



## Important Dates

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**Shrove Tuesday**  
Mass - 9.30am -  
3MK  
Tuesday 21 February 2023

**Ash Wednesday**  
Mass - 9.30am -  
5/6AM & 6MI  
Wednesday 22 February  
2023

**Mass 9.30am - 4KK**  
Tuesday 28 February 2023

**Assembly 2.20pm -  
5JN**  
Friday 3 March 2023

**Mass 9.30am - 5JN**  
Tuesday 7 March 2023

**Port SAPSASA  
Swimming Carnival  
10am - 2pm**  
Tuesday 7 March 2023

**Pupil Free Day**  
Friday 10 March 2023

**Public Holiday -  
Adelaide Cup**  
Monday 13 March 2023

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## From the Principal



## COVID

This week we have seen an increase in children contracting COVID. This is in line with media reports of another spike in number in the next few weeks and the return to school. At Our Lady of the Visitation School, we continue to follow the advice of government agencies concerning how COVID impacts students, staff and parents. Our focus is on minimising risk and ensuring we do all that we can to ensure our communities are safe.

Our message is that students and staff should stay away from school if they are unwell or are displaying Covid-19 symptoms. This remains the most effective control against an outbreak of COVID-19 in a school community. Since 14 October 2022, it is no longer mandatory for those who test positive to COVID-19 to self-isolate at home. That said, anyone with symptoms should not be at school.

To protect our school community, staff and students should note:

- If you are unwell stay home
- If you have cold or flu symptom get tested for COVID (RAT / PCR)
- If you have COVID stay home until your symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, fever) have cleared.

Please report any COVID case to the staff in the Front Office, as we are still required by SA Health to report weekly on our school's COVID numbers.

## Stage 1 Early Years Building

Unfortunately there has been a hold up with the building caused by unexpected sandy soil in the area where the building was demolished. This required extra engineering reports and a process to build safely in this area. This issue has finally been resolved and the remaining footings and slab should be completed by next Friday. I have been assured by Mossop Constructions that they can catch up the delays with our students and teachers moving into the new building for the start of Term 3.

## SEQTA

SEQTA is a student management system which has primarily been used in many High Schools. If you have a child at St Michael's or Mt

Carmel College, you may be familiar with some of the features and benefits of using this platform. Catholic Primary Schools in SA have now begun using SEQTA and will begin to use this platform to report student progress to parents. Here at OLV, we have been using parts of SEQTA for several years and at the start of this year our teachers have begun exploring how to use SEQTA to plan and program lessons and units of work.

This year, all end of semester reports will be generated via SEQTA. This means our reporting format and process will look different to how it has been in the past. We are currently working with CESA on this process and hopefully we will have more information on how our reports will look as the semester progresses.

## 2023 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department), to advise you that the department has requested that your child's school provide a 'statement of addresses', in accordance with the Australian Education Regulation 2013 (Cth) (Regulation).

### Purpose of the collection

This collection is routinely used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure that Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent. The information collected in the statement of addresses will be used to inform school funding calculations.

For more information please refer to the document below.



### Collection Notice for parents/guardians

#### 2023 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (excluding student names)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** – student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

#### **Purpose of the collection**

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

From 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the Collection data. Find more information about the DMI on the [What is the methodology for the Direct Measure of Income \(DMI\)? Department web page](#).

#### **Use and disclosure of personal information**

Your **personal information is protected by law** under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website [MADIP page](#).
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the school's student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any other purpose.

- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of providing the department with information and communications technology support services.
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the [2018 Student Residential Address Collection: Additional Required Information Privacy Impact Assessment web page](#).

#### **What do you need to do?**

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

#### **Contacts for further information**

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).

To contact the department about privacy-related matters, email [privacy@education.gov.au](mailto:privacy@education.gov.au) or write to:

Privacy Officer  
Legal Services  
Department of Education  
LOC: C50MA1  
GPO Box 9880  
Canberra ACT 2601

GPO Box 9880, Canberra ACT 2601 | Phone 1300 488 064 | [www.education.gov.au](http://www.education.gov.au) | ABN 12 862 898 150

## Parent Information Night

I'd like to thank all the families who came along to the Parent Information Night last week. It was great to see so many parents and caregivers come along to support their children, the teachers and the wider school community. As I have mentioned previously, the staff

at Our Lady of the Visitation School are here to work in partnership with you, working together to educate the students in our school community.

Parent-School relationships are so important. Parents play a vital role in the education and development of their children. There are many benefits to a parent-teacher partnership. When parents and teachers work together it sends a clear, consistent, and positive message to students that school is important, that learning is important and that achievement is expected.

If you wish to discuss any concerns about your child's education and needs, please in the first instance communicate with your child's teacher, or staff member who is most directly involved with your concern. Communication can be in the form of an e-mail, a telephone call or by coming in to see your child's teacher. Please note that if you are coming to see your child's class teacher, please make a mutually convenient time to meet as teachers often have commitments before school or after school and are often surrounded by other students and parents, which can make discussing complex issues difficult.

By dealing directly with your child's class teacher, you as parents will be able to develop a relationship built on trust. Also your child's teacher is in the best position to share with you their observations and deal with your concerns. If after speaking with the teacher, if you are not satisfied with the response, then please feel free to contact me.

## 2023 Assembly Roster

Assemblies are on Friday starting at 2.20pm. Parents of the class coordinating the Assembly and Class Award recipients are invited to attend our assembly's as they are an important part of our school life and is a great insight into what is happening around the school.

### Term 1

Week 3	Year 6MI (McKenna / Ida)
Week 5	Year 5JN (Jiranek / Naismith)
Week 7	Year 4KK (Kersten)
Week 9	Year 3MK (Knolder)
Week 11	Year 2/3LB (Bianchini)



## Catholic Identity

### Our Lady of the Visitation Story

The beginning of the year is often a time of reflection and setting goals. We invite you to read our scripture story which is at the heart of who we are, what we do and what we believe.

**Gospel:** A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (1:39-45)

Mary hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah's home, where she greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, her baby moved within her. The Holy Spirit came upon Elizabeth. Then in a loud voice she said to Mary: "God has blessed you more than any other woman! He has also blessed the child you will have. Why should the mother of my Lord come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, my baby became happy and moved within me. The Lord has blessed you because you believed that he will keep his promise."

### Scripture Wonderings

*I wonder why Mary hurried to see Elizabeth?*

*I wonder how Elizabeth's baby knew?*

*I wonder what great things God has done in our life?*

*I wonder how we share the Fruits of the Holy Spirit with ourselves? each other?*

*I wonder how we share joy with others? What does Joy look like? feel like? sound like at OLV?*

*What ways can we continue to show service to others?*

## Project Compassion 2023

### *THEME: For All Future Generations*

*"All generations will call me blessed"* Gospel of Luke (1:46-55)

In 2022 our Project Compassion theme was taken from Genesis, God's promise to Noah through the rainbow. In 2023 the theme is the same with a focus on **Mary saying YES!** The 'Yes' she spoke when the Angel told her she was to become the mother of Jesus. This theme connects with our Visitation Story and reminds us that the good we do today will impact the lives of future generations.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS : 22 February

**9:30am at OLV Church: All Welcome**

On Ash Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey. Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The marking of the ashes on our foreheads on this day is a public expression of our faith and humility. Lent also prepares us for Easter, the most important and sacred time in our Church's calendar. It is a time when we are reminded of Jesus death and resurrection. It is also a time for us to act with love and hope for all future generations.

This year our Mass will be led by 5/6AM and 6MI.

**2023 Project Compassion Boxes will be sent home on this day.**

## Archdiocesan Events & Liturgy

### 2023 Lenten Resources

To guide children through the Lenten season, starting with Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup> through to Easter Sunday, the Office for Worship have created a simple weekly activity page to use both a school and home. A digital image and a printable pdf are available on the link below.

[Lenten Resources - OFFICE FOR WORSHIP \(ofw-adelaide.org.au\)](http://ofw-adelaide.org.au)

## The Australian Dental Foundation (ADF) 'My School Dentist Program'

The Australian Dental Foundation (ADF) 'My School Dentist' program will be visiting our school from March 6<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup>. Consent forms have already been sent home.

'My School Dentist' is a not-for-profit program, dedicated to improving oral health and expanding access to quality dental care for children and teens (2 to 17 years of age) in Australia. They come to us and provide dental treatment onsite at no out of pocket expense to participating families and schools. Launched in 2012, 'My School Dentist' is now one of the largest mobile dental programs, actively servicing over 300 kindergartens, primary and secondary schools in metropolitan and regional South Australia and Victoria.

## Thank You

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

In 2022 we celebrated a 'Colour Door Day' where our students came to school dressed as their door colour. Our students were invited to bring along a gold coin donation to support the St Vinnies Christmas appeal. Your kind generosity allowed us to raise \$650. This donation went to support families in the form of food hampers and gift vouchers. A sincere thank you to our families



## Beginning of Year Mass

On Tuesday 7 February we gathered to celebrate our 2023 Beginning of Year Mass. Our school theme this year is:

Together we inspire Truth - Truth with God, Truth with our learning, Truth with ourselves and others and Truth with our environment.

In seeking Truth together, we will be guided by the whisper of the Holy Spirit as we continue to be thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. We will respect that we are all made in the image of God and celebrate our own individual and each other's unique qualities.

We thank our school and house leaders for leading our Mass and Father Roderick for being our celebrant.



Developing Thriving People, Capable Learners and Leaders for the World God Desires

At OLV we are committed to developing thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. At the beginning of each year and term we intentionally develop learning programs based on Connecting, Relating and Belonging. We have been learning and sharing about:

- Our unique qualities, interests and gifts and those of others
- Our families and loved ones
- Ourselves as learners and how to engage with others authentically
- Taking care of our learning environment



## Sacramental Program

Lotus Black, Harper Cowan, Scarlett Reed and Zamara Turley will be continuing their sacramental journey this semester. The celebration of Confirmation is on Wednesday 24 May, and First Communions on the following Sunday 28 May (including vigil Mass 27 May).



## Student Leadership (SRC)

We congratulate our newly appointed SRC 's for Semester 1 2023. At OLV we value learner voice and choice. We look forward to working in partnership with our SRC's and continuing to nurture their leadership skills and confidence by reviewing and developing experiences and structures within our school.

- 6MI: Shayda Yousefpour and Adriano Santoro
- 5/6AM: Alessia Santoro and Patrick Drummond
- 5JN: Elise Oliveira and Parker Schell
- 4KK: Madison Bennett and Xavier Riley



3MK: Callie Brand and Flynn Rowlandson  
2/3LB: Amira Hussein and Lewis Oliveira  
2EH: Mariah Ryan and Jett Messer-Plant  
2CJ: Harper Sniedze and Zach Cosby  
1TB: Eloise Sims and Ethan Bennett  
1JI: Noah Speer and Sophie Bevan  
RMJ: Archer Maggs and Sophie Foureur  
RJW: Harrison Rooney and Indianna MacMillan  
RCJ: Hugo Puletama and Evie Farrimond-Austin



## SHROVE TUESDAY: 21 February

Shrove Tuesday, well known as Pancake Tuesday is the last day before the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Lent brings Project Compassion, a time when we are called to give to each other and vulnerable communities. Students will be provided with a pancake with a choice of topping. We kindly ask for a gold coin donation which will go towards Project Compassion.

If you are available to volunteer your time by baking pancakes on Tuesday 21 from 9am-11am please email Jhovana Fenu by no later than Friday 17 February. Your time will be greatly appreciated by our school community. [jfenu@olv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jfenu@olv.catholic.edu.au)



## Nude Food Tuesdays

Nude Food Tuesdays are back for 2023! Children can join in by coming to school with zero packaging in their lunchbox. That means no squeeze yoghurts, alfoil, glad wrap, chip packets, etc. Last year Nude Food was very successful, with nearly 50% of our school participating. This year our goal is to reach 80% participation!

## Soft Plastic Recycling

Supermarkets have temporarily paused all soft plastic recycling. If you're a soft plastic recycler, you'll need to put your soft plastics in your blue lid bin while the issue is being resolved. If you live in the suburb of Alberton, you may be able to participate in a soft plastic recycling trial. Find out more at the link <https://www.cityofpae.sa.gov.au/live/waste/soft-plastics-trial>.



## Carnevale

This term in Italian we are learning about the famous Carnevale in Venice. Carnevale is a time to celebrate, dress up in costumes, wear masks, play games and eat traditional foods like lasagna and fritelle (donuts) before the season of Lent begins.

To celebrate Carnevale at OLV, every year level will have the opportunity to parade in an Italian-themed costume as well as wear a mask they have been designing and creating during their Italian lessons. We can't wait to show them off at our **CARNEVALE PARADE in Week 5 on Friday 3 March at 2.20pm in the Veritas Centre.**

The children are encouraged to dress up in an Italian themed costume which reflects an aspect of the Italian culture. Some examples are a famous Italian, a traditional/national costume, a Carnevale character such as Arlecchino, a gondolier or simply dress in the Italian colours (green, white and red). Students can be as creative as they like.

As an added treat the students will have the opportunity to try some delicious gelati (ice-cream), enjoy an Italian cultural performance and learn to dance a traditional folk dance called the Tarantella (The dance of the spider). The children are very excited, and we can't wait to celebrate and have fun with you all!

Thank you for your support.

Signora Alvaro  
(Italian Teacher)

## Student Absences

Reminder...when alerting the school of the absence of your child/ren, can you please contact the school via the phone number or email address below with child's name & reason for absence.

(P) 8248 2480

(E) [absent@olv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absent@olv.catholic.edu.au)

# Our Lady of the Visitation School Calendar

Term 1 2023

Updated: 15 Feb



	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Week 1</b>	29/1 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	30/1 Students Return	31/1	1/2 PD: Personal Organisation	2/2	3/2	4/2
<b>Week 2</b>	5/2	6/2	7/2 Beginning of Year Mass: 9:30am School Leaders  Parent Info Night 6.15 – 7.15 Rec & 1	8/2 OLV Swimming Trials 12:30-3:20pm Yrs 4-6 No PD meeting Parent Info Night 6.15 – 7.15 2 - 6	9/2	10/2 Assembly 2.20 – 5/6 AM  John SACPSSA Meeting AM	11/2
<b>Week 3</b>	12/2	13/2	14/2 Mass 9:30am 2/3LB Mk 8:14-21	15/2 PD: PAT (Marc) OLV Swimming Trials 12:30-3:20pm Yrs 3-6	16/2	17/2 Assembly 2.20 – 6 TI	18/2
<b>Week 4</b>	19/2 Tracy Away all week – Carers Leave Shey - Office	20/2	21/2: Shrove Tuesday Mass 9:30am 3MK Mk 9:30-37	22/2 ASH WEDNESDAY MASS-9:30am Year 5/6 AM Year 6 MI PD: SEQTA	23/2	24/2	25/2
<b>Week 5</b>	26/2 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	27/2	28/2 Mass 9:30am 4KK Mt 6:7-15 NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST	1/3 PD: NCCD Moderation	2/3	3/3 Assembly 2.20 - 5 JN	4/3
<b>Week 6</b>	5/3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	6/3	7/3 Mass 9:30am 5JN Mt 23:1-12 Port Sapsasa Swimming Carnival 10:00-2:30 CNWC PD	8/3 No PD (CNWC Tues)	9/3	10/3 PUPIL FREE DAY Adelaide Cup NCCD SEQTA Goal Writing	11/3
<b>Week 7</b>	12/3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  NAPLAN	13/3 Adelaide Cup	14/3 Mass 9:30am 5/6AM Mt 18:21-35	15/3 John SACPSSA Exec Meeting PM PD: SEQTA	16/3 OLV School Athletics Trials 9:00-12:55pm	17/3 Assembly 2.20 – 4KK	18/3
<b>Week 8</b>	19/3 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  NAPLAN	20/3	21/3 Mass 9:30am Harmony Day Liturgy SRC	22/3 PD: PPL (draft)	23/3	24/3	25/3
<b>Week 9</b>	26/3 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	27/3 Port Sapsasa 1500m 4:00-5:00pm	28/3 Mass 9:30am 2CJ Jn 8:21-30 Port Sapsasa Athletics Carnival 9:00-3:00pm	29/3 PD: AITSL Standards / SEQTA tba	30/3 Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival 12:00-4:00pm	31/3 Assembly 2.20 – 3MK  PALM SUNDAY Liturgy 1 JI /1TB	1/4
<b>Week 10</b>	2/4 PALM SUNDAY Holy Week	3/4 Learning Conversations (Goals)  Sapsasa Softball Carnival John	4/4 Mass 9:30am 6MI Jn 13:21-33 Learning Conversations (Goals)  Sapsasa Softball Carnival John	5/4 HOLY THURSDAY Liturgy 9:30am Year 2CJ/2EH Learning Conversations (Goals) late night  Sapsasa Softball Carnival John	6/4 HOLY THURSDAY Normal Finish time  GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy 9:30am 2/3LB/3MK	7/4 GOOD FRIDAY	8/4
<b>Week 11</b>	9/4 EASTER SUNDAY	10/4 EASTER Monday	11/4 Mass 9:30am EASTER MASS 4KK/5JN	12/4 PD: Learn Well	13/4	14/4 Assembly 2.20 – 2/3LB	15/4

## Labelling uniforms

Please check and ensure that your child's jumper/jacket, beanie, hat, drink bottle etc. are all labelled so that they can be returned to them.

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