



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 7 - Term 3  
27 August 2019

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Thursday 29 August**  
Father's Day Stall

**Friday 30 August**  
FATHER'S DAY  
CELEBRATION

**Sunday 01**  
**September**  
FATHER'S 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**  
**Wednesday**

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

## Principal's Reflection

Example serves better than description. I regularly take prospective families and students on tours of our school. I am very proud of our school, the students, our staff and the direction we are taking in education of the whole student - academically, socially and emotionally. The purpose of having parents tour our school with myself personally, is to allow these people the opportunity to experience, by example rather than description, the community that is Our Lady of the Pines Catholic School. It is wonderful to welcome these people to our school, to have them greeted by various staff and students, to be with them during their tour and their conversations with students, to listen to their insights in regards to our engaging and welcoming students and to be affirmed that our values are viewed and experienced.

Over the past fortnight we have had an external reviewer in looking at our school, our policies and our practices. The most important aspect of this visit and the ensuing discussions, was the nature of the 'conversations of scrutiny', and the opportunity to reflect on practice. Being a Principal has at times the danger of being removed from the classroom, with the similarity of being a vegan but employed to write a 'meat-eaters' recipe book. I am always in dialogue with our staff and students and various elements of our parent community to reflect, understand and continue with our vision for excellence for our students - academically, socially and emotionally. People whose responsibilities have an impact and influence on others, as is the situation with any educator and parent, have an obligation to appreciate the demands of the responsibilities and engagements that characterise the community, whether the community be a family, a school, an organisation or a culture.

All of us would do well to emulate the intentions of Napoleon in his efforts to appreciate the views of those for whom he served as Emperor. Napoleon would occasionally disguise himself as a bourgeois or wear poor clothes to walk Paris, asking questions of people. This way, he could know how people felt about him and his policies. As adults, we were all children once, we were all students and it is a worthwhile exercise to step away from the 'bustle of today' if we can, to reflect on how we can support those whose journeys we have travelled, yet whose demands may be new and of a different challenge.

Mahatma Gandhi is quoted as saying, *"Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy."*

Regardless of the often conflicting demands upon the role of Principal, I can only continue in my role if I continue to experience the real and genuine joy that is characterised by working with the many and varied members of the Our Lady of the Pines Catholic School community. We test each other, we offer support for each other, we grow together becoming 'new creatures' as a result of our encounters.

Thank you to all who appreciate the value of service in being part of a school community such as ours.

### Assemblies

The final whole school assembly for the remainder of this term is,

**Monday 9 September**

### OLOP Observer

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

<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Thursday 29 August</b> Literacy and Numeracy leaders
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Thursday 6 September</b> Religion and Digital Technologies
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Thursday 13 September</b> Professional levels

### Athletics Carnival - All classes

We held our Athletics Carnival last Thursday at the Tom Kelly Athletics Track for our whole school. Congratulations to all students who competed with vigour and enthusiasm on the day. A big thank you to Danielle Cuthbertson who organised the carnival. Thank you also to all our parents and grandparents who came along and supported the students and to the many volunteers on the day.

### Google Excursion - Sydney –

**Tuesday 27 August**

It is exciting for OLOP in that we have six students and four staff who have flown to Sydney today. The excursion is the culmination of work our students have been doing with Google and our chance to have a tour of the Google facilities in Sydney. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and school to be part of a unique experience. We wish all the students and staff all the best for this momentous day.

### Father's Day stall - Thursday 29 August

We will be holding our Father's Day stall this year on Thursday, 29 August, for the students. We also have some fantastic prizes in our foyer for the Father's day raffle. A flyer was sent home last week.

### Father's Day Celebration whole school - morning -

**Friday 30 August**

We are inviting all our fathers/special persons, to a celebration at school this Friday morning August 30. We will have a **bbq breakfast** for the fathers in our school community beginning at 8:30am. This will then be followed by activities in the classroom.

### Senior Hoop Time -

**Monday 2 September**

I would like to wish our Senior Hoop Time teams all the best for next Monday.

### Year 3 Reconciliation Commitment Mass -

**Saturday 7 September**

A reminder to all our Year 3 Reconciliation students and families that our Commitment Mass for Reconciliation is on Saturday, 7 September, as part of our parish Mass at 5.00pm.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We ask that families please check their child/ren's uniform and ensure each item is labelled clearly. The students tend to discard their jumpers/windcheaters when playing and forget to pick them up before going into class. This has resulted in a number of items being put in lost property and not claimed by the owner. At the end of the term, items which are not named are placed into the secondhand uniform shop.

Checking your child's labels occasionally would be very much appreciated.

### 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.

**Brendan Keeling - Principal**

**"We are Community"**

### Term 3 – 2019 – CALENDAR

Please check regularly amendments

Thursday	Aug	29	•Father's Day Stall
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>30</b>	• <b>Father's Day Celebration</b>
Sunday	Sept	01	• <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>
Friday	Sept	06	•Whole School Mass – (Eucharist)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SEPT</b>	<b>07</b>	• <b>RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS .. 5:00pm</b>
Monday	Sept	09	•Italian Expo
Friday	Sept	13	• <b>CHILDREN'S DISCO "SAVE THE DATE"</b>
Monday	Sept	16	• <b>ITALIAN DAY</b>
Thursday	Sept	19	•Photos – Sport Teams, Graduation, Whole School
Friday	Sept	20	• <b>FOOTY COLOURS DAY</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>20</b>	• <b>END OF TERM 3 – Students dismissed at 1:00pm</b>

### Term 4 – 2019 – CALENDAR

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>07</b>	• <b>Term 4 BEGINS</b>
Monday	Oct	07	•Foundation & Junior Swimming Program begins
Wednesday	Oct	16	•Reconciliation - Parent Child Evening
Monday	Oct	21	•Swimming begins – Middle and Senior Students
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>23</b>	• <b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – Year 3</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>04</b>	• <b>STAFF P.D. - Student Free Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>05</b>	• <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Melbourne Cup Day</b>
Wednesday	Nov	06	•Foundation <b>2020</b> – Orientation Day 1
Friday	Nov	08	•Reconciliation and Remembrance Day Mass
Wednesday	Nov	13	•Foundation <b>2020</b> – Orientation Day 2
Wednesday	Nov	20	•Foundation <b>2020</b> - <b>Parent</b> Information Evening
Thursday	Nov	22	• <b>YEAR 4 – CAMP</b>
Wednesday	Nov	27	• <b>FOUNDATION 2020</b> – Orientation Day 3
Friday	Nov	29	•Sion students <b>2020</b> - Orientation Day
Thursday	Dec	05	•Carols Night
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>06</b>	• <b>Staff PD – level planning – Student Free Day</b>
Wednesday	Dec	11	•Whole School End of Year Mass •Parent Helpers Morning Tea
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>12</b>	• <b>Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner</b>
Friday	Dec	13	•Reports go home
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>16</b>	• <b>End of Year Assembly</b>
Wednesday	Dec	18	• <b>STAFF END OF YEAR MASS</b>

### Term 1 – 2020

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>30</b>	• <b>2020 SCHOOLYEAR BEGINS (all students)</b>
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**THURSDAY 29 AUGUST**

Thank you to **Natalie Bonello** who has once again organised a wonderful selection of gifts for the students to make their selection.

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES  
CHILDREN'S DISCO  
FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

The booking sheet for the Children's Disco was sent out with all students yesterday (on pink paper) and also on Flexibuzz. Please read the flyer carefully as the parents have gone to great detail to ensure this evening runs smoothly and is an enjoyable evening for the students.

**Sessions:**

**Junior** – Session 1    Foundation – Year 3

**6:00pm – 7:40pm**

**Senior** – Session 2    Year 4 – Year 6

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

We please ask that families adhere to the times allocated to assist with the start and finish of each session.

**A reminder that the disco is for OLOP students and younger siblings only.**



**Italian Day  
Monday 16 September**

Italian Day will begin parade of students dressed in a costume with an Italian influence. It can be as simple as the colours of the Italian flag, green white and red. We do not want families to go to too much trouble.

Following the parade, students will then move to their classes for activities.

The P&F parent helpers have organised a pizza pop-up stall and gelati will also be sold during the lunch break.

They will later enjoy an Italian incursion and then a soccer game between the grade sixes and the teachers.



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

## FIRST EUCHARIST






Congratulations to the students who received their first Holy Communion over the past two weekends.  
Each Mass was a very moving and meaningful celebration.  
Thank you to all the teachers who prepared the children and to Fr Jerald.

## MATHS TALENT QUEST

We congratulate the students who competed in the recent Maths Talent quest.  
They received their certificates at assembly on Monday.

## OLOP AWARDS

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) 2019 Term 3 Weeks 5&6

<p><b>At OLOP we are called to be our best to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.</b> We congratulate the students who have received awards in the last two weeks, for living up to any of our special OLOP expectations or practising any of our other values! Other OLOP values are: Friendliness, Courage, Honesty, Determination, Confidence, Consideration, Acceptance, Caring, Assertiveness, Persistence and Resilience.</p>					
Level					
Prep	Holly B	Lucas R	Nicki B	Gabbi R	
Years 1&2	Rithu A Sonny C Cruz M	Maya M Charlotte B Callan M Jacob M Renee W Kai M Harry C Evan Y	Mila T Emily S Grace P	Oliver D-W Chiara F John K Joel D-S	Jasper K Zack C Zac D
Years 3&4		Kai W	Curtis F Sam P		Annaliese P
Years 5&6	Misha D Ruby W	Luca S Camille C Rafael T	Luke G Joshua M Bobby Y Zara O Zahli B Olivia P Mila I	Gabriel A-K Rocco K Abbey D	Abbey C-O Jerome B
Specialists		Jai M			
<p>Students may receive awards for any one of our four PBL behaviour expectations or for showing any of our 'You Can Do It' values. The focus for these two weeks is <b>Act Safely in the Playground.</b></p>					

## 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**

### 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

Vicky Lee  
Founder & Director  
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*Reflection:*

## **A PRAYER FOR FATHERS DAY**

**Gracious God,  
Bless fathers and all father  
figures with such love and  
faithfulness that children flourish  
and grow in uprightness and joy.**

**Bless those who long to be  
fathers and those for whom this  
day is difficult.**

**Amen**

