

LUMEN CHRISTI'S SCHOOL VISION: "WE ARE CALLED TO SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD!"

Delacombe's Lumen Christi School Community undertook a review and renewal process of our Vision and Mission statement this year, as a response to recommendations from our School Review last year.

The process began with a school closure day early term two led by John Meneely, the Deputy Director of Catholic Education in Ballarat, in which staff unpacked the meaning of the School Vision and discussed what this meant in regards to our Mission. Parents, children and school community members were invited to participate in the process which involved a response to two simple questions:

- *What is important to us at Lumen Christi? and;*
- *What do we want for our school?*

A small writing team was created, ideas were collated, analysed and finally formulated into our new Vision and Mission statement!

Our renewed Vision and Mission statement was recently re-launched on Lumen Christi Day, which is celebrated each year on August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration. The history of this date is clearly explained in the following excerpt from a letter by Bishop Peter Connors to the founding Principal Fiona Tonkin (March 30, 1988)



"One suggestion I should wish to make, is that you might consider the Feast of the Transfiguration – the 6th of August...Most importantly, it was an occasion when the Divine Light shone through the physical body of Jesus Christ. If I may quote the Gospel of Matthew 17:2 'There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light'... you will find sufficient reason for adopting my suggestion."



Lumen Christi Day is always a wonderful celebration of the life and community of Lumen Christi and this year was no different. Following the launch of the Vision and Mission during Mass with Fr Kevin Maloney, celebrations continued with entertainment by magicians, fun activities, a barbeque lunch, birthday cupcakes for everyone and balloons galore! A wonderful way to celebrate our 27th birthday!

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