



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 2
18 June 2019

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Friday 21 June
**STAFF PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Monday 24 June
**PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES**



**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**
Each **Wednesday**

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

Principal's Reflection

'It is your decision, not your condition, who determines who you are'.

Sam Cawthorne

I purchased a pack of peanuts and just reading the labelling made me laugh. First it was the big bold letters that read, 'Warning, may contain traces of nuts', but it was the second line that really pushed me over the edge. It simply read, 'Instructions, open packet, eat nuts'.

But it's not just nuts that have gone nuts. I bought a glass biscuit jar once, and it came with instructions. Think about that, 'Instructions!' I'm sorry, but if you need instructions to open a glass jar, I don't think you should be trusted with glass. I wouldn't think there would be too many people who look at the biscuits in a glass jar and wonder, 'how did the biscuits get in there? I wish this thing had instructions'. Maybe the instructions are needed for the same people who buy the same deodorant as me which says, 'do not spray in eyes!'

As jovial as these appear, it sends the message that no matter who we are, valuable lessons can be learnt from the simple experiences to the more complex. In 2009 Sam Cawthorne was the Young Australian of the Year. He is a Tasmanian who suffered horrific injuries in a major car crash at Parramatta Creek. He lost his right arm and suffered a number of other major injuries, but in the early stages of his recovery he learnt the valuable lesson that his decisions, not his condition, will determine who he is. Sam has overcome a variety of setbacks and continually focuses on what he can do in creating a future which is boundary-less. When asked if he could set back the clock and change his accident, Sam responded clearly that he would never change what has happened to him as it opened his eyes to what he was missing before the accident.

In life we all face defining moments where we are faced with a challenge or adversity. For many of us they will not come in the major form that Sam faced, but occur every day in the simple things we do. A question to ask yourself and your children is whether you and they are 'selfish' or 'self-less'. Do we think about ourselves first, or did we think about others? For our students to be responsible and functional members of a community, they need to be contributors, not consumers. When we choose to respond we need to look inward before we look outward. We applaud the students at our Cross Country Carnival last month who saw the opportunity to think beyond themselves, support their colleagues and build not only house spirit but school spirit.

On numerous occasions, this spirit of caring for others is seen amongst our students. For example, our TechOLOPy team workshoping our parents on the understanding of digital technologies, to our Green Thumbs, Choir and Mini Vinnies groups. These are the resilient, responsible and future leaders of our community who are outstanding exemplars of being self-less and contributors to something bigger than just themselves.

So before we are quick to criticise others or shift the blame onto something else we need to accept the challenge, explore what can be done and learn from it. As parents we have a responsibility to open our eyes in supporting our students become self-less contributors within our community. Do we allow our students to opt out of experiences because they do not want to do them? Do we take our students home immediately after their event at a carnival and prevent them from supporting all other students compete? Do we fight our student battles without working alongside them to overcome their challenge? These experiences can be tough and not easy, but are better learnt from earlier rather than later.

Cross Country at Yarra Glen

Two of our students are running at Yarra Glen today. We wish Teagan Murtic and Isabella Richardson good luck.

NCCD –

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

'When educators incorporate inclusive pedagogical choices into their practice, they foster an environment that embraces the education of all students regardless of their cultural background, socio-economic status, learning needs, exceptional ability or disability, and create educational communities that celebrate diversity and combat discrimination.'

Horizons of Hope Framework (CEM)

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disabilities (the national data collection), is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (the DDA).

To provide you with further information attached is the link to the NCCD Information Sheet for Parents and Carers provided by the Catholic Education, Melbourne (CEM).

SCHOOL CLOSURE – PUPIL FREE DAY

Pupil Free Day - Friday 21 June

We will be holding our first pupil free day this year on Friday, 21 June, where the staff will be looking at pedagogy (the art of teaching), planning in professional levels, NCCD and work around analysis of data.

- **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Monday 24 June –**

Students dismissed at 1:00pm

- **LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – Friday 28 June**

Students dismissed at 1:00pm

OLOP Observer

As per previous week's newsletter, our OLOP Observer will continue this term on Thursday.

Week 9 **Thursday 20 June**

Religion and Digital Technologies

Week 10 **Thursday 20 June**

Student Wellbeing

Reports home to parents - Thursday 20 June

Reports will go home this Thursday. This is slightly earlier due to the pupil free day on the following day (Friday).

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Parent/Teacher Conferences –

Monday 24 June

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held in the afternoon and evening of Monday, from 1.00pm. Information to parents is enclosed in this newsletter on page 5, for access to the portal to book these conferences. **Please note that school finishes at 1.00pm on this day.**

The purpose of providing Parent/Teacher Conferences the week after Mid-Year Reports are distributed allows the opportunity for clarification on current student progress and future goals for success for the remainder of the school year.

Whilst this is our second formal Parent/Teacher Conference for the year, we remind parents that should you have any questions, queries or concerns throughout the year, we welcome informal conversations on student progress in providing the best educational outcomes for each child.

Enrolment 2020

If you have a child who will be entering Foundation (Prep) in 2020 & 2021, 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 2020 & 2021.

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.

I wish everyone an enjoyable week and God Bless.
Go the Blues!

Brendan Keeling - Principal

"We are Community"

CINDERELLA VISITED DEEP CREEK KINDA LAST THURSDAY

Miss Campbell, (Cinderella), visited the 3 year old kinda children last week and had them captivated while reading 'Pig The Winner'. This tale of Pig, a pug, who absolutely, positively, must win at whatever game he is playing.



Please help

You may not be aware of a tragic incident that occurred within our community.

A local family requires our help. The Bate Family), whose children attend Milgate, are also known amongst some of the OLOP community. Davina Bate, Principal at Eastern Rangers (Autism) School, lost her husband approximately a month ago in tragic circumstances. Her husband, Wes Bate, is missing.

Milgate Primary School has established a 'Go Fund Me' page – please copy or click on the link below which summarizes their tragic story.

It would be appreciated if you would take the time to read the circumstances of his disappearance and assist if you can with a donation to help this family.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/bate-family>

GRANT APPLICATION

Our school has applied for a \$1000 Leader Local Grant to assist in funding a community project. We are excited to announce that we have been accepted as one of the top ten finalists for Manningham Leader Newspaper and therefore are now in the voting stage.

One winner for each council municipality will be chosen based on who receives the highest amount of votes.

To vote please visit
https://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/finalists/?sft_category=manningham-leader

where you will need to sign up/log in and will then receive 10 votes to cast. Voting closes at 5pm Friday, 28 June.

We hope to use the grant to assist in creating an open community area complete with new garden and bench seats outside the senior building overlooking the oval.

Term 2 – 2019 – CALENDAR
Please check regularly for amendments

Thursday	June 20	•Reports go home
Friday	June 21	•STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – No school for students
Monday	June 24	•Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – students dismissed at 1:00pm
Friday	June 28	•TERM 2 ENDS - Students Dismissed at 1:00pm

Term 3 – 2019 – CALENDAR

Monday	July 15	•Beginning Term 3
Friday	July 26	•Grandparent's Whole School Mass
SATURDAY	AUG 03	•Eucharist Commitment Mass
Wednesday	Aug 07	•Eucharist Parent/Child
Thursday	Aug 08	•Premier's Reading Challenge ends
Friday	Aug 09	•Majors and Minors Recitals
Sunday	Aug 11	•SCIENCE WEEK begins •PARISH SOCIAL AFTERNOON – all welcome
THURSDAY	AUG 15	•FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – School Feast Day
Sunday	Aug 18	•BOOK WEEK BEGINS 'Reading Is My Secret Power'
SUNDAY	AUG 18	•FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 11:30 AM
Monday	Aug 19	•BOOK WEEK PARADE
Thursday	Aug 22	•ATHLETICS DAY
SATURDAY	AUG 24	•FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 5:00PM
SUNDAY	AUG 25	•FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 11:30AM
Friday	Aug 30	•Father's Day Celebration
Sunday	Sept 01	•FATHER'S DAY
FRIDAY	SEPT 06	•FIRST EUCHARIST WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
Monday	Sept 16	•ITALIAN DAY
Friday	Sept 20	•FOOTY DAY
FRIDAY	Sept 20	•END OF TERM 3 – Students dismissed at 1:00pm
Monday	Oct 7	•Beginning Term 4



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Your bookings are listed below.

Dear Parents/Carers

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly. Bookings open on Wednesday, 19 June, at 8:00am and must be finalised before Monday, 24 June at 9am, when bookings for this event will close.

These interviews are to discuss your child's progress and are strictly fifteen minutes duration. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 9842 2991.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code

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And press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family



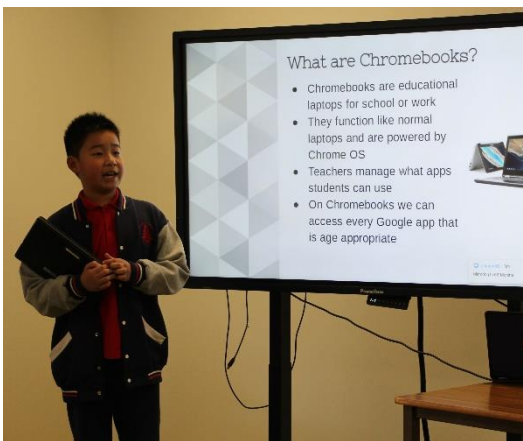
When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately, check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly. DO NOT DELETE the email you are sent. You may need to refer back to it.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews, via a link in the email that was sent to you, when you made your bookings - until the **bookings close on Monday, 24 June at 9am.**

TECHNOLOGY

Last Tuesday, the Tech**O**LOPy team ran a Parent and Community Workshop to educate our school community in the most common Google Apps we use at school.

We commend the students for their professionalism and dedication to this project. We hope the parents who attended the session found it informative and insightful to their students' digital learning here at school. We aim to hold a more advanced Google workshop in the future.



GREEN THUMBS



We certainly are "Green Thumbs".
We planted vegetable seedlings
at the end of April.

This included; cabbages, onions, spring onions,
peas, beans, spinach and parsley.

All the rain and sunshine has allowed the plants
to grow vigorously.

Yesterday we checked on our produce
and we were very pleased with how well they are
growing. We needed to weed all the beds to give
the veggies the best chance to grow.
We can't wait until we can harvest our produce.

Mrs Paul & the Green Thumbs








OLOP AWARDS

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) - 2019 Term 2 Weeks 7&8

At OLOP we are called to be our besto 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	Nicholas H Ruby Mac Gabbi R	Amelie Mellor Marcus Mark	Martin Rusak	Dakota M Alexandr N	
Years 1&2	Tanalee M Caitlin R Evan Y	Charlotte B Aleisha S Maggie L Dylan C	Eve F Jacob A Benjamin T	Ian T Tahlia C	Mark C Jasper K Hollie F-S Maya M William I Kyra T
Years 3&4	Gabriele P Sophia B Nick B Zac B	Mietta N Dayna P Angela B Sammi B		Alyssa C Kayley C	Chloe T Gabriel F Xavier R
Years 5&6	Bobby Y	Imogen E Lydia R Leon F		Allegra D Joven R	
Students may receive awards for any one of our four PBL 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 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

Slamin Tennis Player of the week:

TERM 2 2019 - booking links:

<https://www.trybooking.com/435076>

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

<https://slamintennisandfitness.teamapp.com>

Vicky Lee - Founder & Director

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

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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.



FOR SALE - GIRLS' CLARK SCHOOL SHOES - SIZE 4½ D

–worn for 1 week only.

If interested please call

Monica 0411221794



WOOLWORTHS LEARN & LEARN STICKERS



We are registered in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. We have boxes as collection points at both the Pines Shopping Centre and Jackson's Court. Earn and Learn stickers can also be sent to the school office. The more stickers we collect, the more new equipment receive FREE !

So please, tell all your family and friends to help us receive as much as we can for our school.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Thank you to all the students who have been bringing in completed sheets of stickers



Sticker count to date is:

19,000 approx

MAJORS & MINORS KEYBOARD TUITION



Our two groups of Foundation students have done very well in our first term and it's great to see their enthusiastic responses and participation in class.

They are very diligent with their written homework and thanks to the many parents who assist with the reading of questions.

We sing a lot of our responses to one another and they are already capable of playing several little pieces.

In order to get them into the habit of regular practice at home, we will be introducing the "Star Chart" which involves the discipline of regular practice. There are several prizes at the end of the term as an encouragement for them to try as a practice incentive. We will send out further information at the beginning of next term.

Congratulations to Leila Centra who gained an "A" for her piano exam recently and which she deserved for all the hard work and effort she puts in.

There will be an opportunity for Foundation, Years 1 and 2, to join a group at the beginning of next term. If you would like for your child to have a free no-obligation lesson, please fill in the slip below. If you wish your child to have a private lesson that can also be arranged.

There will be class recitals on Friday, 9 August for all students. More information will be forthcoming next term.

Best Wishes, Joan O'Callaghan

MAJORS & MINORS KEYBOARD TUITION

Attn. Mrs Joan O'Callaghan

I would like my child to have one free, no-obligation, music lesson with Majors & Minors.

Name of student:

Class:

Parent's name:

Contact Phone No.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

(fundraising for OLOP)

The new 2019/2020 Entertainment Memberships are available from the school..

When your supporters purchase their Membership between 3 June and 30 June

they go into the draw to win –

**2 Return Flights to London +
\$500 Westfield Gift Card**

We still have a number of books available from the school office or you can purchase a digital copy online.



Go to schoolpix.com.au/order and enter the code on your photo slip

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23RD JUNE**

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back to your school**

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SCHOOL CAPTAINS & HOUSE CAPTAINS

WHOLE SCHOOL GROUP

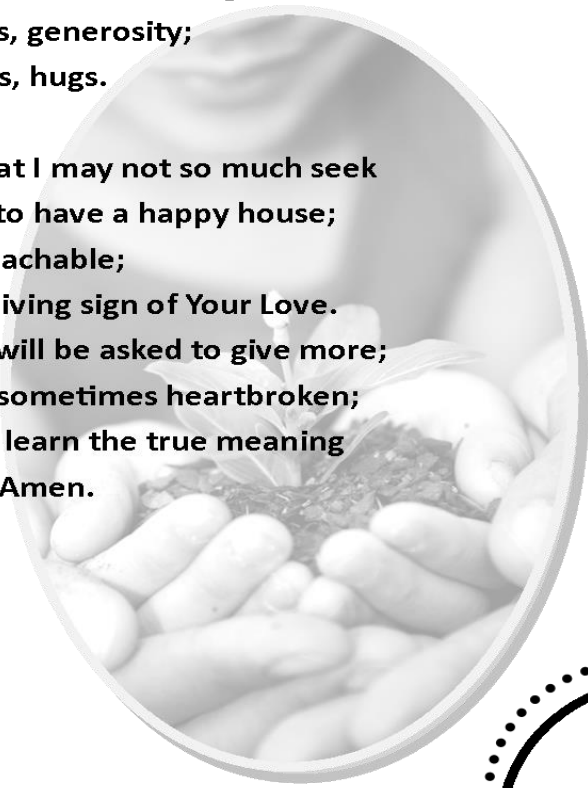
A Parent's Prayer

Inspired by St. Francis

By Desire' Sobiech

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is whining, let me sow communication;
Where there are mistakes, patience;
Where there are poor choices, consequences;
Where there is entitlement, hard work;
Where there is disappointment, encouragement;
Where there is selfishness, generosity;
And where there are tears, hugs.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To have a clean house as to have a happy house;
To be right as to be approachable;
Or to be loved as to be a living sign of Your Love.
For it is in giving that we will be asked to give more;
It is in caring that we are sometimes heartbroken;
And it is at home that we learn the true meaning
Of faith, hope, and love. Amen.



BABY NEWS – from SALLY JENKINS

Sally sent us the wonderful news of the birth of **RORY**. Congratulations to Sally and Judd Jenkins on the arrival of their new baby boy, a brother for Harry. Rory arrived on 13 June at 11:22pm and weighed **4.12** kgs. Wow! We wish them all the blessings that come with a new baby.
From the staff and our school community at OLOP.

