



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 6 - Term 1
05 March 2019

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

**WEDNESDAY
6 MARCH**
ASH WEDNESDAY
9:00am MASS

**(NO ICY-POLE SALES
ON ASH WEDNESDAY)**

**THURSDAY
7 MARCH**
OLOP OPEN DAY
9:15 – 10:45 am

MONDAY 11 MARCH
LABOR DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY



SCHOOL BANKING
Each **Wednesday**

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

'Wisdom is not the answer. Wisdom is a question'

Billy Connolly

'Feedback must be feed-forward'

John Hattie

Principal's Reflection

The season of Lent marks not only a significant time in the Church's year, but provides us an opportunity to reflect on our practice and what we do. It is not a period of the year where we must give something up or go without to cause ourselves discomfort, but it is a time where we need to ask questions of ourselves in order to become better people. While the season of Lent is one of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we need to make connections with these activities to our everyday life in order to bring about sustained change and take time to ask ourselves the challenging questions in order to become better at what we do and who we are.

One means of doing this is through questioning. In the teaching and learning process, one key ingredient that separates good teaching from great teaching is the art of questioning. I am often envious of those teachers who ask the most engaging and inquiring questions that move passive learning to discussion and discovery. These questions cannot be rehearsed as they move with student conversation and are targeted at an entry point that all students can access and contribute to. The questioning is explicit and succinct. It leads to further discussion and discovery and helps student learning move through dependence, independence and reach interdependence. Put simply, it enriches student learning through transferring meaning making with real life connections.

All learning is about inquiring, problem solving, investigating, discovering, interactive learning, discussing and questioning. If learning is interesting, students will be interested. If you are inquiring, students will discover. If you are questioning, students will wonder and make connections.

Fr Jerald Cecil Mariadas

We continue to have Fr Jerald in our thoughts and prayers. He will be having an operation this Thursday, 8 March.

Welcome

On Monday at assembly we welcomed **Mrs Ida Stella** to our staff. Ida has replaced Helen Johnson in Administration who will be officially retiring in a couple of weeks. We thank Helen for extending her service to assist with this changeover. Ida is very experienced in the area of Catholic education administration. Please call by the office and introduce yourself to Ida. We all welcome her to the Our Lady of the Pines community.



Division Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our girls Medley Relay team, **Teagan Murtic, Zara Oxnam, Isabella Richardson, Lydia Rottura.** They participated yesterday in the Division Swimming Carnival and came a very close second. They will now compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the best as they move forward to the next phase of competition. Also, congratulations to Zara Oxnam who came 3rd in the backstroke event.



Student Leadership and badge presentation

We presented our student leaders to the school community at yesterday's assembly. We have a page of photos further into the newsletter.

Students who did not receive their badge this week, as well as our SRC, will be presented at our next assembly on Monday, 18 March.

Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday -

Wednesday 6 March

We will be holding our first whole school Mass tomorrow at 9.00am in the church. This will also be the parish and school Ash Wednesday Mass. Families are most welcome to attend.

Public Holiday - Monday 11 March

Next Monday is our **Labour Day public holiday** and therefore the school will be closed on this day.

Open Morning -

Thursday 7 March

We will be holding an Open Morning this Thursday from 9.15am - 10.45am for any prospective parents. If you know of anyone who is interested in seeing what our school has to offer, please let them know to come along on Thursday morning. Our second Open Morning will be held on **Tuesday, 19 March**, 9:15 - 10:45.

Positive Relationship Week -

Tuesday 12 March - Friday 15 March

Positive Relationships (Anti-Bullying) Week, begins on Tuesday 12 March to Friday 15 March. During this week, classes will be concentrating on positive behaviours and relationships amongst each other and wider groups in our communities.

Positive Relationship / National Day of Action -

Friday 15 March

Next Friday, at 2.20pm, we will be holding our National Day of Action whole school assembly that is the culmination of our Positive Relationship week. We invite all parents to come along to this assembly on this day.

2018 Foundation Parents Information Night -

Wednesday 13 March

Next Wednesday, from 7.00pm to 8.15pm, we will be holding our Foundation Information Night. This is a night we invite **all** Foundation parents to attend. The Foundation teachers will be able to provide further information for parents regarding their children and their learning here at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary school.

Confirmation Commitment Mass -

Saturday 16 March

Next Saturday, at 5.00pm, in conjunction with the Parish Mass, there is a Commitment Mass for our Year 6 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. All Year 6 students and families will need to attend this Mass as part of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

General Assemblies -

Fortnightly Monday afternoon

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be holding fortnightly assemblies on Monday afternoon at 2.20pm in the church. All families are invited to attend our assemblies. The timetable for the remainder of our assemblies this term is:

Monday 18 March & Monday 1 April

Fitness Friday - Fortnightly Friday afternoon

Also, as mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be holding fortnightly Fitness Friday sessions at 2.20pm. **Students can bring runners along in their school bags each Friday. They will put them on at the beginning of our 2nd break at 2.00pm and take them off after Fitness Friday.** The timetable for the remainder of our assemblies this term is:

Friday 15 March

Friday 29 March

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 currently taking enrolments for 2020.

Parents of new students can organise with Noreen Forsyth in Administration, 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 front 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"

Parking in Bus Zone

This week we received the following request from the crossing supervisor in Fullwood Parade.

A friendly reminder that parking is not permitted 20 metres before and 10 metres after the bus zones in Fullwood Parade. Some parents have again taken to parking there. Also remind them that they are also not permitted to use them as drop off and pick up zones, whether they are in the car or not.

Local Laws officers have been out and about this week and fines will be issued to those not obeying the road rules.

Thank you in advance.

BURNING OF THE PALMS

Today the staff and students attended a Burning of the Palms Paraliturg. The blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday, will be distributed to the congregation with the symbol of a cross on our foreheads at tomorrow's Ash Wednesday mass.



CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

In previous newsletters we have requested volunteers to act as Class Representatives.

To set this up as an individual class contact list, a link has been created for parents to voluntarily enter their details. We assure parents that only your child's class will have access to this information (not the whole school). This assists the class representative to send out invitations/notices of any function or get together they are arranging.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PB98PDR>

Volunteer as a Class Representative:

The role is very simple, maybe just once per term. This role can be shared with a partner, or more ! Examples – morning coffee at school or at a café, lunch, an evening out, or picnic on a weekend.

If you would like to volunteer, please let your child's class teacher or the office know.

Term 1 – 2019 – CALENDAR Please check regularly for amendments		
Wednesday	March 06	●ASH WEDNESDAY – Mass 9:00 am
Thursday	March 07	●SCHOOL OPEN DAY - new enrolments 2020 : 9:15-10:15
Sunday	March 10	●Catholic Education Positive Relations Week (begins)
Monday	March 11	● PUBLIC HOLIDAY – LABOUR DAY - School closed
Wednesday	March 13	●Foundation PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Thursday	March 14	●ISS – Yrs 5/6
Friday	March 15	●National Day of Action Against Bullying Assembly ●Incursion - Years 5/6 - Parliament (Session 3)
Tuesday	March 19	●SCHOOL OPEN DAY - new enrolments 2020 : 9:15-10:45
Sunday	March 16	●Confirmation Commitment Mass -Yr 6 : 5:00pm - all welcome
Tuesday	March 19	●SCHOOL OPEN DAY - new enrolments 2020 : 9:15-10:45
Thursday	March 21	●Excursion - Yrs 3&4 – Immigration Museum ●ISS – Yrs 5/6
Wednesday	March 27	●Premiers Reading Challenge begins
Thursday	March 28	●ISS – Yrs 5/6
Friday	March 29	●Incursion - Yrs 5/6 - Parliament (Session 4)
Monday to Thursday	April 01-04	●SCHOOL CAMP Yrs 5 &6
Friday	April 05	●FUN RUN (am)
Friday	April 05	●Final Day – Term One - Students Dismissed at 1:00pm
EASTER 2019 Good Friday 19 April Easter Saturday 20 April Easter Sunday 21 April Easter Monday 22 April		
TERM 2 – BEGINS Tuesday 23 April		

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 and school-organised 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).

OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL VISIT

Last Wednesday, Sarah from St Vincent de Paul spoke to the students from years 3 to 6 about the work of St Vincent de Paul. We also met Gary and Tony who are St Vincent de Paul volunteers from our parish.

Apart from working for St Vincent de Paul, Sarah is also involved in supporting the community through the soup kitchen.

Our school community will invite students to form a Mini Vinnies group. Sarah was able to give us ideas about what we can do to support those in need, for example have a crazy sock day, crazy hair day, or have a free dress day to raise money.

We realised that we already do many things throughout the year to support those in need in our community.

It was a very worthwhile talk.

Irene and Luke
RE Captains



PROJECT COMPASSION AT OLOP

"Give Lent 100%"

At the assembly on Monday, our R.E. captains, Irene and Luke, spoke to the students about raising money during Lent and gave them some suggestions on how to do this.

We are asking for your help to raise money to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season.

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways Caritas work around the world with local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope."

Through your generosity during Project Compassion, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.



There is a Project Compassion box in each classroom and also in the office area.



Lives change when we all give 100%.

Please note that on Ash Wednesday there will not be any sale of Icy-Poles at lunch time. It has been suggested to the students that they donate their icy pole money to Project Compassion on this day








PRESENTATION OF STUDENT LEADERS AT ASSEMBLY – MONDAY 4 MARCH



OLOP AWARDS

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) - 2019 Term 1 Weeks 4 and 5

<p>At OLOP we are called to be our best to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God</p> <p>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	Amelie Mellor Amelia Reginato Samuel Leitner	Nicholas Henderson Charlie Tonzing	Ella Jacobs	Roman Pizzolotto Alyssia Versillo	
Years 1&2	Sienna Clonan Eve Fabbris Wei Yuen James Puntere	Lucas Ng Phoenix Athanas Chiara Farchione Emily Seta	Oscar Nuske Thomas Fitz	Eva Rusak Caitlin Rizio Ben Baradeen	Oliver De Winter Marcus Tomaro Rosheen Wadhawan Mark Colafella
Years 3&4	Sienna Pizzolotto Penelope Kaoullas Alyssa Compasso Robbie Ivanusic Charli Evans Sienna Dimitriou Evie Talbot	Mietta Nanos Alessia Giandinoto Daniel Catanchin Zac Bonnici Brooke McCann		Gabriel Fabbris Avneesh Anandaraj	Jack Piesse for swimming Luke DelGiudice for being brave Rachel Ficarra Finn Carpenter O'Gorman
Years 5&6	Aurelia Hills Henry Arena Katia Tomaro	Libby Wans Zara Oxnam			Abbey Carpenter- O'Gorman Rafael Traverso Jai Mithen
Specialists		Olivia Zanelli			
Students may receive awards for any one of our four PBL behaviour expectations or a 'You Can Do It' award for showing any of our other core values.					



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

Parish Youth Group Gathering every 1st Sunday of the month, after 9.30am mass

Calling all youths aged 7 to 25 years to join us for our youth group gatherings on held every 1st Sunday of the month after 9.30am mass. The junior group (7 - 12 years) will gather at the PEACE Centre, and senior group (13 – 25yrs) will gather at The Meeting Place. Make new friends, strengthen existing friendships, have fun and grow in faith. We look forward to seeing you there. For more details contact Teresina at teresina1129@gmail.com or Cheryl at Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au.

Thank you.

God Bless Cheryl Tay - Pastoral Worker

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.

OSH CLUB - Notices

Please note the following:

- All bookings for the OSHC, Before and After Care sessions, casual or permanent, MUST be made by calling the OSHC Customer Service Team on 1300 395 735 please.
- In the event that you require another person to collect your child from the After Care Program. You MUST please advise the OLOP Program by phone message or text, PRIOR to your child being collected, regardless of the person being on the emergency contact list).
- The phone number for OSH at OLOP is 0427 762 325. Please ensure you are NOT calling the previous provider, Camp Australia.
- Adults collecting your child will also be required to produce identification.
- These requirements are for the safety of your child.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Notice

Neighbour
respect
community

Unfortunately we have received justified complaints regarding inconsiderate parking habits in Fullwood Parade, such as parking across our neighbours' driveways, double parking, stopping in the bus zone, and not displaying road safety standards. Even if sitting in your vehicle, this is not acceptable.

The neighbours have reported these incidents to the council by laws office and they advise that they are sending regular patrols to book offending vehicles.

We understand that parking can be difficult at pick up times, but we remind parents/carers that we do have safe on campus parking, near the church.

Reflection:

The Single Parent's Prayer

Lord Grant Me

*Time enough to do all the chores,
join in the games, help with the lessons,
say the night prayers, and much more.*

*Strong enough to be the bread baker and
bread winner, knee patcher and peace
maker, ball player and bill juggler.*

*Hands soft enough to hug and to hold, to
tickle and touch, yet strong enough to pick
up and put away, and then to iron and fold.*

*Heart enough to share and to care, to listen
and to understand, and to make this home
the best a single parent can.*



Single parents
who trust in God
are not raising
their children
alone 🙏🙏🙏🙏

WEEGRAM