



We Are Community

Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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

Week 4 - Term 4

13 November 2018

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

### THIS WEEK -

**Wednesday  
14 November**  
2019 Foundation  
Orientation Day 2

**Friday 23 November**  
HOT DOG  
POP UP Lunch Stall

**TERM 4**  
Each Wednesday  
ICY POLES sold at lunch  
time.



## SCHOOL BANKING

Each Wednesday

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

***'Teach this triple truth to all:  
generous heart, kind speech  
and a life of service and compassion  
are the things which renew humanity.'***

*The Buddha*

Connection provides purpose and meaning in our lives. It is ultimately why we are here. Scientists tell us we are neuro-biologically wired for connection which leads to satisfaction in our lives. Yet the key ingredient that leads to connection is vulnerability. Unless we are prepared to open ourselves up to what we don't know or believe, we cannot build on understanding. In order to be connected we need to be seen wholeheartedly.

Psychologist Brene Brown describes courage, compassion and connection as the enablers to vulnerability. Courage provides us the strength to tell our story of who we are from our whole heart. It provides us the power to be imperfect and believe that we are worthy. Compassion gives us the gift to be kind to ourselves first, then to others. We cannot be compassionate to others if we cannot be kind to ourselves first. Connection is a result of authenticity. It allows us to let go of who we think we should be in order to be who we are. These three enablers create vulnerability. Brown argues, 'Vulnerability should not be seen as the core of shame, fear and struggle, but it is the birthplace of joy, creativity, belonging and love'. We cannot selectively numb our emotions. If we numb vulnerability, then we numb joy, gratitude and happiness. We cannot find purpose and meaning without these. Nonetheless vulnerability is still an uncomfortable emotion.

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Our world today makes everything uncertain. Plastic surgery focuses on the imperfections that make us beautiful to create our bodies in images of what we think they should be. Our faith is less about the mystery and more about definitive answers. We perfect so that there is no struggle or vulnerability. Yet our children are hard wired for struggle when they arrive in our world. From the lasting image when we hold our own child in our arms for the very first time, our job is to not say they are perfect and to keep them perfect. Our job is to not fast track them through primary school, ensuring they make an elite basketball squad by nine years of age and receive a scholarship for academic brilliance. Our job is to not protect them from struggle and vulnerability but to let them experience it in order to grow and make connections. Our job is to say that they are imperfect, because the very thing that makes them vulnerable makes them beautiful.

Our school community is not about limiting struggle, but providing environments where we can be vulnerable with our learning to make deep and authentic connections. As we prepare transition and orientation experiences for students in preparation for 2019 in the coming weeks, we know our students will face struggle. They may not have their best friend in their class, or the Teacher they were hoping for, but these experiences of struggle are growth points that will make our students stronger and richer learners in the long run.

### **Testing -**

All our students are assessed informally and formally throughout the year, with a focus on pre- and post- assessment. This enables teachers to gain insight into student progress, and to also target teach according to point of need.

Included in our testing, is the Literacy and Numeracy PAT Assessment, which is a diagnostic test coordinated through the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER). PAT Assessments are a series of tests designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students' skills and understandings in a range of key areas. This information provides additional valuable data for our teachers as they track our students throughout the school year and beyond. Formal testing is administered in May and November.

### **Pupil Free Day -**

**Friday 30 November**

On Friday, the school will be holding a Pupil Free Day for staff professional development.

### **Congratulations**

I would like to congratulate Maria Teasdale and her family on the birth of her first grandchild yesterday morning. Congratulations to the new parents and grandparents on the birth of a healthy boy.

### **Prep 2019 Orientation Session 2 –**

**Wednesday 14 November**

We will hold our second Prep 2019 orientation session tomorrow from 9.15am to 10.30am.

### **Year 4 Camp –**

**Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 November**

It is exciting for our Year 4's who will be heading to camp next Monday to Ferngully Lodge in Healesville. It is an overnight camp and they will return at the end of the next school day, Tuesday. We wish all these students an exciting and engaging camp experience.

### **Year 5 Leadership Night - Tuesday 20 November**

Presented by a special guest, Ben Donnelly. This will be held in the senior building commencing at 7:00pm. This evening is designed to introduce children to the concept of servant leadership in preparation for their leadership responsibilities in Year 6.

### **Prep 2019 Parent Night –**

**Wednesday 21 November**

Next Wednesday, we will be holding our Prep 2019 Parent Information Night from 7.00pm to 8.15pm in the before/after school area.

### **Art Show - OLOP Community Fair -**

**Thursday 29 November**

Our Fair is only two weeks away. There is a lot of organisation happening at the moment and I thank all those that are working hard behind the scenes. Please keep Thursday, free and invite all your family and friends to come and celebrate this OLOP fundraiser and social occasion with us.

### **Icy Pole - Selling**

Each Wednesday during Terms 1 & 4, we have our icy-pole and chips being sold by our parents for the students. We thank the parents who continually volunteer to run this stall each week.

## Journey to Bethlehem

Wednesday 5 and  
Thursday 6 December

This year, we will be presenting our Journey to Bethlehem over two days, being Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 December. There will be a number of sessions during the day for students.



The following sessions are open to our school and wider community to view.

5.00pm

5.45pm

6.30pm

7.15pm

Each journey takes approximately 30 minutes.

We invite all families, friends and relatives to come along and celebrate this wonderful event as we begin our journey of Advent.

Yours faithfully and God bless

**Brendan Keeling**  
Principal

**“We are Community”**

## SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS

The School Choir Team is very busy learning the Christmas Carols Programme for the Nursing Home visits, in addition to school Mass commitments.

Christmas Favourites remain Must Be Santa and Aussie Jingle Bells, with some traditional favourites being the Bell Carol and Little Drummer Boy. Also, nothing beats a rousing rendition of Feliz Navidad to finish, complete with xylophones and drum!

Rehearsals continue as usual, with the full Choir Team (Voce) rehearsal on Wednesday lunchtimes after the second bell, and on Fridays 8am, which includes vocal and xylophone (Voce Sonare), and our dedicated xylophone group (Sonare) from Choir team members who are in Years 4-6 on Tuesday lunchtimes after the second bell.

Who's got a great big cherry nose .... Must be Santa!

Yours in music

**Anne Jenkins and Linda Barker**  
Choir Team Directors

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## FAREWELL TO MRS WALKER

At our assembly yesterday afternoon, we said farewell to Mrs Maryanne Walker. Maryanne has been our Library Manager for the past three years.



We thank Maryanne for her contribution over this time at OLOP and wish her every happiness in her new role at Camberwell Boys Grammar.

## Term 4 – 2018 – CALENDAR

*Please check regularly for updates*

Wednesday	Nov 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Prep Orientation Day 2 – 9:15 – 10:30am</li> <li>• Italian Expo – Middle School</li> </ul>
Monday	Nov 19-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 Camp</li> </ul>
Tuesday	Nov 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 – Leadership Evening – Parent/Child Night .. 7:00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday	Nov 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Foundation <b>Parents</b> Information Session – 7-8:15pm</li> </ul>
Friday	Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POP UP STALL (Lunchtime) – HOT DOGS</li> </ul>
Monday	Nov 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ART SHOW WEEK</li> </ul>
Tuesday	Nov 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Council Meeting</li> </ul>
Wednesday	Nov 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Foundation Orientation Day 3 – 9:15 – 10:30am</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov 29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OLOP ‘Coming Together Fair’</b></li> <li>• Sion College Transition Day</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov 30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>STAFF P.D. DAY – Handover – Pupil Free Day</b></li> </ul>
Saturday	Dec 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Foundation – Welcome Mass with their buddies .. 6:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Journey to Bethlehem - Visiting Community Day</b></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Journey to Bethlehem - School Community evening</b></li> </ul>
Friday	Dec 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majors &amp; Minors Christmas Concert</li> <li>• Middle School excursion to Melbourne city</li> </ul>
Monday	Dec 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 – Excursion – Funfields</li> <li>• Tabloid Sports Day – Years 2, 3 &amp; 4 only</li> </ul>
Tuesday	Dec 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choir visits to Nursing Homes</li> </ul>
Wednesday	Dec 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole school End of Year Mass .. 9:00 am</li> </ul>
Thursday	Dec 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner</li> </ul>
Friday	Dec 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prep – Orientation Day 4 – 9:15 – 10:45am</li> <li>• Reports to Parents</li> <li>• New classes 2019</li> </ul>
Monday	Dec 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Assembly.. 9:00am</li> <li>• Basketball Presentation Night .. 7:00pm in the church</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Final day for Students – 2018 – dismissed at 1:00pm</b></li> </ul>



## YEARS 5 & 6 BIZARRE BAZAAR MARKET

On Monday, 26 November, the Year 5 and 6 students are running our Bizarre Bazaar Market. During this term, the students have researched, designed, produced and advertised a product made from recyclable goods.



Our market will be held in the P.E.A.C.E. Centre from 12 - 2pm. All classes will be timetabled to attend and parents are more than welcome.

Items will range in cost from 50¢ to \$5.00. Please send coins only.

The money raised will be donated to 'Buy a Bale' for the farmers in drought affected areas.

Many thanks for your support  
Year 5 and 6 teachers



### OLOP Parish Mass Saturday Evenings:

We are very pleased that Fr. Jerald has announced the Saturday evening Masses resumed at the beginning of October. Mass is at 6:00pm.

## A Historic Opportunity

### Help Shape the Future of Our Church

**Come and Discuss Where We Go To From Here**  
**The bishops of Australia need to hear your views about what**  
**are the issues of concern to Catholics today.**

Our Lady of the Pines will be holding **Listening and Dialogue** sessions, to be followed by each of us making an online submission which will help to develop the agenda for a Plenary Council to be held in Australia in 2020-2021.

If you would like to take advantage of this historic opportunity and hear more about the Plenary Council, Listening and Dialogue sessions will be held as follows:

#### PLEASE NOTE: NEW DATES-

When: Tuesday 13 November at 9.15 am  
Tuesday 13 November at 7.30 pm






Where: Our Lady of the Pines Church

**Please come along, you will be most welcome. We need your help and for you to express your views.**

# OLOP AWARDS

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) 2018 Term 4

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	Tahlia Compasso Cruz Mazzone Aleisha Scott	Archer Hawker Joel Dal Santo	Rosheen Wadhawan	Phoenix Athanasas Wei Yuen Chen	
Years 1&2	Ariel Chien Summer Voskresenski Zachary Traverso Eve Fabbris	Hilary Luong Curtis Foong	Matilda Fitz Jeanelle Mendonca	Kobi Furlan Mietta Nanos Mica Wong	John Zachariou Chloe Tiani Tyrese Tora Angela Bourke Deanna Calavetta Brooke McCann Alyssa Compasso Ruby Kent
Years 3&4	Lucas Romanin Lisa-Marie Ghaly LiAncke Booyens Victoria Karteris	Marco Tairi Max Curiale Liam Coviello Jasmine Ghaly	Isaac Shek Nicholas Barradeen	Rachel Ficarra Luca Intagliata Carla Terranova Zara Oxnam	Raf Traverso
Years 5&6	Jesse Kefallinos Tamara Bratovic	Victoria Hynes	Joshua Bratovic	Olivia Paris Jacob Reginato	Mia Salvagni Jaimi Cook Gianna Andreoli Abbey Dutch
Students may receive awards for any one of our four PBL behaviour expectations or for showing any of our 'You Can Do It' values.					





## 2019 FOUNDATION ORIENTATION – DAY 1





## GENERAL NOTICES – SCHOOL

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### 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](mailto: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 open twice each week:

**TUESDAY MORNINGS:** 8:30 to 9:30am and

**THURSDAY AFTERNOONS** 3:00 to 4:00pm

**Contact: Vera Scala 0400 896 390**

### 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**

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 call:

**TEREZA RADA**

**Mobile: 0428 501 010**

### DIARY DATES

Please regularly check the dates on the calendar. Most events listed in the calendar should stay the same but on occasions may change and we will let you know in advance.

End of year dates:

**Monday 17 December**

Final School Assembly ... 9:00am

OLOP's Got Talent

**Tuesday 18 December**

Year 6 passing out parade – 12:45pm

Finish of school year – **1:00pm**

**Start 2019 – Thursday 31 January**

First day of school year – all students

### OLOP COMING TOGETHER COMMUNITY FAIR

The following are meeting dates in preparation for our Community Fair. We would appreciate as much assistance/ideas/support, from our school community as possible. If you are able to attend one or two of these meetings, it would be appreciated.

**Tuesday 13 November**

**Tuesday 20 November**

**Financial wrap up Tuesday 11 December**

### School Banking

#### School Banking Day

*Don't forget*

**Wednesday** is

School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at **OLOP**.



and

# Sing along!

**with Ms Anne & Ms Sue  
Fridays at 9:10am**

All preschool children are invited  
to come along every Friday morning



# OLOP COMMUNITY FAIR - PROGRAM

Time	Dunk Tank	Time	Performance and Collaborative Art Auction times
3:30	Mr Keeling	4:00	Opening
	Mr Keeling	4:03	Italian Junior Prep-Year1-Year2
	Mr Keeling	4:10	M1
4:00	Opening		Auction M1
		4:25	Auction M4
4:10	Mrs Buckley		M3
	Mrs Buckley	4:40	J1 & J2
	Mrs Buckley		J1 Auction
4:25	Elise		J2 Auction
	Elise	5:05	F1 Auction
	Elise		F2 Auction
4:50	Mr Zerbi		F1 & F2
	Mr Zerbi	5:35	S1
5:10	Miss Cuthbertson		S1 Auction
	Miss Cuthbertson	5:50	M2 Auction
	Miss Cuthbertson		M2
5:35	Miss Campbell	6:05	S3
	Miss Campbell		S3 Auction
	Miss Campbell	6:20	J3 Auction
6:05	Mr Keeling		J3 & J4
	Mr Keeling		J4 Auction
6:20	Miss Chiera	6:50	Italian Senior Year 3-year 4-year 5-year 6
	Miss Chiera	7:00	S4
	Miss Chiera		S4 Auction
6:50	Mrs Buckley	7:15	M5 Auction
	Mrs Buckley		M5
	Mrs Buckley	7:30	M3
7:05	Cam P.		M3 Auction
	Cam P.	7:45	S2 Auction
	Cam P.		S2
7:35	Mr Keeling	8:00 PM	Raffle Draw
	Mr Keeling		
	Mr Keeling		
7:50	Mr Zerbi		
8:00	Mr Zerbi		



## Slamin Tennis

OLOP FREE Tennis lesson trials available!

### TERM 4 2018 - booking links:

1) Term 4 enrolling students:

<https://www.trybooking.com/330995>

2) Term 4 Matchplay / Competition:

<https://www.trybooking.com/418517>

### TERM 1 2019 - booking links:

<https://www.trybooking.com/388534>

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<https://slamintennisandfitness.teamapp.com>

Vicky Lee - Founder & Director

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Reflection:

# Prayer for Generosity

**Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to ask for reward,  
save that of knowing that I do your will.**

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*