



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
30 April 2019

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY

1 May

Confirmation Workshop

FRIDAY

3 May

Cross Country

MONDAY

6 May

All students in **winter
uniform** and
School Photos



**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**
ICY POLE DAY
Resumes Term 4

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

Principal's Reflection

'The standard you walk past is the standard you accept.'

Lieutenant General David Morrison

Experiences help to determine who we are. Whether they be good, bad or indifferent, each one helps shape the person we are and often leaves us with a range of emotions when we build on similar experiences in the future.

Our students encounter a wide range of learning experiences every day, both in the classroom and playground. We often talk about educating the 'whole child', catering for emotional, social, spiritual intelligences and broadening not just conceptual learning but meaning making exercises which provide connections for student learning. Some of these will be new for students, other times they may put students outside their comfort zone in order for them to make new learning connections.

For some of our students new learning experiences bring about anxiety or uncertainty of something they have not done before. Some students may feel confronted by something new, but in the majority of these cases once they have the experience, their anxieties reduce and we are able to support and scaffold them. In some cases, parents find it a big challenge to reassure their children that it is natural to feel this way and it will become easier, particularly when it can be difficult when they are living through it.

This can be seen when our Prep/Foundation students commence school at the start of the year. A number of students will naturally be upset when their parents leave, as will the parents. However in almost every case, once Mum or Dad leave within a couple of minutes, that child will settle and move on with their day. There may be tears later in the day when they see Mum or Dad pick them up, but without this initial experience it becomes near impossible to improve and build on in subsequent days and years. This doesn't mean it is any easier for parents when the last thing you have to remember in dropping your child to school is them in tears and you leaving, but it does get easier and without this initial move outside the comfort zone there will be no improvements. Removing a child from this experience does not support or protect them nor does it prepare them for future success when faced with this experience again in the future.

As our students get older they have new challenges. Camps are a wonderful example of this. As our Year 5/6 students took part in their camp to Portsea at the end of last term, I was exceptionally proud of the way they embraced each new activity and challenge, had a go, developed spirit, broadened their appreciation of one another and learnt something new about themselves. If we are to be consistent with providing all our students with a broad range of learning opportunities, the greatest disservice we can do for them is to allow them choice in participating. In order to get our students to the end product of responsibility and independence with the camp program, it is important for our students to experience and build on their previous camp experience. Learning does not occur in isolation and requires explicit instruction, support and guidance, particularly as all students have a wide range of learning entry points with camps.

If we are making choices for our students not to be exposed to learning opportunities, it does not prepare them for future success in their learning. Although it may provide short-term satisfaction and comfort, long term it simply makes the next experience even harder. Without being exposed to previous experiences we are not supporting our students, but crippling them in the long run. We cannot build a house without a foundation, nor can we build on learning without a solid base for understanding. We thank all parents for their support and partnership in building resilience, character and learning connections for all our students.

My sincere thanks to all staff in our senior team in Year 5/6 for their preparation, energy and commitment to the Portsea camp. Although an incredible amount of time goes into the preparation of these, our staff are motivated on providing these based on the value they are to our students.

Fr Jerald Cecil Mariadas

Our Parish Priest Fr Jerald left yesterday on a pilgrimage overseas. We wish Fr Jerald, and the parishioners who have joined him on this journey, all the best.

Parish Social – 70s Music Tribute Night –

Friday 3 May

This Friday, 3 May, the Parish have a social evening. We would love to see our school families enjoying a night together while supporting our Parish fundraiser. Please ring Noreen Forsyth at school if you would like any more information.

OLOP Observer

Starting next week, parents will receive our OLOP Observer on a Thursday. It will be between one and two pages and provide parents with various pieces of information regarding what is happening in classes as well as significant curriculum areas of the school. We have four levels:-

- **Foundation** (Prep),
- **Junior** (Years 1 and 2),
- **Middle** (Years 3 and 4) and
- **Senior** (Years 5 and 6)

Every four weeks each level will provide a short snapshot of what they will be covering for the next three week period. This will provide parents with an understanding of some of the key elements that will be covered in your child's class. Also, every four weeks our specialist classes will provide a snapshot of what they will be covering in the next month of teaching.

Our leaders will also be contributing to the OLOP Observer and during the term you will receive information from the leaders regarding various areas of the school.

The following is a timetable of this terms OLOP Observer:

Week 3 Thursday 9 May

4 professional 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

Class Changes

We have made some changes to staff roles for this term and the remainder of the year. Mrs Anne Jenkins will change to full time in the classroom of Senior 3. Mrs Denise Kolokotronis will continue as our Visual Arts teacher and will now work from Tuesday to Thursday in this role as well as working at various times with our higher achieving students in consultation with our teachers and leaders. Mrs Danielle Saulsman will add Senior Literacy leader to her current Senior Numeracy role and work an additional day on Wednesdays to cater for this increased role.

Confirmation - Parent / Student Night –



Wednesday 1 May

We are holding our Parent/Student Confirmation evening tomorrow night at 7.00pm in the church with Neil Murphy as our guest presenter. We look forward to seeing all Year 6 student and parents on this night.

Cross Country Carnival – Friday 3 May

This Friday, we will be holding our cross country carnival at our school from 12.00pm. Information has been sent out by Danielle Cuthbertson to parents regarding this day. Parents are invited to come along and watch our students participate and if you can help out on the day can you please send back the form over the next couple of days.

School Photos – Monday 6 May

Class, individual and sibling photos will be taken on Monday, 6 May. As advised in last week's newsletter, **all** students must have changed into their **WINTER UNIFORM** by this date.

Mother's Day - Friday 10 May

We will be holding a Mother's Day Mass, followed by a time for mothers/special person to visit their children on Friday, 10 May. As per our flexibuzz communication last week, we have had to rearrange the date for this celebration as we had changes to the Parish Priest taking the Mass. All mums/special person 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/grandmothers/special person
9.45am	Mums/grandmothers/special to visit student's classrooms to have time reading and join in their class special activities
10.50am	Mums/grandmothers/special 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

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 student next Thursday, 9 May. This is a fantastic fundraiser and a chance for the students to purchase small gifts for their mums. Information for the stall is an attachment to this newsletter.

Thank you to Mrs Natalie Bonello for organising the stall this year.

Important Dates for Term Two

Wednesday	1 May	Confirmation parent/child night
Friday	3 May	Cross Country Carnival
Monday	6 May	School photos (Winter uniform)
Thursday	9 May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday	10 May	Mother's Day celebration
Sunday	12 May	Mother's Day
Tuesday	14 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5
Wednesday	15 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5
Thursday	16 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5
Friday	17 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5
Sunday	19 May	Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral

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"

Term 2 – 2019 – CALENDAR

Please check regularly for amendments

Wednesday	May 01	●Yr 6 Confirmation Workshop
Friday	May 03	●Cross Country – whole school
Monday	May 06	●SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2:20pm
Monday	May 06	●School Class / Individual and sibling photos Students are to wear WINTER UNIFORM ●SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Thursday	May 09	●Mother's Day Stall
Friday	May 10	●Mother's Day Mass... 900am
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
MONDAY	May 20	●SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2:20pm
Wednesday	May 22	●National Simultaneous Storytime
Friday	May 31	●Whole School Confirmation Mass
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

ANZAC DAY



On Wednesday, 24 April, the OLOP school captains and SRC representatives, attended the Annual ANZAC Service held by the Rotary Club in Templestowe.

The service was also attended by members currently serving in the Australian Defence Forces of the Army and Air Force, Federal and Local members of Parliament. Other dignitaries included the Manningham Council Mayor.

We are very proud of our students and their behavior and respect which dignified our school. As in previous years, we were given the opportunity of laying a wreath on the day.



ANZAC DAY MARCH

Zara Dowdell attended the ANZAC service at Box Hill with her father and then went to the Victoria Barracks for the gunfire breakfast. They then marched with the 2/16 Battalion to the Shrine.

Zara chose to wear our OLOP school uniform for the march.



YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENT CAMP REFLECTIONS

By *Katia Tomaro*

We Year 5/6s went to camp on Monday the first
of the fourth, twenty - nineteen,
Everyone excited to go, everyone very keen.
This year's camp is one I'll never forget,
In fact, it's the best one yet!
On the bus we watched Minions,
entertaining and funny,
And to make the day even better,
it was warm and sunny.
We started with the Amazing Race,
It so happened to be, my team won first place!
Singing songs around a campfire, was so much
fun,
Roasting marshmallows, they tasted super yum!
On Tuesday and Wednesday we did snorkelling
and swimming,

It was super fun, even rocks I tried skimming.
Team building, beach activities, flying fox and
kayaking were some highlights.
High ropes take you to magnificent heights!
Movies and night walks were something great to
take part in,
And I know afterwards we all had a grin.
On Thursday, the final day,
We walked all the way to Port Phillip Bay!
And we went into the Quarantine Hospital, which
was created "back then,"
A little bit older than Big Ben!
Then before we knew it we were heading back to
school,
Everyone loved this camp, they thought it totally
did rule!



By Joshua Lyons

On Monday, we all shouted, "HOORAY!
We're all going to Portsea bay!"

On the bus was really fun,
I'm glad we didn't have to run!
We watched a movie called "The Minions",
Though, we didn't have opinions.

My cabin had just over twenty!
Beds and friends, we all had plenty.
I just miss my sisters already,
It kind of makes me feel unsteady.

Our starting game was the amazing race,
But, I didn't come first place...
The amazing race was full of codes,
When it comes to joy, the race has loads!

On the first night, we roasted marshmallows,
The fire were shades of reds and yellows!
After that we went to bed,
So we could rest our tired heads.
In the morning, we did ziplining!
In a beautiful breeze with the bright sun
shining.

Then we did some beach-activities,
We built sand-castles with creativity!

After lunch we did hut building,
Water and wind the hut was shielding.
After that we started kayaking,
I'm glad we didn't have to do any tacking!

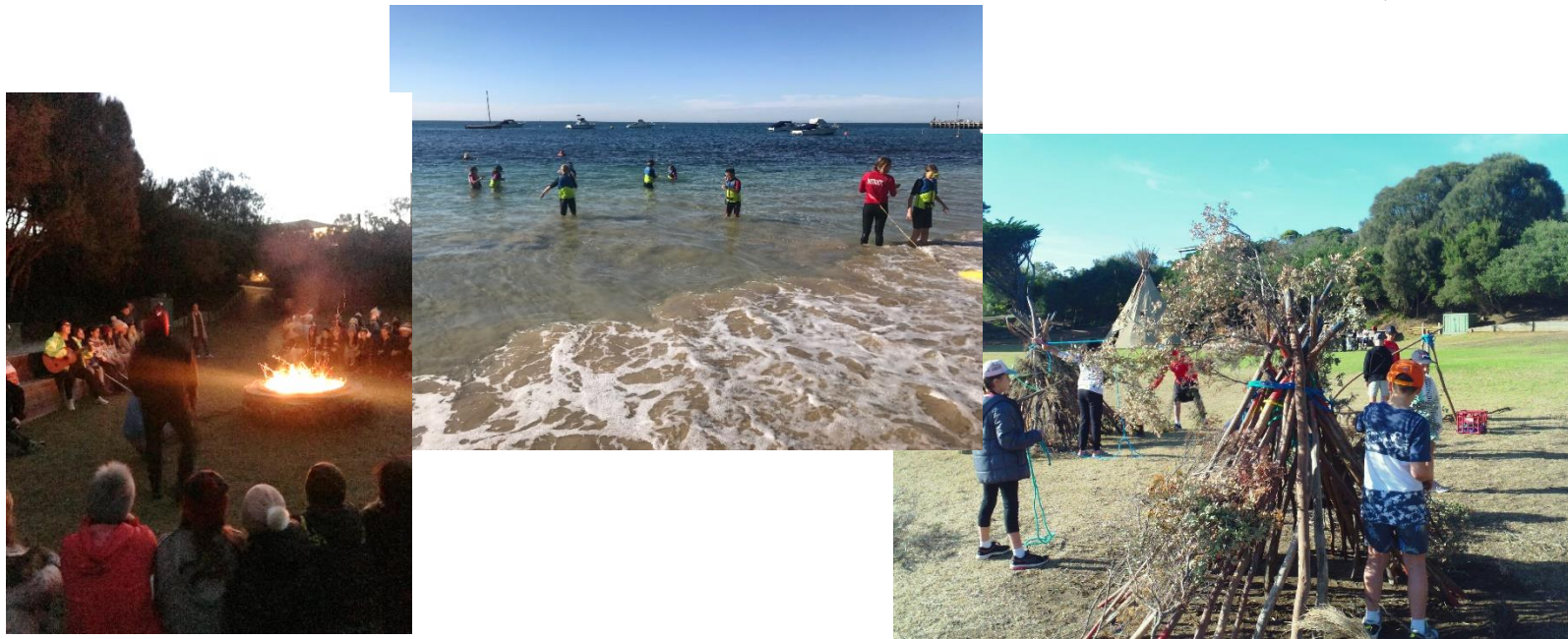
After dinner, a night walk begun.
It was really heaps of fun!
When we came back, I fell asleep,
In my head I was counting sheep.

After breakfast we started snorkelling
in the bay,
It felt like everything was going my way!
Then we started ocean swimming,
Waves were splashing, stones were skimming!
Teamwork building came up next,
All our teamwork was the best!
High ropes after that was fun.
It was great for everyone!

At night, we watched the movie "Wonder",
About a kid named Auggie, who was feeling
under.

After that, we all had rest.
So tomorrow, we'll be our best!

On the fourth day of camp, we went for a walk,
We looked at our history and had a good talk.
When we got back, the bus was on its way,
That was when we left Portsea bay!



By Zoe Cifuentes

I waited nervously for the bus to start. My heart was pounding and I couldn't see my Dad anywhere. With tears streaming down my face, I knew that this camp trip would be an adventure in itself.

Day 1:

We had arrived at Portsea. Things were going better than expected. In my cabin group was four of my friends. During that day my group, 'The Chicken Nuggets', were competing in an amazing race. This helped our group to work together and show the quality, TEAMWORK!

Day 2:

Camp was getting better by the day! Although I missed my family, I remembered that I would be seeing them shortly. The activities for the day were nearly all of the water activities. This included Kayaking, Swimming and Snorkelling. What a day! The day ended with some singing around the campfire.

Day 3:

Things were going great and I was pumped for the day ahead. My group was lucky enough to go to the beach on that day. We had so much fun playing stakes and making sand castles.

Day 4:

I had packed up ready to go but not eager to leave. Before we did that though, we set off on a walk to an old hospital where they used to rehabilitate the old army soldiers. Shortly after that we had a snack and left to go to the bus, back to school. Wow, what an amazing camp at Portsea; an experience that is one to remember!



PROJECT COMPASSION MANY THANKS TO OUR OLOP COMMUNITY

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF

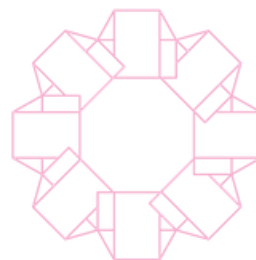
PROJECT
COMPASSION

At the assembly last Friday, our R.E. Captains, Irene and Luke, announced the total money raised for Project Compassion. We are proud to announce that we raised....**\$745.80**.

Through your generosity during Project Compassion, you have helped those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Thank you to all our families for your support

Lives change when we all give 100%.



THE NAPPY COLLECTIVE



Our parish is 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.



God bless you always.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to:

Front: Mila, Jasper, Joseph, Kyra, John, Elliott, Jacob, Noah

Rear: Penelope, Jose, Mila, Hunter, Kiara, Xavier, Jerome, Blake, Olivia



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

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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.

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)

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Please note that the book club orders close Friday, 3 May, and that only **online orders** are accepted?

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK

Each issue we offer quality **VALUE BOOKS** because we believe every child deserves the chance to take home a great book and experience independent reading for pleasure.



WHY DO I NEED TO PRAY?

Why do we pray?

God knows everything already anyway. He's almighty, sovereign, and in control of all things. What could we possibly add to His wisdom with our feeble attempts at prayer? It's a great question.

**FIRST, WE PRAY
BECAUSE WE
ARE GOD'S
CHILDREN, AND
HE LOVES TO
HEAR FROM US!**

Zephaniah 3:17

**SECOND, WE
PRAY
BECAUSE IT
DEEPENS OUR
TRUST IN
GOD.**

Philippians 4:6-7

**THIRD, WE
PRAY
BECAUSE IT
CAUSES US TO
DEPEND ON
GOD.**

Isaiah 40:26

**FOURTH, WE PRAY
BECAUSE IT GIVES
US THE CHANCE
TO EXPRESS
OURSELVES
COMPLETELY TO
THE LORD.**

Psalms 62:8

**FIFTH, WE
PRAY BECAUSE
OUR PRAYERS
MOVE THE
HEART OF
GOD.**

James 4:2

**SIXTH, WE PRAY
BECAUSE IT'S AN
AMAZING WAY
THAT WE GET TO
BE INVOLVED WITH
WHAT GOD IS
ALREADY DOING
IN OUR WORLD.**

1 Thessalonians 5:25

PRAYER

"God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil." - Mother Teresa