



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 3

31 July 2018

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

TONIGHT

Tuesday 31 July

Year 2
Parent/Child Night
'Prayer'

Wednesday

1 August
Year 6 Parents
Graduation Meeting

Saturday 4 August

Commitment Mass
First Eucharist

Tuesday 7 August

Eucharist Students'
Workshop



SCHOOL BANKING

Please note, school
banking will resume on
Wednesday

NEXT WEEK – 31 July

"This is your life, joys and sorrows mingled, one succeeding the other".

Sr Catherine McAuley

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

Our changing society and how we as parents have to deal with our children who have grown up with technology, smart phones and the computer age is our new paradigm. It is increasingly tougher for parents, as younger and younger children are becoming addicted or using screen time in significant doses. Parents often ask, how do I cope with my child's screen time and what can I do in this new paradigm? Below is a paper written by the Developing Minds Psychology and Education area and is a very good read for parents.

My child is "addicted to screens": Working with families with concerns about technology use in their child"

<https://mailchi.mp/developingminds/my-child-is-addicted-to-screens-working-with-families-with-concerns-about-technology-use-in-their-child-1131813?e=afb3de5318>

Grandparents Day

Last Friday we celebrated our first Grandparent's Day at OLOP, with over 370 grandparents and special people attending. What an amazing turnout and a truly excellent community celebration. Seeing all the grandparents at Mass and then heading to the children's classrooms for reading was such a joyous occasion. A very special thank you to all our staff who helped prepare and make the day a memorable occasion. We are sure you will enjoy looking through the many photos further in the newsletter.

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Year 2 Prayer Night **Tuesday 31 July**

Our Year 2 parents and Year 2 child/ren are invited tonight, at 7.00pm, in the community area near the staffroom. The topic is 'Prayer'. Our presenter for the evening is a very dynamic, family orientated, member of our parish and school, Neal Murphy.

Board Meeting **Tuesday 31 July**

The Board meeting will be held tonight at 7.15pm in the staffroom.

Year 6 Graduation Parent Meeting – **Wednesday 1 August**

We will be holding a Year 6 Graduation parent meeting to go through details of the organisation of the events the students will be involved in at the end of the year. We invite all our Year 6 parents to a meeting in the staffroom, tomorrow evening at 7.00pm.

First Eucharist Sacrament **Saturday 6 August**

We have our First Eucharist Commitment Mass this Saturday evening, for all our candidates. We look forward to having all students and their parents at Saturday's Mass and have them in their prayers as they receive their Sacrament later in August.

STEM Day **Friday 10 August**

Yesterday, information was sent out regarding our inaugural OLOP Stem Day. To showcase the students learning in STEM we invite parents and friends to come and view students in action between 9.00am and 11.00am next Friday, 10 August.

This day will be a casual clothes day and students are asked for a gold coin donation. The money raised will go towards the purchase of more STEM resources.



Pop up Hot Dog Day **Friday 10 August**

Thank you to Mrs Maria Karipis who is again organising the next Pop Up lunch for the students. More details will be sent home shortly. Hot dogs are \$3.00 each

Please note in your diary:

The following dates are pupil free days:

Term 3 **Monday 13 August**

Term 4 **Monday 5 November**

Friday 30 November

Enrolment 2019

If you have a child who will be entering Foundation (Prep) in 2019, it is extremely important that you lodge your child's enrolment form immediately to assist us with planning for 2019.

Also, if you 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.

I wish everyone an enjoyable week and God Bless.

Mr Brendan Keeling
Principal

"We are Community"

New Family - Welcome



We welcome to **Joanna and Helena**
and their family
into our school community.

The family has very recently transferred
from China.

Joanna is in Year 5 and
Helena is in Foundation.

Term 3 – 2018 – CALENDAR

Please check regularly for updates

Tuesday	July 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAS - English • Year 2 – Parent/Child Night – Prayer 7:00pm • Advisory Board Meeting ... 7:15pm
Wednesday	Aug 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Graduation Parent Meeting
Friday	Aug 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majors & Minors Concert
Saturday	Aug 04	• Eucharist Commitment Mass
Tuesday	Aug 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Eucharist – whole day student workshop
Thursday	Aug 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent / Child Eucharist Workshop
FRIDAY	Aug 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM DAY –(Science and Technology) Parents and Community INVITED
Monday	Aug 13	Staff Professional Development - Pupil Free Day
Wednesday	Aug 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS .. 9:00am • ICAS – Mathematics
Thursday	Aug 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OLOP ATHLETICS DAY
FRIDAY	Aug 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE – END DATE
SUNDAY	Aug 19	• FIRST EUCHARIST MASS .. 9:30 am
BOOK WEEK	Aug 20 -24	• BOOK WEEK THEME “FIND YOUR TREASURE”
Monday	Aug 20	• Book week Parade
Tuesday	Aug 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 – Faith Development Night ‘Prayer’... 6:30pm
Thursday to Friday	Aug 23 - 24	• Year 5 – CAMP – Narmbool, Ballarat –
SATURDAY	Aug 25	• FIRST EUCHARIST MASS .. 6:00 pm
SUNDAY	Aug 26	• FIRST EUCHARIST MASS .. 11.30 am
Monday	Aug 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fathers' Day Stall
Tuesday	Aug 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooptime – Senior • OLOP COMMUNITY FAIR – Meeting 7:00pm
Wednesday	Aug 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 1 & 2 – Excursion, Healesville
Thursday	Aug 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooptime - Junior
SATURDAY	Sept 01	• Reconciliation Commitment Mass ... 6:00pm
Tuesday	Sept 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 – Human Development Night ... 7:00pm
Wednesday	Sept 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Templestowe District Athletics Carnival
Friday	Sept 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian Incursion – Foundation to Year 6
Tuesday	Sept 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir Soiree
Monday	Sept 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian Poetry Competition
Friday	Sept 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footy Colours Day
Friday	Sept 21	• FINAL DAY TERM 3 - Students dismissed at 1:00pm

SCIENCE – SUSTAINABILITY - NATIONAL & SCHOOLS TREE DAY

Planet Ark recently celebrated 22 years of National Tree Day and Schools' Tree Day - Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event. Tree Day is an opportunity to do something positive for your local environment and community and to reconnect with nature. National Tree Day started in 1996 and since then more than 4 million people have planted over 24 million trees and plants and it's still growing.

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day combine to make Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event.

National Tree Day aims to inspire, educate and recruit Australians to actively care for our unique land and create future generations of committed environmental custodians.

Planet Ark's research demonstrates the benefits of interaction with nature for children's health, wellbeing and development.

<https://treeday.planetark.org/about>



As Schools' Tree Day was on Friday, 27 July, and National Tree Day was on Sunday, 29 July, OLOP's Green Thumbs were involved in planting trees and shrubs in our school grounds on Monday, 30 July. An enthusiastic group of 44 students added more plants to the bank near the teachers' carpark.



Regards Mrs Paul
and the
Green Thumbs



AN INVITATION OLOP STEM DAY FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST 2018



Dear Parents & Carers

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) covers a wide range of disciplines and skills, which are increasingly in demand in our rapidly changing world. STEM education encourages students to work in teams using communication, collaboration and problem solving skills, while persisting with STEM challenges or projects.

In the Victorian Curriculum, the Learning Area, 'Technologies' comprises two strands, 'Design and Technologies' and 'Digital Technology'. The Engineering component of STEM is taught through the Design and Technologies strand and the Technology component is taught through the Digital Technologies strand.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) released a document in September, 2016, called "STEM in the Education State" which stated that there is "a greater need for STEM capabilities than ever before. Employers are increasingly looking for workers who are creative problem solvers, innovative and critical thinkers, and able to use new technologies". The Office of the Chief Scientist has suggested that 75% of the fastest growing occupations require STEM knowledge and yet overall student results in Australia in science and mathematics are declining.

Across the school, our classes participate in a large amount of STEM activities from hands on creations to coding and 3D cad design. The students use problem solving, mathematics, creativity and design to solve problems.

To showcase the students learning in STEM we would love to invite parents and friends to come and view students in action between 9- 11am on Friday the 10th August. If your child is in Code Club you are also welcome to stay during lunch and have a go at coding with your child!

On the day students can come to school in free dress for a gold coin donation. The money raised will go towards the purchase of more STEM resources. Students, staff and parents can dress up as their favourite Scientist, Technologists, Engineer or Mathematician!

TIMETABLE

	Foundation	Junior 1's	Junior 2's	Middle	Senior
9 - 10 am	Build a Bridge Activity in each classroom				
10 - 10.50 am	Coding Mice / off line coding activity	Scratch Jnr / offline coding activity	Scratch Jnr / offline coding activity	Scratch / offline coding activity	Scratch
11.10 - 11.50am	Code Club in M2				
12 - 1 pm	Class STEM Activity	Class STEM Activity	Class STEM Activity	Class STEM Activity	Class STEM Activity
12.30 - 1.30	Senior -Tinker with technology				
1 - 2pm	Class STEM Activity	Class STEM Activity	Class STEM Activity	Class STEM Activity	Class STEM Activity
2.20 - 3.20pm	Fitness Friday and normal end of day activities				

Regards,

Judy Paul - Specialist Science Teacher

Mel Whittle - Digital Technologist

Brendan Keeling - Principal

CHOIR NEWS

CHOIR SOIREE - Lock the date in –

TUESDAY 11 September, 2018 - 7pm start.

Venue: OLOP Parish Centre

Featuring a wide range of songs and music, and with only weeks to go, the Choir Team is now in serious rehearsal, consolidating lyrics, incorporating dance moves, and pulling the Soiree programme together for a concert standard performance. Naturally, at such a critical time, commitment is essential, and with Mass music leadership as well, the Choir Team has its work cut out this term!

- The Sonare-Cantare Team (Friday 8am rehearsals) has been given its hardest piece yet, having sailed through three easier pieces.
- The Sonare Team (Wednesday 11.10am rehearsals) has a number of songs drawn from music theatre, film, literature and plain fun music.
- The Cantare Team (Tuesday 11.10am rehearsals) has progressed in leaps and bounds with some complex xylophone/marimba/glockenspiel ensemble work, finishing with a favourite they are developing with an introduction, melody, and coda.

Extra rehearsals from 2.30pm to 3.20pm (school time) will be held in the Parish Centre for Fridays August 17, 24, 31 & September 7, as the Choir Team builds on its commitment to performance standard.

Music = melody, rhythm, harmony, beat, problem solving, team work, commitment, imagination, emotion, memory, movement, responsibility, sharing, multi-tasking, project development, time management, focus ... AMAZING!

Yours in music

Anne Jenkins and Linda Barker
Choir Team Directors



and **Sing along!**

STORYTIME

with Ms Anne & Ms Sue
Fridays at 9:05am

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

BOOK WEEK

Monday 20 August to
Friday 24 August

The shortlisted books for Book Week are on display in the school library. These books cannot be borrowed by the students, but class teachers are invited to read and discuss these books with their classes when visiting the library.

This may be useful for dress up ideas for the parade on Monday, 20 August at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to dress up also.



LIBRARY Early Opening

A reminder that the library is open from **8:30am** on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** mornings, each week?

Remember to please bring your library bag for home borrowing

Happy reading from Mrs Walker

100

Days of School



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

It is very hard to believe that the Foundation students have celebrated their 100th Day of School!

All of the Foundation students and the teachers were excited to have a fun-filled day that began with a pyjama party! In the morning we started off with drawing an image and writing about what we think we will look like when we are 100 years old! We all thought our pictures and sentences were very funny. The students then counted with a partner the 100 objects which they brought in, there was a lot of amazing counting!

Before lunch, we made sure the students got their heart rate ups with 100 steps and jumping jacks. We developed our threading skills by making a necklace with 100 Froot Loops. The fun continued with the making of a **"I am 100 Days Smarter" Crown**, which was very well deserved! The students had a giggle with our writing task **"I wish I had 100...but I would not want 100..."**. We could all agree that 100 puppies would be nice, but not 100 bee stings!

Congratulations to the Foundation students on reaching 100 Days of School! You have all worked so hard and we are all very proud of you!

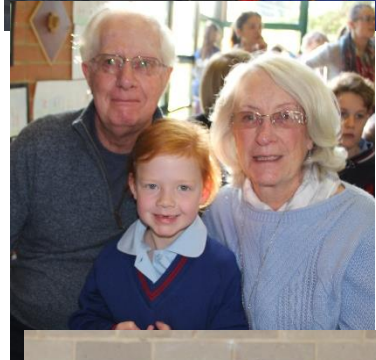


Happy
100
Days!



GRANDPARENTS DAY







Dear Parents/Carers and Friends

The parish and school have come together to organise a very Pleasant Sunday Afternoon in the church. We encourage you and your friends to contact us to arrange a place or a table at this event.

Adam Cursio and his band are a group of past Our Lady of the Pines students and have performed here over the last couple of years.

Please come along and support this event on Sunday 5 August.

Contact information is on the flyer below.



A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON
with Adam Cursio and his band

OUR LADY OF THE PINES
77 CARBINE STREET, DONVALE

Sunday 5th August starting at 1pm
BYO lunch and nibbles
Tickets are \$25 per head
Wine and beer for sale – no BYO liquor

Enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon and chill out to the music of Adam Cursio and his band.

For more details or to book your tickets call
Noreen Forsyth at OLOP school on 9842 2991,
David Sowersby on 0419 311 776 or
Roy Tavenor on 0439 668 803

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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

Mobile: 0428 501 010

HEAD LICE

We have another reported case 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>



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.

There will be **NO BANKING** this week 25 July, due to helpers being unavailable, but will resume the following week. 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.



Majors and Minors Keyboard Tuition

Parents are reminded that we have our classroom recitals on keyboards for all our students, both group and private students. Please ensure your child brings their music books on Friday.

This is a great opportunity for the children to perform before their peers. And they are very excited.

Hopefully they will also be inspired by the older students who have done remarkably well in their piano exams this year.

I also have two upright pianos for sale, not electronic, at a reasonable price. Please contact me if you are interested, please call 0402 224 577.

Best wishes, Joan O'Callaghan

Father's Day Stall

Helpers Needed

Monday 27 August



HELPERS NEEDED to assist on **Monday 27 August from 9.00 am till 11.00 pm with our Father's Day Stall.** Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Many helpers are needed.

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

Slamin Tennis

Slamin Tennis Player of the week:

Lucas Brain - Excellent work on the backhand, the hardest shot, great focus!
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>

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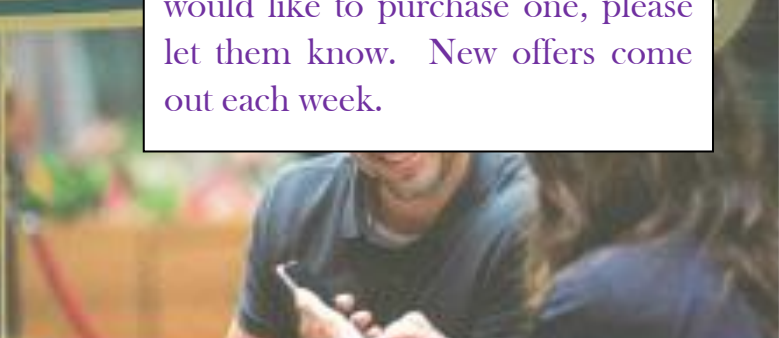
<https://slamintennisandfitness.teamapp.com>

Vicky Lee - Founder & Director

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We still have a supply of Entertainment Books for sale in the office. If you know of anyone who would like to purchase one, please let them know. New offers come out each week.



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"Every Membership sold contributes 20% to our fundraising. Thank you for your support!"

“God couldn’t
be everywhere
and so he made
Grandparents“

A Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God

Please bless our grandparents.
Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for
the life they give to me.
For the ways they helped me and made me strong,
I give thanks.
For the ways they love me no matter what,
I rejoice.
For the ways they have paved the road
that leads me here, I am grateful.
Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.
Let them find peace and rest from their work.
Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.
And let them see with their own eyes
the glory of your Son, Jesus,
in the love of their children and grandchildren.
Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

