



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 3 - Term 5

14 August 2018

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

### WEDNESDAY

15 AUGUST

**School Feast Day  
Feast of the  
Assumption**

### THURSDAY

16 AUGUST

**School Athletics  
Carnival**

### SUNDAY

19 AUGUST

9:30 AM

**FIRST EUCHARIST  
MASS**



## SCHOOL BANKING

Each Wednesday

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

### ***"Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary".***

O Blessed Virgin Mary, united to the victorious Christ in heaven, You are the image and first-flowering of the church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. You shine forth as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim People of God. In your Assumption, you manifest the fullness of redemption and appear as the spotless image of the church responding in joy to the invitation of the Bridegroom, your Son, who is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Grant that we may follow your example on earth thereby imitating your Son as well and being enabled to share your glory, with Him for all eternity.

### **Sickness**

During the past couple of weeks we have had a number of students, as well as staff, sick with flu's and colds. Some of these students have been battling through at school and struggling with flu like symptoms that have made it difficult for them to work effectively. If your child isn't feeling well we encourage you to give them the rest at home to recuperate.

### **STEM Day**

It was fantastic to see our students involved in STEM activities last Friday. The enthusiasm and knowledge our students are showcasing is excellent. Thank you to all the parents and loved ones who took the time to attend and see the wonderful and engaging activities each class were and are involved in. It is another part of our theme of ***We are Community*** and the excellence that Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Schools provides for students. A big thank you to our dedicated and enthusiastic staff who continue to provide an engaging and enriching learning environment centred on the pastoral care of all students. Also another big thank you to all the parents who helped out with the pop up hot dog day on Friday. I know the children love these days.

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## **Athletics Carnival - All classes**

**Thursday 16 August**

We will be holding our Athletics Carnival for all our students at the Doncaster (Tom Kelly) Athletics Track, cnr George and Victoria Streets, on Thursday for the whole day. Booking of the track is needed a year in advance, hence this time of year as well as it being a month before our district carnival. Details for the carnival have been sent out to parents. We encourage parents to come along and support their child/ren as well as volunteer their time as helpers during the day if possible.

## **First Eucharist Sacraments**

**Sunday 19, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 August**

We have a large number of our Year 4 students who are about to receive their Sacrament of First Eucharist at our parish. We have them in our thoughts and prayers as they move closer to this important sacrament. The following are sacramental times for the various groups of students:

Sunday 19 August	9.30am
Saturday 25 August	6.00pm
Sunday 26 August	11.30am

## **Board Meeting - 40 year celebration preparation**

**Monday 27 August**

We will be holding our next Board meeting on Monday, 27 August, where board members and other interested representatives of our school community will begin preparation for our 40 year celebrations. If you are interested in being involved in these preparations or know of anyone who would like to be involved, would you please let the office know prior to the meeting and make yourself available on **Monday, 27 August at 7.00pm** in the staffroom.

## **Father's Day stall**

**Monday 27 August**

We will be holding our Father's Day stall this year on the Monday before Father's Day. We also have some fantastic prizes on display in our foyer for the Father's day raffle. We thank Mrs Amber Hynes for again organising the stall and the prizes.

## **Year 5 Camp Thursday 23 and Friday 24 August**

Our Year 5 students will be heading on camp next Thursday and Friday. Information was sent out to parents and we look forward to this fantastic experience for our Year 5 students.

## **Father's Day Celebration whole school - morning**

**Friday 30 August**

We are inviting all the fathers to a celebration at school on Friday morning, 30 August. More information will be sent out in the coming week.

## **Book Week**

**Monday 20 - Friday 24 August**

Book Week activities and dress up for the students is next week? It is a topic of conversation that parents and teachers ask each year, as most actually sit in one of two directions; you like the dress up part of book week or it is a burden and you don't see the hassles and need for it. Dressing up is the engaging fun part of Book Week celebration. The real concentration is on the books themselves.

The focus of this year's Book Week is similar to last year in that we are encouraging books in classrooms and value them amongst the children's peers.

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia, with schools and public libraries everywhere celebrating authors and illustrators and in so doing, are valuing reading. It provides an opportunity for children to have fun reading rather than it merely remaining as an activity done at school. Importantly research abounds that children who are read to and read regularly at home have an educational advantage, both cognitively and socially. This week is one way we celebrate not only books, but the value of reading.

## **Book Week dress up day – Monday 20 August**

Next Monday as mentioned, we have our dress up day for Book Week. We will hold a parade of Book Week costumes following our assembly at 9.00am in the gym. All parents are welcome to attend and see what our children and staff have come dressed as. Also we encourage any **parents** who are interested in getting dressed up for book week to join the parade.

## **Enrolment 2019**

If you have a child who will be entering Foundation (Prep) in 2019, or know of anyone in the community who may be thinking of sending their child to Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary School, we are currently taking enrolments for 2019.

Parents of new students can organise with Noreen Forsyth in Administration, to arrange a tour with me and discuss all aspects of the school. Parents can obtain an enrolment application form from Noreen. If these could be filled in and returned to school as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Application forms are available from the front office. If these could be filled in and returned to school as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mr Brendan Keeling **Principal**

**"We are Community"**

## Term 3 – 2018 – CALENDAR

Please check regularly for updates

Wednesday	Aug 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS .. 9:00am</b></li> <li>• ICAS – Mathematics</li> </ul>
Thursday	Aug 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OLOP ATHLETICS CARNIVAL</li> </ul>
FRIDAY	Aug 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE – END DATE</li> </ul>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Aug 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FIRST EUCHARIST MASS .. 9:30 am</b></li> </ul>
<b>BOOK WEEK</b>	<b>Aug 20 -24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BOOK WEEK THEME “FIND YOUR TREASURE”</b></li> </ul>
Monday	Aug 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book week Parade</li> </ul>
Tuesday	Aug 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 – Faith Development Night 'Baptism'... 6:30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday to Friday	Aug 23 - 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 5 – CAMP – Narmbool, Ballarat</b></li> </ul>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Aug 25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FIRST EUCHARIST MASS .. 6:00 pm</b></li> </ul>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Aug 26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FIRST EUCHARIST MASS .. 11.30 am</b></li> </ul>
Monday	Aug 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fathers' Day Stall (Pop Up Stall - Buns at lunch time)</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday	Aug 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hooptime – Senior</li> <li>• <b>OLOP COMMUNITY FAIR</b> – Meeting .... 7:00pm</li> <li>• Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday	Aug 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 1 &amp; 2 - Excursion, Healesville</li> <li>• Foundation - Parent/Child Faith Development- topic 'GOD'... 6:30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday	Aug 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hooptime - Junior</li> </ul>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sept 01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reconciliation Commitment Mass ... 6:00pm</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday	Sept 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 – Human Development Night ... 7:00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday	Sept 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Templestowe District Athletics Carnival</li> </ul>
Friday	Sept 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Italian Incursion – Foundation to Year 6</li> </ul>
Tuesday	Sept 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choir Soiree</li> </ul>
Monday	Sept 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Italian Poetry Competition</li> </ul>
Friday	Sept 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footy Colours Day</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FINAL DAY TERM 3 - Students dismissed at 1:00pm</b></li> </ul>



# STEM DAY



On Friday, 10 August, students were involved in **STEM DAY**. It was exciting to see students across the school working in their engineering teams to solve the problem of building a bridge with a restricted amount of materials. There was a lot of discussion, cooperation and collaboration evident as students worked to create their bridges. It was wonderful to see so many family members and friends joining us on the day.



During the middle block, students participated in a variety of STEM activities in their classrooms. This included cup stacking challenges, catapult making, paper table construction, marble runs, marshmallow and toothpick towers to name a few.

Students were also involved in coding activities on and off line. Year 1's used scratch to construct animations to explain and show a personal celebration, linking with their topic in religion of celebrations around the world.

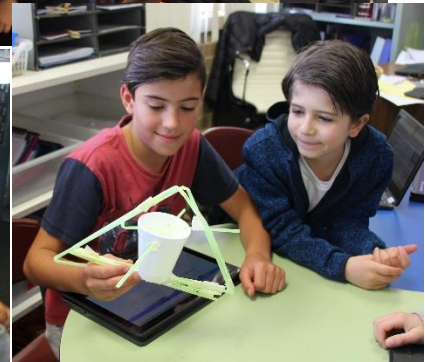


In the afternoon an eager group of year 5 and 6 students converged on the Maths Room for some tinkering with technology.

We opened and took apart old computers and learnt what is inside them and how they work! We are now thinking about how we can use the parts we have collected! It was great to see the students and staff dressing up in a variety of costumes. A special thank you to all those who supported our team to make the day so successful.

Regards The STEM Team  
Judy Paul Mel Whittle Anna Chiera







# EUCHARIST WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, the Year 4 and catechist children gathered in the church for a day of diverse activities all focused on First Eucharist.

We created name banners and vines to decorate the church as well as artwork based on The Last Supper. We learnt about all areas of the church and chapel and in a meditation session they reflected on what our First Eucharist means to us. A shared lunch was enjoyed as we shared what we had been learning. We read stories relating to our first communion, baked unleavened bread and ended the day with a wonderful discussion with parish member, John Lazzari, where we asked questions, discussed feelings and delved deeper into our First Eucharist journey.

It was a wonderful day spent together as we move closer to our First Eucharist masses.





# BOOK WEEK



## Book Week Program:

- Monday, 20 August, 9:00am – Dress Up Parade
- Students, staff and parents are welcome to dress up as a favourite book character or be inspired by the theme of *'Find Your Treasure'*
- After the parade, we will have shared reading with parents and children in their classrooms. Parents are welcome to bring lunch and share a reading lunchtime with their child. Come and visit the library!
- Tuesday, 21 August and Wednesday 22 August – Playground Pop Up Reading
- Look out for the balloons! During lunchtime, our library and SRC Captains will be in costume and reading favourite stories.

Throughout the week there will be in-class craft activities based on the shortlisted books. In the library, in addition to a wonderful 'Find Your treasure' display, there'll be:

- A colouring-in competition
- Guess Who? *The Very Noisy Baby*
- A Treasure Hunt

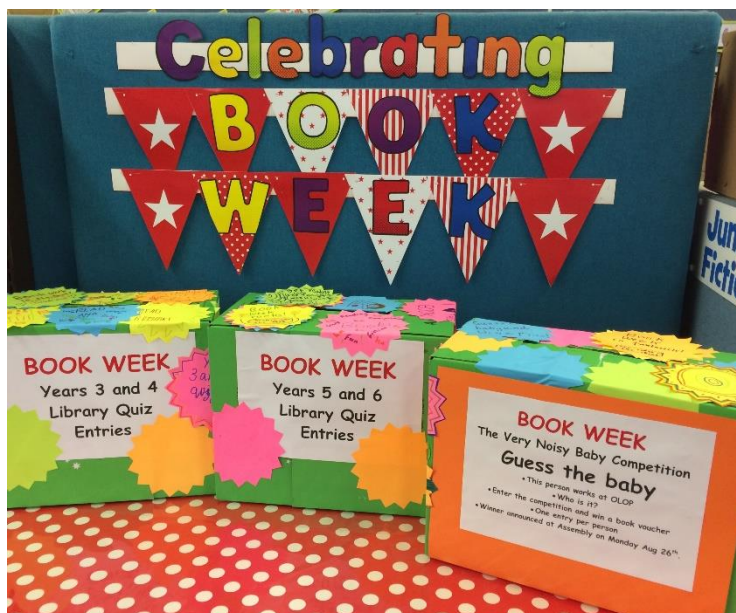
Prizes will be announced at assembly the following Monday.

## From the Library Captains ...

Mrs Walker is organising some great competitions for Book Week. We are having a **Find the Treasure** in the library quiz for years 3-6.

Everyone can enter the colouring competition and also **The Very Noisy Baby** competition. This week, at library club, we decorated the competition boxes. Lots of children drew pictures on the stars to decorate the answer boxes and Mrs Walker was delighted with the result. Thanks to all the people who came to Library club this week and decorated the boxes.

**James Fennell and James Palumbo –**  
Library Captains



## 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**

### HEAD LICE

We have several reported cases of head lice in the school. We are asking all parents to please check their child's scalp and if lice are present, please apply the necessary solution which is available from your chemist or supermarket.

**More information is available from:**

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits>

### School Banking

We need a couple more volunteers to assist with banking on Wednesday. If we could get two or three more volunteers the duty could be rotated so as the same people are not needed every Wednesday.

If you are able to volunteer some time, please contact

**Amanda Giandinoto 0409 626 900**

### 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**.

**Thank you to our band of mothers who coordinate the banking each week.**





# MySchoolsApp

As we no longer have P&F organising Eat a Treat days, parents may still have a credit with the MY SCHOOL APP.

If you have a credit in this app and wish to withdraw the funds, you can get a refund by following the simple steps below:

1. Open the App
2. Select option 'Top Up & Financial History'
3. Select 'Withdraw' option
4. Enter amount to be withdrawn and bank account details

Your balance will be transferred to your account and the MSC App will remain active should we need to use it in the future.

## Dear Parents

We are still in need of volunteers to be

### CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES.

The following classes, which is most of our classes, do not have reps assigned to them;



**F1** - Kate Athanas, Andrea Theoherakos

**F2** - Maryanne Farchione, Deb Cooke

**J1** - Andrea Zucco, Anthena Foudoulis

**J2** - Athena Tsiadis

**J3** - Mel Thompson

**J4** - Melissa Hall

**M1** -

**M2** -

**M3** - Annie Hadiyanto & Gillian Borovnica

**M4** - Melissa Hall

**M5** - Leah McNamara & Andrea Theoharakis

**S1** - Fiona Palumbo

**S2** - Sue Murtic

**S3** - Liz Garlick

**S4** - Aneke Du-Toit

If you can spare a little time to arrange the occasional get together (e.g. coffee in the staffroom), please contact Noreen Forsyth.



and **Sing along!**

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

All preschool children are invited  
to come along every Friday morning.

## Father's Day



On Monday 27 August, to begin celebrating Father's Day, we will be selling Finger Buns for the children at lunch time.

Finger Buns will be \$2 each.

(No pre-ordering required, just bring your \$2 on the day if you would like to purchase).

## Slamin Tennis

Slamin Tennis Player of the week:

**Luke Alfredini** - Great footwork and power on the forehands, and admiral committment to chasing every ball.

OLOP FREE Tennis lesson trials available!

### TERM 3 2018 - booking links:

1) Term 3 enrolling students:

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

2) Term 3 Matchplay / Competition:

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

\*\*\* Rain / extreme heat cancellation status\*\*\*

<https://slamintennisandfitness.teamapp.com>

Vicky Lee - Founder & Director

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# The Assumption

*The Feast of the Assumption*

*15 August*

*Our Lady of the Pines*

*School Feast Day*

## **POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO OUR IMMACULATE MOTHER MARY**

Virgin Mother, on this day, the feast of your Immaculate Conception, I pay homage to you in faith and love on behalf of God's holy people.

I come before you in the name of families, with their joys and troubles; on behalf of children and young people, exposed to life's challenges; on behalf of the elderly, laden and with age and years of experience;

I come especially on behalf of the sick, the imprisoned, and those who struggle. As a leader, I also come here for the sake of all those who have come from far-away lands in search of peace and work. There is space for everyone beneath your cloak, because you are the Mother of Mercy.

Your heart is full of tenderness towards all your children: The tenderness of God, who, by you, become incarnate and became our brother, Jesus, Saviour of every man and every woman.

Looking at you, Our Immaculate Mother, we see the victory of divine mercy over injustice and all its consequences; and hope for a better life is reignited within us.

Free from slavery, rancor and fear. We hear your motherly voice calling all of us to walk towards the door which represents Christ.

You say to everyone, **"Come, come closer, faithful ones; Enter and receive the gift of mercy; Do not be afraid, do not be ashamed; The Father awaits you with open arms. He will forgive and welcome you into his house. Come, all those in search of peace and joy.**

We thank you, Immaculate Mother, because you do not make us walk along this path alone;

You guide us, you are near us and help us through every difficulty. May God bless you, now and forever, Amen.

