



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 2 - Term 2  
01 May 2018

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

**THURSDAY 3 MAY**  
Parent/Child  
Confirmation Night

**WEDNESDAY 9 MAY**  
P&F Meeting

**THURSDAY 10 MAY**  
Mother's Day Stall

**FRIDAY 11 MAY**  
Mother's Day Mass

**TUESDAY 15 MAY**  
Fete Meeting Meeting



**SCHOOL BANKING**

EACH Wednesday

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

*In a word,*

*Never let go on these three things:*

*Faith, Hope and Love.*

*And know that the greatest of these will always be Love.*

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

## Principal's Reflection

It was good to be back and see all the smiling faces of the students and staff at school photos yesterday. My time away with fellow Principals in Greece and Turkey as part of the Pilgrimage of St Paul - Walking in his footsteps, was both enriching and challenging. The sheer distances that Paul travelled to spread the word and his dedication to his message and faith were amazing. We travelled through many places studying the word of St Paul, from Corinth, to Ephesus, to Thessaloniki, to Athens and across to Cyprus. To give you a snapshot and insight, we stood in the same river and place in Phillipi where Paul baptised Lydia some 2000 years ago and reflected on faith, church and our christian identity.

*11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. 14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.*

**Acts 16:11-15**

We can be challenged in many and varied ways at school, at home and in our own daily lives. It is how we deal with these challenges, and learn from them and move forward in a positive way that determines the next part of our journey. Our children face many different challenges to what Paul faced 2000 years ago, but in a way they aren't dissimilar. A world that is changing, a world where we will face hurdles and barriers to have our voice heard. A world that will question what we do and how we do things. The most important message we can teach our children is that they do have a voice and are being heard and that voice can be powerful. They are our next generation of leaders and it will be their voice that will determine the next generation's direction. Life evolves and we are here to provide the platform for our future generations, we need to be active listeners, keen facilitators and the guidance to allow our children to flourish.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We are very happy to share some wonderful news from Mrs Bree Walker. Bree and her husband, Lindon are expecting their second child in August. As you are aware, Bree returned this term to OLOP after maternity leave only to discover their second child is now on the way. We wish Bree and Lindon all the joys of parenting their growing family. Bree will work until the end of Term 2.

We are very fortunate to have Miss Danielle Cuthbertson return as our Physical Education teacher while Bree is on maternity leave.

### **District Cross Country - Thursday 7 May**

Our district Cross Country carnival is being held next Tuesday from 12.30pm at the Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster Municipal Gardens. The organisers have indicated the carnival will go ahead even if there are showers about. We wish all our representatives the best at this carnival.

### **P&F Meeting – Wednesday 9 May**

It is disappointing that we have had very little response to our call for people to assist on our P&F. We invite anyone who feels they can contribute in the smallest way to come along, and discuss the future of the P&F who do so much wonderful work and fundraising for improvements to our school. **Contributing even means just giving support to one another.**

### **Board Meeting – Tuesday 8 May**

Our next board meeting will be held on Tuesday in the staffroom at 7.00pm.

### **Mother's Day Stall -Thursday 10 May**

Next Thursday, we will be holding our Mother's Day Stall. This is a fantastic fundraiser and a chance for the students to purchase small gifts for their mothers.

### **Mother's Day Mass - Friday 11 May**

We invite all mothers to come along to our Mother's Day Mass next Friday, at 9.15am in the church. This is a chance to celebrate the wonderful contributions mothers make to our lives, our school and our school community.

### **UNIFORM**

**On Monday, 7 May, all students will change to 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)**

### **Enrolment 2019**

If you have a child who will be entering Foundation (Prep) in 2019, 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 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.

Yours faithfully and go the Blues,

**Mr Brendan Keeling**  
**Principal**

**"We are Community"**

## Term 2 – 2018 – CALENDAR

Thursday	May 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ISS</li> <li>•Parent / Child Confirmation Night .. 7:00pm</li> </ul>
Monday	May 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Templestowe District Cross Country Carnival</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>P&amp;F Meeting - Parent are encouraged to attend</b></li> </ul>
Thursday	May 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ISS</li> <li>•<b>Mother's Day Stall</b></li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Mother's Day – Whole School Mass 9:15am</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday	May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•School Nurse Visit – Foundation</li> <li>•<b>Fete Committee Meeting .. 7:00pm ALL WELCOME</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tues, Wed, Fri</b>	<b>May 15 - 18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>NAPLAN – Reading - Years 3 &amp; 5</b> Language Conventions &amp; Writing/Reading/Numeracy</li> </ul>
Thursday	May 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ISS</li> </ul>
Friday	May 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•St Patrick's Cathedral – Confirmation Rehearsal Year 6: 10-12</li> </ul>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Confirmation Sacrament 2:30pm ALL WELCOME</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday	May 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Excursion – Year 4 – Currawong</li> </ul>
Wednesday	May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•National Simultaneous Storytime 2018 – 10:45am</li> </ul>
Thursday	May 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ISS</li> <li>•Yarra Valley Water Incursion – Years 3 &amp; 4</li> </ul>
Tuesday	May 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ICAS – Science</li> <li>•Parish Council Meeting – Joint OLOP &amp; SsP&amp;P</li> </ul>
Thursday	May 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ISS</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Whole School Confirmation Mass ... 9:00am</b></li> </ul>
Thursday	June 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ISS</li> </ul>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday	June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Manningham Division Cross Country Carnival - Qualifying students</li> </ul>
Thursday	June 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ISS</li> </ul>
Tuesday	June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•EMR CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL – Qualifying students</li> </ul>
Thursday	June 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ISS</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>STUDENT FREE DAY – STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b></li> </ul>
Monday	June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Semester 1 Reports sent out</li> </ul>
Tuesday	June 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Students dismissed at 1:00pm)</b></li> </ul>
Thursday	June 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ISS</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>END TERM 2 – Students dismissed at 1:00pm</b></li> </ul>



## ITALIAN NEWS

Last year we received a grant from Catholic Education Melbourne for our students to develop Apps to teach Italian. The students have almost completed their Apps which will be used in Italian classes as well as being shared with other schools.

To make sure that the Apps were user friendly, they set up outside the Foundation classrooms for parents to try them and students to receive feedback. This will help them make any necessary adjustments to their Apps. A tremendous amount of work has gone into developing the Apps. For example, developing ideas for the game, using coding, adding music and sound effects as well as making sure the Italian is correct and appropriate.

The students have been enthusiastic and are dedicated to getting their Apps just right. They have certainly developed their coding and Italian skills. I would like to thank Tser Lin Heatherton, our Information Technology Consultant, for her assistance in this project as well as Mr Keeling for his support.

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



## MULTICULTURAL DAY 13 March -

In case you missed it, this article appeared in the **Manningham Leader** (02 April publication).

**DONVALE**

# Students celebrate cultural diversity



Our Lady of the Pines Donvale students all dressed up for multicultural day.

A SURVEY before a Donvale primary school's multicultural day revealed the students represented an incredible 52 nationalities.

Our Lady of the Pines held the day to celebrate cultural diversity on March 13, with children coming to school dressed in national costumes or the colours of their flag.

Parents looked on as students took part in a parade to start the day before multicultural activities in their classrooms.

Teacher Maria Teasdale said the day also involved a selection of different cultural cuisines.

## 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 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 ON 0428 501 010**

### BASKETBALL CLUB:

#### BASKETBALL VICTORIA COMMUNITY COACHING CLUB

We have arranged for Basketball Victoria to run a coaching clinic for the OLOP Basketball club (in conjunction with Milgate).

This is an excellent opportunity to upgrade coaching skills.

You can register by entering this link in your address bar:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?formID=77172>

## ALL TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED NOW PLEASE



### PRIZES

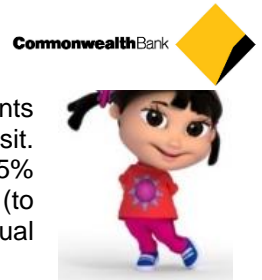
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Suzuki Baleno	Valued - \$17,490
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Suzuki Baleno	Valued - \$17,490
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Suzuki Baleno	Valued - \$17,490
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Prizes	Myer Gift Cards	Valued - \$1,000
6 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Prizes	Myer Gift Cards	Valued - \$500

### School Banking Day

*Don't forget* that **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 co-ordinate the banking each week.**



### Slamin Tennis

Slamin Tennis Player of the week:

**Tyrese Tora** - beyond excellent focus and concentration, allowing for the longest rallies! Well done! So impressed!

**TERM 1 2018 - booking links:**

**1) Term 2 enrolling students:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/330995>

**2) Term 2 Matchplay / Competition:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/361368>

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

<https://slamintennisandfitness.teamapp.com>

**Vicky Lee - Founder & Director M: 0403 129 648**

W: [www.slamin.com.au](http://www.slamin.com.au)



## 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**

**J1 J2 J3 J4**

**M1 M2 M4 M5**

**S1 S2 S3 S4**

If you can spare a little time to arrange the occasional get together (e.g. coffee), please let Noreen know.

## 2018 Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for **eligible students** to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2018 are open and will close on the first day of term 2 (18 April 2018).

**OLOP strongly encourages any family with a health care card as listed below, to put in an application.**

A parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:  
Veterans Affairs Gold Card  
Centrelink Health Care Card  
Pensioner Concession Card
- **OR** they must be a temporary foster parent
- **OR** the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)

**AND** the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date. For further information please log into [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) or phone the CSEF Helpdesk via 1800 060 970 (option 1). You can also email their office at [csef@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:csef@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## LIBRARY HELPERS

We remain in need of helpers for term 2, from our parent and carer community, to help at the beginning or end of the day to help in returning books and tidying shelves. If you could let the office or our Library Manager, Maryanne Walker, know if are able to volunteer any of your time.

Email: [mwalker@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mwalker@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au)

## Mother's Day Stall Helpers Needed



**Thursday  
10 May 2018**

**HELPERS NEEDED** to assist on Thursday, 10 May from 9.00 am till 11.00 pm with our Mother's Day Stall.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Many helpers are needed to make this event a success.

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

## SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION PACKS Year 6 to Year 7 - 2019

For those parents of Year 6 students who are considering sending their child to a government secondary school in 2019, enrolment forms are now available. Please contact Noreen Forsyth for a transition pack, either by phone or email [nforsyth@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nforsyth@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au) and one will be prepared for you, and sent home.

All completed enrolments forms need to be returned to the school office no later than Friday, 11 May.

Parents applying for Catholic secondary schools should be notified in mid-May, by the secondary school to which they applied.

## Come and join Kidzone!

Kidzone is the Salvation Army's values based program. It includes games, craft, a short story or lesson and of course afternoon tea!

Fridays during term @ 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Cost: \$5 per family per week.

[37 Taunton Street, Doncaster East](#)

Call Toni: 0430 953 438

Email: [toni.freeman@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:toni.freeman@aus.salvationarmy.org)

Thank you! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Blessings, **Toni Freeman**

Children and Young Adults Ministry Worker

**The Salvation Army** | Manningham Corps

[37 Taunton Street Doncaster East 0430953438](#)

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Happy  
Birthday  
God bless you always.

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS



*Happy birthday to:*

*Front Row: Kyra, Dylan, Phoenix, Joseph, Zac, Jacob, William, John*

*Middle: Olivia, Kiara, Sahib, Penelope, Hunter, Xavier, Alysha, Jose, Jerome*

*Rear: Mila, Claire, Charlotte, Jordan, Alessi, Liam, Callum*



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Reflection:

*Dear Lord*

*I pray that whoever reads this, will  
experience Your love, peace, comfort,  
joy, hope and guidance.*

*I don't know their names and I may  
not know their troubles, but You do.*

*Thank you Lord and bless them.*

*Amen*

