



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 8 - Term 1
20 March 2018

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

21 to 23 March
YEAR 6 CAMP

Monday 26 March -
**SCHOOL CLOSURE
DAY**

Tuesday 27 March
Human Development
Info Night – Year 6 ONLY

SCHOOL BANKING

EACH Wednesday



SUPPORT OLOP

If shopping at Coles please
collect and send



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

A grateful heart is a beginning of greatness.

It is an expression of humility.

It is a foundation for the development of such virtues

as prayer, faith, courage, contentment, happiness, love, and well-being.

James E. Faust

Principal's Reflection

I was reading an educational journal over the weekend which was discussing various thoughts on literacy in modern education. It challenged me to further research handwriting, reading, comprehension and vocabulary. My reading and research lead me to the following information which I think is both thought provoking and relevant in what we are discussing and achieving at OLOP.

“Handwriting is more connected to the movement of the heart”.

With the abundance of technology in today's world, it is so much quicker and easier to type. However, the art of handwriting should not be lost or be in serious decline. Handwriting is a complex task which requires various skills, such as feeling the pen and paper, moving the writing implement, and directing movement by thought. Edouard Gentaz, Professor of Developmental Psychology at the University of Geneva, states that, “Drawing each letter by hand substantially improves subsequent recognition”. Marieke Longchamp and Jean-Luc Velay, two researchers at the cognitive neuroscience laboratory at Aix-Marseille University, have carried out a study of 76 children, aged three to five. The group that learned to write letters by hand were better at recognising them than the group that learned to type them on a computer. They repeated the experiment on adults, teaching them Bengali or Tamil characters. The results were much the same as with the children. Drawing each letter by hand improves our grasp of the alphabet because we really have a “body memory”. Writing also builds motor skills. It facilitates hand/eye coordination which is an essential part of development. Scientific research also suggests that handwriting is a critical skill that facilitates growth in other areas of intellectual development.

NAPLAN results and data are always a topic of conversation amongst teachers, parents, politicians and the media. We at OLOP continuously strive to raise the standard in these three areas of literacy and we are committed to this. Underlying all these areas is the development of vocabulary.

Researcher, Deborah Hollimon, asserts that what our students need are opportunities brimming with engaging reading materials of all sorts, at many different levels. Reading means engaging students to make connections, ask questions and find to purpose in what they are reading. In addition, to developing reading skills, teachers encourage their students to write and to build writing skills and stamina. Writing is, putting ideas down on paper, creating visible thoughts and connecting the dots. Writing quality is achieved through regular writing and writing for purpose.

Vocabulary instruction is also an important key to develop literacy skills, and the best way to teach new words is through reading and conversation. Shared reading is helpful at all grade levels with the teacher or parent reading a book aloud while students follow along. Struggling readers need to have reading modelled to them so that they can hear what fluent reading is supposed to sound like when the story is being read to them. The sound of the teacher's or parent's voice in their heads is soon replaced by their own. The work in vocabulary can be reinforced by parents taking the opportunity to support literacy programs at home by ensuring that their child reads for between 15 to 30 minutes a night, and at times uses the Spellodrome online program. Also, by conversing and discussing issues and recalling events and even debating topics, are what children need from parents and prime educators, to consolidate progress that emerges from school-based programs. Our mutual goal should be the enhanced independent skill acquisition in key curriculum areas.

District Tennis

I would like to congratulate **Jake Alfredini, Hridyan Singh** and **Lily Martinico** who represented the school at the District Tennis level during March.

Year 6 Camp - **Wednesday 21 - Friday 23 March**

Our Year 6 students will be attending their annual school camp to Mount Martha - **'The Briars'**, this Wednesday, 21 to Friday, 23 March. The staff who will be attending the camp will be Julie Carrick, Anne Jenkins, Matt Green, Sarah Pedersen and Mel Whittle. I will also be heading down to camp periodically.

Pupil Free Day - Monday 26 March

We will be conducting our first pupil free day this year next Monday, where the staff will be looking at pedagogy (the art of teaching), planning in professional levels and work around Dr Lyn Sharratt; analyzing data.

Last Day of Term 1 - Thursday 29 March

Our Last day of Term 1 is Thursday of next week.

Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm

Parking - Serpells Road

We have received forewarning from Manningham City Council regarding parking in Serpells Road. The council indicated that parking on the residential side of Serpells Road is illegal, ***i.e. opposite a solid, single dividing line and where parking lanes are not provided.*** No signage will be installed, and this is dependent on drivers knowing the road rules. We have been asked to notify our parents/carers in our newsletter before enforcement officers begin patrolling the area. Council intend to install a new crossing nearer to Shore Nook, closer to Milgate Primary School, before July.

Whilst this should mainly affect families attending Milgate Primary School, we feel it is good general knowledge to pass on regarding the road rule of not parking opposite a ***solid, single dividing line where parking lanes are not provided.*** This may also apply to other areas around our school.

We are very fortunate at OLOP to have our own, off street car park at the top of Serpells Road, and highly recommend families use our pick up and drop off procedure at the roundabout and upper car park.

Families parking in Fullwood Parade and Carbine Street, are reminded to be courteous and considerate of our neighbours at all times when using these areas.

Easter Raffle

Today, you will receive information and tickets for the Easter Raffle. Thank you to the many and very generous families in our school who have already donated Easter Eggs for the raffle. Our prizes are building up. If you haven't donated yet, there is time to send some along by Thursday of this week, when our volunteers will be preparing the prizes. Tickets must be returned by Wednesday of next week. Thank you again for your support as all the money raised is clear profit to the school.

Human Development Night - Year 6 ONLY -

Tuesday 27 March

The Year 6 Human Development night will be held next Tuesday, at 7.00pm in the Church. We encourage all students and parents to attend this evening conducting by Kathy Stewart.

Board Meeting - Monday 26 March

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Monday evening at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Stations of the Cross - Students Display –

Tuesday 27 March - Thursday 29 March

As part of our Easter theme, we will be having a Stations of the Cross display in the Parish Centre from Tuesday to Friday next week.

Easter Assembly - Thursday 29 March

There will be an Easter assembly next Thursday, at 11.50am in the church. We will draw the Easter raffle at this assembly.

First Day of Term 2 - Monday 16 April

Our first day of Term 2 is Monday 16 April.

School Photos - Monday 30 April

Our school photos for 2018 will be on Monday 30 April.

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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“We are Community”

Parish Easter Mass times

All Our Lady of the Pines families are invited to join in the celebration of Holy Week at the Parish. The following are Mass times where all families are invited:

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

29 March at 7.30pm

Good Friday - Passion of Christ

30 March at 3.00pm

Easter Saturday Vigil - Jesus's Resurrection

31 March at 7.30pm

Easter Sunday - Jesus' Resurrection

1 April at 9.30am

MULTICULTURAL DAY

On Tuesday, 13 March, the school came together to celebrate Multicultural Day. Students came dressed in national costumes, colours of the flag or anything to do with their national background. It was a wonderful display of colour and diversity. I conducted a survey and there are amazingly 52 different nationalities represented in our school community.

I would like to thank all the parents who came to the parade and to the effort all parents put into their costumes.

The students then moved to their classrooms to take part in multicultural activities and to enjoy a special lunch representative of their national background. The day was a fantastic recognition of the cultural diversity within our school, and also an appreciation of everyone's uniqueness. The celebration was also a recognition of how our school community works together in harmony.

I would like to also thank Mr Keeling for his support and the effort he went into his fantastic costume, to all the teachers for their creativity and hard work on the day and the students for their enthusiasm and fantastic behaviour that made the day very special.

There are some wonderful memories of this day further in the newsletter.

Grazi

Signora Teasdale

Italian - LOTE Teacher

Term 1 – 2018 – CALENDAR

Please check regularly for amendments

Wed - Fri	March 21-23	•CAMP – Year 6 – The Briars
Monday	March 26	• STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – School Closed •Advisory Board Meeting .. 7:00pm
Tuesday	March 27	• Years 6 ONLY - Human Development Night
Thursday	March 29	•Final Day – Term One - Students Dismissed at 1:00pm
EASTER 2018		
Friday 30 March - Good Friday Saturday 31 March - Easter Saturday Sunday 01 April - Easter Sunday Monday 02 April - Easter Monday		
TERM 2 - STUDENTS RETURN: Monday 16 April 2018		

Term 2 – 2018 – CALENDAR

Monday	April 16	•Term 2 begins
Thursday	April 19	•ISS – Years 5 & 6
Tuesday	April 24	•Excursion – Years 3 & 4 – Healesville Sanctuary •Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm
Wednesday	April 25	• ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday
Thursday	April 26	•ISS
Monday	April 30	• SCHOOL PHOTOS – Class, Individuals, Sibling and Whole School photos
Thursday	May 03	•ISS •Parent / Child Confirmation Night
Tuesday	May 08	•Templestowe District Cross Country Carnival
Thursday	May 10	•ISS
Friday	May 11	• Mother's Day – Whole School Mass
Tues, Wed, Fri	May 15 - 18	• NAPLAN – Reading - Years 3 & 5 Language Conventions&Writing/Reading/Numeracy
Thursday	May 17	•St Patrick's Cathedral – Confirmation Rehearsal Year 6
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
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
Thursday	June 28	•ISS
Friday	June 29	• END TERM 2 – Students dismissed at 1:00pm

MULTICULTURAL DAY

Tuesday 14 March





Why am I changing?



Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 Students

You are invited to share a special evening for families. We have organised a session for Year 6 students and their parents to help you to talk together about the important and sometimes sensitive subject of human development. The Year 6 students will be given information about the physical and emotional changes of puberty for girls and boys. We aim to assist parents as the primary educators of their children in providing starting points for further discussion at home. Surveys indicate that young people prefer their parents to be the key source of their information and values about sexuality.

This session will be run by Kathy Stewart. If anyone would like further information on this, please contact Kathy.

Where: The Parish Centre

When: Tuesday 27 March, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m. to about 8:15 p.m.

The Year 6 students must come with an adult and family members need to sit together.

Yours sincerely

Julie Carrick, Anne Jenkins, Steve Nugent and Sarah Pedersen
Year 6 Teachers

Kathy Stewart
Student Wellbeing Leader

Brendan Keeling
Principal

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We request that you fill this in and give it to your child to hand to his or her teacher by Monday 26th March, to give us some idea of the numbers to expect.

CHILD'S NAME:..... GRADE:.....

We intend to come to the Year 6 human development education session on Tuesday 27 March, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Number of people attending:.....

PARENT SIGNATURE:

Positive Relationships Week and The National Day of Action Against Bullying

Dear Parents and Carers



OUR POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS PROMISE

At OLOP we are called to be our best:

We are kind.
We act responsibly.
We act safely.
And we show respect.

Last week was Positive Relationships Week at OLOP. We began the week with Multicultural Day, where we celebrated the rich diversity of cultures which make up our community. We finished off on Friday, which was the The National Day of Action Against Bullying, with a special assembly to share some of our insights. Thank you to all those family members who attended. Enjoy the photos on the next page.

The **Foundation** students read the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" This helped them to understand the difference between friendly and unfriendly behaviour. They all now want to be 'bucket-fillers' and make other people happy by their words and actions.

Year 1 and 2 students talked about making choices that are either kind or mean. They sang the 'Kinda Mean' song to share what they had learned with us.



Years 3 and 4 covered topics on recognising and understanding bullying, building positive relationships and ensuring that school is a safe place for everyone. They wrote statements on bunting that they displayed, and they reinforced their message with a rap song.

Years 5 and 6 students worked on using positive dialogue and also emphasised everyone's ability to take a stand together against bullying. They gave us a very powerful message when they sang their 'This is Me' song from their Identity unit, using actions and posters.

We all wore wristbands which said 'Bullying No Way! Take a Stand Together!' We finished our assembly with both our anti-bullying promise and our positive behaviour promise. We are all committed to making sure that at OLOP everyone is respected and that it is a great place to have supportive friendships, to learn and to grow together.

Kathy Stewart
Student Wellbeing Leader

At Our Lady of the Pines we can all act to stop bullying from happening and keep our school a safe and happy place for everyone!

OUR ANTI-BULLYING PROMISE



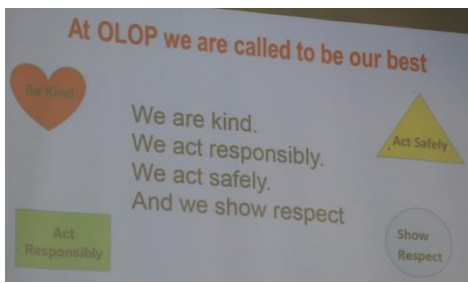
I will not bully others.
I will not stand by while others are bullied.
I will report bullying whenever I see it.



Positive Relationship Week –

Tuesday 13 March - Friday 16 March

National Day of Action Against Bullying








OLOP AWARDS

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support - 2018 Term 1 Weeks 5 and 6

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!

Level					
Prep	James Punturere Rafael Gerges	Jacob Argentino Eva Peidis	Vincent Iacobaccio	Mikaela Henderson	Ruby Pedersen Jacob Mitsikas
Years 1&2	Oscar Ferris	Zara Dowell		Elly Zachariou Zarli Rowe	
Years 3&4	Isabella Kefallinos Marlee Duggan Sienna Margarego Lily Kelzi	Liam Coviello Zara Oxnam Josh McCann Andre Cantone	Leon Farchione	Joshua Marcou Molly Pearson Sienna Lomax Maddy Fitz	Lachlan Baldori Cassie Lovesz Xavier Reginato
Years 5&6	Katia Tomaro Lourdes Agius Maddison Hall James Palumbo Jordan Ruggerri	Sienna Hills Charlie Camilleri Jacob Reginato		Zahli Burgess	Jaimi Cook
Other				Zarli Rowe	James Palumbo - Code Club
The focus for the next two weeks will be 'Show Respect'. Students may receive awards for any one of our four SWPBS behaviour expectations or for showing any of our 'You Can Do It' values.					



Happy
Birthday
God bless you always.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to:

Front Row:

Caitlin R, Aleisha, Ian, Rosheen, Charlotte,
Caitlin L, Maggi, Olivia, Dillon, Ronak

Middle:

James, Lucas, Charlie, Jack,
Andre, Sienna, Ruby, Curtis,

Rear:

Sophie, Chantelle, James, Alyssa, Ilana,
Libby, Noah, Jacob

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.

ICY POLE DAYS:

The Parents & Friends Association will resume selling Icy Poles each Wednesday at lunch time commencing Wednesday (tomorrow)

For Sale:

Zooper Dooper 0.50

Cosmic Flavours 0.50

Sourz Flavours 0.50

Peters Lemonade

icy-poles \$1.20



SPECIAL INVITATION –

We are inviting all students to sing at OLOP's Palm Sunday Mass, 25 March, 9:30am. Please join the parish in celebrating this special Children's and Youth Mass. There will be a sausage sizzle afterwards. Just show up on the day or come along for a 20 minute choir practice in the Community Area on Wednesday 14 and 21 March after school. Younger siblings most welcome.

Contact Andrea on 0403 177 148 for more info.

COLES COUPONS: OLOP has registered with Coles to collect coupons this year, so please let your family members know to collect coupons when shopping at Coles. This gives us the opportunity to earn sports gear just by collecting vouchers. We have a collection box in the foyer and one outside the library. Thanks for your help.

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

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**

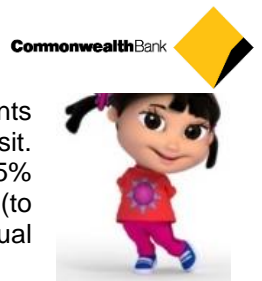
School Banking Day

Don't forget that **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 co-ordinate the banking each week.



Slamin Tennis

Slamin Tennis Player of the week: Mia Salvagni -

Excellent topspin on the forehand, and wonderful speed picking up the balls.

2) Term 1 re-enrolling students:

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

3) Term 1 Matchplay / Competition:

<https://www.trybooking.com/350569>

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

<https://slamintennisandfitness.teamapp.com>

Vicky Lee - Founder & Director M: 0403 129 648

W: www.slamin.com.au

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 are in need of library helpers 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

FAMILY INFORMATION REPORTS

Due back tomorrow please.

**Thank you to the families
who have already completed
and returned their reports.**



CATHOLIC RAFFLE 2018

The 2018 Car Raffle is now up and running with **THREE brand new Suzuki cars** as major prizes and a number of Coles Myer Gift Cards for \$1,000 and \$500. In total there are fourteen prizes to be won this year.

We would be very grateful if you would be able to assist with selling tickets. If you would like to purchase one or more tickets, or if you would like a book to sell please contact the school office. Books that have already been distributed are due back by Friday 4 May.

ALL TICKETS **SOLD OR UNSOLD** MUST BE RETURNED to ensure we meet the requirements of the Vic Commission for Gambling Regulations. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Each book sold raises \$16 for OLOP

PRIZES

1 st Prize	Suzuki Baleno	Valued - \$17,490
2 nd Prize	Suzuki Baleno	Valued - \$17,490
3 rd Prize	Suzuki Baleno	Valued - \$17,490
4 th & 5 th Prizes	Myer Gift Cards	Valued - \$1,000
6 th - 14 th Prizes	Myer Gift Cards	Valued - \$500

SAVE THE DATE

**OLOP SOCIAL NIGHT
BEE GEES – FRIDAY 4 MAY
7:00pm**



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Our Lady of the Pines

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Sue Murtic c/- above email

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Reflection:

PRAYER FOR LENT

Loving God,

*As the season of Lent unfolds, you call us to return
again and again*

*As you invite us to reflect on your love made visible in the
person of Jesus,
align our lives more closely with you through prayer, fasting and
generous giving.*

*Bless our desire to accompany Jesus' suffering here and now
in the crucified people of our world.*

*With your grace, may we live Lent fully and move with
transformed hearts into the abundant life of Easter morning.*

Amen

