



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 1 - Term 2  
17 April 2018

## FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

### **TUESDAY 24 APRIL**

Year 4 Excursion  
to Healesville

### **WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL**

**ANZAC DAY**  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
**NO SCHOOL**

### **MONDAY 30 APRIL**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

### **WEDNESDAY 9 MAY**

P&F Meeting

### **TUESDAY 15 MAY**

Fete Meeting Meeting



## SCHOOL BANKING

EACH Wednesday

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students

Welcome back to another term at OLOP.

I hope that you had a good Easter break and managed to spend quality time with your family.

You may remember that our principal, Brendan Keeling, is currently overseas on the 2018 Principal's Conference, to parts of Greece and Turkey. Brendan will return to school on Monday, 30 April and will share his experiences with us. In the meantime if you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact me at [rbuckley@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rbuckley@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au).

This holiday, I was blessed to travel overseas with family and friends. While sipping a mango shake and soaking up the sun on a beach in Koh Samui, I couldn't help but contemplate and reacquaint myself with the essential and important aspects of my life.

The first few days of holiday, I was utterly disappointed and frustrated with myself because, although I had planned to make the most of the Easter break by spending time with family and friends, my body decided that it had had enough and was being totally stubborn and only wanted to rest! It made me realise that I so often get caught up in the busyness of life and it can be challenging to find a healthy balance. Talking to family, friends, colleagues, students and parents, it seems that we all tend to face the same challenges.

There is more to life than just existing. So what do I consider to be the essential and important aspects of my life? Personally, I would choose relationships, health, purpose, spirituality and education. Having a group of people I can call family and friends is a blessing. To live a life of purpose means to build relationships with family and friends and to put my heart into my vocation as an educator. Without good health, I wouldn't be able to pursue my dreams, hopes and aspirations. My faith is also important in that it is the higher power that guides me in my life. I believe that to live a life with purpose and balance would bring about inner peace.

So my goal this term would be to find a balance between all that is important in my life, especially finding more time to spend with my own children who are in Year 10 and Year 12, to continue to prepare them for the 'real' world out there, supporting them along the way, allowing them to experience successes and failures, giving them sound advice and providing a platform for subjective and objective discussions, listening to their perspectives, and feeling their joy and sorrow is by no means an easy feat.

Parenting is by far the most challenging and difficult job. There is no manual that could ever prepare us for the responsibilities and aspirations that we have for our children. Protecting them and trying to shield them from the harsh realities of the world is a natural instinct, but at the same time we also take a step back and realise that we need to equip our children with the knowledge, capabilities and skills to embrace and cope with all the successes and challenges that life presents.

The parent/child relationship is constantly evolving and to be able to ask the right questions at the right time, in order to keep in touch with them on a daily basis, can be difficult and demanding. Hopefully, the following conversation starters might be of some use to you, especially after a long school day when our children don't want to chat.

1. What was the best thing that happened today?
  2. Did you help anyone today?
  3. What made you smile/laugh today?
  4. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
  5. What did you do that was creative?
  6. Did you tell anyone "thank you?"
  7. Did you learn something you didn't understand?
  8. Who inspired you today?
  9. What was the peak and the pit?
  10. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
  11. What is something that challenged you?
  12. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
- Did you like your lunch?

14. Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
15. How were you brave today?
16. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
17. What are you reading?
18. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
19. Teach me something I don't know.
20. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
21. What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
22. What kind of person were you today?
23. What made you feel happy/proud/loved?
24. If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
25. (For older kids):  
Do you feel prepared for your history test?" or, "Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?" (In my opinion, the key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way).

**Rochelle Buckley**  
**Deputy Principal**

**"We are Community"**



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that all school photos will be taken on Monday, 30 April. Students are to wear their **SUMMER UNIFORM** on this day. The remainder of the week will be a transition period from summer to winter uniform.

## CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM

On Monday, 7 May, all students will change into winter uniform.

### Girls' Uniform

- Winter tunic or skirt, royal blue with multi check or girls navy trousers
- Wool blend jumper royal blue with red V-neck
- Sky blue long-sleeved blouse with Peter Pan collar
- Navy socks or tights
- Black leather school shoes (**not black runners**)

### Boys' Uniform

- Navy trousers or shorts
- Wool blend jumper royal blue with red V-neck
- Long-sleeved blue shirt
- Navy socks
- Black leather school shoes (**not black runners**)

## SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION PACKS

### Year 6 to Year 7 - 2019

For those parents of Year 6 students who are considering sending their child to a government secondary school in 2019, enrolment forms are now available. Please contact Noreen Forsyth for a transition pack, either by phone or email [nforsyth@olopdonvle.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nforsyth@olopdonvle.catholic.edu.au) and one will be prepared for you, and sent home.

All completed enrolments forms need to be returned to the school office no later than Friday, 11 May.

Parents applying for Catholic secondary schools should be notified in mid-May, by the secondary school to which they applied.



# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.



Thank-you to all family, friends and community members for collecting an extraordinary **46,000 + vouchers!** There is still time to return vouchers you may have collected over Easter. Please return vouchers by **Monday, 23 April** to ensure they can be counted and sent to Coles for verification.

Further updates will be provided in coming newsletters to confirm the final count. Vouchers earned via online shopping will be allocated to Our Lady of the Pines Primary School account on Thursday, 19 April. The equipment ordered will also be advised via the newsletter. The school will receive the sports equipment during Term 3.

**Well done, Our Lady of the Pines Primary School community!!**

### EASTER RAFFLE -



Thank you to everyone who supported our end of term 1, Easter raffle. It was a huge success and attached to the newsletter is a list of all the prize winners. We also thank **Ellen Pearson** who coordinated the raffle, **Jan Hendry** and other parent

helpers.

## Please return all tickets by Friday (sold or unsold)



### PRIZES

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Suzuki Baleno	Valued - \$17,490
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Suzuki Baleno	Valued - \$17,490
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Suzuki Baleno	Valued - \$17,490
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Prizes	Myer Gift Cards	Valued - \$1,000
6 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> Prizes	Myer Gift Cards	Valued - \$500

## Term 2 – 2018 – CALENDAR

Monday - Friday	16 April to 27 April	•Brendan Keeling - overseas
Thursday	April 19	•ISS – Years 5 & 6
Tuesday	April 24	•Excursion – Years 3 & 4 – Healesville Sanctuary •Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 25</b>	<b>•ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday</b>
Thursday	April 26	•ISS
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>•SCHOOL PHOTOS – Class, Individuals, Student Leaders, Siblings and Whole School photos – Summer Uniform</b>
Thursday	May 03	•ISS •Parent / Child Confirmation Night .. 7:00pm
Tuesday	May 08	•Templestowe District Cross Country Carnival
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 09</b>	<b>•P&amp;F Meeting - Parent are encouraged to attend</b>
Thursday	May 10	•ISS • <b>Mother's Day Stall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>•Mother's Day – Whole School Mass</b>
Tuesday	May 15	•School Nurse Visit – Foundation • <b>Fete Committee Meeting .. 7:00pm ALL WELCOME</b>
<b>Tues, Wed, Fri</b>	<b>May 15 - 18</b>	<b>•NAPLAN – Reading - Years 3 &amp; 5</b> Language Conventions&Writing/Reading/Numeracy
Friday	May 18	•St Patrick's Cathedral – Confirmation Rehearsal Year 6: 10-12
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>•Confirmation Sacrament 2:30pm ALL WELCOME</b>
Tuesday	May 22	•Excursion – Year 4 – Currawong
Wednesday	May 23	•National Simultaneous Storytime 2018 – 10:45am
Thursday	May 24	•ISS •Yarra Valley Water Incursion – Years 3 & 4
Tuesday	May 29	•ICAS – Science •Parish Council Meeting – Joint OLOP & SsP&P
Thursday	May 30	•ISS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 01</b>	<b>•Whole School Confirmation Mass ... 9:00am</b>
Thursday	June 07	•ISS
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>•Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday	June 12	•Manningham Division Cross Country Carnival - Qualifying students
Thursday	June 14	•ISS
Tuesday	June 19	•EMR CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL – Qualifying students
Thursday	June 21	•ISS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>•STUDENT FREE DAY – STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>
Monday	June 25	•Semester 1 Reports sent out
Tuesday	June 26	<b>•Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Students dismissed at 1:00pm)</b>
Thursday	June 28	•ISS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>•END TERM 2 – Students dismissed at 1:00pm</b>



- Our Lady of the Pines

# EASTER RAFFLE 2018



Congratulations to the following winners:

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS</b>						
	Marcus Tomaro	Marc Margarejo	Zahli Burgess	James Fennel	Dylan Watts	Trent Bunker-Smith
<b>F 1</b>	<b>Vincent</b>	<b>Dylan</b>	<b>Eva</b>	<b>Caitlin</b>	<b>Zac</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>
<b>F 2</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Ben</b>	<b>Mikaela</b>	<b>Callan</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>Joel</b>
<b>J 1</b>	<b>Zack</b>	<b>Maggie</b>	<b>Rafael</b>	<b>Zarli</b>	<b>Oscar</b>	<b>Charlee</b>
<b>J 2</b>	<b>Rithu</b>	<b>Jasper</b>	<b>Angelina</b>	<b>Alyssa</b>	<b>Eva</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>J 3</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Stephanie</b>	<b>Natalie</b>	<b>Curtis</b>	<b>Lara</b>	<b>Luke</b>
<b>J 4</b>	<b>Mica</b>	<b>Isabella</b>	<b>Gabriella</b>	<b>Brooke</b>	<b>Sienna</b>	<b>Luca</b>
<b>M 1</b>	<b>Peter</b>	<b>Ala</b>	<b>Sienna L</b>	<b>Julian</b>	<b>Xavier</b>	<b>Rafael</b>
<b>M 2</b>	<b>Stephanie</b>	<b>Carla</b>	<b>Mikaela</b>	<b>Josh</b>	<b>Kiara</b>	<b>Zara</b>
<b>M 3</b>	<b>Josh</b>	<b>Antons</b>	<b>Salena</b>	<b>Kayley</b>	<b>Giulia</b>	<b>Alexa</b>
<b>M 4</b>	<b>Finn</b>	<b>Christopher</b>	<b>Gabriel</b>	<b>Sienna D</b>	<b>Sienna M</b>	<b>Dante</b>
<b>M 5</b>	<b>Jack</b>	<b>Rocco</b>	<b>Hannah</b>	<b>Molly</b>	<b>Charli</b>	<b>Olivia</b>
<b>S 1</b>	<b>Abbey</b>	<b>Ethan</b>	<b>Troy</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>Kiara</b>	<b>Sarah</b>
<b>S 2</b>	<b>Zahli</b>	<b>Emily</b>	<b>Chantel</b>	<b>Mia</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Sienna</b>
<b>S 3</b>	<b>Lydia</b>	<b>Trent</b>	<b>Dylan</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Jude</b>
<b>S 4</b>	<b>Misha</b>	<b>Noah</b>	<b>Eva</b>	<b>Mia</b>	<b>Archer</b>	<b>Jerome</b>











## 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.

### ICY POLE DAYS:

The Parents & Friends Association will resume selling Icy Poles each Wednesday at lunch time commencing Wednesday (tomorrow)

#### For Sale:

<u>Zooper Dooper</u>	<u>0.50</u>
<u>Cosmic Flavours</u>	<u>0.50</u>
<u>Sourz Flavours</u>	<u>0.50</u>
<u>Peters Lemonade</u>	
<u>icy-poles</u>	<u>\$1.20</u>



### SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

– (New uniform items)

Our school uniform shop is open 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**

### CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

We are still seeking parent volunteers for the following classes;

**F1**

**J1**

**J2**

**J3**

**J4**

**M2**

**M4**

**M5**

**S1**

**S2**

**S3**

**S4**

If you can spare a little time to arrange the occasional get together (e.g. coffee), please let Noreen know.

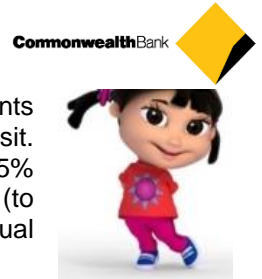
### School Banking Day

Don't forget that Wednesday is

School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at **OLOP**.

Thank you to our band of mothers who co-ordinate the banking each week.



### BASKETBALL CLUB:

#### BASKETBALL VICTORIA COMMUNITY COACHING CLUB

We have arranged for Basketball Victoria to run a coaching clinic for the OLOP Basketball club (in conjunction with Milgate).

This is an excellent opportunity to upgrade coaching skills.

You can register by entering this link in your address bar:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=77172>

### Slamin Tennis

**Kye Wilkin** - Excellent rallying, and fair play in games.

Term 2 Matchplay / Competition:

<https://www.trybooking.com/361368>

\*\*\* Rain / extreme heat cancellation status\*\*\*

<https://slamintennisandfitness.teamapp.com>

**Vicky Lee** - Founder & Director M: 0403 129 648

W: [www.slamin.com.au](http://www.slamin.com.au)



## 2018 Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

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 2018 are open and will close on the first day of term 2 (18 April 2018).

**OLOP strongly encourages any family with a health care card as listed below, to put in an application.**

A parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:  
Veterans Affairs Gold Card  
Centrelink Health Care Card  
Pensioner Concession Card
- **OR** they must be a temporary foster parent
- **OR** the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)

**AND** the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.

For further information please log into

[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) or phone the CSEF Helpdesk via 1800 060 970 (option 1). You can also email their office at [csef@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:csef@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## LIBRARY HELPERS

We remain in need of helpers for term 2, from our parent and carer community, to help at the beginning or end of the day to help in returning books and tidying shelves. If you could let the office or our Library Manager, Maryanne Walker, know if are able to volunteer any of your time.

Email: [mwalker@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mwalker@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au)

## FOUND:

At the end of term 1, a parent found a **MERCEDES BENZ car key** in the middle of the road on Carbine Street, near the school.

If you have a lost a key it can be claimed at Doncaster Police Station

## BOOK CLUB

### Important change to ordering:

As was advised in Term 1, from the beginning of Term 2, Scholastic book orders **must all** be completed **online**. Please DO NOT send orders to the school. Instructions are on the back of the latest catalogue which will be distributed tomorrow, Wednesday. Last day to submit Loop orders is Thursday, 26 April.

We only have one method of ordering and that is via credit card and pay via 'THE LOOP'. Your order will be electronically linked to our school's order. Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Thank You, Catherine Hatley

Scholastic Book Club Co-ordinator

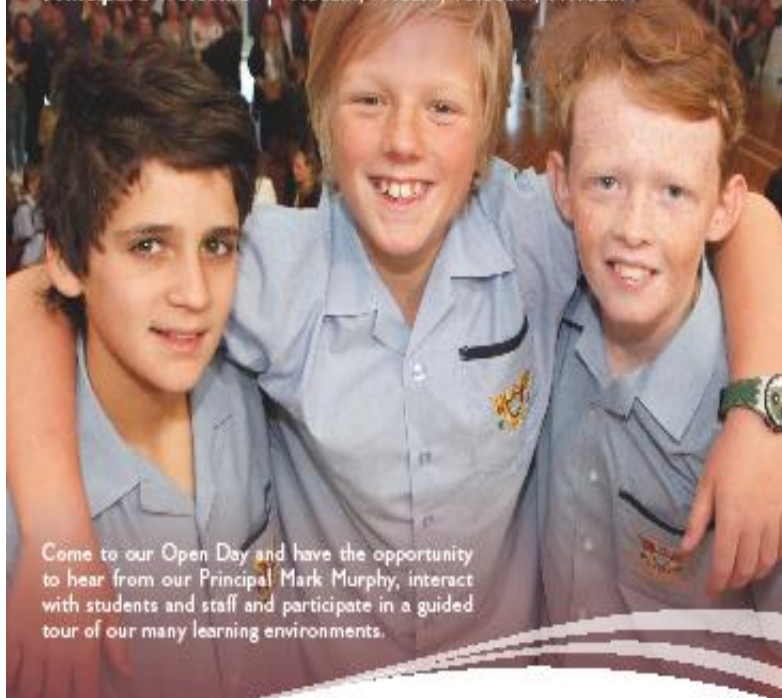
## SAVE THE DATE

**OLOP SOCIAL NIGHT**  
**BEE GEES – FRIDAY 4 MAY**  
**7:00pm**  
**See flyer attachment**

## COME AND DISCOVER

Open Day | Saturday 28 April 2018 from 9am – 12pm

Principal's Welcome | 9:00am, 9:45am, 10:30am, 11:15am



Come to our Open Day and have the opportunity to hear from our Principal Mark Murphy, interact with students and staff and participate in a guided tour of our many learning environments.



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## WHITEFRIARS CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS

# Open Day Sunday 20 May

A Presentation and Tour begins at:

- 10.00am
- 12.00pm

Registration is essential.

Please visit [www.whitefriars.vic.edu.au](http://www.whitefriars.vic.edu.au)

Investing in your son's future is a decision not to be undertaken lightly, which is why you need to visit Whitefriars College.

- Visit our Learning Area displays
- Tour our facilities
- Watch our boys compete in sport
- Listen to our musicians perform

We look forward to seeing you at Whitefriars College.



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## Billanook College

## SCHOOL TOURS

2018



You are invited to  
tour Billanook College  
and meet our staff  
and students

### School at Work Tour

Tuesday 6 February  
Wednesday 28 March  
Friday 11 May  
Wednesday 1 August  
Thursday 11 October  
Friday 30 November

### Saturday Morning Tours

Saturday 24 February  
(Tour & Scholarship Exam)  
Saturday 16 June  
Saturday 1 September

School at Work Tours  
commence at 9.30am

All Saturday Morning Tours  
9.45am for a 10.00am start

RSVP essential –  
[www.billanook.vic.edu.au](http://www.billanook.vic.edu.au)  
or Phone 9724 1179

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Sue Murtic c/- above email

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*Reflection:*

## **“DEAR GOD**

**This day, may I thank you for all the  
love and blessings you have  
given me:**

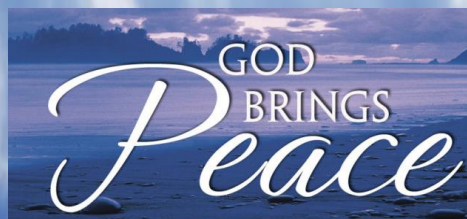
**My loving family,**

**My caring friends,**

**And all the wonderful people I have met  
and will meet in my life’s journey.**

**May I ask you to bless,  
protect and guide them  
in overcoming the challenges in  
their lives !”**

God bless the friends  
who sees my needs and  
reaches out a hand. Who  
lift me up, prays for me,  
and help me understand.



**God's  
Blessings  
on my  
Family**