



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 2
08 May 2018

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY 9 MAY
P&F & Fete Meeting

THURSDAY 10 MAY
Mother's Day Stall

FRIDAY 11 MAY
Mother's Day Mass

TUESDAY 15 MAY
Fete Meeting Meeting



SCHOOL BANKING

EACH Wednesday

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

***'The challenge of leadership is to be strong,
but not rude; be kind, but not weak;
Be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy,
be humble, but not timid;
Be proud, but not arrogant; have humour, but without folly.'***

Jim Rohan

Principal's Reflection

The way we live is changing. Each year, our free time shrinks a little more as computers clamour for an increasing percentage of our attention. We are in, a part of and a contributor to a computer age. The amazing contradiction of our age is not so much the ability to connect to such a wealth of information, but the apparent 'disconnect' that is so often associated with social media, one important aspect of our computer age.

Drawing from nationally representative surveys of eleven million young people as well as in-depth interviews, 'iGen', a recently published book by Dr Jean Twenge, is the first book to document the cultural changes shaping today's teens and young adults, documenting how their changed world has impacted their attitudes, world views, and mental health. With generational divides wider than ever, parents, educators, and employers have an urgent need to understand today's rising generation of teens and young adults.

Born after 1995, iGen is the first generation to spend their entire adolescence in the age of the smartphone. With social media and texting replacing other activities, iGen spends less time with their friends in person – perhaps why they are experiencing unprecedented levels of anxiety, depression, and loneliness. Dr Twenge's studies highlight the point that technology is not the only thing that makes iGen distinct from every generation before them; they are also different in how they spend their time, how they behave, and in their attitudes toward many topics; they socialise in completely new ways, reject once sacred social taboos, and want different things from their lives and careers.

Anxiety and depression are very, very closely related to each other - they are kind of two sides of the same coin. So, if you are seeing these links between electronic device time and depression and unhappiness, it is a pretty reasonable guess that you have seen them with anxiety as well.

These recent, comprehensive studies are extremely interesting in that almost everything that you can do that is not on a screen is linked to more happiness; spending time with friends in person, going to religious services, sports and exercise, even homework. However, everything that is on a screen is linked to less happiness; social media use, internet, texting.

The book highlighted two studies that followed people over time and the results found that spending a lot of time on social media leads to unhappiness, but being unhappy doesn't lead to spending more time on social media. Another study randomly assigned people to give up their Facebook page for a week, or not. Those who gave up Facebook ended the week happier, less depressed and less lonely.

Parents and educators cannot afford to not be part of discussions regarding the influence of social media. We are in a moving age and working together is so important in understanding and supporting each other as we move through these times.

Board Meeting – Tuesday 8 May

Our next board meeting will be held tonight in the staffroom at 7.00pm.

Mother's Day Stall - Thursday 10 May

This Thursday, we will be holding our annual Mother's Day Stall. This is a fantastic fundraiser and a chance for the students to purchase small gifts for their mums.

Mother's Day Mass - Friday 11 May

We invite all Mums to come along to our Mother's Day Mass this Friday, at 9.15am in the church. This is a chance to celebrate the wonderful contributions Mums make to our lives, our school and our school community.

Mother's Day - Sunday 13 May

Wishing all mums a very happy and wonderful Mother's Day this Sunday. I hope you have a relaxing day with family and are spoilt during the day.



District Cross Country - Tuesday 7 May

Yesterday, we had a representative team compete in the district Cross Country Carnival. I would like to congratulate all students who participated and tried their hardest in competing in each event. I would like to congratulate the following students who finished in the top 10 of their age group and move onto the division cross country at Yarra Glen on 12 June.

Gabriel Fabbris	Aurelia Hills	Archer Condie
Mdeleine Fitz	Irene Liddle	Teagan Murtic
Elizabeth Fyffe	Holly Dillon	Jude Bateman
Liam Cooke	Sienna Hills	Sienna Oxnam
Isabella Richardson		



NAPLAN – Grade 3 and 5's –

Tuesday 15 - Thursday 17 May

Next week, Tuesday to Thursday, our Grade 3 and 5 classes will be involved in Naplan testing. Naplan is a National Assessment Program - for Literacy and Numeracy and is completed by all students throughout Australia in Grade's 3, 5, 7 and 9. The testing provides a small snapshot of data for parents and teachers. As well as these tests that are conducted for these year groups, it is important to recognise the significant amount of work that is done throughout the year in class assessment. Also, our school assessments provide teachers and parents through our reporting and parent/teacher conversation process, a rich source of information about each child's achievements.

Confirmation - Sunday 20 May

We have our confirmation candidates preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. As a school community can we have these students in our thoughts and prayers during this time. The candidates will attend a practice at the Cathedral on **Friday 18 May**. It is very exciting for these candidates to receive their sacrament at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 20 May at 2.30pm** from Archbishop Denis Hart.

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, for myself to take them on a tour 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.

Yours faithfully and go the Blues

Mr Brendan Keeling
Principal

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P&F and Fete Meeting -

Wednesday 9 May

We will be holding an important P&F and Fete meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday, at 7.00pm in the staffroom. We invite anyone who feels they can contribute in the smallest way to come along and discuss the future of the P&F who do so much wonderful work and fundraising for improvements to our school.

Contributing even means just giving support to one another.

I look forward to seeing you at this meeting tomorrow night.



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PARISH NEWS

At the recently held Australia and New Zealand Family Groups Conference, Our Lady of the Pines was represented by State Leaders Trish and Roger Gurney, who report the following:

- OLOP was commended for its number of active and recently formed Family Groups
- OLOP is blessed to have always had parish priests who support and encourage the Family Group movement (as this is not the case in all parishes).
- Family Groups are what the Catholic Church is based on; communities who know, care for and support each other through life's celebrations, challenges and tragedies.

If anyone has any queries, or is interested in joining a Family Group, Trish Gurney can be contacted through the school (9842 2991) or tgurney@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au



Term 2 – 2018 – CALENDAR

Wednesday	May 09	• P&F Meeting - Parent are encouraged to attend
Thursday	May 10	• ISS • Mother's Day Stall
Friday	May 11	• Mother's Day – Whole School Mass 9:15am
Tuesday	May 15	• School Nurse Visit – Foundation • Fete Committee Meeting .. 7:00pm ALL WELCOME
Tues, Wed, Fri	May 15 - 18	• NAPLAN – Reading - Years 3 & 5 Language Conventions & Writing/Reading/Numeracy
Thursday	May 17	• ISS
Friday	May 18	• St Patrick's Cathedral – Confirmation Rehearsal Year 6: 10-12
SUNDAY	May 20	• Confirmation Sacrament 2:30pm ALL WELCOME
Tuesday	May 22	• Excursion – Year 4 – Currawong
Wednesday	May 23	• National Simultaneous Storytime 2018 – 10:45am
Thursday	May 24	• ISS • Yarra Valley Water Incursion – Years 3 & 4
Tuesday	May 29	• ICAS – Science • Parish Council Meeting – Joint OLOP & SsP&P
Thursday	May 30	• ISS
Friday	June 01	• Whole School Confirmation Mass ... 9:00am
Thursday	June 07	• ISS
Monday	June 11	• Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
Tuesday	June 12	• Manningham Division Cross Country Carnival - Qualifying students
Thursday	June 14	• ISS
Tuesday	June 19	• EMR CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL – Qualifying students
Thursday	June 21	• ISS
Friday	June 22	• STUDENT FREE DAY – STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Monday	June 25	• Semester 1 Reports sent out
Tuesday	June 26	• Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Students dismissed at 1:00pm)
Thursday	June 28	• ISS
Friday	June 29	• END TERM 2 – Students dismissed at 1:00pm

Project Compassion 2018



The theme for Project Compassion this year was

‘A Just Future’.

During Lent we read about stories explaining the issues faced in different countries - Nepal, Cambodia, Philippines, Mozambique, Jordan and even Australia.

How do we help others?

The money we raised for Project Compassion helps end poverty and promotes justice so the world's poor won't need to rely on charity.

Our Social Justice Action

Our Lady of the Pines raised

\$374.00



LIBRARY NEWS






Following my return from leave, Library Club resumed last week. Twister was the most popular game and it was lovely to see the older children showing the younger ones how to play. Other children enjoyed drawing and coloring in the Premier's Reading Challenge mascot Lachlan the reading dog.

Our Library Captains, James Palumbo and James Fennell, were assisted by Lucas Ficarra and Antony Catanchin. I must commend all of these boys on the great job they do for Library Club and with other tasks during the week. They are very enthusiastic and helpful.



OLOP AWARDS

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support 2018 Term 2 Weeks 1 and 2

<p>At OLOP we are called to be our best to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God</p> <p>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!</p>					
Level					
Prep	Aleisha Scott Wei Yuen Chen	Eva Peidis William Iacuccio		Kyra Theorakis Grace Poropat	
Years 1&2	Mark Colafella	Eva Rusak Sienna Marcou	Charlotte Burns	Angelina Ghaly Scarlett Hall	Alexander Leyden-Smith
Years 3&4	Ricco Bonello Sophia Borovnicar Penelope Kaoullas Ryan Clonan	Alysha Lee Sahib R Samantha Beeston Jose Gerges		Finn Carpenter- O'Gorman Aurelia Hills. Lee Koukoullis	Athan Mitsikas Peter Skoufis Jasmine Ghaly
Years 5&6	Illana Ascenzo Abbey Dutch Alison Beeston	Holly Dillon Rachel Harding Olivia Curiale Liam Webb		Jake Alfredini Antony Catanchin	Mila Ivanusic
Specialists					
Other					
	The focus for the next two weeks will be 'Act Responsibly'. Students may receive awards for any one of our four SWPBS behaviour expectations or for showing any of our 'You Can Do It' values.				

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 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 ON 0428 501 010**

BASKETBALL CLUB:

BASKETBALL VICTORIA COMMUNITY COACHING CLUB

We have arranged for Basketball Victoria to run a coaching clinic for the OLOP Basketball club (in conjunction with Milgate).

This is an excellent opportunity to upgrade coaching skills.

You can register by entering this link in your address bar:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=77172>

PIANO KEYBOARDS

If anyone has a keyboard at home that they no longer require, would you please contact Joan O'Callaghan, Majors & Minors Keyboard Clinic, 0402 224 577

School Banking Day

Don't forget that **Wednesday** is

CommonwealthBank



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 co-ordinate the banking each week.

Slamin Tennis

Slamin Tennis Player of the week:

Mia Salvagni - beautiful concentration and team work with her fellow class mates, such a delight to teach

TERM 1 2018 - booking links:

1) Term 2 enrolling students:

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

2) Term 2 Matchplay / Competition:

<https://www.trybooking.com/361368>

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

<https://slamintennisandfitness.teamapp.com>

Vicky Lee - Founder & Director M: 0403 129 648

W: www.slamin.com.au

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

J1 J2 J3 J4

M1 M2 M4 M5

S1 S2 S3 S4

If you can spare a little time to arrange the occasional get together (e.g. coffee), please let Noreen know.

2018 Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for **eligible students** to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2018 are open and will close on the first day of term 2 (18 April 2018).

OLOP strongly encourages any family with a health care card as listed below, to put in an application.

A parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:
Veterans Affairs Gold Card
Centrelink Health Care Card
Pensioner Concession Card
- **OR** they must be a temporary foster parent
- **OR** the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)

AND the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date. For further information please log into www.education.vic.gov.au/csef or phone the CSEF Helpdesk via 1800 060 970 (option 1). You can also email their office at csef@edumail.vic.gov.au

LIBRARY HELPERS

We remain in need of helpers for term 2, from our parent and carer community, to help at the beginning or end of the day to help in returning books and tidying shelves. If you could let the office or our Library Manager, Maryanne Walker, know if are able to volunteer any of your time.

Email: mwalker@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au

Mother's Day Stall Helpers Needed



**Thursday
10 May 2018**

HELPERS NEEDED to assist on Thursday, 10 May from 9.00 am till 11.00 pm with our Mother's Day Stall.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Many helpers are needed to make this event a success.

Please contact Amber Hynes (0400 352 664) if you are able to assist.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION PACKS Year 6 to Year 7 - 2019

For those parents of Year 6 students who are considering sending their child to a government secondary school in 2019, enrolment forms are now available. Please contact Noreen Forsyth for a transition pack, either by phone or email nforsyth@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au and one will be prepared for you, and sent home.

All completed enrolments forms need to be returned to the school office no later than Friday, 11 May.

Parents applying for Catholic secondary schools should be notified in mid-May, by the secondary school to which they applied.

Come and join Kidzone!

Kidzone is the Salvation Army's values based program. It includes games, craft, a short story or lesson and of course afternoon tea!

Fridays during term @ 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Cost: \$5 per family per week.

[37 Taunton Street, Doncaster East](#)

Call Toni: 0430 953 438

Email: toni.freeman@aus.salvationarmy.org

Thank you! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Blessings, **Toni Freeman**

Children and Young Adults Ministry Worker

The Salvation Army | Manningham Corps

[37 Taunton Street Doncaster East 0430953438](#)

Email - toni.freeman@aus.salvationarmy.org

Happy
Birthday
God bless you always.

MAY
BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to:

Front Row: Jasper, Zack, Zaril, Nicole, Maya Zara, Eve, Mila, Eamon

Middle: Aisha, Isabella, Anika, Chelsea, Zoravar, Deanna, Zac, Ella

Rear: Josh, Misha, Oscar

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Reflection:

We Pray for Mothers

*Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers.
May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength
and selfless love.*

**For new mothers with new responsibilities;
For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
For those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
For those who balance the tasks of work and family;
For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
For those who raise children on their own;
For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty;
For those who selflessly place their child for adoption;
For those who adopt a child into their family;
For those who have lost a child;
For those who care for the children of others;
For those whose children have left home;
For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.**

*Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good.*

