



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 2
14 May 2019

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

SUNDAY – 19 May
- **CONFIRMATION –
ST PATRICK'S
CATHEDRAL**



**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

'The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humour, but without folly.'

Jim Rohn

We were all young once and the heads on our shoulders didn't possess the wisdom, knowledge and skills that we now possess. Age can be acquired by calendric time or by experience. Leadership skills are certainly part natural talent but are enriched and enhanced by having access to opportunities that grow those skills. But there are several qualities which can be recognised in successful leaders: Honesty, ability to delegate, high order communication, sense of humour, confidence, commitment and persistence, positive attitude, creativity, intuition, courage, ability to inspire, ability to plan and organise, be strategic, able to accept responsibility for mistakes. All these and more are the aptitudes and attitudes which hone the skill of the leader.

Just as sure is that each of us possesses a capacity to lead and for all of us, the development of our leadership skills depends on opportunity, the preparations we have made in developing and sharpening the skills we have, and most often having someone trust us to exercise our leadership, to mentor, encourage and nurture us.

For our staff, teaching by its very purpose is a position of leadership. Teachers every day are leading learning in their classroom. Some of our staff have further leadership roles such as Level Leaders, Numeracy Leaders, Literacy Leaders, Principal, Deputy Principal, Learning and Teaching Leader, Digital Technologies Leader, Religious Education Leader, Sacramental Leader, Student Wellbeing Leader, Kinder Liaison Leader. These positions sometimes do require them to be released from class to fulfil aspects of their role. The greatest reflection of our leadership is the legacy we leave behind. The opportunities and formation given to our staff to live out their leadership potential is crucial to the ongoing success of our school.

Our student leadership program provides students with an opportunity to display and hone their leadership skills. While it is an honour to be recognised by our peers as a leader, ultimately leadership is always about the behaviour, never the position. It is affirming to hear when our students can identify the differences between people in positions of leadership and the behaviours and attitudes required to be a leader.

We thank all our staff and parents for taking the time to be present to our students and living out the attitudes and aptitudes of leadership to them.

OLOP Observer

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

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	-

Mother's Day Stall and Mass

A big thank you to Natalie Bonello and her group of eager helpers who set up and worked on the Mother's Day stall. It was fantastic to have such helpers on the stall and the sense of community was there during the day. Also, to see all our mothers at the Mother's Day Mass on Friday and the sense of joy and Catholic celebration by all on the morning was fantastic to see. A big thank you to Clare Davis, all our staff, our wonderful students and all mothers on celebrating a wonderful event.

Confirmation - Sunday 19 May

We have our confirmation candidates preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday. As a school community, can 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**. It is very exciting for these candidates to receive their sacrament at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Federal Election

At every election, The Catholic Education Commission asks the major parties, Coalition, Labor and the Greens, a number of questions to clarify their policy positions on key issues of importance for Catholic schools. This year, the four questions asked were:

1. As the Commonwealth is the predominant funder of non-government schools, how will your party ensure Catholic schools remain affordable for most Australian families?
2. What support will your party provide to help Catholic and other non-government schools upgrade learning facilities and keep pace with enrolment growth, given the rising costs of land, construction and classroom technology?
3. What is your party's position on the right of religious schools to retain faith-based exemptions from anti-discrimination legislation in relation to staffing, enrolment and policy matters?
4. Catholic schools are providing an increasing number of pre-school services for families that choose Catholic education. What will your party do to support this important stage of early childhood education?

Please click on the link below from the NCEC (National Catholic Education Commission) for responses in the lead up to the Federal election:

https://www.ncec.catholic.edu.au/images/2019_NCEC_Election_Party_Responses.pdf

NAPLAN – Grade 3 and 5's –

Today, **Tuesday 14 - Friday 17 May**, our Year 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 Grade's 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.

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"

Year 6 to 7 Transition Forms Must be in by tomorrow.

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>



NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students are currently 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.

[*Naplan in Perspective*](#)

<https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/20190305-keeping-naplan-in-perspective-poster-final.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

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.



Available as a digital copy or a hardcopy.

Order from:

www.entbook.com.au/109v24

Term 2 – 2019 – CALENDAR
Please check regularly for amendments

Wednesday	May 15	●NAPLAN
Thursday	May 16	●NAPLAN ●Confirmation Rehearsal – St Patrick’s Cathedral
Friday	May 17	●NAPLAN ●Fitness Friday
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 ●Fitness Friday
Tuesday	June 04	●Excursion – Years 1 & 2 - Scienceworks
Friday	June 07	●Senior Science – Gallery viewing
MONDAY	June 10	●QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – No School
Friday	June 14	●Fitness Friday
Monday	June 17	●SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – 2:20PM
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



**WOOLWORTHS
LEARN &
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 please , tell all your family and friends to help us receive as much as we can for our school

HELP NEEDED

We are desperately seeking a volunteer/s to assist in the secondhand uniform shop each Thursday afternoon. This most important service cannot continue without volunteer helpers.

If you are able to assist, please contact Wendy on 0410 512 288.



Cross Country -

On Friday, 3 May, we ran our school cross country carnival. All the students tried their best and represent their sporting house!

Congratulations to all those students who will be progressing through to The Templestowe District Cross Country Carnival at Ruffey Lake Park on Tuesday, 21 May.

The winner for our school cross country was

Teresa !!!

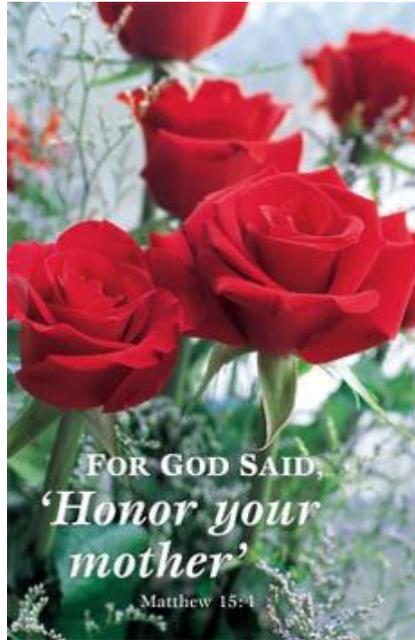
Well done to all our students in Teresa House.



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Friday 10 May

On Friday, we celebrated with all mothers, with Father Ralph. Following Mass, our families were invited to the student's classrooms where they took part in activities presented by their children. It was a most enjoyable time here at Our Lady of the Pines.





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

Parking

Neighbour
respect
community

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.

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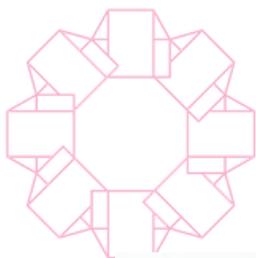
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

(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)



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.



COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE 2019 RESULTS

A huge thank you to all our school families who supported the raffle. Below are the results.

Prize No: 1 KIA RIO Ticket No: 61656

Location: Glen Waverley

Prize No: 2 KIA PICANTO Ticket No: 4044

Location: Belgrave

Prize No: 3 KIA PICANTO Ticket No: 83514

Location : Bennettswood

Prize No: 4 \$100 Coles/Myer Gift Card T

icket No: 7530 Location: Endeavour Hills

Prize No: 5 \$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 32377 Location: Mulgrave

Prize No: 6 \$500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 125406 Location: Elwood

Prize No: 7 \$500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 95749 Location: Nth Melb

Prize No: 8 \$500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 23974 Location: Grovedale

Prize No: 9 \$500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 68930 Location: Rowville

Prize No: 10 \$500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 70278 Location: Heidelberg West

Prize No: 11 \$500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 39333 Location: Mooroolbark

Prize No: 12 \$500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 11025 Location: Upper FTG

Prize No: 13 \$500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 62140 Location: Glen Waverley

Prize No: 14 \$500 Coles/Myer Gift Card

Ticket No: 128202 Location: Melbourne

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day Stall was organised by Mrs **Natalie Bonello**. We thank her purchasing and providing such a wonderful selection of gifts for the children to choose. We also thank the following mums who assisted on the stall.

**Maria Karipis, Marianne Frarchione,
Athena Tsiadis, Melissa Strangis,
Mariam Markulija, Sue Murtic**

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thank you to Ms **Natasha Limneos** for running the raffle this year. The last minute organisation proofed successful and the winners were;

1st Prize – Chiara Frarchione

2nd Prize – Chelsea M4

3rd Prize – Sophia Borovnica

4th Prize – Louisa Spizzirri

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th (Comedy Club Vouchers)

Were won by: Ellen Pearson, Christina Di Guilio, Chelsea M4, Louisa Ortiz, Alyssa Ruggieri

The Rainbow Prayer

**Dear Loving God, Creator of all
You created us all in your own image
One image – many colours
One image – many cultures**

**You made us come together like a rainbow
Separate parts, but coming together in one creation
Help us to see the beauty you have created in each and every one of us**

**We are your creation
Hear the cries of your people
You gave us ears to hear and eyes to see
Open our eyes to what you want us to see
Help us always to look to you to see the wisdom of your ways**

**You gave us hearts to love and minds to reason
Help us to understand our differences and grow in love for each other
Help us to come together as the rainbow comes together, many colours,
shining as one creation over all the earth as you intended us to be**

In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ

Amen