



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 2
07 May 2019

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY – 9 May
- **MOTHER'S DAY
STALL**

FRIDAY – 10 May
- **MOTHER'S DAY
MASS (9:00AM) and
ACTIVITIES**

Thursday 16 May
- **CONFIRMATION
REHEARSAL
YEAR 6**



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

***'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to
continue that counts.'*** Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill was a great statesman, however, as with all of us, he had his faults and frailties. Autobiographies can tend to disappoint – instead of being uplifted by the apparent triumphs of others, we soon realise that progress comes in small steps – and so does failure. Failure is not a single event. We don't fail overnight or on a single test day. For most of us, failure is nothing more than a few errors in judgement, a few poor choices, repeated every day. Churchill led and wrote 'from the high ground' – he doesn't strike me as a terribly gentle or caring person in some important areas of his life, however, I believe he was looked up to because he set himself goals that were grounded in principles that went beyond the person and place.

On their own, our daily acts don't seem very important. One more TV program, an extra hour or two at the computer, sleeping in for another hour, skimping on homework – these don't usually result in an instant and measurable impact. More often than not, we escape from any immediate consequences of our deeds. Since nothing drastic happens to us, we repeat our poor choices day after day, week after week, month after month and, before we know it, we are 'confronted' by the consequences of the multitude of tiny indiscretions, often regretting the wasted year or years behind us.

Unfortunately, failure doesn't shout out its warnings. This is why we have to develop our own early warning system so that we make better choices and take the small daily steps towards 'success'. We need to take time to ponder the future so we don't get so caught up in the current moment that we make the wrong choices. The problems and the rewards of today are so absorbing to some people that they never pause long enough to think about tomorrow.

As a school community, we try to not only have our students setting themselves goals each week or each day, but of also ensuring we share and celebrate this goal. Rarely can we achieve progress or make a significant step forward alone – we do almost everything in the context of others and goal-setting that intrinsic to its mutual obligation is a worthy exercise that we ask of our students and all in our wonderful school community.

OLOP Observer

As per last week's newsletter our OLOP Observer will begin this term on Thursday. The following timetable is for our OLOP Observer this term:

Week 3	Thursday 9 May 4 levels snapshot
Week 4	Thursday 16 May Specialist levels snapshot
Week 5	Thursday 23 May Literacy and Numeracy leaders snapshot
Week 6	
Week 7	Thursday 6 June 4 levels snapshot
Week 8	Thursday 13 June Specialist levels snapshot
Week 9	Thursday 20 June Religion and Digital Technologies snapshot
Week 10	

Uniform

Yesterday all students changed into winter uniform.

Girls Uniform

- Winter tunic or skirt, royal blue with multi check or girls navy trousers
- Wool blend jumper royal blue with red V-neck
- Sky blue long-sleeved blouse with Peter Pan collar
- Navy socks or tights
- Black leather school shoes (not black runners)

Boys Uniform

- Navy trousers or shorts
- Wool blend jumper royal blue with red V-neck
- Long-sleeved blue shirt
- Navy socks
- Black leather school shoes (not black runners)

Mother's Day Stall - Thursday 9 May

As in previous years a number of parents will be running a Mother's Day stall for all students this Thursday, 9 May. This is a fantastic fundraiser and a chance for the students to purchase small gifts for their mums. Gifts are on sale from \$1 to \$7.



Mother's Day Raffle

We have received a few vouchers from local retailers, and therefore will be running a raffle.

Tickets are currently on sale at the school office for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The list of prizes is advertised near the end of the newsletter.

Mother's Day - Friday 10 May

We will be holding a Mother's Day Mass and the opportunity for Mums/significant person, to visit their children in their classrooms. All mums are encouraged and welcome to come along as we celebrate Mother's Day. The timetable for the morning is as follows:

- 9.00am** Mass in the church for whole school and Mums
- 9.45am** Mums to visit children's classrooms to have time reading with them and Spending time in class with them
- 10.50am** Mums can bring their lunch and enjoy lunch with children
- 11.00am** Mums are most welcome to spend time with their children during Lunch time on the playground

NAPLAN - Grade 3 and 5's

Monday 13 - Friday 17 May

Next week, from Monday to Friday, our Years 3 and 5 classes will be involved in Naplan testing. Naplan is a National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy and is completed by all students throughout Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The testing provides a small snapshot of data for parents and teachers. As well as these tests that are conducted for these year groups, it is important to recognise the significant amount of work that is done throughout the year in class assessment. Also as our school assessments, which provide teachers and parents through our reporting and parent/teacher conversation process a rich source of information about each child's achievements.

Confirmation - Sunday 19 May

We have our confirmation candidates preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. As a school community we have these students in our thoughts and prayers during this time. The candidates will attend a practice at the Cathedral on **Thursday 16 May at 10.00am**. It is very exciting for these candidates to receive their sacrament at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 19 May at 2.00pm**.

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"

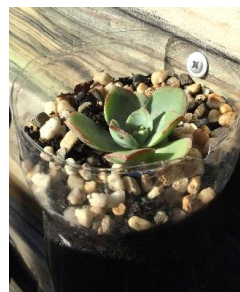
JUNIOR CLASSES AND COMMUNITY

Last term, the junior classes explored the concept of community and became aware of services and products in our local community that are important.

We also discussed ways in which we can improve a community, services a community needs to be a safe and healthy place to live.

Driven by our Science Specialist, Mrs Judy Paul, the Juniors planted succulents using recycled plastic bottles and have now created a sustainable vertical garden near our Junior building.

The students are thoroughly excited and proud to share their project with the community.



Year 6 to 7 Transition Forms

This is a reminder for parents with students in year six that the transition forms to government secondary colleges are now available. If your child is to be enrolled at a government secondary school, the forms must be completed and returned to us before Wednesday 15 May.

Late applications cannot be accepted at our school and therefore your child may miss out on a government school placement if applications are not lodged by OLOP before the due date.

The official application form and details are an attachment to this newsletter.

For more information:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au>



Term 2 – 2019 – CALENDAR

Please check regularly for amendments

Thursday	May 09	●Mother's Day Stall
Friday	May 10	●Mother's Day Mass... 9:00am
Tuesday	May 14	●NAPLAN
Wednesday	May 15	●NAPLAN
Thursday	May 16	●NAPLAN ●Confirmation Rehearsal – St Patrick's Cathedral
Friday	May 17	●NAPLAN
Sunday	May 19	●CONFIRMATION at St Patrick's Cathedral 2:00PM
MONDAY	May 20	●SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2:20pm
Wednesday	May 22	●National Simultaneous Storytime
Friday	May 24	●Excursion – Years 5 & 6 – Treasury & State Library
Friday	May 31	●Whole School Confirmation Mass
Tuesday	June 04	●Excursion – Years 1 & 2 - Scienceworks
Friday	June 07	●Senior Science – Gallery viewing
MONDAY	June 10	●QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – No School
Thursday	June 20	●Reports go home
Friday	June 21	●STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – No school for students
Monday	June 24	●Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
Friday	June 28	●TERM 2 ENDS - Students Dismissed at 1:00pm

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

(fundraising for OLOP)

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

They have extended the Woolworths + Cellarmasters Bonus offers. (*\$20 off your total shop when you spend \$220 or more at Woolworth online. ^\$50 off your total shop when you spend \$120 or more at Cellarmasters online.



Available as a digital copy or a hardcopy.

Order from:

www.entbook.com.au/109v24

ITALIAN NEWS



Last week at assembly, the M3 class were awarded a certificate for filling their grazie jar. To encourage the students to use Italian outside of the Italian class, I have set up a reward system. Every time they speak Italian in the class they put a card in the grazie jar. When they fill the jar, they receive a certificate, some freetime and a prize to share. **Congratulations to M3.**

Three other students also received certificates in recognition of their efforts in Italian class. They were **Evan Yee** (J4), **Katia Tomaro** (S2), **Camille Crawford** (S2), and **Isacc Shek** (S3).

Buon lavoro!

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

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN DOCKETS

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

This week is bonus week.



NAPLAN

Next week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

OLOP NAPLAN Schedule

Tuesday, 14 May Writing - Yr 3 & 5

Wednesday 15 May Reading & Language

Conventions - Yr 3 & 5

Thursday 16 May Numeracy - Yr 3 & Yr 5

Click on this link to watch this short youtube clip to find out about Naplan Online.

[Understanding Naplan Online](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3S1z6kUnRRE&feature=youtu.be)

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SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS

Back to routine this week as follows:

Monday after second lunch bell - Percussion Team (grades 4-6 choir members).

Tuesday after second lunch bell - full choir rehearsals.

Friday 8am - invitation for whole choir tuned percussion and voice.

Next week will be the final "Try out choir" for this term. Following this, the Choir Team gets down to business in learning the term 3 Soiree programme. We want to be Popular while Being Our Guest and experiencing what it's like When I Grow Up while the Saints Go Marching In.

Yours in music

Anne Jenkins and Linda Barker

School Choir Team Directors



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

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

HELP NEEDED

We are seeking a volunteer/s to assist in the secondhand uniform shop each Thursday afternoon. If you are able to assist, please contact Wendy on 0410 512 288.

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STUDENT ABSENCES

All families are reminded that student absences are to be reported on our Flexibuzz app, before 9:30am on the day of absence please.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

(For full details please visit

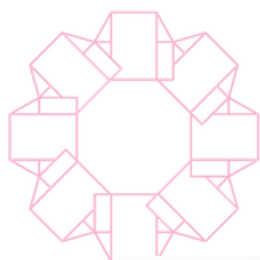
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like, school camps or trips, swimming, or sport programs, outdoor education programs, excursions and incursions

Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 28 June 2019 (end of term 2)

Parking

Neighbour
respect
community



THE NAPPY COLLECTIVE



Our parish is a collection point for the Nappy Collective this May, and we need your nappies !

The Nappy Collective gathers thousands of donated nappies, sorts them and distributes them to families in need through more than two hundred organisations across Australia. There is a box set up in the church, or you can drop them into the school office until Friday, 10 May (Mother's Day Mass Day). We would love it if you could bring in any unused, disposable nappies you no longer need.

Maybe your child has moved up a nappy size, or has figured out toilet training (congratulations!), or you've got a handful of random nappies in the back of the cupboard that you do not know what to do with. Ask your friends with babies/toddlers too. Every nappy counts,

Your nappy may go to help a mum fleeing family violence, an asylum seeker or refugee, or a family struggling with homelessness, mental illness, drug abuse or extreme financial hardship; people who may have to choose between buying nappies or buying food.

Find out more at 222.thenappycollective.com. Or contact Jean Rive on 040813 111

Please note: The Nappy collective can only take disposable nappies. If you have other items you'd like to donate, such as baby clothes, toys, cloth nappies or bottles – please consider donating them to an organization such as St Kilda Mums, or your local op shop.



We are running a small raffle for
Mother's Day.

Prizes:

1. Indulgence Medi Spa
Complimentary Oxygen Enzyme
Peel with Neck/Shoulder Massage
(The Pines Shopping Centre)
2. Indulgence Medi Spa Facial Services
- Voucher and Gold Collagen Neck
Mask (The Pines Shopping Centre)
3. BOBs Burger Bar Voucher (\$50)
4. Mitcham Hotel Bistro Voucher
(\$40)
5. 6. 7. 8. & 9 - Passes to The
Comic's Lounge.
(four guests each)

Tickets are available
at the office
\$2 each or 3 for \$5



A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all

MOTHERS

Beautiful and wonderful
they fill the earth

Gracious in Your call they
carry life

In a bond of love they bring
forth a child.

Happy Mother's Day



We ask You to bless all

MOTHERS today

May they feel the joys of motherhood
everyday

In all their struggles giving us a livelihood

May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**
be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today

The pride and beauty of a family they bear

Through all pain and sorrow Lord
deliver them

In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE**
may they always stay.

AMEN!