



Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

We Are Community

We are called to:
Act justly
Love tenderly
Walk humbly with our
God
(Micah)

Week 6 - Term 1
3 March 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

Principal's Reflection

I had previously only read selected chapters from Greg Lukianoff's and Jonathan Haidt's *"The coddling of the American Mind: how good intentions and bad ideas are setting up a generation for failure"*. Over the holiday period I was able to sit down and read it more broadly. This allowed me a fuller and more impressive appreciation of this quite remarkable book, which rests on the following three principles:

- *'Prepare the child for the road, not the road for the child.'* Folk Wisdom (origin unknown)
- *'Your worst enemy cannot harm you as much as your own thoughts, unguarded. But once mastered, no one can help you as much, not even your father or your mother.'* Buddha.
- *'The line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being.'* Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

Engaging in this type of literature is always invigorating it is well researched multifocused writing that cites reputable sources with an intent to expose issues that, if unchallenged, has the potential to diminish a common good and by virtue an individual's productive role in his or her present community.

As parents and educators, it is more often than not our interpretation of events that greatly disturbs or excites us, highlighting the fact that a significant amount of what goes on in our minds is outside of our direct control. However, as people of hope, as parents and educators must be, we contend with the perspective that the conscious mind can intervene. That we are people of hope; of 'positive anticipation'. Every day in my role at school I engage with people whose interpretations of events are contrary to mine, a phenomenon that is natural and expected. This experience, this contrariness of interpretations of events is usually the opportunity for discussion and information sharing, with the result that all leave the conversation with a heightened level of hope. Occasionally, one of our interpretations, mine or the other parties, is so polarised that there is no movement, no consensus...at that time. Experience has proved to me that, in the 'fullness of time', with the benefit of openness to new information, a more open interpretation of events can be appreciated by one or more parties. Some would contend that it is the getting of wisdom, which is reliant on keeping an open mind.

Working as part of a community can be richly satisfying. Being self-reflective is, I believe, a key quality in being able to both critique and be critiqued. From the book it challenges me as a reader along the following themes and thoughts. To give people the benefit of the doubt, to be charitable and compassionate in an effort to interpret the people's acts or words, to practice the virtue of *'intellectual humility'*, to recognise that our own reasoning can be flawed and prone to bias to the extent that we can rarely be certain that we are absolutely right...these are a few 'self-reflective principles' that align beautifully with our Catholic and OLOP values and hopefully support an inclusive learning community.

Division Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Zara Oxnam who represented OLOP at the Division Swimming Carnival yesterday. Zara finished 2nd in backstroke and 3rd in freestyle. We wish Zara all the best as she competes in the Regional Swimming Carnival on Friday 13 March.

General Assemblies

As mentioned in previous newsletters we will be holding fortnightly assemblies on Monday afternoon at 2.20pm in the Church. All families are invited to attend our assemblies. The timetable for the remainder of our assemblies this term is:

Monday 16 March	2.20pm
Friday 27 March	11.50am

Healthy Living Friday including Fitness Friday

This year we have introduced a school initiative for healthy living. Each Friday students wear their sports uniform. This uniform will be with the new sports top. There are still some delays with the suppliers in getting more of the new sports tops in the uniform shop. In the meantime those students who do not have a new sports top can wear the old one on Fridays. Students participate in '*Fitness Friday*' at 2.20pm for approximately 10-15 minutes.

OLOP Interschool sport program - Each Thursday morning

Our Interschool Sports Program for our Seniors - Year 5 and 6 students has started on Thursday mornings. This week and next week we are at home for our games with cricket played at Donvale Reserve. Students are to be at school by 8.00am for practice before games start at approximately 9.00am when the opposition school arrives.

2020 Foundation Parents Information Night - Tuesday 10 March (Change of date)

Next Tuesday 10 March from 7.00pm to 7.30pm we will be holding our Foundation Information Night. This is a night we invite all Foundation parents to attend as our teachers will be able to provide further information for parents regarding their children and their learning here at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary school.

OLOP Open Day – Wednesday 11 March

Our next OLOP open morning is on Wednesday 11 March from 9.30am - 11.00am for prospective families for 2021 and beyond.

Year 5/6 Camp - Senior Students - Monday 16 March - Wednesday 18 March

Our Senior Students - Year's 5 and 6's will be heading on their annual school camp on Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 March. Information has been sent out to parents. We wish all our students and staff all the best during this exciting time.

Cyber Safety Night for all parents - Thursday 19 March

Please refer to the attached brochure The RSVP form will be sent out this week. A video was posted on our facebook page of what will be featured on the night.

Positive Relationship Week - Monday 23 March - Friday 27 March

Positive Relationships (Anti-Bullying) Week for OLOP will be from Monday 23 March to Friday 27 March. During the week, classes will be concentrating on positive behaviours and relationships amongst each other and the wider groups in our communities.

Board Meeting - Tuesday 24 March

We will be holding a Board meeting on Monday 25 March at 7.00pm in the new staffroom.

Positive Relationship / National Day of Action - Friday 27 March

On Friday 27 March at 11.50am we will be holding our National Day of Action whole school assembly that is the culmination of our Positive Relationship week. We invite all parents to come along to this assembly on this day.

Last Day of Term - Friday 27 March

Our last day of Term One is Friday 27 March. The finishing time for students on this day is 1.00pm.

Pupil Free Day - Tuesday 14 April

On Tuesday 14 April the school will be holding our first Pupil Free Day for the year for staff professional development. All schools in Victoria are required to hold 4 pupil free days per school year for staff professional development. We are mindful of trying to intersperse these days throughout the year on different days of the school week as well as working with outside agencies who provide support in our professional development of staff.

First Day of Term Two - Wednesday 15 April

Our first day of Term Two is Wednesday 15 April as Monday is Easter Monday holiday of that week and Tuesday we have a Pupil Free Day.

Enrolment 2021

If you have a child who will be entering Foundation (Prep) in 2021 or know of anyone within the community who are thinking of sending their child to Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary School, we are currently taking enrolments for 2021. Parents of new students can organise with Ida or Adrian at the front office for myself to take them on a tour of the school and discuss all aspects of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary School. Parents can collect Application forms from the front office. If these could be filled in and returned to school as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

I wish everyone an enjoyable week and God Bless.

Mr Brendan Keeling
Principal

"We are Community"

BURNING OF THE PALMS PARALITURGY – Mrs Costa

Last Tuesday the school gathered for the Burning of the Palms paraliturgy led by Fr Jerald and the RE Captains.

The blessed palms that were burnt have been kept from last year's Palm Sunday celebrations and the ashes left from Tuesday's ceremony were used to mark our foreheads with a cross, in the Ash Wednesday Mass. During the paraliturgy, the students listened to the significance of the palms and the ashes.



PROJECT COMPASSION AT OLOP



“Go Further Together”

Our RE captains, Alyssia, LiAncke, Aisha and Leila, along with our Mini Vinnies, will be promoting Project Compassion and giving suggestions on how we can raise money during Lent.

This year's focus is **‘Go Further Together’**. This is about how we can only succeed when everyone is looked after. We should work together as one human family so our sisters and brothers around the world don't have to live in poverty.

Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Through your generosity during Project Compassion, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

We are asking for your help to raise money to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season.

There is a Project Compassion box in each classroom and also in the office area.

Many
thanks

Mini Vinnies Student Action Team






OLOP AWARDS

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

2020 Term 1 Weeks 1-5

At OLOP we are called to be our best
to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God

We congratulate the students who have received awards in the last two weeks, for living up to any of our special OLOP expectations or practising any of our other values! Other OLOP values are: Friendliness, Courage, Honesty, Determination, Confidence, Consideration, Acceptance, Caring, Assertiveness, Persistence and Resilience

Level					
Prep	Duncan Tan Lily Bate	Julius De Fazio Cedric Hawker		Luca Zagoreis Lincoln Moodie	
Years 1&2	Roman Pizzolotto Harry Cooke Cruz H Rosheen Wadhawan	Martin Rusak Aleisha Scott Tahlia Compasso Amelie M Nicholas H Tiana S Charlie T Alex N Ben Barradeen	Samuel Brain Mikaela Henderson	Gabrielle Rigogiannis Chiara Farchione Audrey N Phoenix Athanas	Lucas Risk Luke Ziccone Quinn F Dakota M Leila F
Years 3&4	Zara Dowell Sienna Clonan John Kapiniaris Eva Rusak Phoenix Sorono Sienna Marcou	Lucas Brain Alyssa Compasso Eve Fabbris	Jasper Keamy Zack Calavetta Asher Siddiqui	Curtis Foong Renee White Lara Pappalardo Zara Lock-Lambrick	Arthur Liddle John Blakemore (Swimming)
Years 5&6	Aurelia Hills Zara Oxnam Joshua Lyons Luca Spadafora	David Ferri-McCrickard Joshua Lyons Georgia Garlick Andre Cantone Ella Kent		Josh McCann Max Curiale Imogen Elliott Chloe Fakhri Isaac Shek	Sienna Pizzolotto Liam Coviello
Specialists	Holly Barradeen				
Other					
Students may receive awards for any one of our four PBL behaviour expectations or for showing any of our 'You Can Do It' values. Our teaching focus in this time is showing respect in the playground.					

CYBER SAFETY

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Cyberbullying

Unsafe apps & social media

Current trends in child/teen online behaviour

Managing devices in the home

Keeping safe online

Managing conflict around digital devices

Keys to parent-child communication

Balancing screen time

Where to find helpful information

An evening that provided some spine chilling reality checks.

Parent- St Roch's Glen Iris



Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year.

Principal- Christine Ferguson
St Elizabeth's Primary



It was wonderful to have both the technical and psychological side of cyber safety.

Parent- Holy Family School



I found the presentation extremely valuable and took home so many simple messages and resources from Carley that our family can immediately implement.

Parent- Mary Immaculate PS



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Martin McGauran

Education Consultant &
Primary School Teacher



Carley McGauran

Psychologist &
Mother of Three

90 minute Parent
Information Session
Including extensive parent
take home resources
Parent only session

Our Lady of the Pines PS
Donvale
March 19th, 2020
@ 7.00pm

Term 1 – 2020 – CALENDAR

Monday	Mar	9	Labor Day Public Holiday
Tuesday	Mar	10	2020 Foundation Information Night @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Mar	11	Open Morning 9:30 – 10:45 am
Monday	Mar	16	Year 5/6 Camp Assembly @ 2:20 pm
Tuesday	Mar	17	Year 5/6 Camp
Wednesday	Mar	18	Year 5/6 Camp
Thursday	Mar	19	Cyber Safety- Parent Workshop @ 7:00 pm
Friday	Mar	27	Assembly @ 11:50am Final day term 1 finish @ 1:00pm
Sunday	April	5	PALM SUNDAY
Friday	April	10	GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday	April	11	EASTER SUNDAY
Monday	April	12	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday	April	13	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday	April	14	First Day of Term 2

GENERAL NOTICES – SCHOOL

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REMEMBER BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAYS



Weekly Newsletter

Our school newsletter is sent to parents via email and Flexibuzz on Tuesday of each week. Our newsletter is also available via email to any other interested person or group. Please email newsletter@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au to request a weekly copy or to UNSUBSCRIBE.

Deadline for newsletter articles is

1:00pm Monday.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

– (New uniform items) Our school uniform shop is opened twice each week:

TUESDAY MORNINGS: 8:30 to 9:30am and
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 3:00 to 4:00pm

Contact: Vera Scala 0400 896 390

STUDENT ABSENCES



Please note that it is very important, and a legal requirement, that all student absences are to be reported on our Flexibuzz app, **before 9:30am** on the day of absence.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second-hand uniform shop is located in the Grade 1 community area.

Opening hours:

Tuesdays 8.45 am – 9.30 am

Thursdays 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

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Cash or cheques only. Cheques are payable to Our Lady of the Pines P&F.

Donations of second hand items in good condition are always needed, however if they could be laundered before being sent to school, it would be very much appreciated.

For further information please Contact Alisha via the office.

ICY POLES & CHIPS DAY –

Wednesday 4 March

Price List:

ICE CREAM & ICY POLES

Zooper Doopers - **.50 cents**

Lemonade Icy Poles - **\$1.50**

Billabong Chocolate & Rainbow - **\$2**

Dixie Cups Chocolate,

Strawberry and Vanilla - **\$2**

CHIPS

Grain Waves - **\$2**

Red Rock Deli Sea Salt, Vinegar &
Honey Soy - **\$2**



REFLECTION

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FAMILY.org

Mat 17:5

This is my Son
the Beloved



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FCJ COLLEGE

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Open Mornings

Wednesday 4 March

Tuesday 24 March



Register today at genazzano.vic.edu.au

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DONVALE PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY!



Saturday 14th March
10am – 12pm
7 Florence Avenue, Donvale
Taking enrolments for 2021
www.donvalepreschool.org.au

7 Florence Avenue, Donvale
www.donvalepreschool.org.au
Phone: 03 9874 6848

Donvale Preschool is a Childsafe Centre
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Thank You

Date: 18 February 2020

Dear Families,

OLOP is about to kick off a fundraising drive to raise money for school-wide literacy resources.

It would be great if you could help! The fundraiser is super simple... and delicious.

We're selling Cadbury Easter Eggs.

We are hoping to raise \$4000 for our school so we're asking all families to try and sell at least one box for us. If you would like additional boxes, please contact Danielle Henderson on 0413 210 680 or the school office.

Boxes will be distributed to families within the next week.

Tips for selling your treats

- Each bag sells for \$4
- Sell to family members, colleagues, friends or neighbours
- If children are selling the products, please ensure an adult is with them at all times

Other useful information

There are 15 bags per box, each bag sells for \$4. Total money collected per box is \$60

Please return your money collected and unsold bags to the school office in the envelope provided **no later than Monday 16 March 2020.**

If you're finding it difficult to sell your box of treats, please return your unopened bags/box and any monies collected to the school office **ASAP** as other people may be able to help.

The more we sell = the more resources for our kids!

Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Danielle Henderson
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Brendan Keeling
Principal



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