



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 1 - Term 4

09 October 2018

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

### **THIS WEEK - Foundation and Junior Swimming Program**

**Thursday 11 October**  
Manningham Division  
Athletics Carnival

**Monday 15 October**  
Reconciliation Workshop

**TERM 4**  
Each Wednesday  
ICY POLES sold at lunch  
time.



**SCHOOL BANKING**  
Each Wednesday

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

I would like to welcome students, parents and staff back to school for term four. I hope everyone has had a restful break and is looking forward to a busy and productive end of 2018. Term four has a number of things happening and it is exciting to see the changes that will occur through our building process, the fete is in late November, Journey to Bethlehem in early December and all the activities that are associated with term four.

### **Building**

We are well under way with our building project. The fencing has been placed around phase 1 of the building site and demolition and other essential service work has begun. The building site does cover the lower car park near the basketball courts as well as the corner of one of our basketball courts.

We held an assembly yesterday with all the students informing them of the building site, where they can access areas of the school and keeping them informed of the processes involved. The students still have access to the oval and all other play areas, as well as toilet areas and moving around the school. I will keep you updated on the progress of the building works.

### **Staff**

Our thoughts are with Mr Michael Zerbi, our Performing Arts Teacher, as he recovers from an operation last week for an infection in his jaw. He will be away this week and will return to school the following week.

Mrs Maryanne Walker, our Library Manager, is recovering from her operation she had at the end of last term. She will be away for the first two weeks of term as she rehabilitates. During this time the library, which has moved to the meeting place near the church, is able to be used by all classes.

We welcome back Mrs Sally Jenkins, who has been currently on maternity leave, to our staff for term four as M5 teacher on a Thursday and Friday. She takes over from Mrs Amalia DeFazio who is currently on maternity leave.

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Mrs Sue Ford is on two weeks long service leave at the beginning of term. During this time Mrs Monica Howgate is in Year J2.

Mrs Anne Jenkins is taking the first four days of this week as long service leave. During this time we have our regular casual relief teachers who are familiar with the senior classes.

### **Swimming**

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

#### **Foundation and Junior**

Week 1 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Week 2 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

#### **Middle**

Week 3 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Week 4 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

#### **Senior**

Week 4 Monday to Friday

We have worked hard over the previous twelve months to have the swimming lessons accommodated in term four, which is more beneficial for student's 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 program.

If students are not 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.

### **Reconciliation Child Workshop**

**Monday 15 October**

Next Monday 15 October our Year 3 students will have a full day child workshop for Reconciliation here at school. On this day the Year 4's will have a normal school day in class.

### **Reconciliation - Parent/Child Night**

**Tuesday 16 October**

Next Tuesday, 16 October, our Year 3 students and parents have a parent/child night at 7:00pm in the church.

### **OLOP Basketball Club – AGM: TONIGHT**

**Tuesday 9 October**

The OLOP Basketball Club will be holding their AGM tonight Tuesday, 9 October at 7.30pm, at the Cherry Hill Bistro. The current committee have done a wonderful job over the previous 12 months. The club is in need of committee members and members on the executive team. It is important for new members to step up to these roles to ensure the future of the club into 2019 and beyond. Next year will be the 31st anniversary of the OLOP Basketball Club.

### **DIARY DATES**

Please regularly check the dates on the calendar. Most events listed in the calendar should stay the same but on occasions may change and we will let you know in advance.

End of year dates:

**Monday 17 December**

Final School Assembly ... 9:00am

OLOP's Got Talent

**Tuesday 18 December**

Year 6 passing out parade – 12:45pm

Finish of school year – **1:00pm**

**Start 2019 – Thursday 31 January**

First day of school year – all students

### **Enrolment 2019**

We are still taking enrolments for Foundation in 2019. Our new families will begin their transitions days in November and a letter will be sent out to each family very soon with details.

If you have a child beginning school in 2019 or know of anyone still looking for a school, please advise them to contact Noreen Forsyth in Administration, to arrange a tour with the principal and discuss all aspects of the school. Enrolment forms can be obtained from Noreen. If these could be filled in and returned to school as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated, as we will be organizing classes for 2019 shortly.

Yours faithfully

**Brendan Keeling, Principal**

**“We are Community”**

## Term 4 – 2018 – CALENDAR

Monday	Oct 08	• Term 4 begins
Monday	Oct 08	• Swimming P-2 begins
Tuesday	Oct 09	• Parish Council Meeting ... 7:30pm
Thursday	Oct 11	• Manningham Division Athletics Carnival
Monday	Oct 15	• Swimming P-2 continues • Reconciliation Child Workshop
Tuesday	Oct 16	• Templestowe District Boys and Girls Basketball • Reconciliation Workshop – Parent Child ... 7:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 17	• Sport Photos and Graduation
Thursday	Oct 18	• EMR – Athletics Carnival
Friday	Oct 19	• Templestowe District Boys & Girls Volleyball • Father Child Weekend
Monday	Oct 22	• Swimming – Middle School – begins • Year 5 Human Development Night (Parent/Child) – 7:00pm
Wednesday	Oct 24	• Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday	Oct 29	• Swimming – Middle School – continues • Swimming – Senior School begins
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov 05</b>	<b>• STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – Report Writing Day - Student Free</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov 06</b>	<b>• MELBOURNE CUP DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday	Nov 07	• 2019 Prep Orientation Day 1 – 9:15 – 10:15
Thursday	Nov 08	• Senior - excursion
Friday	Nov 09	• Reconciliation & Remembrance Day Mass – 9:00am
Wednesday	Nov 14	• 2019 Prep Orientation Day 2 – 9:15 – 10:30am
Monday	Nov 19-20	• Year 4 Camp
Tuesday	Nov 20	• Year 5 – Leadership Evening – Parent/Child
Wednesday	Nov 21	• 2019 Foundation <b>Parents</b> Information Session – 7-8:15pm
Tuesday	Nov 27	• Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	Nov 28	• 2019 Foundation Orientation Day 3 – 9:15 – 10:30am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov 29</b>	<b>• OLOP ‘Coming Together Fair’ • Sion College Transition Day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov 30</b>	<b>• STAFF P.D. DAY – Handover – Pupil Free Day</b>
Saturday	Dec 01	• 2019 Foundation – Welcome Mass with their buddies .. 6:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 04</b>	<b>• Journey to Bethlehem - Visiting Community Day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 05</b>	<b>• Journey to Bethlehem - School Community day and evening</b>
Friday	Dec 07	• Majors & Minors Christmas Concert • Middle School excursion to Melbourne city
Monday	Dec 10	• Year 6 – Excursion – Funfields • Tabloid Sports Day – Years 2, 3 & 4 only
Wednesday	Dec 12	• Whole school End of Year Mass .. 9:00 am
Thursday	Dec 13	• Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner
Friday	Dec 14	• Prep – Orientation Day 4 – 9:15 – 10:45am • Reports to Parents • New classes 2019
Monday	Dec 17	• Final Assembly.. 9:00am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>• Final day for Students – 2018 – dismissed at 1:00pm</b>

## ITALIAN NEWS

### ITALIAN POETRY COMPETITION CONGRATULATIONS

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Last term on Monday, 17 September, six students represented our school in the Eastern Regional Italian Poetry Competition. The students had to recite a poem to a hall which was filled with students, teachers, parents and grandparents. There were sixteen teams competing in the competition. Our representative students were, James Palumbo, Lily Martinico, Olivia Curiale, Sienna Oxnam, Gianna Andreoli and Evelyn Wraith.

The student to win a medallion for the best performer from our school was Gianna. We congratulate our students overall on their hard work and success.

*Grazie*  
**Signora Maria Teasdale**  
Italian L.O.T.E. Teacher



## PARISH NEWS



### Parish Mass Saturday Evenings:

We are very pleased that Fr. Jerald has announced the Saturday evening masses resumed at the beginning of October. Mass is at 6:00pm.

# A Historic Opportunity

## Help Shape the Future of Our Church

The bishops of Australia have recognised that change is necessary in our Church and that they must listen to what the Catholics and society in Australia have to say about the future of our Church.

The bishops have asked parishes and schools to hold Listening and Dialogue sessions, to be followed by each of us making an online submission which will help to develop the agenda for a Plenary Council to be held in Australia in 2020-2021.

What encourages you about the Church today?

What are your concerns about the Church today?

If you would like to take advantage of this historic opportunity and hear more about the Plenary Council, Listening and Dialogue sessions will be held as follows:

When – Monday 15 October at 9.15 am

Monday 15 October at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 16 October at 9.15 am

Tuesday 16 October at 7.30 pm.

Where - The Meeting Place to the left of the Church.

Please come along, you will be most welcome. Your views are important and need to be heard.



# COME JOIN OLOP YOUTH GROUP

## **Who is the Youth Group for?**

Youth between ages of 7 and 12 years will join the junior group;  
Youth between ages of 13 and 25 years will join the senior group

## **What do we do at Youth Group gatherings?**

We have Fun! Fun! Fun!

It's an avenue for youth to establish new friendships and strengthen existing ones in a fun and positive environment. We will do it through music, games, social functions, and other faith enrichment activities.

## **When does the Youth Group meet?**

Both junior and senior groups meet on the 1st Saturday of the month at OLOP church from 4:30- 5:30pm.

The junior group will start their first gathering on 6th October 2018.

## **I'm interested. How do I sign up?**

Contact Cheryl Tay, Pastoral Worker of the parish at [Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au](mailto:Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au) or 98421480 (Tues, Wed, Fri 9am -3pm)

## **Who do I speak to if I have questions?**

You can contact Cheryl at [Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au](mailto:Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au) or 98421480 or Teresina Yung at 0418 384 132



*Our Lady of the Pines parish is committed to ensuring a child safe community - caring for the safety and wellbeing of our children.*

## GENERAL NOTICES – SCHOOL

**Please note: Change of Date**

# OLOP BASKETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED POSITIONS VACANT 2019

Our Club Secretary, Debra Bourke, Treasurer, Rae-chal Burgess and Uniform coordinator, Cassandra Ruggieri will be finishing up at the end of the year, and we are in need of parents to help fill their roles.

We strongly encourage parents to think about taking as leadership position within the club as listed below.

If the positions are not filled by our AGM (**Monday,                      October 2018**) **the club's future is uncertain.**

All interest and enquiries are to be directed to Debra Bourke 0421 662 600 or olopbasketballassoc@gmail.com  
A handover period will take place in Term 4 2018 (and if needed Term 1 2019.)

All positions are available and need to be filled by the AGM.

- Club Secretary  
Role: Oversees club as a whole. Liaison to Committee Members, Competition Administrators, School administration and emails to TMs regarding rules, fixtures, finals, training schedule, general enquiries etc
- Team Registrations Coordinator  
Role: Working closely with Club Secretary, receive player registrations and coordinate teams for upcoming season. Keep file of all Working with Children Check from Coaches. And Team app Administrator.
- Treasurer  
Role: Managing all club finances, insurance, arrange AGMs in liaison with club secretary
- Voting Administrator  
Role: Votes, results in newsletter.
- Uniform Coordinator  
Role: Uniforms, First Aid Kits, Team Balls, McDonalds sporting Awards
- Presentation Night Coordinator  
Role: Awards, ordering trophies, organising date and structure of presentation night
- General Committee Members  
Role: Fundraising, helping with presentation night, scoring workshops etc

In order for us to sustain the club, and our children to continue playing, these volunteer positions must be filled. OLOP has had 31 successful years playing basketball and would like to keep it going.

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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.

### THANK YOU – THANK YOU

To the following mums who assisted with the Pizza Pop Up stall on the final day of term 3.  
Sue Murtic    Amber Hynes    Athena Tsiadis  
Fiona Palumbo    Helen Zachariou  
Marianne Farchione    Rosemary Karipis.

The children, parents and staff are very grateful to Mrs Maria Karipis for organizing this treat once again.

### 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

**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*

CommonwealthBank



**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.**

Entertainment book offer. Free delivery for Father's Day orders



## CALLING ALL OLOP BASKETBALL PARENTS AND MEMBERS

We need you! For the Annual General Meeting 2018.

31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of OLOP Basketball club!

When: Monday 09 October 2018, 7:30pm.

Where: Cherry Hill Hotel Bistro  
(Reynolds Rd East Doncaster).

Why: To ensure the future of the club into 2019 and beyond.

Please see attached nomination of committee positions.

Please respond and for any queries write to [olopbasketballassoc@gmail.com](mailto:olopbasketballassoc@gmail.com) or call Debra Bourke 0421662600

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, Anthana Foudoulis

**J2** - Athena Tsiadis

**J3** - Mel Thompson

**J4** - Melissa Hall

**M1** -

**M2** -

**M3** - Annie Hadiyanto & Gillian Borovnica

**M4** - Alicia Wason

**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.



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

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

## Slamin Tennis

Slamin Tennis Player of the week:

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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*Reflection:*

## After the Holidays

Dear God,  
The holidays are over and we  
return to school for a new term.  
May it be for us all a new start:  
a chance to surprise ourselves  
at what we can achieve, a new  
opportunity to make friends  
and to make this school a  
community where everyone  
can feel at home.

