



Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

We are called to:
Act justly
Love tenderly
Walk humbly with our
God
(Micah)

We Are Community

Week 5 - Term 3
13 August 2019

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

13 August

Year 1 – Parent /
Child Evening
Parent/Child Evening
“Growing in Faith”

Thursday 15 August
SCHOOL FEAST DAY

- **FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION**

- **P&F Disco Meeting**
7:00pm

Sunday 18 August

- **FIRST EUCHARIST
MASS 11:30 am**
- **BOOK WEEK begins**



**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

**‘Teaching should be such that what is offered is received
as a valuable gift’.**

Nelson Mandela

Stories provide us with connection. We all have our own story to tell which defines who we are and shapes our character. It is in the sharing of stories that we pass on our history and being. As a storyteller we all have a choice as to whether we are a custodian or gatekeeper to our story. Do we share our story to enrich and welcome in others or do we keep our story for only our own benefit?

Storytelling is an integral part of life for indigenous Australians. From an early age, storytelling plays a vital role in educating children. Stories help to explain how the land came to be shaped and inhabited; how to behave and why, where to find certain foods, and so on. Elders or aunts and uncles use the stories as the first part of a child's education. Then, as children grow into young adults, more of the history and culture is revealed. Adults then take responsibility for passing on the stories to the following generations. In this way, the Stories of the Dreaming have been handed down over thousands of years.

Because the 'Stories of the Dreaming' have been handed down through the generations, they are not 'owned' by individuals. They belong to a group or nation, and the storytellers of that nation are carrying out an obligation to pass the stories along. The Elders of a nation might appoint a particularly skilful and knowledgeable storyteller as 'custodian' of the stories of that people. With the discouragement and 'unofficial' banning of the telling of traditional stories, which continued well into the twentieth century, many stories were 'lost'. The custodians passed away without being able to hand the stories on.

Today's custodians are keen to spread the stories as widely as possible. It is part of the overall effort to ensure that young people build and retain a sense of who they are. Storytelling, while explaining the past, helps young Indigenous Australians maintain dignity and self-respect in the present. Present-day custodians of stories play a vital role in Indigenous communities. Many stories are considered to be of a secret or sacred nature and only to be told to certain people. For example, men have stories associated with initiation grounds that must not be revealed to any but an initiated male. Women have stories that they tell only among themselves. Younger, or unmarried women are not permitted to hear such stories, and to tell them or permit them to be told to the 'wrong' person is a serious breach of law. The secret/sacred nature of some stories has parallels through Indigenous life, certain sites may only be visited by certain groups—women, elders, for the purposes of initiation, and so on.

Sickness

During the past couple of weeks we have had a number of students as well as staff sick with flu's and colds. A number of students have been battling through at school and struggling with flu like symptoms that have made it difficult for them to work effectively. If your child isn't feeling well we encourage you to give them the rest at home to get themselves better.

STEM Day

It was fantastic to see all our students, parents and grandparents involved in STEM activities yesterday. The enthusiasm and knowledge our students as well as the adults showed, was infectious. Thank you to all those parents and loved ones who took the time to attend and see the wonderful and engaging activities each class were and are involved in. It is another part of our theme of **'We are Community'** and the excellence that Our Lady of the Pines Catholic School provides for the students. A big thank you to Judy Paul our Science Leader, Anna Holman our Digital Technologies Leader, and our dedicated and enthusiastic staff who continue to provide and engaging and enriching learning environment centred on the pastoral care of all students.

Assemblies

The following dates are for our remaining assemblies this term:

Monday 26 August

Monday 9 September

OLOP Observer

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

Week 5 Thursday 15 August
professional levels

Week 6 Thursday 22 August
Specialist levels

Week 7 Thursday 29 August
Literacy and Numeracy leaders

Week 8 Thursday 6 September
Religion and Digital Technologies

Week 9 Thursday 13 September
professional levels

Year 1 Parent / Child Faith Development Night - Growing in Faith- **Tuesday 13 August**

Tonight at 6.30pm in the community area of the Junior building, we have Neil Murphy working with our Year 1 children and parents at a Faith Development Night. We look forward to seeing the children and parents at this gathering.

First Eucharist Sacrament –

Sunday 18, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 August

We have a number of our Year 4 students receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist over the next two weekends in our parish church. Please have them and their families in our prayers and thoughts as they receive this important Sacrament.

The following are the Sacramental Mass times for the various groups of students:

Sunday 18 August 11.30am

Saturday 24 August 5.00pm

Sunday 25 August 11.30am

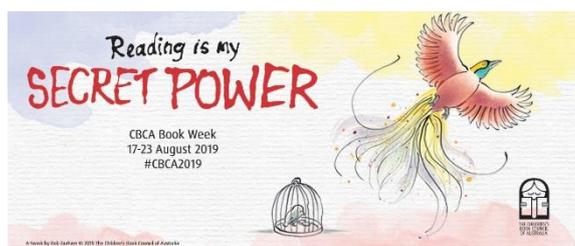
Book Week - **Monday 19 - Friday 23 August**

Why have 'Book Week' activities and dress up for the students next week? The question that parents and teachers ask each year, as most actually sit in one of two directions - you like the dress up part of book week or it is a burden and you don't see the hassles and need for it. Dressing up is the engaging fun part of book week celebration that's real concentration is on the books themselves. The focus of this year's Book Week is similar to last year in that we are encouraging books in classrooms and value them amongst the students' peers. Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia with schools and public libraries everywhere celebrating authors and illustrators and in so doing, are valuing reading. It provides an opportunity for children to have fun reading rather than it merely remaining as an activity done at school.

Importantly research abounds that children who are read to and read regularly at home, have an educational advantage, both cognitively and socially. This week is one way we celebrate not only books but the value of reading.

Book Week dress up day – **Monday 19 August**

Next Monday, we have our dress up day for Book Week. We will hold a parade of Book Week costumes following our assembly at 9.00am in the P.E.A.C.E. centre. All parents are welcome to attend and see what our students and staff have come dressed as. We also encourage any parents who are interested in getting dressed up for Book Week to join the parade.



Year 2 Parent / Child Faith Development Night
Tuesday 20 August

Next Tuesday at 6.30pm in the community area of the Junior building, we have Neil Murphy working with our Year 2 children and parents at a Faith Development Night. We look forward to seeing the children and parents at this night.

Athletics Carnival - All classes
Thursday 22 August

We will be holding our Athletics Carnival for all our students at the Tom Kelly Athletics Track next Thursday, 22 August, for the whole day. The booking of the track is needed a year in advance, hence the time of year as well as it being a month before our district carnival. Details for the carnival will be sent out to parents. We encourage parents to come along and support your child/ren as well as volunteer your time as helpers during the day.

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.
Go the Blues!

Brendan Keeling - Principal

"We are Community"

P&F GROUP

Children's Disco Meeting

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have offered to organise the Children's Disco planned for Friday 13 September. There will be a meeting on Thursday 15 August, at 7:00pm in the meeting place (next to the church).



OLOP PARISH NEWS

GOOD NEWS FOR SCHOOL PARENTS

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

It often happens that as children progress in religious education at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Primary School and receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, their parents begin to reflect more deeply on their own faith journey.

If you are not baptized, or have been baptized in another Christian tradition (not Catholic) or are baptized Catholic but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist, you will be pleased to know that our parish has a process in place called **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) to help you deepen your relationship with Christ as a full Sacramental member of His church.

You are welcome to speak to Fr. Jerald or contact Mary Anne Payne 9842 6474
Email mapayne77@gmail.com to find out more.
RCIA will commence in September.

OUR LADY OF THE PINES PIETY STALL

The OLOP Piety Staff in the Worship Centre (Church), stocks a number of religious gifts, particularly suitable for Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. We stock many items including books, rosary beads, medals, statues, cards, candles and holy cards.

The Stall is open before and after Sunday morning mass at 9:30am.

Please come along and have a look at the vast number of items, and support your parish. It is increasingly difficult to find religious gifts and if we don't have something to suit, we can place an order for you.

For all enquiries, please call
Barbara Johnson 0410 488 917

Term 3 – 2019 – CALENDAR

Please check regularly amendments

Tuesday	Aug 13	●Year 1 – Parent/Child Evening “Growing in Faith”
THURSDAY	AUG 15	●FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – School Feast Day
Thursday	Aug 15	●P&F Group – Disco Meeting – 7:00pm (Meeting Place)
Sunday	Aug 18	●BOOK WEEK BEGINS ‘ Reading Is My Secret Power’
SUNDAY	AUG 18	●FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 11:30 AM
Monday	Aug 19	●BOOK WEEK PARADE
Tuesday	Aug 20	●Year 2 – Parent/Child Evening “Growing in Faith”
Thursday	Aug 22	●ATHLETICS DAY
SATURDAY	AUG 24	●FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 5:00PM
SUNDAY	AUG 25	●FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 11:30AM
Thursday	Aug 29	●Father’s Day Stall
Friday	Aug 30	●Father’s Day Celebration
Sunday	Sept 01	●FATHER’S DAY
Saturday	SEPT 07	●RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS .. 5:00pm
Friday	Sept 13	●CHILDREN’S DISCO “SAVE THE DATE”
Monday	Sept 16	●ITALIAN DAY
Thursday	Sept 19	●Photos – Sport Teams, Graduation, Whole School
Friday	Sept 20	●FOOTY DAY
FRIDAY	Sept 20	●END OF TERM 3 – Students dismissed at 1:00pm
Monday	Oct 07	●Beginning Term 4

MINI VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Many thanks to our OLOP community for your generous donations so far.

The clothes are really piling up and we have many donated beanies, scarves, jumpers and other items, but would appreciate more blankets.

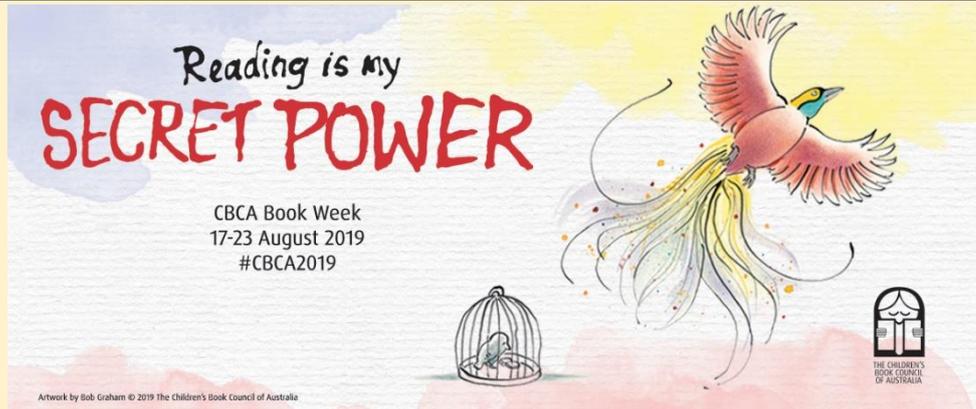
Our Winter Appeal will finish at the end of this week so there is still some time to accept your items.

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35



Irene and Luke and the Mini Vinnies Student Action Team

LIBRARY NEWS



Dear Parents/Carers and Students

On Monday, 19 August, we will be celebrating Book Week with a dress up parade. This will be in the P.E.A.C.E. Centre at 9:00am. Students, staff and parents are welcome to dress up as a favourite book character or be inspired by the theme of "Reading Is My Secret Power".

Throughout this term, classes have had the opportunity to read and discuss books from this year's CBCA shortlisted titles, and during the week, there will be class craft activities based on the shortlisted books.

We look forward to encouraging the students to learn about new books, rediscover old favourites and to embrace the love of reading.

Come and visit our new library located in the Junior Building.

Regards - Nadia Vovos (Library Manager)

Coming Soon
Italian Day
Monday
16 September



Get ready for lots of fun to celebrate all things Italian and to recognise the language taught at our school.

Involving a Parade, Italian incursion, pizza lunch and gelati and many activities. More information to follow.

All queries Signora Maria Teasdale Italian L.O.T.E. Teacher.

SPORTS UPDATE:

On Monday, 5 August, our Senior Girls Netball **A** team competed in the Netball School Championships at Knox Regional Netball Centre. At the start of the day it seemed that the weather may interfere with the girls performance, with wind and rain predicted. However, after the first hour of the day the sun came out and was perfect netball conditions.

The girls had a long day with big gaps between games but they made the most of it by sitting with their coach, Mrs Linda Barker, and observed and analyse what the high school teams were doing and what they could apply into their own game. The girls did a get job competing against some tough competition, finishing the day with **2 loses** and **2 wins** to finish **3rd in their division**. Congratulations to the girls and Mrs Barker on their team work and performance on the day.

STEM DAY

What a buzz was heard around the school yesterday! It was great to see the students passionately developing their design for the Destination Moon project, collaborating with their peers and persisting through challenges.

Students developed their critical thinking through their design process, understanding that it is important to have a detailed materials list and capability to adjust or modify their design as you construct and trial their prototype.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who assisted and participated throughout the day.

The following two pages are of parents enjoying the creativity of STEM with their children.

SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS

The School Choir has been amazingly busy recently, as we continue to explore the Science of Sound through practical applications such as voice and xylophone, developing the musical elements of Pitch, Harmony and Rhythm, combined with Memory, Aural Skills, Timing, Co-ordination and Movement in Team Work and Ensemble Settings.

Thank you in advance to Choir Team Members supporting School Masses, particularly the Grade 4 First Communion Mass next Sunday, 18 August, 2019.

Our Annual School Choir Team Soiree is only **FOUR** weeks away, and every rehearsal is absolutely vital in teaching the required performance elements. ALL Choir Team Members are now invited to attend Friday morning rehearsals, to rehearse with the xylophone ensemble.

Extra rehearsals will be called during the school day, so Choir Team Members should listen carefully for p.a. announcements.

Current rehearsal schedule is:

- Monday and Tuesdays -
First play after the second bell.
- Fridays 8am and after Second Play.

Performance date is **WEDNESDAY 11 September, 2019, 7pm start**, in The Parish Centre. Choir Team members are requested to assemble in The Meeting Place for roll call, warm-ups and prop management.

My life flows on in endless song, how I can keep from singing.

Yours in music
Anne Jenkins and Linda Barker,
Choir Team Directors

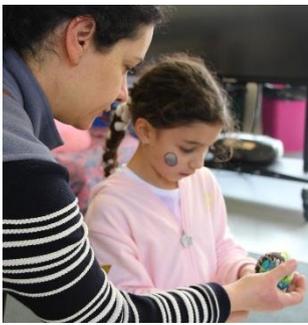
MAJORS & MINORS MUSIC SCHOOL

Congratulations to all our music students who took part in our Class Recitals last Friday, especially our little Foundation students who have only been learning just over one school term.

Congratulations also to **Ryan Clonan** and **Curtis Foong** for their outstanding results in both obtaining '**A**' in their Australian Music Examination Board exams.

A reminder to send the return slip if you would like your child to have a free music assessment by next Monday, 19 August.

Thank you. Joan O'Callaghan



A few photos for families to enjoy of **STEM DAY**





OLOP AWARDS

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) - 2019 Term 3 Weeks 3&4

**At OLOP we are called to be our best
to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.**

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

Level					
Foundation	Cruz H Alyssia V	Leila F Martin R	Charlie T	Lucas R	
Years 1 & 2	Lucas B Archer	Elly Z	Eden	Tanalee Emmanuel Eve	Ian Eva R Oliver Sonny Lucas N
Years 3 & 4	Gabriel H Sienna M	Evie T Lisamarie G Brooke McC	Curtis F	Noah H	Luca T Deanna C Isabella W Jake M
Years 5&6	Kiara G Joshua M Ryan Di-N AJ S	Aisha M Teagan M Olivia M	Ronan McN Imogen E	Leila C Katiya R Emily B	Marlee D Julian O
Other		Luke G Irene L			

Students may receive awards for any one of our four PBL behaviour expectations or for showing any of our **'You Can Do It'** values.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

God **ble**ss you **al**ways.

Happy birthday to:

Front Row: Quinn, Alexandra, Nicky, Charlie,
Leila, Cruz, Hollie

Middle: Sienna, Angela, Leon, Liam, Oliver,
Summer, Lydia, Olivia

Rear: Renee, Kye, Zara, Imogen, Maddison,
Cassie, AJ, Archer, Charlie, Joel



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 (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 Player of the week:

Sammy Beeston - awesome speed on court, and strength on her forehand.

Vicky Lee
Founder & Director
M: 0403 129 648
W: www.slamin.com.au
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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

(Please support our fundraising for OLOP)

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The 2019 Toyota
AFL Grand Final*



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Reflection:



**Payer to Our Lady
ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN**

**Immaculate Virgin ,
Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
We believe in your triumphant assumption
into heaven where the angels and saints
acclaim you as Queen.**

**We join them in praising you and bless the Lord
Who raised you above all creatures.**

With them we offer you our devotion and love.

**We are confident that you watch over our daily
efforts and needs, and we take comfort from t he
faith in the coming resurrection.
We look to you, our life and our hope.**

**After this earthly life, show us Jesus,
the blest fruit of your womb,
O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.**

