



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 9 - Term 3
10 September 2019

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY
11 September
OLOP CHOIR SOIREE

FRIDAY
13 September
CHILDREN'S DISCO

MONDAY
16 September
ITALIAN DAY

PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 17
September



**OUR LADY OF THE
PINES PARISH**
Parish Priest
Fr Jerald

MASS TIMES
• **Saturday Vigil**
Mass 5:00 pm
• **Sunday morning**
9:30 am
All welcome



SCHOOL BANKING
Wednesday

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

Principal's Reflection

At this time please have Mrs Judy Paul and her family in our prayers and thoughts. Her husband, Mark, is gravely ill at the moment and their family have been arriving to spend time with them. Judy will not be at school over the next fortnight and her classes have been covered by various teachers over this time.

Swooping Birds

Currently we have both magpies and minor birds, swooping on the school grounds. This is a concern for both you as parents and us as a school. During this week our staff will place signs up around the school and speak to students. All students are required to wear school hats to minimise the issues related to the swooping birds.

For the safety of all a reminder that the following will need to occur:

- students, parents and family members must move quickly through the areas where the birds are located
- the wearing of hats is vital for everyone entering the school grounds
- no member of the school community is to interfere or harass the wildlife
- no member of the school community is to feed the swooping birds
- travel in a group when walking to and from and around school
- we will have the Preps lining up where the Year 1's line up by the old staffroom to reduce the chances of being swooped by the birds.

A letter with these details will be sent home tonight with your child.

Catholic Education Melbourne School Improvement Surveys

As part of seeking continued improvement in the way in which Our Lady of the Pines operates, and to measure the organisational health of OLOP, we are in the process of collecting data from parents, students and staff via a series of surveys administered by Catholic Education Melbourne.

During the course of this month, a random sample of 100 parents, along with senior students, a selection of middle students and staff, will be completing the surveys. The results of the surveys will be compiled and a report returned to the school.

Although participation is voluntary, we strongly encourage you to complete the survey. We at OLOP believe it is important to encourage parent voice to help shape the ongoing improvement of the school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents that have taken the time to complete the survey either online or via paper surveys sent home. Your feedback is much appreciated.

OLOP Observer

The final OLOP Observer for this term will be published in:

Week 9 Thursday 13 September
professional levels snapshot

SOIREE - OLOP CHOIR –

Wednesday 11 September
“**BE OUR GUEST**”

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents to come along to our Soiree tomorrow evening at 7.00pm at the OLOP Parish Centre (church). The Soiree presents performances from our choir members. All choir members will need to be at the meeting place by 6.45pm and can they please bring a water bottle along. Information was in last week's newsletter as well as this newsletter. Thank you to all members as well as **Anne Jenkins** and **Linda Barker** who lead and guide our members of our choir throughout the year.

Disco - Friday 13 September

The response to the disco has been very pleasing. The children are most certainly looking forward to a fun evening. We thank the many parents who have volunteered to run this event and particularly, Adrian Ferris, who is co-ordinating the extravaganza! Please re-read the instructions on the form to ensure the smooth drop-up and pick-up procedures for the safety of the children.

Italian Day - Monday 16 September

Information has been sent out to all families regarding the dress up parade and the pizza lunch which will be organised by the Parents & Friends Pop Up Stall group. Pizza will be for sale at lunch time for \$3 per slice and gelati will be available for \$1.00.

This is always a colourful and enjoyable day. Thank you to Senora Maria Teasdale for organising the day.

Principal Conference 2019

During the last week of Term 3 and during the school holidays, I will be on a Principal Conference with twenty other Principals from our Eastern Principal Network group.

We are heading to various parts of Israel and Jordan as part of our faith development and Religious Education enrichment as we travel to the Holy Lands. We have been working on the theology and studies over the latter part of last year and into this year.

During my time away, Rochelle Buckley, our Deputy Principal, will be Acting Principal.

IMPORTANT DATES -

Pupil Free Day - Tuesday 17 September

We will be holding our second pupil free day for 2019 on Tuesday 17 September.

Final Day of Term Three - Friday 20 September

Our final day of Term 3 is Friday, 20 September and students will be dismissed at **1.00pm**.

First Day of Term Four - Monday 7 October.

Footy Colours Day - Friday 20 September

Next Friday, we will be holding a casual clothes Footy Colours Day where all students are asked to dress in their favourite football club colours or jumpers.

Swimming

Over the first four weeks of Term 4, all students will be participating in the school swimming program. The following are the days for each level:

Week 1 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Foundation and Junior

Week 2 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Foundation and Junior

Week 3 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Middle

Monday to Friday – **Senior** - 2 classes

Week 4 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Middle

Monday to Friday **Senior** - 2 classes

As per last year, we have worked hard over the previous twelve months to have the swimming lessons accommodated in Term Four, which is more beneficial for students learning and putting into place what they have learnt in swimming leading into the summer months. We have also looked at having a mid-week break during the swimming lessons, to help the students.

A reminder for students to wear the appropriate uniform during the swimming lesson weeks.

If students aren't able to swim for various medical reasons, then they will accompany their classes to the pool and complete school work at the pool under supervision of their teacher.

Parish Youth Group

The Parish have a youth group that has started up and are looking to meet on a regular basis. One of the activities they are looking into is a musical group performing at the Parish Mass on Sunday, 6 October. If you would like more information and to have your child involved please contact the office or the Parish Office on 9841 8354.

End of School Day Arrangements

We understand that sometimes parents/carers get held up for various reasons and may be late to collect their children after school. However, when possible, if you are aware of changes to your day would you please speak to your child and advise them the evening before or in the morning before drop off.

We are always very happy to assist and do our best to advise the teacher as soon as possible. The office tends to get calls late in the day or when the bell has gone and it can be difficult to locate the teacher or child in time and this may cause them some distress.

Thank you for your assistance.

I wish everyone an enjoyable week and God Bless.

Brendan Keeling - Principal

"We are Community"



2019 MAV MTQ RESULTS

We are very pleased to announce that the 2019 MAV Maths Talent Quest results are in. This year, OLOP entered 12 Mathematical Investigations. Students are to be congratulated on the effort that went into each of their investigations over 15 weeks, to achieve fantastic results.

We are very proud to inform you of the following results:

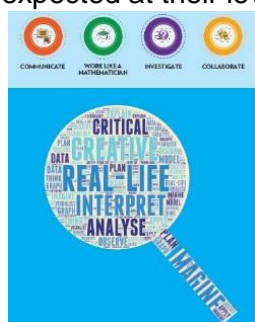
High Distinctions were awarded to students who had in-depth investigative processes with clear indications of the mathematics involved at a level above expectation.

What About the 5c Coin? by Misha Du Toit.

When is the best time to be a Millionaire? by Luke Del Giudice, Daniel Catanchin and Dante Ferraro.

Distinctions were awarded to students who followed the investigative process and students used mathematics that was expected at their level.

The Different Supermarket Dinner
by Liam Coviello.



Enrolment 2020

If you have a child who will be entering Foundation (Prep) in 2020, 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 still taking enrolments for 2020. Parents of new students can organise with Noreen in Admin 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 school office. If these could be filled in and returned to school as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

Credits were awarded to students who showed strengths in the investigations or mathematics used.

Preposterous Petrol Prices by Zahli Burgess,
Paper Planes by Sarah Paul,
Mystifying Maths for Great Gardens by Louise White and Alison Beeston,
Trams, Trains, Cars and Traffic by Lydia Rottura,
Victoria's Rubbish Rage by Chantel Ghaly,
How much water does a family of four use in 31 days ? by Hannah Nuske and Samantha Beeston,
Average Height of a 5 Year Old by Luke Coviello and Curtis Foong,
Playgrounds Galore by Joshua Lyons, Ronan McNamara and Alexander Parry-Jones
SPORT by Daniel Joshua.

Credit Certificates will be sent out to the school and presented at assembly. The five students who were awarded High Distinction and Distinction will attend an awards ceremony held on 17 October at La Trobe University, Bundoora.

Please visit the Library where the student's Mathematical Investigations will be on display until the end of term.

Danielle Saulsman, Senior Numeracy Leader

Term 3 – 2019 – CALENDAR Please check regularly amendments		
Wednesday	Sept 11	•SOIREE – OLOP Choir ... 7:00pm
Friday	Sept 13	• CHILDREN'S DISCO
Monday	Sept 16	• ITALIAN DAY
Tuesday	Sept 17	• SCHOOL CLOSURE – PUPIL FREE DAY
Thursday	Sept 19	•Photos – Sport Teams, Graduation, Whole School
Friday	Sept 20	•FOOTY COLOURS DAY
FRIDAY	Sept 20	• END OF TERM 3 – Students dismissed at 1:00pm
Term 4 – 2019 – CALENDAR		
Monday	Oct 07	• Term 4 BEGINS
Monday	Oct 07	•Foundation & Junior Swimming Program begins
Wednesday	Oct 16	•Reconciliation - Parent Child Evening
Monday	Oct 21	•Swimming begins – Middle and Senior Students
Wednesday	Oct 23	• SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – Year 3
Monday	Nov 04	• STAFF P.D. - Student Free Day
Tuesday	Nov 05	• PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Melbourne Cup Day
Wednesday	Nov 06	•Foundation 2020 – Orientation Day 1
Friday	Nov 08	•Reconciliation and Remembrance Day Mass
Wednesday	Nov 13	•Foundation 2020 – Orientation Day 2
Wednesday	Nov 20	•Foundation 2020 - Parent Information Evening
Thursday	Nov 21	• YEAR 4 – CAMP
Wednesday	Nov 27	• FOUNDATION 2020 – Orientation Day 3
Friday	Nov 29	•Sion students 2020 - Orientation Day
Thursday	Dec 05	•Carols Night
Friday	Dec 06	• Staff PD – level planning – Student Free Day
Wednesday	Dec 11	•Whole School End of Year Mass •Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Thursday	Dec 12	• Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner
Friday	Dec 13	•Reports go home
Monday	Dec 16	• End of Year Assembly
Tuesday	Dec 17	• 2019 Final day for STUDENTS - dismissed at 1:00pm
Wednesday	Dec 18	• STAFF END OF YEAR MASS (Staff final day)
Term 1 – 2020		
THURSDAY	Jan 30	• 2020 SCHOOLYEAR BEGINS (all students)

The years three and four students are having a Book Club as an integral part of their reading program. This program allows students to delve deeper into books and have rich discussion under the guidance of our amazing parents and grandparents who help us each week.

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Get ready for lots of fun to celebrate all things Italian and to recognise the language taught at our school. Involving a Parade, Italian incursion, pizza lunch and gelati and many activities. More information to follow.

Soiree

Commencement Time: 7pm
Venue: OLOP Parish Centre

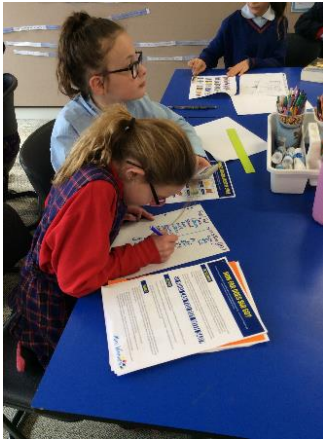
The Choir Team's Annual Soiree will be held on Wednesday 11 September, 2019, 7pm in the Parish Centre.

All families and friends are invited to share in an evening of music celebration, with the Choir Team performing a programme of songs and works involving voice, xylophone, piano and guitar.

Choir Team Members are asked to arrive by 6.45pm for roll call, warm-ups and prop management.

Following the Soiree, there will be no rehearsals for the remainder of the term. Rehearsal will recommence in Term 4 for the Choir Team's end-of-year and Christmas programmes.

"Sing, sing a song, sing out loud, sing out strong."
Yours in music... Anne Jenkins and Linda Barker



MINI VINNIES \$40 CHALLENGE

How far does \$40 go?

How difficult is it for some people to get by - even when they get help from the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The Student Action Team considered a specific scenario. They had \$40 to spend for a week's worth of food for themselves and their pet.

As a group the Minnie Vinnie's took part in a challenge. We had to spend only \$40 for a week of food for ourselves and our cat. We found that the hardest part was picking what we needed and what we didn't need. Some of us spent all our \$40 and some spent only part of that money to save some for the next week. We also had to consider what we could buy that would last the week. We found this activity fun and challenging!

We noticed that bread is cheaper than we thought. The hardest thing was thinking of a meal we could create, something simple to make and healthy.

The challenge was hard because a lot of food is expensive and to save money you need to buy cheap food. We also needed to look after our cat and found that cat food is expensive.

We had to look at what we need and what we want.

It was a fun experience.

We bought the essentials but also a treat for us.

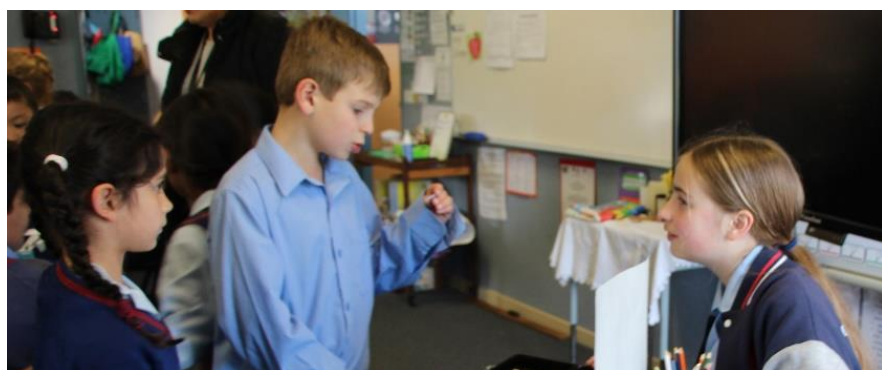
It was fun and educational as it taught us to spend our money wisely and choose a good balance of food. We had to think about what we wanted and what we needed.

It was very hard to try and support myself and my cat for \$40 because I had to think of all the other expenses like electricity and water bills.



ITALIAN EXPO – MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Yesterday, the Years 5/6 students held their Expo on ITALIAN CITIES. Guests visited the Expo and quizzed the students about their selected city.








OLOP AWARDS

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) 2019 Term 3 Weeks 7&8

**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					
Foundation	Alyssia V Nicholas H Samuel B	Samuel L Karson C	Holly B Quinn F	Noah C	
Years 1 & 2	Hilary L Oscar F		John K	Sophia T	Mark C Angelina G Evan Y
Years 3 & 4	Alessia G Scarlett H	Dayna P Ariel C		Stephanie A Alyssa C	Arthur L
Years 5 & 6		Trent B-S Ryse L	Luke Garlick		Luca S Ilana A

Students may receive awards for any one of our four PBL behaviour expectations or for showing any of our 'You Can Do It' values. The focus for these two weeks is Act Safely Outside the School and Online.

**Our Lady of the Pines invites you to the annual
SPORTS NIGHT**

With an excellent guest line up

IT'S THE GAZ, SAM AND FEV SHOW

JOIN OUR PANEL OF AFL GREATS IN ANOTHER BIG
SPORTS NIGHT AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES COMMUNITY



Wed 18th September at 7pm

Our Lady of the Pines, 77 Carbine Street, Donvale

\$80 per head includes 2 course meal and drinks at bar prices.

Under 18 years not admitted.

SPORTS NIGHT

Book early – it is going to be a sellout.

Call David Sowersby
Chris Haswell
Steve Kay
Noreen Forsyth

0419 311 775
0408 072 402
0407 392 763
9842 2991

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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 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

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 (Natasha)
Thursdays 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
(Ina & Marita)

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.

NATASHA LIMNEOS on 0423 158 068

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Apologies that there are no results published this week. The results for two weeks will be forwarded with next week's newsletter.

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.

SLAMIN TENNIS

Vicky Lee - Founder & Director

M: 0403 129 648 -W: www.slamin.com.au

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

LAST CHANCE

Thank you to the families and friends who supported this fundraiser. We will cease selling books as of Thursday this 5 September. They may be purchased directly through Entertainment Books.



FATHER / CHILD WEEKEND

Attention all families

This year's **Father/Child camp at Anglesea** was unfortunately higher priced than expected. We understand that it can get quite expensive. We aim for a great weekend jammed pack with quality time and fun. We have negotiated the pricing structure with the YMCA camp and have come to a great result, and have **lowered the prices for fathers and children to \$175 each**. This includes your accommodation, activities and food from Friday night barbecue at 6pm to Sunday morning breakfast, and check out at 10am.

Any money already handed in and collected is acknowledged and will be re-funded accordingly. This is a great bonding weekend for both fathers and children. We encourage everyone to get involved and make new friendships.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Laurie 040907882 or Joe 0422835511

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow -
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit!

There will be times when
you want ot quit.
There will be times you feel
it's too hard,
but there will **NEVER** be a time
God isn't there.