



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 4 - Term 3  
06 August 2019

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday 7 August**  
Eucharist  
Parent/Child Evening

**Monday 12 August**  
OLOP STEM DAY



**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

*"Challenge of the day: Find something good in everyone and everything."  
Author Unknown*

Imagine a world where we saw the good in everyone and everything? A world where we enjoyed what we had rather than always wanting more. In the words of Louis Armstrong, "what a wonderful world it would be!" In our society today, we are continually tempted and persuaded to buy items that we, 'must simply have' in order to live a fulfilled life. We are led to believe that our lives would be so much better with these items, but how often do we stop and think - will this really make me happy or is this simply replacing something else that is missing in my life?

In reading an article recently on Mindfulness by Georgie Manning, he speaks about the practice of being mindful and to think and reflect on ways to incorporate Mindfulness strategies, such as deep breathing. One of the key take-outs was permission for a person to stop and to live in the moment and to be accepting of the world we live in and of who we are. Even sitting in traffic while waiting to get to work can be an opportunity to practise Mindfulness! It is important to know what is within our 'circle of control' and what is not. We should not waste precious moments in our lives over-thinking and stressing about events that have not yet happened or are in the past, which may prevent us from living a full life. In a world where approximately one in three students suffer some level of anxiety, it is evident that we need to teach Mindfulness strategies and acceptance to our students. We start each day with meditation which enables our students to clear their minds and to start a mindfulness approach.

A number of our staff recently attended a professional development with regard to our Positive Behaviour for Learning. This looked at resilience and "getting over it" - something which needs to be learned and practised as it does not come automatically to children or adults. This is very appropriate when thinking about Mindfulness strategies and finding ways to help ourselves to pause and reflect then move forward. In a world where instant gratification has become accepted, the challenge for parents and teachers is to show students how to be accepting of who they are and being grateful for what they have rather than always looking for the next thing.

During the week ahead, the challenge for everyone is to find something that makes you happy, such as a walk, reading with your child - really live in the moment as you do this activity. Don't worry about the email that you need to send or the phone call that you need to return during those few precious minutes. Enjoy the moment and live life to the full.

## LIBRARY HELPERS THANK YOU

Thank you to the following parents, grandparents and staff, who gave many hours and worked very diligently in the moving to our new library location.

<b>Adrian Ferris</b>	<b>Scott Furlan</b>
<b>Christian Beeston</b>	<b>Natalia Beeston</b>
<b>Anthony Poropat</b>	<b>Alisha Poropat</b>
<b>Athena Tsiadis</b>	<b>Kevin Ng</b>
<b>Tony DenHolder</b>	<b>Danielle Henderson</b>
<b>Fern Lee</b>	<b>Sue Murtic</b>
<b>Marina Mandoulidis</b>	<b>Christian Rusak</b>
<b>Lydia Rusack</b>	<b>Andrea Jamieson</b>
<b>Anesti Kotsakidis</b>	<b>Nadia Vovos</b>

.... and to other staff members who have assisted throughout the process.

The library is now located in the Junior building so please feel free to come in and have a look when you are at the school.

## Assemblies

Thank you to all those parents who attended our assembly last Monday afternoon. I would like to invite all parents, if you are around the school each fortnight on a Monday afternoon, to come along to our assembly as we welcome the week as a whole school. The assemblies are in the church and start at 2.20pm. The following dates are the remaining assemblies this term:

Monday 12 August	Monday 26 August
Monday 9 September	

## OLOP Observer

The following is a revised timetable of this terms OLOP Observer:

<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Thursday 15 August</b> 4 levels snapshot
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Thursday 22 August</b> Specialist levels snapshot
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Thursday 29 August</b> Literacy and Numeracy leaders snapshot
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Thursday 6 September</b> Religion and Digital Technologies snapshot
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Thursday 13 September</b> 4 levels snapshot

## Student Absences

If your child is absent for any reason at any time, please note that it is a mandatory requirement that a parent/guardian notifies the school via the school app, Flexibuzz advising the reason and expected duration of the absence prior to 9:30am.

## First Eucharist Parent/Child night –

**Wednesday 7 August**

We have our First Eucharist parent/child night tomorrow evening, from 7.00pm. Information was sent home to parents earlier in the term.

## STEM Day –

**Monday 12 August**

We will be holding our annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) day this Monday, 12 August. 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.

This day will be a dress up day and students are asked for a gold coin donation. The money raised will go towards the purchase of more STEM resources. There is a **STEM DAY TIMETABLE** is on the following page.

## Year 1 Parent / Child Faith Development Night - Growing in Faith-

**Tuesday 13 August**

Next Tuesday, 13 August, at 6.30pm, in the new staffroom, we have Neil Murphy working with our Year 1 children and parents at a Faith Development Night. We look forward to seeing the children and parents attend.

## Book Week - Monday 19 - Friday 23 August

Book Week will run from Monday 19 to Friday 23 August. A letter will be sent home to families outlining the activities for the week with a dress up day on Monday, 19 August. We invite all students to get dressed in a book character. The theme this year is **“Reading Is My Super Power”**.

Parents this year are also invited to dress up and are invited to come along and experiencing reading with your child in the classroom following the parade in the gym at the start of the day.

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia with schools and public libraries everywhere celebrating authors and illustrators and in so doing, are valuing reading. It provides an opportunity for children to have fun reading rather than it merely remaining as an activity done at school. Importantly research abounds that children who are read to and read regularly at home have an educational advantage, both cognitively and socially. This week is one way we celebrate not only books but the value of reading.

## REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Our school complies with all regulatory requirements to maintain child safety and a child safe environment. Attached, for your information, is our reporting obligation procedures in responding and identifying abuse.

**POP UP STALL – HOT CHIPS - Friday 9 August – \$3.00 per bag.**

## Save the date!

**CHILDREN'S DISCO – FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

**Parent helpers are needed.**

**Please contact Adrian Ferris on 0488 777 888.**

### Enrolment 2020

If you have a child who will be entering Foundation (Prep) in 2020, or know of anyone within the community who are thinking of sending their child to Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary School, we are still taking enrolments for 2020. Parents of new students can organise with Noreen in Admin for myself to take them on a tour of the school and discuss all aspects of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary School. Parents can collect application forms from the school office. 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"*

**S T E M**  
science | technology | engineering | math



### OLOP STEM DAY MONDAY 12 AUGUST TIMETABLE

Meditation	
9.00 – 10.30am	'Destination Moon' project – students constructing models in their classroom
10.30 – 10.45am	Lunch – eating time
10.45 – 11.50am	Playtime including extra time as Gotcha reward
11.50 – 12.50pm	Classroom activities Maths / Digital Technology
12.50 – 1.50pm	Classroom activities Maths / Digital Technology
1.50 – 2.20pm	Recess
2.20pm	Assembly

Please Note: Students can wear **free dress** on STEM Day **"GOLD COIN DONATION"**

Regards

**Judy Paul - Science & Junior Maths Leader**

**Anna Holman - Digital Technology Leader**

**Danielle Saulsman - Senior Maths Leader**



## OLOP PARISH NEWS

### OUR LADY OF THE PINES PIETY STALL

The OLOP Piety Staff in the Worship Centre (Church), stocks a number of religious gifts, particularly suitable for Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. We stock many items including books, rosary beads, medals, statues, cards, candles and holy cards.

The Stall is open before and after Sunday morning mass at 9:30am.

Please come along and have a look at the vast number of items, and support your parish. It is increasingly difficult to find religious gifts and if we don't have something to suit, we can place an order for you.

For all enquiries, please call

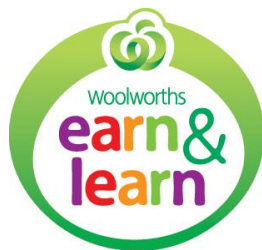
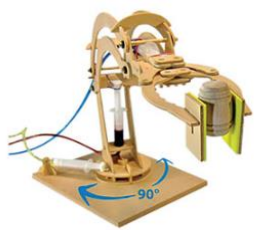
**Barbara Johnson 0410 488 917**

## Term 3 – 2019 – CALENDAR

Please check regulary amendments

Wednesday	Aug 07	●Eucharist Parent/Child Evening
Thursday	Aug 08	●Premier's Reading Challenge ends
Friday	Aug 09	●Majors and Minors Recitals
Sunday	Aug 11	● <b>SCIENCE WEEK begins</b> ●PARISH SOCIAL AFTERNOON – all welcome
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug 12</b>	● <b>STEM DAY “Destination Moon”</b>
Tuesday	Aug 13	●Year 1 – Parent/Child Evening “Growing in Faith”
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUG 15</b>	● <b>FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – School Feast Day</b>
Sunday	Aug 18	●BOOK WEEK BEGINS ‘ Reading Is My Secret Power’
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUG 18</b>	● <b>FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 11:30 AM</b>
Monday	Aug 19	●BOOK WEEK PARADE
Tuesday	Aug 20	●Year 2 – Parent/Child Evening “Growing in Faith”
Thursday	Aug 22	●ATHLETICS DAY
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUG 24</b>	● <b>FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 5:00PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUG 25</b>	● <b>FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 11:30AM</b>
Thursday	Aug 29	●Father's Day Stall
Friday	Aug 30	●Father's Day Celebration
Sunday	Sept 01	●FATHER'S DAY
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>SEPT 04</b>	● <b>FIRST EUCHARIST WHOLE SCHOOL MASS</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SEPT 07</b>	● <b>RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS .. 5:00pm</b>
Friday	Sept 13	●CHILDREN'S DISCO “ <b>SAVE THE DATE</b> ”
Monday	Sept 16	●ITALIAN DAY
Thursday	Sept 19	●Photos – Sport Teams, Graduation, Whole School
Friday	Sept 20	●FOOTY DAY
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Sept 20</b>	● <b>END OF TERM 3 – Students dismissed at 1:00pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 07</b>	● <b>Beginning Term 4</b>





## Woolworths Earn & Learn

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we announce that we have purchased several new resources for our new Science and Digital Technology area, including two Lego Motorised Simple Machine kits, a Hydraulic Arm, two hand held Digital Microscopes and a few others.

We especially thank the parents who led our campaign and school community for collecting thousands more stickers than we have done in previous years with a total count of ...

**34,740**



## MINI VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Many thanks to our OLOP community for your generous donations so far.

The clothes are really piling up and we have many donated beanies, scarves, jumpers and other items, but would appreciate more blankets.

Our Winter Appeal will finish next week so there is still some time to accept your items.

*I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* Acts 20:35



**Irene and Luke and the Mini Vinnies Student Action Team**

## 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](mailto: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:

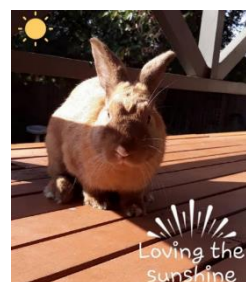
**Tuesdays** 8.45 am – 9.30 am (Natasha)  
**Thursdays** 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm  
(Ina & Marita)

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**

**Thankyou everyone – Flopsy has a home for the holidays !**



### 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.

### Slamin Tennis Player of the week:

**Isaac Shek** - Excellent rallying skills and change of direction whilst maintaining topspin.

Vicky Lee  
Founder & Director  
M: 0403 129 648  
W: [www.slamin.com.au](http://www.slamin.com.au)  
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### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

(Please support our fundraising for OLOP)  
The new 2019/2020 Entertainment Memberships are available from the school.



**You could win 5 nights in Hawaii plus a \$400 Jetstar Voucher + a \$200 Masterpass voucher**

Buy your copy now at

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1809v24>

**Reflection:**



## **AN AUSTRALIAN CREED**

We believe in God, creator and sustainer of life,  
creator of the black woman and the white  
woman  
of the black man and the white man,  
of the woman who is not quite black and not  
quite white  
of the man who is not quite white and not quite black.



We believe in God, the Creator  
who gave us the desert pea and the flowering gum,  
The Murray cod and the platypus,  
The Southern Cross and the Milky Way.

We believe in God,  
who gave us a land to keep,  
to reverence and to cultivate.

We believe in Jesus, born of a woman  
who was not quite black and not quite white,  
a woman who was not quite sure of who she was or who she was to be,  
who faithfully struggled to believe.

We believe in Jesus – risen,  
liberator of all humanity, Emmanuel, God-with-us, God-for-us.

We, women and men of the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit,  
believe in the power of the Spirit to set us free to  
regenerate our land,  
to transform our world, to work for peace,  
to listen to the loneliness of 'the drover's wife'  
and the 'weeping man'.

We believe in the power of the spirit to transform our dealings  
with our sisters and our brothers of other colours  
and diverse creeds.



*International Day  
of the World's  
Indigenous People*

