30PM
HOLY TRINITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

$25 ticket includes finger food free drinks
Come for a fun night out live music in a relaxed environment bring your friends and wear your favourite scarf!

Hear the inspiring story of Nkandu Beltz
Hosted by HTLS PTFA—MC Andrea Cross

On Tuesday, the Year 2 students went on an excursion and visited some historical sites around Horsham

Ryan & Laetitia attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service
Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our cross country last Friday. You all did a fantastic job to run such a long way. Thank you to everyone who came along to encourage and support the students. Congratulations to Wimmera house for winning the cross country house shield for 2016 and to the following medal winners:

- 5/6 Year Olds: Fletcher & Kirrily
- 7 Year Olds: Nash & Emma
- 8 Year Olds: Harry & Prue
- 9 Year Olds: Dezi & Cadi
- 10 Year Olds: Jackson & Makai
- 11 Year Olds: Joel & Ella
- 12 Year Olds: Ryan & Kayla

HCPSSA Cross Country

Well done to all of the students who competed at yesterday’s Horsham City Primary School Sport Association Cross Country. The students all did a fantastic job and represented the school competitively. Congratulations to the following place getters who have qualified to compete at the next stage of cross country in Kaniva on the 17th of May:

- 10 Year Olds: Sophie – 3rd
- 11 Year Olds: Joel – 1st
- 12/13 Year Olds: Kayla – 2nd

Year 6 Girls Football

On Friday the 29th of April, the Year 6 girls will be competing in an AFL Girls round robin tournament against other Year 6 girls from Horsham West, Horsham Primary and St. Michael’s. The games will follow Under 12 rules and run for 2 x 12 minute halves. A HCPSSA Girls Football Shield will be awarded to the winning team on the day. Students will be provided with a uniform. If parents wish to organise mouth guards they will need to provide them. A note with more information has been sent home.